

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Periodically I panic about school related issues and try to plan my way through them to ensure they happen. Often, I forget that God is in control. Then things happen that remind me to trust that God is faithful and I should leave things in his hands.

Finding good staff members is often such a situation. This year we had to fill two staff positions, both were specialty areas that are typically challenging to find good candidates. I have to admit that I panicked a bit and tried hard to work my way through staffing these positions. Although I thought I had some ideas, God closed those doors.

The month of October we highlighted Patience as the fruit of the Spirit. God was testing my patience. This month we are highlighting Faithfulness. Thankfully, God is proving his faithfulness and has enabled us to find excellent people to fill the vacant positions. Last week I highlighted the hiring of Mrs. Julia Duiella Boekestyn to fill the music position. Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn will begin teaching on Monday, December 2, 2019. This weekend we were able to hire Ms. Mariette Mulder for the EA position. Ms. Mulder will begin teaching on Monday, January 6, 2020. God is faithful!

We pray a blessing on these two ladies as they join our LCS staff team. We also pray a blessing on Mrs. Wright as she brings a new life into this world and Mrs. Van DenBoogaard as she takes a new role in sharing God's gospel message. We pray for God's faithfulness to continue in their lives.

SCHOOL NEWS

LCS Fall Membership Meeting is tonight at 7:30pm. Transportation Committee is in charge of snacks / coffee and clean up. Hope to see many of you there.

Parent Teacher Conference Schedules: Today you will receive the schedule of all conferences. As a staff, we try hard to accommodate your requests for times as well as schedule your conferences as close together as possible. Please review the schedule and ensure that these times work for you. If there is a conflict, please call us at the school and we can try to resolve it.

Student Leadership: Thank you to all the staff and students who participated in Wacky Hair Day. The hair-does were colourful and creative. Our Gaga Ball tournament was a great success! Lots of different strategies happening! Keep your eyes open for our December Spirit Day and Team Event!

Helmets for skating: On December 20 and several days throughout the month of January, we will be going skating at the Steve Kerr Arena in Listowel. There has been a lot of focus on importance of protecting the head from falls, or potential falls, while skating. Once again, we will be enforcing a practice that every skater must wear a helmet. Helmets could be hockey helmets, bike helmets, or any other kind of safety helmet. We trust that you will have enough time between now and December 20th to arrange to have a helmet.

This is just a reminder to place your on-line **FundScrip Gift Card orders by Monday, December 1st at midnight.** Please take advantage of this time of year to ask your friends and family to help support LCS by purchasing gift cards through FundScrip. We've got so many participating retailers that you will easily find one or several you can use to pay for your gifts and daily expenses. For more information please contact Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263 or email giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com.

School Theme – The Fruit of the Spirit “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5: 22-23 (NIV)

BAZAAR - Saturday, November 23rd 8am-1pm at LCS

Don't forget to...

- VOLUNTEER** - volunteers are still needed for games, food order table, kitchen, toy store and more.
Sign up on-line <https://signup.com/go/VeXBLMr> or contact Chandra Los (519-291-9831)
- Food Donations:** There are still many items needed (hash brown casseroles, muffins, pies & cheesecakes).
Sign up on-line <https://signup.com/go/aviskNh> or contact Chandra Los.
- Send in your **TOONIE JARS**
- Send in your **BAKING for the Bake Table**
- GROCERIES** can be dropped off at the Listowel Christian School gym kitchen by Friday, Nov. 22.
- Tell your friends and family.** Bring them along with you for a wonderful time of fellowship and shopping!!
- Send in your **TOYS for the Toy Store.** Toys must be clean and in excellent condition.
- TAKE OUT MEALS:** Order today! Lasagna or Boerenkool Dinners. Contact Lauren (ljwilting@gmail.com).
Orders will be ready for pick up at 10:30am.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Dannie C – Nov 19 Baylen V – Nov 19 Cassidy V – Nov 20
 Brooke T – Nov 23 Ria M – Nov 24



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

November	December
18 – LCS Fall Membership meeting 19 – Boys volleyball practice (3:30 – 4:30) 20 – Volleyball tournament 20 – Pizza Day 23 – Annual Bazaar at LCS 25 – First Term report cards go home 28 – Parent Teacher Conferences (evening) 29 – Parent Teacher Conferences (no school)	2 – Board Exec 2 – Gift Card orders due at midnight 3 – Meat, Poinsettia and Pastries Delivery 4 – Pizza Day 5 – Grade 8 Day at Woodland 5 – Child lab – University of Waterloo 6 – Child lab – University of Waterloo 9 – Board meeting 17 – Christmas Concert (1pm & 7pm) 18 – Pizza Day 20 – School Skating Dec 21 – Jan 5 – Christmas Break Jan 6 – first day back for 2020

SPORTS

Boys Volleyball - practice after school on Tuesday (3:30 – 4:30pm).

Volleyball Tournament: Our volleyball tournament is this Wednesday, November 20. The girls will travel to Providence Christian School in Dundas. Mrs. Claus is coaching, and Mrs. Benjamins is our second driver. The boys will travel to Trinity Christian School in Burlington. Mr. Katerberg is coaching, and Mr. Kikkert is also driving. The teams will leave LCS at 7:00 am. The anticipated return time is 6:00 pm depending on the success of the team. Parents will be contacted by their child if we will arrive earlier or later. Please make sure your child has a contact number with them.

School Theme – The Fruit of the Spirit “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5: 22-23 (NIV)

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Wright

Students in **grades 1-8** should be memorizing the lyrics to their songs for the Christmas concert. A copy of the song sheet was sent home to each family via kid mail last week.

Grades 5 and 6: Homework: Practice "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" on the recorder. Things to work on: playing with a steady beat, playing with a beautiful tone and blowing gently into the recorder. We are working on this piece for the Christmas concert.

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We are continuing with our **Transportation** theme. We will be making hot air balloon pictures, have an airplane sensory bin and have car themed fine motor activities.

For **show and tell** this week it will be Marcus and Monique on Tuesday and Derek and Nixon on Thursday.

Our **focus letter** this week is G, and we will learn the Jolly Phonics letter G song.

We will continue to work in our *Handwriting Without Tears* workbook, focusing on finding and colouring specific parts of the picture and using proper pencil grip.

In **math**, we begin to look at two dimensional shapes.

In **Bible**, we will read about the Promised Land, and about Hannah.

We continue to look at feelings in our **health** unit, this week talking about different situations and how not everyone feels the same.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will **focus on letters** Q and G. Please send a G show and tell on Thursday. We will be working on identifying beginning sounds and will recite the rhyme, *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*. Our new sight word will be "I", please return the book bags on Friday.

For **art** we will continue to mix primary colours to discover a secondary colour.

In **Bible**, we will learn the story of Jacob returning to Esau and will complete a review of the unit.

We are practicing for the Christmas program.

In **math**, we continue to explore shapes and print numbers. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Here's to a "normal" 5-day week at school :) I'm excited to build on all the learning that we've completed in term 1!
A few notes:

* Library books are due back Wednesday.

* There are new Scholastic book orders this month. If you would like to order, please do so online by searching for our school and then Emma van Veen - I will submit these on Nov 27th.

Curriculum:

Spelling: This week our words are a little different than usual. We are going to practice some words that we use often but aren't on our usual list. They are: **Grandma, Grandpa, November, weekend, family**. Our bonus will be neatly printing our First and Last name.

Bible: We are continuing to explore the story of Joseph.

Memory Work: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21

French: We are practicing *La Poule Maboule!*

Math: We are continuing to learn how to graph and interpret data.

Homework: No weekly sheet, please continue to read at home! Also, if you happen to have any pictures of your children reading, please send them in. We are creating a reading board.

As always, please email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

This weekend was a great time of reflection for me. Each one of your children is so fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God. I am blessed to be teaching them.

I will be away on Wednesday for the volleyball tournament. Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn will be filling in.

Spelling: Friday is our spelling test:

Gr 2: place, make, making, help, here, want, nice, to, two, into

School Theme – The Fruit of the Spirit "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5: 22-23 (NIV)

Gr 3: children, search, teacher, reached, think, together, with, where, everywhere, short, push, finish, sure, who, whole

Memory Work: Our memory work is due next week Thursday: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Spelling - We are doing Unit 11 words this week. Dictation is on FRIDAY.

French - We have started to translate our French play and have come across a number of repetitive phrases that students should be able to translate. We will have a small matching quiz for these phrases on WEDNESDAY.

Students will take their duotangs home to study, and please note that there are no Smartbaord notes for this quiz.

Cursive - Last week we did not do cursive because we were not here on Friday.

Memory Work - Judges 21:25 - "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." - Students will need to know this verse for their Bible quiz NEXT TUESDAY.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French: We have started a new unit called, "Je me presente." We will be focusing on how to tell people about ourselves and the vocabulary that comes along with that. You can listen to the song this unit is focused around on YouTube (called Je me present by DJ DELF).

Report Cards are coming out soon and if you would like to talk with me about your child in French this year, please don't hesitate to e-mail me or call me at the school to set something up.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We will be completing the unit "Later Judean Ministry." Test on Friday.

Word work: Lesson 10 test on Friday, November 22.

Science: In science students will hand in their moon mission materials on Thursday.

Math: We will be adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals.

Writing: Our new writing assignment will be researching and developing our disease presentations.

Reading: We are nearing the end of our novel study *Mystery at Cranberry Farm*. Students need to hand in their final assignment on Friday.

Health: Students have all chosen a disease for their project. We will be spending time during our language lab learning about researching and developing our presentations.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible: Last week we finished our presentations looking at Jewish festival. Students definitely looked into the food side of each celebration. We have started a new unit on Job. On Wednesday those away for the volleyball tournament will need to complete and hand in the handouts by next week Monday.

Memory work, Job 2:3 will be due Monday November 25.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

We received a few pillows for our reading/study area. Thank you! The students are enjoying them and able to comfortably work in different areas around the classroom. That said, if you notice some more floor pillows, bean bag chairs, or other comfortable seating options, please let me know.

History - We are working on personal monologues of someone important in the development of either New France or British North America. They will be presented this week Thursday.

Guided Reading - We are continuing our study of "The Hobbit." Chapters 2 and 3 are up this week. Students should have chapter 2 and questions finished by Thursday. Chapter 3 for next Monday.

Writing - We finished our plot graphs for our short stories and will begin crafting them this week.

WWW - Unit 6 work due and test on Friday.

Health - Great work on your bullying unit! A few students are presenting some ideas to the staff in the next week or so at a staff meeting that they believe will help prevent or stop bullying from happening in our school. Ask your student about it!

Phys. Ed. - Just a reminder that all gym wear, while it is important to bring home and get washed, does have to make it back to school for classes on Tuesday and Thursday as well as any team practices your child(ren) may have.

School Theme – The Fruit of the Spirit "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5: 22-23 (NIV)

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Today was the last class time allowed to work on the room decorating project. The room project will be due on Friday. Tuesday we will begin our unit on Fractions. A unit homework sheet will be distributed on Tuesday and daily homework will be assigned.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: This week will focus on Unit 3 review, unit test on Thursday.

Requested Announcements:

Woodland Parent Information Night – Thursday, December 5 at 7:30pm. Talk to teachers – tour the school – experience a mini-class. Call the school at 519-648-2114 for more information or visit www.woodland.on.ca

**Grade 8 Day is scheduled for Thursday, December 5th. Lunch is provided and transportation is available.

LDSS Parent Information Night - On Thursday, December 12 (Inclement Weather date Monday, December 16) LDSS will host a Grade 9 Parent's night. Parents are welcome to attend with their students to see the school and the programs we offer. We will begin in the gym at 6:00 pm with an open house until 7:30.

School Theme – The Fruit of the Spirit “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5: 22-23 (NIV)
