

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Wow, what a lot of snow. There is something beautiful about blanketing the earth with this nice white sheet of snow. I enjoy driving down our street with snow banks piled high along the sides and weaving between parked vehicles on the now narrower street. It is a beautiful picture.

This month's Fruit of the Spirit is Joy. We also had an assembly last week focusing on kindness. Another aspect of the larger snowfall that I enjoy is the community among neighbours as we help each other clear driveways. Some with of us were armed shovels, some with snow-blowers and some younger ones who are just enjoying the snow had sleds. I enjoyed the positive attitude everyone had toward dealing with the snow – there was joy even though there was additional work to clear the drives. I also enjoyed the kindness people showed to one another. When someone was done their driveway, they went on to help a neighbour with no expectation of payment or reward. We worked together, we talked and shared stories, and we laughed. The snow brought out the kindness in everyone and through it we experienced joy.

Not only did the clean white snow create a new picture of God's creation, but it brought out great qualities in God's ultimate creation – human kind. As I now look out my home office window and see the cleared driveways and the high snowbanks, I also see the wonderful qualities of my neighbours. Amazing what we can see through a snow storm!

SCHOOL NEWS

Supply Teachers: We have been blessed with good supply teachers. However, they are increasingly busy, so we are looking to add people to our list. If you know of a teacher who might be interested in being on our supply teacher list, filling in for teachers when they are away, please let me (Mr. Boelens) know or have them contact me (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca).

Student Leadership: Thank you to all who participated in the Bandana/Scarf Day! This week Thursday we will have our team event of mat races from 10 till 10:20am. It will take some strategies to move the whole team across the gym on the mats. Perhaps it could be a snow event, if the snow stays!

Reminders: Pizza day is this Wednesday, January 22nd.
PD Day is scheduled for this Friday, January 24 – no school.

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.

Our last School Skating will be held on Thursday, January 23. Students are bussed over for one hour of skating. Students in grades 4-8 will skate from 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Students in grades SK – 3 will skate from 2:00pm – 3:00pm. 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.

Standardized Testing: In an effort to measure the progress of our students, we are participating in the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests. Students are evaluated in their language and math skills. We trust this process will help us understand the abilities of each student and develop strategies to meet their needs. Online tests will occur January 27 to Friday February 21.

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

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FundScrip Gift Card Order: The next online order deadline will be Monday, February 3 with delivery on Feb. 7. We've got so many participating retailers that you will easily find one or several you can use for daily expenses and for those special occasions. If you would like a paper order form, please email giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com or call Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263. Spread the word!

Battle of the Books Senior Team - We are still looking for readers/question makers. If you like to read and would be willing to read one of our teams books and write some knowledge questions on it, please let me know (j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca). Mrs. Vogel

LCS Information Morning will be held on Saturday, March 7 from 9am – 12noon. If you know of a family that has shown interest in LCS please bring them or invite them to LCS for a tour and to learn more on what we are all about. Please contact the office for more information. Our next registration day is April 21.

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).



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Olivia V – Jan 20 Myjah V – Jan 23 Carson W – Jan 25 Kenzie T – Jan 26

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
January	February
22 – Pizza Day	3 – Board Exec
23 – Team Event	5 – Pizza Day
23 – Hockey Practice & School Skating	3 rd – 6 th - Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip
24 – PD Day (no school)	10 – Board mtg
24 – Communicator Submissions due	14 – PD Day (no school)
28 – JK report cards will go home	17 – Family Day (no school)
30 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus	19 – Pizza Day

SPORTS

Hockey practice: Our hockey practice is on Thursday, January 23, during school from 12:00 - 1:00. Students will leave school at 11:30. The tournament is scheduled for Thursday, January 30 in Fergus. Tournament information will go home later this week. Please consider driving and cheering on the team. Slips need to be returned by Monday.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Well it is definitely winter outside! The students will enjoy playing in all of the snow I am sure, and we will continue to explore some winter activities inside as well. This week we will try to grow our own snowflake. We will also be doing some marble painting.

For **show and tell** Marcus and Monique are on for Tuesday and Derek and Nixon are on for Thursday.

Our **focus letter** this week is N and we will learn the letter N song.

In our **workbooks** we will practice colouring and print the letter U and we will meet Magic C Bunny to help us with printing our Magic C letters.

In **math**, we will continue in our measurement unit by comparing lengths.

In **Bible**, we will learn about how Esther became Queen and how she helped to save her people.

In **health**, we will continue to talk about families and the things that we do together. Thank you to those who sent in family pictures. If you haven't sent one in yet, please feel free to still do so.

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Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the letter w on Monday and the letter t on Thursday. Please bring in a **show and tell** on those days that begins with that letter. We will begin our decodable readers and the first one will be sent home on Friday, January 31st, 2020 in a new Ziploc bag. We will now focus on using phonics to sound out words and using the pictures to decipher words by beginning sounds. Please feel free to keep the pre decodable ones at home. Keep on reading them. Practice makes perfect.

In **math**, we are working on creating 3 different types of patterns using colours and shapes. Daily we work on number recognition and printing.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about Joseph and how God helped him to interpret dreams.

In **health**, we are working on feelings and facial expressions. We have learned that there are many different types of penguins and this week we will reflect on how God has made each one of us “just right”. We will be reading the “Tacky the Penguin” story books about how he was an odd bird but created for a purpose, just like us.

Thank you to Mrs. Stege, Mrs. Oosthuizen and Mrs. Binnendyk who volunteered to walk with us to the library. We will visit the North Perth Public Library on Thursday, February 6th, 2020.

This week we go **skating** on Thursday from 2 till 3pm. Please remember helmets, skates and mittens.

No school on Friday January 24th, 2020. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Wow, the month of January is just flying by! I pray that we will all stay safe and healthy during this winter season.

We have a 4-day week this week!

A few notes:

- * Library books are due back on Wednesday.
- * January Scholastics orders will be submitted on Thursday this week.
- * Skating is on **Thursday** this week -we hope to leave for the arena at 1:45.

Curriculum:

Spelling: Our words this week are: **life, race, cute, those, these** (our quiz will be on Thursday this week).

Bible: We are on our way through our Judges unit! Ask your student about Gideon and the battle that we recreated in class.

Math: We have finished our unit on 3D Geometry and location words. We will have a quiz on Tuesday.

Creation Studies: We are focused on Matter and Materials.

Memory Work: "I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies" Psalm 18:3 (we fill in the blanks using a word box on Tuesday).

Homework: Our regular homework sheet is back. It will be due on Thursday this week. Please continue to have your child practice counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. They can even write them out on the back of the homework sheet.

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

This week is full of tests! We have a few units coming to a close this week.

Bible: On Wednesday we will have a Bible test on Abraham.

Math: On Thursday both grades will have a test in math. Grade 2 learned about probability, graphs and surveys.

Grade 3 learned about multiplying and dividing.

Creation Studies: On Thursday we will also have a test in creation studies on magnets. It has been really neat to learn about magnets and how they work.

Spelling: There will be no spelling test this week.

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Spelling - We are doing Unit 19 words this week. Please note that we are skipping Unit 18 because it is a review week. Dictation will be on THURSDAY.

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

Memory Work - NO memory work this week. 1 Samuel 3:9-10 will need to be remembered for our Bible quiz coming up next week.

Cursive - NO cursive homework for this week.

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Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - We are starting to write a short skit this week on getting to know our partner in the skit. Encourage your students, especially when the writing gets hard. They are doing well!

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Bible test on Tuesday.

Word Work: Lesson 17 test on Thursday, January 23.

Science: We have started a unit on “Structures.”

Math: Our new math unit is “Transformations.”

Writing: We have started our work on our speeches. This week we will fill out a speech template. Have your topic idea by Tuesday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible: *Heroes of our Faith* papers were shared with the class and handed in today. Over the week we will be working on handouts in class. Check the calendar for upcoming due dates. Our new memory work, Proverbs 3:1-6, will be assigned on Wednesday and is due Friday, January 31.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

MUN - It is time again for Model United Nations. We attended this event a couple years ago and I would like to know if there is interest again this year. It is an event put on by Kings Christian Collegiate and takes place Saturday, February 22. Model United Nations is a club through which students learn to research, debate different points of view, and write their views on the end result(s) of the debate. It's a unique and interesting experience. If your student is interested or you would like more information, please let me know asap. I hope to register our team by Monday, January 27.

Scholastic - Our next order is due Wednesday. We have also been selected for a trial of the small teen magazine (the little one that came with your messenger last week). If you have any thoughts about that smaller version, likes/dislikes, please let me know so I can pass that information along. You can also order online from any of the scholastic magazines under our school and my name.

History - We wrote our test today! We will be moving on to our next Geography unit tomorrow. Once the tests are marked and reviewed in class, they will be in the folders that go home on Mondays to be signed and returned to me.

Writing - We are continuing (finally) our work on our short stories with a fakebook profile of both the protagonist and antagonist of the story to fully understand the character, their likes, dislikes, relationship to other characters etc. Due Monday, January 27.

WWW - Unit 10 work due and test on Thursday, January 23.

Phys. Ed. - We started Basketball last week. Please ensure that your student does get their gym clothes washed and brought back to school periodically. They should also have a low scent deodorant with them and should be using it after every gym class.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Our Geometry unit is a short one. This week we will finish our two review assignments and have our test on Tuesday.

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 Wednesday. We will continue with levers.

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