

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Administratively, January is a big month. Every January is a reminder that, for me, I begin to work in two school years. We are working in the school year 2019-2020, ensuring good learning is happening and students are growing academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Those wheels are already in motion.

January also begins our planning for next school year, 2020-2021. As a Board we begin to think about new potential Board members and we also begin to have a good handle on our budget with four months behind us and some information to make predictions about our year end. With that information, very soon we will begin to put together a budget for the upcoming school year.

We will also encourage you to think about the upcoming school year, 2020-2021. Soon we will send out a re-enrolment form where you can help us with our planning. We hope and pray that you (your family) will continue to send your child(ren) to LCS and that we can continue to be blessed by having them here.

We are going to try something new. Instead of sending home a paper copy of the re-enrolment form, we are trying an electronic one. It is our hope that going electronic will increase the return rate and return timing. Look for a link being sent to you soon.

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Leadership: Spirit Day will be Friday January 17th, 2020, wear a bandana or a scarf to school! Team Event will happen the following week on Thursday January 23rd, 2020 at 9am and will be Mat Races.

From the library: Over the past few months we have been seeing an increasing number of books returned to the library with water damage. This past week we reminded all the students again, to keep their books dry and showed them what happens to books when they get wet. Please check your child's water bottle to ensure it seals. Talk to your child about making sure they keep their books dry from water bottles, rain and snow. Also keep in mind, a really wet pair of mittens or snow pants in the backpack can also damage books. A large Ziploc bag works well to protect books. In almost all cases books that get wet are not salvageable, in which case you will be asked to pay the replacement cost of the book. Thanks for helping us keep good books on the shelves for our students.

The next **school assembly** will be held this Friday, January 17 at 9am. All are welcome to join us.

School Skating continues this week Friday at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex (965 Binning St. W). Students are bussed over for one hour of skating. Students in grades 4-8 will skate from 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Students in grades SK – 3 will skate from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come and join us for this fun activity. **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 17 and Thursday, January 23. ****Please note:** All students will be returning to the school. Parents, if you wish to pick up your child/ren, please do so at the school. It is too difficult to make arrangements for the students with their skates and backpacks.

Pizza/Milk Order Form for February – May was sent home last week. Please be sure to send in your order with payment by this Wednesday, January 15th. Note: **Parents of students in Grade 7/8** – please do not order pizza for February 5 as your son/daughter will be in Ottawa 😊

Lego and Knitting Club will start this week! Since we have had so many sign up for Lego club (48 students!), we will be splitting off into groups, meeting either at first or lunch recess. I will post which groups will be meeting on the Team Events Board. Knitting Club will still meet on Thursday in the Resource Room at first recess.

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Battle of the Books - Senior Teams need some help writing questions to help us prepare for our competition in April. If you enjoy reading and would be willing to read a book or two and write some detail questions about the book, please let me know and I can get you the details. Mrs. Vogel

Fundraising News: Plans are well underway for the LCS Spring Auction that will be held on April 3. In the next couple of weeks, the committee will be contacting members to assist with canvassing. Please consider helping out. For more information, please contact Christina (tcbenj@gmail.com or 519 580 3413).

Communicator: All submissions for the Family/Love issue of the Communicator are due to the office by Friday, January 24 (office@listowelchristianschool.ca).

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Wesley D – Jan 14 Noah S – Jan 17 Esther K – Jan 19



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
January	February
13 – Board mtg	3 – Board Exec
15 – Return pizza/milk order form	5 – Pizza Day
17 – Assembly at 9:00am	3 rd – 6 th - Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip
17 – LCS Spirit Day	10 – Board mtg
17 – Hockey Practice & School Skating	14 – PD Day (no school)
22 – Pizza Day	17 – Family Day (no school)
23 – Team Event (mat races)	19 – Pizza Day
23 – Hockey Practice & School Skating	
24 – PD Day (no school)	
24 – Communicator Submissions due	
28 – JK report cards will go home	
30 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus	

SPORTS

Hockey practice: Our hockey practice is on Friday, January 17, during school from 11:30 - 12:30. Students will leave school at 11:00. The tournament is scheduled for Thursday, January 30. To make this happen we still need a couple more parents to help coach. So far we have three parents willing to help, two or three more will ensure we have all the practice times covered. This past Friday Mr. VanDonkesgoed and Mr. Haanstra led the practice, thank you so much for helping our team practice. Please contact Mr. Katerberg if you can commit to helping out during these times.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We are continuing with our winter theme. This week we will be painting with colourful ice!
 For **show and tell** Zion and Henry are on for Tuesday and Drew and Skylar are on for Thursday.
 Our **focus letter** this week is M. We will practice the sound letter m makes with the Jolly Phonics song.
 In our **workbooks** we will practice drawing a rectangle and learn to print the letters H, T, and I.
 In **math**, we begin a new unit on measurement. We will explore size this week.
 In **Bible**, we will learn about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, as well as Daniel in the lion's den.
 We will begin a new **health** unit about families. If you are able to send in a copy of a family photo that would be helpful.

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Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will **focus on the letters** s on Monday and letter v on Thursday. Please bring a **show and tell** item that begins with one or both of these letters.

We are reading our last pre decodable reader this week! Our **sight word** is "IN". We will celebrate our accomplishments next week ...wait to hear what it will be! Please send in the book bags on Friday! If you would like to keep the pre decodable readers, please let me know.

In **math**, we are learning how to make AB and ABC patterns. We continue to print numbers to 10.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Joseph and his life in Egypt as a slave.

On Friday January 17th, 2020 we will be **skating** again. Please send the skates, helmets and gloves on Friday.

Spirit Day will be on Friday as well. Please send your child with a scarf or bandana to wear.

We are running out of Kleenex, please send in a box if you are able. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Our new year has been going really well! I'm so proud of our class for being able to jump back into our routine so quickly. I am looking forward to a productive week of learning.

A few notes:

* Library books are due back on Wednesday.

* New Scholastic orders have gone home. If you'd like to order, please do so online by searching our school and my name. I will put in the order on Jan 23rd.

* We will be skating again on Friday! (It's also Bandana/Scarf dress up day)

Curriculum:

Spelling: Our words this week are: **came, make, nice, rule, home**

Bible: We cleaned out our Bible folders on Friday and their work has been sent home. We will have a quiz on Wednesday on our "Settling the Land" unit before we begin "The Judges".

Math: We are exploring geometry -last week we talked about the sphere, cone, cube and cylinder.

Creation Studies: We will have a quiz on our 5 senses on Friday.

Memory Work: "I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies." Psalm 18:3

Homework: Our regular homework sheet is back. It will be due on Thursday this week.

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

This morning in devotions we were reminded how incredible God's creation is and that He made it for us to enjoy. I can honestly say I am enjoying each person He created in my class. They are each so amazing.

Next week we will be having a few tests. We will have a **Bible** test on Abraham, **creation studies** test on magnets and **math** tests on probability and graphs (grade 2), and multiplication (grade 3).

Spelling: We have spelling test on Friday:

Grade 2: played, wait, away, chase, play, today, way, paint, rain, chain

Grade 3: voyage, joined, loyal, pointing, poison, choose, chocolate, coin, choice, oyster, oily, enjoy, boy, destroy, voice

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Math - We are finishing our unit on Data Management. Students will have a quiz on THURSDAY. They will need to know how to conduct a survey, how to read circle graphs and tally charts, and how to read and draw bar graphs and pictographs. We will be reviewing at school and students will take their duotangs home to study.

IKnowIt - There is a new assignment on iknowit.com (reading bar graphs) that is due on THURSDAY. In order to do the assignments, students need to log on and click the icons that appear under "My Assignments". A new assignment will appear on Thursday night.

Memory Work - 1 Samuel 3:9-10 - "So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening.'" - due FRIDAY

Cursive - This past week we did our final lowercase letters - r and s. Grade 3 pages are 13, 14, 33 and Grade 4 pages are 44 and 48.

Spelling - We are doing Unit 17 words this week. Dictation will be on FRIDAY.

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Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Bible test on Tuesday.

Word Work: Lesson 16 test on Friday, January 17.

Social Studies: Our current unit is “Canada: Reaching Beyond Its Borders.” Students will be completing a unit review in class today.

Math: We will be completing our measurement unit. Practice test on Thursday and test on Friday.

Writing: Our writing assignment, “Writing Instructions” is due tomorrow. We will be starting our work on our speeches.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible: Pop culture posters were due today. We will continue to look at pop culture and wisdom literature by further researching artists this week. The project will be due on Monday, January 20.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Art - Sewing! We are going to be sewing (and ironing) this week. If you are able to come in and even supervise a student on a sewing machine, please let me know. Also I have asked students to bring in stitch rippers if they have one at home as I have a feeling we may need a few :). Thank you to all that have volunteered time, snacks for the volunteers, or sewing machines!

History - Test this Friday on what we have learned so far about New France becoming British North America and Upper/Lower Canada. The review will be posted on Google classroom by the end of the day today (Monday).

- Writing assignment due on Friday as well (will be assigned tomorrow).

WWW - Unit 9 work and test on Friday.

French - Activite 8B due on Tuesday for those that had both partners here today. Friday for those that still need the practice time.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Ottawa: Thank you to everyone who has already handed in their behavioural contracts and paid their remaining costs. We are getting set to leave in three weeks. Information was sent home last week Tuesday. Again, if you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact me. We want this to be a great trip for all students, chaperones, and parents.

Math: Our Geometry unit is a short one. This week we will work on volume of prisms and some unit ending review work. Next week Tuesday we will have out Geometry test. A homework sheet has gone home and daily assignments will be given.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our current unit is, “Systems in Action”, a physics unit. Lab report on our lab from last week is due on Thursday. We will continue with levers.

Requested Announcements:

Woodland Christian High School Invites You to Attend a Parent Open House on Thursday, January 16th between 7:00p m – 9:00pm. This is an event for new and prospective families. Do you know of a family who would like to come and see the school in a relaxed environment? Or a family that missed grade 8 day and the Parent Information Night? Invite them to come and see what a difference a Christian education can make! For more information please contact the school office at 519-648-2114 or office@woodland.on.ca

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