

WEEKLY MESSENGER

October 28, 2019

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As a school, we are called to encourage each child to grow and develop their gifts and talents to serve God. This involves academic talents and the ability to learn. However, talents are found in many places. Our Education Committee is considering resurrecting an initiative from the past: offering interest clubs during the months of January and February. Sometimes students thrive in hobbies, in structured social environments, and in interacting with a variety of people. Interest clubs could create an opportunity for our students to learn and grow in a different setting and with different people. At this point we are planning to limit this to the students in grades 5-8 on a trial basis.

In order to launch this initiative, we are looking for volunteers to lead a club. Examples of clubs done in the past are woodworking (maybe making a birdhouse), baking, strategic board games, hair styling, drama, audio-visual training, worship teams, line dancing, jewelry making, and the list could be endless. These interest clubs would meet for an afternoon four times. An afternoon would involve planning your activity for a group of around 8 students for an hour and a half each time. You would have the same students for all four sessions.

If you have a talent or a hobby that you think might interest Grade 5 - 8 students, we would love to hear your idea. In order to implement this idea, we are looking to offer at least 6 different clubs. Also, in order to plan well for January, our Education Committee would need to make a final decision on this in early December. So, if you are willing, we need to hear from you by the end of November (November 29).

SCHOOL NEWS

FundScrip orders are due Monday, November 4 at midnight. Delivery is set for Friday, November 8 at LCS. Want to sign up for FundScrip or have questions about FundScrip? Don't hesitate to contact me, Janel Hiemstra at giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com.

Student Leadership: Next *Spirit Day* and *Team Event* will be Thursday, November 14, 2019. We will have Wacky Hair Day so start planning now! For our team event, we will play a Gaga Ball Tournament!

Employment Opportunities: We are looking for a part time music teacher and a full time Educational Assistant. If you are interested in either of these positions, or know someone who might be, please call me (Ed Boelens) or send an email (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca) to indicate your interest. If you have questions about either position, call me or email me and I will try to answer them.

Thank You: The Fundraising Committee would like to extend a huge Thank You to everyone who helped and supported us with our annual pie day. We wouldn't be able to pull this event off without everyone's help. This year we are pleased to say that Pie Day raised just over \$6000.00! Way to go LCS families and supporters. Any comments or feedback can be emailed to lcschoolfundraising@gmail.com or by talking to any of our committee members.

LCS Fundraising Committee Fundraisers – Please note the due dates for these orders. All orders and payments should be returned to the school office (cheques payable to LCS Fundraising).

- ➤ **Metal Signs:** Orders and payments are due by Thursday, October 31. Items will be available for pick up at the bazaar (November 23).
- Croquette orders: Orders and payments due by Wednesday, November 6. Croquettes will be available for pick up on Friday, November 22 at 3pm or the day of the bazaar (November 23).
- Fry Pies: An order form for fry pies has been sent home. Orders and payments are due by November 15. Fry pies will be available for pick up at the bazaar.
- ➤ Available for purchase: 7 apple crisps (\$9.50 ea) ~~5 pkgs of pie shells (4 shells/pkg \$12 per pkg) ~~13 bags of dough (\$5 per bag). Please contact Michelle Hibbs (519-291-7292/coolmom343@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing these.

There is still room to register for CAYTO at LCS next week Monday, November 4 from 1:00 – 3:30pm. Please schedule an appointment by contacting the school office.

Communicator Submissions: All submissions for the Fall/Christmas Communicator are due this Friday, Nov. 1. Please send submissions to the school office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca).

The Grade 7-8 students are entering their last fundraisers before their trip in February 2020. You are invited to participate and purchase these items while supporting our Grade 7-8s. All cheques are payable to LCS Student Activity Fund.

- ➤ Harriston Packing (meat fundraiser): We typically run this fundraiser in May but there have been a few requests to run a meat fundraiser now. So, in order to meet the need for meat, we will take meat orders until November 14th. Orders and money are due to the office no later than November 14th (earlier is helpful). Meat will be delivered to the school on December 4th and must be picked up on that day.
- Flowers and Pastries: Once again we are selling poinsettias and pastries for the Christmas season. Individual Grade 7-8 students have order forms. If you have not been called before November 10th, feel free to call one of them or call the school and we will take your order. All orders are due at the school by November 14th.

BAZAAR NEWS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019, 8AM-1PM AT LCS

Food donations and volunteer help is needed for the bazaar. Please use this link to sign up for donations: https://signup.com/go/aviskNh. Please use this link to sign up for volunteer shifts: https://signup.com/go/VeXBLMr

Reminder: Brunch buffet will be available 8am -1pm. The Lasagna dinner and Boerenkool dinner can be ordered for take-out gain this year. Take-Out Meals must be pre-ordered by Monday Nov. 18th. Please phone Lauren Wilting 519-498-3125 or email liwilting@gmail.com to order your meals.

Christmas Décor Needed: The Bazaar Committee is looking for Christmas Décor! Have any new/gently used Christmas decorations you are no longer using? We would love to take them off your hands! Please drop off at school as soon as possible so we can start using them! Thank you for your help.

Toy Store Items Needed: In the GAMES area at the Bazaar, the children (and adults) collect coupons when they play the games. These coupons are then traded in for toys from the "Toy Store". The "Toy Store" needs new and used toy donations. Please remember that used toys MUST BE CLEAN and in EXCELLENT condition. Contact Rhonda Weber (519-588-0634 / gweber@wightman.ca), or Carolyn Wagler (519-897-1002 / carolyn_kuepfer@hotmail.com) for more information. The toys can be brought into the school office.

Craft Items Needed: The craft area of our bazaar is extremely popular as we try to offer a wide array of crafts. We are always looking for new ideas. Do you or someone you know enjoy sewing, knitting, making jewelry, painting, woodworking, etc., please consider making a donation. Feel free to contact Alana Siebring (519-291-7709 / alanalaurendekkema@gmail.com) or contact Henrike Reitzema (519-261-2244 / henrikedeetman@hotmail.com) for more information.

Toonie Jars Needed: The Toonie Jars were a big hit at previous bazaars, and they will be back again this year. Just to refresh your memory, you can fill an empty jar with items such as packs of gum, candy, jewelry, small toys, marbles, pencils, lego, hair accessories, hot wheel cars, etc. Anything you would like to win yourself would be a great Toonie Jar filler.

Baking for the Bake Table: Donations of baked or homemade goodies are needed for the day of the Bazaar to sell. Specialty items such as homemade fudge, jams, apple sauce and baking: such as cookies, bread, loafs etc. are well received. Baking items needs to be brought into school by the end of the school day on Friday, November 22.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: August B & Fiana B- Oct 31 Jaxson T – Nov 3



UPCOMING EVENTS	
October	November
29 – Boys volleyball practice (3:30 – 4:30)	1 – Communicator Submissions due
30 – Girls volleyball practice (3:30 – 4:30)	4 – CATYO (1-3:30pm)
	5 - Volleyball clinic at Woodland
	11 - Remembrance Day Assembly
	14 – Return meat orders, poinsettia and pastry orders
	15 – PD Day (no school)
	18 – LCS Fall Membership meeting
	20 – Volleyball tournament (Cambridge)
	23 – Annual Bazaar at LCS
	25 – First Term report cards go home
	28 – Parent Teacher Conferences (evening)
	29 – Parent Teacher Conferences (no school)

SPORTS

Boys Volleyball will practice on Tuesdays after school (3:30-4:30pm and Fridays at lunch). You need to be present at practice to be considered for the team. Our first volleyball event for both teams will be the Woodland clinic on November 5. More information on the clinic and our tournament on November 20 will be given to students this week as details become available.

Girls Volleyball will practice after school on Wednesdays (3:30-4:30pm) as well as lunch hour on Tuesdays.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

We will wrap up our fall unit this week by making fall "leaves" using hand prints.

For **show and tell** we have Derek and Nixon on Tuesday and Harrison and Noah on Thursday.

Our **focus letter** this week will be Dd again as last week was so short. We will practice our letter D song from *Jolly Phonics*. We will continue to work at recognizing individual letters and also each other's names.

In math, we will practice counting down from 5 using poems and finger plays and we will count up to 10.

In **Bible**, we will read about Jacob's dream and Joseph's coat.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Well I hope after 5 days off we are ready to go again and get reacquainted in the classroom! This week we will focus on letter W on Monday and letter X on Thursday, please bring in a show and tell item for at least one of these days. We continue to work on rhyming and learning about end marks and capitals at the beginning of a sentence.

In math, we are working through a series of number recognition activities.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the birth of Isaac and how he meets his wife Rebekah. This week our daily devotions will be a series of activities that focus on the fruit of the Spirit, patience. Ask your child how they learned about patience each day.

November calendars have been sent home.

Search and Teach testing will happen on Monday, November 4th, 2019 for those who have been five since August. The other students will be tested in February. Please read the letter that has been sent home. Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Van Veen

Class News

Welcome back - it's been a few days. I hope that the end of last week went well and you all had a wonderful weekend. I'm looking forward to another productive week.

A few notes

- *Library books are due back Wednesday. -Notes about overdue books have been sent home.
- *Please try to make sure that you/your child packs the utensils they need in their lunch. We are running out of our emergency stash.

We have found the bottom part of a small circular Tupperware container in our room. If it belongs to your family, please let me know.

Curriculum:

Spelling: The week our words are: **had, was, up, will, he.** The bonus words this week are the days of the week.

Bible: We are finishing our unit on Abraham (Our first unit on Creation will go home today).

Memory Work: " There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12

Math: We are continuing to explore the concept of addition and subtraction

Homework: The weekly homework sheet is due back on Thursday.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

I hope everyone had a great weekend. I spent two days being a student and learning about ways to improve my teaching and work with your children. It was good to connect with other teachers from other schools as well. Last week Wednesday I sent home an assignment on making a map of your child's bedroom. This is due back this Wednesday. All the instructions are on the sheet. Please ensure that your child is doing the work and you are only there to clarify any questions.

Spelling test is on Friday:

Gr 2: no, go, going, most, kind, find, gave, so, do, doing

Gr 3: missed, willing, balloon, spelling, pretty, still, off, added, letter, different, pattern, middle, Mississippi, zipper, carry

Memory Work is due on Friday Nov. 1 -- Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Grade 3 and 4 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - Judges 2:18a - "Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived." - due FRIDAY

Spelling - We are doing Unit 8 words this week. Dictation is on FRIDAY.

Cursive - There is NO CURSIVE due this week.

Scholastic Orders - There are new Scholastic flyers going home today. If you would like to order anything, please send back the order form or do it online!

Grade 5 and 6 - Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We are working on a Bible unit called "Later Judean Ministry", about Jesus' life and ministry.

Memory Work: Our memory work for Friday is John 10: 14 - 16

Word Work: Lesson 7 test on Friday, November 1.

Science: In science, we will be learning about the history of space exploration.

Math: We are continuing with our geometry unit working on nets and review. We plan to have a practice test on Thursday and a test on Friday.

Writing Our new creative writing assignment is *Remembrance Day*. Students are asked to write an essay and / or a poem.

Grade 7 and 8 - Ms. tenBrink

Bible: Memory Work, Exodus 34:10-11a, is due this week Wednesday. We have been working through different festivals found in the Old Testament. Check the calendar for any due dates for the handouts we have been using.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mrs. Vogel

Midterms were given out on Tuesday and should be returned by tomorrow if they haven't already been handed in. **Geography:** We completed our first unit and tests will be coming home to be seen in next Monday's kid mail. **History:** With the end of a geography unit comes a new history unit. We are starting history with a study of New France and Upper Canada as well as the impact of the First Nations and Metis peoples in the same geographical areas. Ask your student about Land Recognition statements and see if they can remember the two nations that lived on the same location on which Listowel is now established.

French: We started a research project on a Franco-Canadien community in Canada. They are working either on their own, in partners, or in small groups, depending on their choice to research these communities and what makes the both unique and part of Canada.

WWW: Review unit this week.

Writing: Students will be crafting their Remembrance Day poems and essays over the coming week.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Boelens

Math: We will finish our Ratio unit on Friday with a test. Both classes have their unit reviews due on Friday as well. Next week we will work through a room decoration project using ratios. Parents please help your child measure a room, including sizes and locations of windows and doors. A thorough worksheet will be provided for them this Friday.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: This week will focus on body systems.