

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

December's focus for the Fruit of the Spirit is peace. There is lots of conflict and turmoil in our world today so there is much need for peace. We pray for peace to rule where there are wars. We pray for peace to rule where there are strong differences of opinions. We pray for peace to rule where there are people who feel unsafe.

We pray for peace in our school. Although I don't believe students are feeling threatened, I do believe there are students who don't feel completely safe. Maybe they don't feel valued or trusted or maybe they don't feel comfortable in some situations. We pray that our school, the staff and the students, will work to create a place of peace, of safety, and of comfort.

For this, we ask Christ to come into our school. We pray that peace may be extended through kind words such as "Good Morning", "I'll be your partner today", or "You're really good at ..." and through these words positive relationships will develop through peace.

In December, we also focus on the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Now, as we strive toward a school of peace, we welcome and celebrate the Prince of Peace. It is also our goal that the peace we desire, is not only present in our school in December, but all year long.

SCHOOL NEWS

Last-minute Christmas Shopping -- A second order will be available this month. Please ensure your order is placed by **Sunday, December 15 at midnight**. Delivery is set for Thursday, December 19th. For more information please contact Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263 or email giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com.

Student Leadership: Team Event: Team Leader Christmas Trees. **Spirit Day:** Dress in Christmas colours, add some decorations and be festive! All on **Friday, Dec. 20, 2019**.

Our Christmas Concert will be presented on Tuesday, December 17th at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Please pray for good health for all involved, good weather on December 17th and that the true message of Christmas will come across clearly.

- **Choir Attire:** All students are asked to wear their Sunday best for our concert.
- **Musical refreshments:** All LCS families please provide 1 dozen homemade or store-bought cookies or squares (peanut/tree nut free). Goodies can be brought to the school kitchen on **Monday, Dec. 16th**.

School Skating: The first day of the winter skating program takes place on Friday, December 20. This is considered part of the physical education program at LCS, so all children are expected to participate. The ice is rented at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex (965 Binning St. W) and the children are bussed over for one hour of skating. Hockey practice will be held from 11:30- 12:30 (full equipment is required. See the Sports section for more details). Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come and join us for this fun activity. Students in grades 4-8 will skate from 12:30am – 1:30pm. Students in grades SK – 3 will skate from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Reminder: Helmets are required for all skaters! This includes all adults as we ensure our own safety and model safety to the students. For the month of January, skating will be held on: Friday, January 10 and 17

11:30am – 12:30pm (hockey practice)
12:30pm - 1:30pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
1:30pm – 2:30pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)

Thursday, January 23

12:00pm – 1:00pm (hockey practice)
1:00pm – 2:00pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
2:00pm – 3:00pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)

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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)*

Almonds and Poinsettias: Thank you to everyone for making the Meat, Almond and Poinsettia sales go so smoothly. Thanks to Mrs. Van Kampen for picking up the pastries. Thanks to Mrs. Hibbs, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Greydanus, and Mrs. Thalen for your careful attention to sorting the orders. Well done!

Job Opportunities:

Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Listowel's Human Resources Committee is welcoming any expressions of interest for the Office Administrator position (part time, hourly). Please direct any enquiries to Dianne Nonkes, HR Committee Chair at DianneN@w-u.on.ca or by phone 519-418-8562 (mobile). A job description for this position is available upon request. They will be looking to fill this position in the new year.

Newry Coach Lines is looking for school bus drivers. They have several routes available and they will train and prepare you for a route. If interested, please call John Chapman at Newry Coach Lines at (519) 356-2611.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Owen Z – Dec 11 Celina S – Dec 13



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
December	January
9 – Board meeting	6 – first day back for 2020
10 – Grade 8 Day at LDSS	6 – Board Exec
17 – Christmas Concert (1pm & 7pm)	8 – Pizza Day
18 – Pizza Day	10 – Hockey Practice & School Skating
20 – Christmas chapel at 9am	13 – Board mtg
20 – Team Event	17 – Hockey Practice & School Skating
20 – Hockey Practice & School Skating	22 – Pizza Day
Dec 21 – Jan 5 – Christmas Break	23 – Hockey Practice & School Skating
	24 – PD Day (no school)
	30 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus

SPORTS

Hockey: Sign -up sheets for hockey are going up this week. Players in grades 4-8 may try out and the coaches will decide who makes the team. Students must have some experience playing hockey, they must have full equipment, and must be able to get themselves dressed to play. Practices are during school, 11:00 - 12:30 starting on Friday, December 20, and continue for the Fridays (and one Thursday) in January. The tournament is scheduled for Thursday, January 30 in Fergus. To make this happen we still need a couple more parents to help coach. So far, we have two parents willing to help, two or three more will ensure we have all the practice times covered. Please contact Mr. Katerberg if you can commit to helping out during these times.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We are **celebrating Christmas** in Junior Kindergarten. We were unable to do our candy cane experiment last week but will experiment on Thursday!

For **show and tell** this week we have Drew, Skylar and Marcus on Tuesday and Monique, Derek and Nixon on Thursday.

Our **focus letter** this week is Jj. We will learn the J song from Jolly Phonics.

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We will continue to work in our Handwriting Without Tears workbook and will begin to print letters this week, beginning with the letter L.

In **math**, we are still learning about patterns. If possible, try to dress in clothes that contain a pattern of some kind on Tuesday! We will also try some action patterns this week.

In **Bible**, we will read about the Angel's visit and the birth of Jesus.

We will continue to practice our songs and memory verse for the **Christmas program** on December 17.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will **focus** on the **letter J**. On Thursday bring in something Christmas for **show and tell**.

This week we will continue to print uppercase letters that begin at the middle top of our Handwriting Without Tears gray squares.

We will be clapping out syllables, rhyming words and working on beginning sounds. Our new **sight word reader** is called "Flowers" and our new **sight word** is 'you'.

In **math**, we will be working with number recognition activities as well as printing numbers to 10.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the shepherds and wisemen. In our **Candy Cane Christmas** unit, we will learn how the candy cane can be a letter "J" for JESUS and, when you put 2 candy canes together, they remind us of Christ's love. We will be busy working on our Christmas surprises for our parents and practicing for the Christmas program with JK.

Dec 17th - **Christmas program** at 1pm and 7pm. We will wear our Sunday best. Students will sit with their parents after their portion of the program is complete. So save them a spot.

Friday Dec 20th - **Skating**-need helmet and mittens and snow pants. All parents are welcome to join us.

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

The Christmas countdown is on! We have 10 more days together before we take a break to celebrate with friends and family. We will be busy getting ready for the Christmas program, making ornaments for the school tree and learning more about the Christmas story!

A few notes:

* Library books are due back Wednesday.

* There are new Scholastic book orders this month. I will order them on **Dec 13th**, to ensure that they all arrive before the holidays!

* I am in need of some volunteers to help make our Christmas concert costumes. If you are able to help, please send me an email. Thanks!

Curriculum:

Spelling: Our words this week are, **six, seven, eight, nine, ten**. There will be a retest for last week's words as well. Our bonus word this week is **Christmas**.

Bible: We are almost through our unit on Moses and then we will pause to do a mini unit on Christmas!

Math: We have started a short unit on Time. We can now look at the clock and know the hour!!

Creation Studies: We are learning about our 5 senses!

Homework: The weekly sheet 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

The countdown is on. We are growing more and more excited as we look forward to the celebration of Christ's birth. We practiced twice for the Christmas program today! Our performances are on Dec. 17. All students are expected to be there.

Are you out of ideas for Christmas gifts? Have you considered a book? While I don't have any flyers to send home, you can still order online from **Scholastic**. I would like to get an order in by Wednesday if possible, so that I can send them home in time for Christmas. If you need help with finding a good fit book for your child, send me an email and I'll let you know what level book you should be looking for.

Spelling Test on Friday:

Gr 2: less tell well will still off letter little silly happy

Gr 3: lady, ladies, surprise, surprises, toys, shoes, shy, cry, cried, study, studied, story, only, finally, family

Memory Work for next week Wednesday: "Then God said to Abraham, 'As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.'" Genesis 17:9

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Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Math - There is a new assignment on iknowit.com that is due on Thursday. In order to do the assignment, students need to log on and click the icon that appears under “My Assignments”. A new assignment will appear on Thursday night.

Spelling - We are doing Unit 14 words this week. Dictation will be on FRIDAY.

Bible - We have finished our short unit on Ruth. Students will be reviewing this week and will have their quiz on FRIDAY. Please note that last week and this week’s memory work will be on the quiz (Ruth 1:16-17).

Memory Work - Ruth 1:17 - “Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” - due FRIDAY (on the Bible Quiz)

Cursive - Last week we did letters y and z. Grade 3s pages are 17 and 36, and Grade 4s pages are 62 and 64 - due THURSDAY.

Paper Towel Rolls - We are in need of paper towel rolls for our Art class on Wednesday. If you have any at home, please bring send them in to school!

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - We have been learning a lot on how to introduce ourselves, our likes and dislikes and what we have done in the past. We are also trying to gain confidence speaking in French.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Our current unit is an Advent and Christmas unit.

Word work: Lesson 13 test on Friday, December 13.

Social Studies: Our current unit is “Canada: Reaching Beyond Its Borders.”

Math: Our unit is data management which will be completed this week. Practice test on Thursday, test on Friday.

Writing: Our writing assignment is a fable, it is due on Wednesday, December 18.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible: This week Friday we have Memory Work due, Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. This one is longer, but students have been given almost 3 weeks to work on it. Be ready to say or write it on Friday. There are no major assignments coming up, only in class work that will be homework if not finished during class, so watch the calendar for any upcoming due dates.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic Order - I will be placing the last scholastic order of the month on Wednesday (Dec. 11), which should have orders here before the last day of school. If you would like to order or take a look at what is available, you can look on scholastic.ca and search for our classroom. Orders will be sent to me and if you would like them picked up instead of sent home with students, just send me a quick e-mail.

Secret Santa - Our class is participating in Secret Santa again this year. All students and teachers in our classroom have picked names. We chose a \$10 limit and the exchange will happen at the end of the day on December 20.

Guided Reading - We are getting close to the end of our study of The Hobbit. We have been going quickly through it these last couple weeks and that is largely in an effort to finish the book and be able to watch some of the movie before we leave for Christmas Break. Encourage your student to continue reading approximately a chapter a day.

WWW - Work will be assigned Wednesday and due Friday. Friday also brings the weekly test.

Phys. Ed. – We are working on a skipping unit. Students are discovering that skipping may involve more exercise and effort than they first thought.

Art - Quilt squares are due by the end of the day next Thurs (Dec. 19). We will be making our ornaments this week.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: End of unit reviews will be due on Tuesday. Friday we will have our unit test. Some class time this week and next week will be provided for students to complete their end of unit worksheet.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our current unit is “Systems in Action”, a physics unit. This week’s topic we will continue with work and energy problems and simple machines.

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