

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Today you are receiving your child's report card. Over the last two and a half months, the teachers have been working with your child in the classroom to teach them, care for them, and nurture them to be the child God has designed them to be. They also observed, evaluated, and now summarized that growth on this report. We trust it accurately reflects the progress your child has made so far this school year.

Please read through the report with your child. On each report there are areas to celebrate. Find them, reflect on them, and celebrate them. Talk about the ways your child is using their gifts to grow and develop and to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. Also, on each report are areas of opportunity for more growth. Find those too and talk about them, reflect on them, and let your child know that these are areas to work on, which we all have in our lives.

Report cards can be backward looking as they reflect on what has already happened. However, they can also be forward looking. Find areas that your child can set a new goal. Maybe it is to learn their memory work every time, or study for their spelling tests, or read every night, or complete homework on time, or be kinder, or help peers who struggle. There are many ideas that can come from the report card, improving on challenges or also improving on strengths.

Thursday or Friday you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Maybe that will be a good time to share your goals for the upcoming term and partner with the teacher to support them. What a blessing to work in a team environment, to see each child as uniquely created in God's image and yet growing in different ways, and to desire the best for them. We look forward to an exciting term 2!

SCHOOL NEWS

Change of Plans: Last week I stated that Mrs. Wright would teach music classes this week and Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn would begin in December. There is a change in plans. Mrs. Wright felt it was better for her to end her teaching last week as she didn't want to be too far away from home in the last days of her pregnancy. Therefore, Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn (Mrs. D-B) is beginning to teach music this week. We welcome her to our staff.

THANK YOU!! We praise God for giving us such a great day at the Bazaar this past Saturday! Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, goods and talents!! We have wonderful giving people in our school, churches and surrounding community. We just can't thank you enough!! *The Bazaar Committee*

1st Term Report Cards have been sent home today in kidmail. Reminder of Parent-Teacher interviews on Thursday and Friday (no school on Friday). A finalized parent-teacher interview schedule will be emailed on Wednesday.

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Be sure to check out the wide selection of gift cards available through **FundScrip**. There are so many retailers (grocery, department stores, restaurant, entertainment, apparel, gas....) to choose from to pay for your gifts and daily expenses. **On-line orders are due next Monday, December 2nd at midnight.** Please take advantage of this time of year and ask your friends and family to help support LCS by purchasing gift cards through FundScrip. For more information please contact Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263 or email giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com.

Lego Club: Starting in January, I am planning to begin a Lego club for grades 1-4 at recess. If anyone has any Lego they are looking to get rid of or would like to make a donation, I will gladly take it! We need Lego pieces of various sizes, plates to build on, and minifigures. There is a small collection here already, but if I am able to get more, the club can be open to more students at a time. Thanks, *Ms. ten Brink (l.tenbrink@listowelchristianschool.ca)*

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.

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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.

Grade 8 information for High School:

Woodland Christian High School is hosting their Grade 8 Day Thursday, Dec. 5. All Grade 8s are invited and will attend. We will be leaving LCS at 8:50am on a Woodland bus and returning to LCS by 3:10, so students can ride their regular bus. No extra transportation is required. Lunch is provided by Woodland. Parent information night is also on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Call the school at 519-648-2114 for more info or visit www.woodland.on.ca
LDSS: They are hosting a Grade 8 Day on Tuesday, December 10. Only students intending to attend LDSS are invited.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Harrison S – Nov 25 Caleb M – Nov 27 Daniel V – Dec 1



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
November	December
25 – First Term report cards go home 25 – Education Committee mtg 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 10 – Grade 8 Day at LDSS 17 – Christmas Concert (1pm & 7pm) 18 – Pizza Day 20 – School Skating 20 – Team Event Dec 21 – Jan 5 – Christmas Break Jan 6 – first day back for 2020

SPORTS

Girls Volleyball: On Nov. 20th the girls’ volleyball team made me so proud! The girls worked together and played hard to win a bunch of sets throughout the tournament that day. We had placed last in our pool and were matched against the first-place team in the other pool. This team was very strong and had a number of girls on rep teams. We only lost our sets by a couple of points each. It was amazing. Each team member should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations, girls, on a great day! *Mrs. Claus*

Boys Volleyball: Our volleyball tournament was this past Wednesday, November 20. The boys travelled to Trinity Christian School in Burlington for their tournament. In pool play Listowel was solidly defeated by Trinity, Drayton and Brantford. In the play-off round Listowel faced Providence Christian School and were defeated. The final match against Trinity was well-played but Trinity proved too strong. Despite the lack of success on the court, the team had a fun day of playing volleyball. A big thank you to Mr. Kikkert for driving and Adam Katerberg for refereeing for the day.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Students in **grades 1-8:** Please keep memorizing the lyrics to the songs for the Christmas concert.

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Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be doing **art** with watercolour paint and making a boat. We will also see which objects float and which objects sink.

We have begun to practice our songs for the **Christmas program!** We will be singing two songs with the Senior Kindergarten class as well as reciting a verse that we will learn at school. For the program children are asked to wear their "Sunday best" or to dress nicely.

Our **focus letter** this week is Hh. We will be learning the letter H song from Jolly Phonics.

We will only have **show and tell** on Tuesday this week with Harrison and Noah.

In **Bible** we will learn more about Samuel and will read about David and Goliath.

In **math** we are continuing to work with 2D shapes and recognizing if they have straight or curved sides and counting how many sides each shape has.

We are continuing our unit on feelings in **health**, this week looking at how to respond to other's feelings.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will **focus** on the **letter S** on Monday. On Thursday we will review the letters we have already learned, so no show and tell on Thursday this week.

For **Nursery Rhymes** this week we will jump over candlesticks and make tea. I am sure we have some great jumpers and tea totallers in SK.

Our new **sight word** is 'has', please send book bags in on Thursday.

In **math** we will be working with positional words and looking at 3D shapes. We continue to practice printing numbers to 10.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Zechariah and Elizabeth's surprise. We will sing our Christmas songs and practice our memory verse.

I am looking forward to meeting you at parent/teacher interviews. If you are unable to make it, please contact the office or myself through email. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Wow, I can't believe it is already the last week of November! Christmas is just around the corner and I'm praying for many teachable moments in the weeks to come. I also look forward to meeting with many of you on Thursday and Friday.

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 Tuesday.

Curriculum:

Spelling: Our words this week are, **did, got, house, ask, for**. Please continue to help your child neatly print their first and last name.

Bible: We have just finished our unit on Joseph and will wrap things up this week. We will have a small quiz tomorrow. On to Moses!

Memory Work: We have the same verse this week, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21

French: We are practicing *La Poule Maboule!*

Math: Our graphing and data management unit is completed. We will have a quiz on Wednesday. We are going to be exploring place value.

Homework: The weekly sheet is back and is due on Thursday this week. 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

With a new term comes new units! We have just started a new unit in **Bible** on the time after the fall of Adam and Eve until the Tower of Babel.

In **math**, the grade 2s are about to start a unit on addition and subtraction while the grade 3s learn about geometry.

In **creation studies**, we have started a unit on magnets!

I look forward to meeting with you at our interviews on Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Spelling Test on Thursday:

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Gr 2: send, pick, end, both, fast, last, must, just, bath, black

Gr 3: into, today, without, something, become, upon, myself, everybody, everyone, maybe, outside, basketball, homework, skateboard, earthquake

Memory Work on 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 12 words this week. Please note that it is a review week and we will NOT be having dictation for it.

Math: We have finished our geometry unit and have been reviewing for our quiz on TUESDAY. Students will need to know quadrilaterals and polygons and their characteristics, prism and pyramids, as well as how to identify and measure angles. Students will take their duotangs home to study for the quiz.

Bible: We have finished our unit on Judges. Students will be taking their study guides and duotangs home to study. Their quiz will be on WEDNESDAY.

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 WEDNESDAY.

Cursive: Last week we did letters v and x. Grade 3s pages are 35, 15, 16, and Grade 4s pages are 54,60. - due THURSDAY.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French: The song for our current unit is on google classroom and can be listened to at home. Encourage your student to listen to it and tell you some information about each person in the song. We are working on writing profiles of each character.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We will be starting a new unit, "Triumphal Entry through Passover."

Word work: Lesson 11 test on Friday, November 29.

Social Studies: Our new unit is "Canada: Reaching Beyond Its Borders."

Math: Our new unit is data management.

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

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: We will be finishing up with the book of Job this week. Students were given pages to guide them through the book. Sections A and B were due today. We will work with the last 2 sections today to prepare us for our debate on Wednesday. Handouts will be due on Wednesday.

Our new **memory work** will be Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. Students should be ready to say/write it for Friday, Dec. 13.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Guided Reading: *The Hobbit* - Students should have up to chapter 3 read and questions answered/handed in by today. We are reading chapters 4-5 today and 6-7 on Wednesday.

History: We are starting our mid unit project on New France today. We will have this week to work on it, presentations will be Monday and Tuesday next week with one day of review of the unit in class and a mid-unit test next Thursday.

Health: Ask your students about the changes they have influenced in our school! Well done, grade 7/8!

Writing: We have started writing our short stories. No due date determined yet.

French: Personal profiles were due today, but I forgot to write it on the calendar so due tomorrow for those that forgot.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We are working through our fraction's unit. Mid unit reviews will be completed on Tuesday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: This week we will start our new unit, "Systems in Action" is a physics unit.

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