

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Friday our staff had a great day of working together. We spent the day evaluating our Language Arts program.

In August each staff member made a year-long plan for their curriculum. For the first part of the day on Friday, we evaluated how we were doing compared to our original plan. Were we on target, were we ahead of schedule or were we falling behind? We also set new goals to adjust accordingly. Each staff member worked individually to accomplish this part of the task.

The second part of our day we worked in divisional groups to discuss our classroom experiences of teaching language. We shared our successes and our challenges. We also compared our program to the Ontario Language curriculum and brainstormed some resources to enhance our current materials.

Lastly, we tried to compile our discussions and bring some closure to our ideas. Our goal is to present ideas to the Education Committee before the end of the year so that maybe we can adopt a better approach to our teaching of language.

I enjoyed the time to have these discussions as a staff. Our typical teaching day is very busy and the only time we have to talk about these topics are informal discussions while walking down the hallway or a brief time at lunch or outside on yard duty with a colleague. Having a whole day to invest and immerse ourselves into one topic was extremely valuable and our staff have the relationships to openly challenge and share with each other. What a great day.

We hope you had an equally valuable day with your children.

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 know or have them contact me (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca).

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.

FundScrip Gift Card Order: The next online order deadline is 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

Battle of the Books (Junior) - This week, Junior Battle of the Book members need to come to a meeting for Battle of the Books at Mrs. Delleman's classroom on WEDNESDAY at SNACK. We will be making our Battle of the Books teams and students will get questions on the books to start studying!

From the Fundraising Committee: Our 2020 Spring Auction will be held April 3, 2020. This year the organizing committee has made a change. This year **all families** (except brand new JK-only families) **will be canvassing for**

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donations. We have sent a letter to all our prospective donors and the canvasser's job is follow up and pick up the donated items.

Next week, you will receive an envelope in kidmail containing your "canvasser package" containing a letter with your instructions and your list (fewer than 5 businesses, mostly local to your family). We ask that you call or visit your list within 2 weeks of receiving your package. Thank you in advance for your help!

A reminder notice will be sent out. Any questions or concerns, please contact Chandra Los at 519-292-9831 or derek.chandra.los@gmail.com.

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 New Student Registration day is April 21.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Trev V – Jan 30



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
January	February
28 – JK report cards will go home 29 – Assembly at 9:00am hosted by Grade 1 30 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus	3 – Board Exec 5 – Pizza Day 3 rd – 6 th - Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip 6 – SK trip to the library 7 – Grade 7/8 not at school 10 – Board mtg 13 – Team Event 14 – PD Day (no school) 17 – Family Day (no school) 19 – Pizza Day 20 – Pastor’s Breakfast 21 – Board & Staff Social

BOARD REPORT

The Board will be hosting a Strategic Plan Gallery Walk which will be facilitated by Ray Hendriks. This is an opportunity for all members of LCS to provide input and ideas for the school now and for moving forward. These ideas will be considered by the Board in the ongoing planning and implementation of the Strategic Plan efforts for the school. The Board has been actively involved in the Strategic Plan since 2006, your participation is vital to ensure we are moving the school forward. Please watch for further details.

The Board has begun the nomination process. Three current board members will be fulfilling their terms. Please pray for this process as well as the members who are asked to consider the position of Board member.

LCS continues to receive inquiries about our school and a number of families are considering registering their children for the next school year.

The Board reviewed the operating statement as of December 31, 2019 and we are in a good financial position with most areas on track. Expenses are being monitored closely.

Board members are currently completing Principal Evaluation Forms which will be reviewed by Board Executive.

The information from the evaluations will be compiled and will be reported on to the principal.

A Board & Staff social is being planned for an evening in February.

SPORTS

Hockey: The hockey tournament is on Thursday, January 30 at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex in Fergus. The players will need to be at school very early for a 6:30 am departure to travel to Fergus. Their first game is at 8:00 am with games following at 9:30 and 11:00. There will also be one or two afternoon play-off games.

Expected return time is around 4:30 pm.

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FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week, though winter is not quite done, we will wrap up our Winter theme. We will do some mitten matching, paint snowflakes and see if our crystal snowflakes have formed.

For **show and tell** this week Harrison and Noah are scheduled for Tuesday.

Our **focus letter** this week is O. We will learn the O song from Jolly Phonics. We will also learn how to print the letter O as well as the letter Q in our *Handwriting Without Tears* workbook.

In **math**, we continue in our measurement unit by looking at capacity.

In **Bible**, we will begin a new unit on the life of Jesus.

In **health**, we will continue to learn about families; our individual families and the family of God.

Report cards for Junior Kindergarten will be coming home this week. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can email p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca or call the school.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will be **focusing on letter L** (Monday) and letter K on Thursday.

Bring a **show and tell** that begin with these letters. Our new sight reader is Sam and Pam with the sight word "am".

Have your child create an "I am" statement for you, print it on paper and we will tape these around the classroom. Be sure to put their name on it.

In **math**, we continue to print numbers and create patterns.

In **Bible**, we will wrap up our unit on Joseph. We are learning the songs "O Be Careful Little Eyes" and "God is so Good".

Wow, what progress we saw at skating. Amazing! Many were without skate pushers last Thursday. Impressive!

Those who still used them were speeding by me on the ice. Way to go! We move onto parachute games.

We will wrap up our penguin unit by becoming a penguin huddle, balancing our baby penguins on our feet and learning about the leopard seal.

February calendars have been sent home. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

It is the final week of January! We will be wrapping up a few units and beginning some new learning opportunities.

A few notes:

* Tuesday, the grade 1 class is hosting an assembly on JOY! We hope you can join us!

* Library books are due back on Wednesday.

Curriculum:

Spelling: Our words this week are: **all, look, I'm, little, of**

Bible: We will finish our unit by learning about Naomi and Ruth -we will have a quiz on Thursday.

Math: Geometry quizzes will go home soon, we are now focused on number patterns and estimating.

Creation Studies: We are finishing our unit on Matter and Materials and will begin to explore a unit called, "The Sky Declares".

Memory Work: "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16

Homework: The weekly sheet looks a little different this week, please help your child complete all the activities. It will be due back on Thursday. Thanks again for all of your support!

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

We had a great PD Day on Friday where we discussed our Language Arts curriculum. It was a good time of exploring what is out there and evaluating what we have.

Last week we were unable to do our **Magnets test** so we will do it on Wednesday. I have sent home two booklets to review last week for their test.

Spelling has changed. Our class has been split into groups. Students will come home with a list of their words.

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Bible - We are having our quiz on Samuel on TUESDAY. Students will bring their duotangs home to study our review.

Memory Work - 1 Samuel 3:9-10 will need to be remembered for our Bible quiz on TUESDAY.

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IKnowIt - There is a new assignment on iknowit.com (Converting Units of 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.

Spelling - We are doing Unit 20 words this week. Dictation will be on FRIDAY.

Cursive - Grade 3 pages are 38, 39, 40 and Grade 4 pages are 56, 57. These are due FRIDAY.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We are continuing our unit "Triumphal Entry through Passover". Memory work is 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26

Word Work: Lesson 18 test on Friday, January 31.

Science: We will continue our "Structures" unit.

Math: We will continue our math unit on "Transformations".

Writing: We have started our work on our speeches. This week we will research and write the main parts of our speech.

Health: Students having been drawing a cartoon showing how the immune system works.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible: Memory work, Proverbs 3:1-6, is due this Friday. We will be working on in class projects this week that should be completed in class. Check the calendar for any upcoming due dates of handouts.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: This week we will begin our Data Management Unit. There is a lot of independence in this unit so students will have to keep up. There are also instructional videos on Google classroom if they need some help at home. Ask to see their lesson summaries.

Ottawa Trip: Next Monday morning we leave! Friday I will go over a few last minute details, answer some questions, and ensure everyone is clear about what to bring and what the week might look like. Getting excited?

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our current unit is "Systems in Action", a physics unit. We will continue with levers.

Requested Announcements:

Listowel Minor Baseball Registration (NOW ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE!)

LOCATION:

Upstairs at Steve Kerr Memorial Arena

WHEN:

Wednesday January 29 from 6:00 - 800

Saturday February 1 from 9:00 – 12:00

Wednesday February 5 from 6:00 - 800

Registration is now an online process or come out to our sessions.

www.listowelminorbaseball.ca



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