

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

January always brings about ideas for new beginnings. After the Christmas holidays, the family gatherings, the presents, the new year's parties, and all that goes on over the Christmas holidays, there is often reasons for happiness.

This month we will focus on another Gift of the Spirit: Joy. As we enter a new calendar year and we pick up our routine we will do so with Joy. As we teach and as we learn we will do so with Joy. As we interact with each other and build deeper relationships, we will do so with Joy. As we experience successes and rewards, we will obviously do so with Joy. As we go through difficult times and hardships, we will also do so with Joy, not in our circumstances but in the knowledge that God loves us and walks through these times with us.

It is easy to reflect on Joy at this time of year. I pray that as the month goes on, I will still approach my daily tasks with Joy. I pray that God will be so evident in my life and in our school that it will be almost impossible to approach each day without Joy.

Praying for each other: Beginning today, the staff will be praying for one of our families each morning during our devotion time. We will hold you and your children up in prayer, praying for the things we know about and asking God to support you in the things we are unaware of. Prayer is a powerful part of our supportive relationships.

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Leadership: We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at snack recess to plan a Spirit Day and a team event for January. Looking at a tentative date of Friday, January 17, 2020. Keep watch for more information.

School Skating resumes 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 10 and 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 has been sent home. Please be sure to send in your order with payment by 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 Club and Knitting Club will be starting next week. There is a sign up sheet for Lego (for students in Grades 1-4) as space is limited. There is no sign up for knitting club, but it is open to students in Grades 5-8. Lego Club will be held in the library and Knitting Club will be held in Ms. ten Brink's room on Thursday at first recess.

Battle of the Books (JUNIOR - Grades 4-6)- Please return the books that you read over the Christmas holidays. In order to be on the team, students need to have finished reading the books over the holidays.

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.

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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: Hope D – Jan 6 Amelia O – Jan 12



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

January	February
6 – Board Exec	3 – Board Exec
7 – Fundscrip orders due at midnight	5 – Pizza Day
8 – Pizza Day	3 rd – 6 th - Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip
10 – Hockey Practice & School Skating	10 – Board mtg
13 – Fundscrip delivery	14 – PD Day (no school)
13 – Board mtg	17 – Family Day (no school)
15 – Return pizza/milk order form	19 – Pizza Day
17 – Hockey Practice & School Skating	
22 – Pizza Day	
23 – Hockey Practice & School Skating	
24 – PD Day (no school)	
24 – Communicator Submissions due	
30 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus	

SPORTS

Hockey practice: Friday, Jan. 10 (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. Please contact Mr. Katerberg if you can commit to helping out during these times.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope that you all had a great Christmas break and I can't wait to hear the highlights from the students!

Our **theme** for January is Winter. We will be learning some songs, doing some winter themed art projects and reading some winter stories. On Thursday we will make a snowstorm in a jar.

For **show and tell** this week August and Fianna are on for Tuesday and Cody and Colin are on for Thursday.

Our **focus letter** this week is L and we will learn the Jolly Phonics letter L song.

We will continue to print letters in our Handwriting Without Tears workbook, as well as use the wood pieces to practice position words like top, bottom, left and right.

In **math**, we will review patterns this week. Our new focus colour is blue, our shape is oval and our number is 5.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Jonah and the big fish and Nineveh. We have a new memory verse, "God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid,"" Hebrews 13:5b-6a.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a great Christmas break! Ready, set, cause here we go...

On Thursday our **show and tell** items should begin with the letter 'o'.

We will be learning about syllables, reviewing rhyming and printing lowercase letters that are the same as the uppercase letters. Our new **sight word** is "of". Please return all book bags on Friday.

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In **Bible**, we will be learning about Joseph the Dreamer and how he becomes a slave. Our **memory verse** is Romans 8:28, "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

Our new unit will be on penguins and the Antarctic.

In **health**, we will continue on with our feelings, facial expressions and body language unit.

On Friday we will go skating again, please send skates and helmets in a separate bag with your family name on everything. Parent helpers are greatly appreciated. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school. I'm looking forward to many fun and exciting learning opportunities in 2020!

A few notes:

- Library books are due back on Wednesday.
- New Scholastics 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!

Curriculum:

Spelling: Our words this week are: **at, ate, bit, bite, hop, hope, us, use, mad, made.** We are focusing on that "silent e".

Bible: This week we will complete a short unit called, "Settling the Land"

Math: Quizzes have been sent home (for those who were here last week). Please have a look at it with your student.

Creation Studies: We are continuing to learn about our 5 senses!

Memory Work: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

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

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

I am so glad to be back! It was neat to hear all of the stories this morning about Christmas vacations. I was able to relax and reflect on the birth of our Saviour.

We welcome Ms. Mulder to our class. She is Weston's new EA. We are excited to have her.

Friday: **Spelling test**

Gr 2: boat, coat, float, long, along, belong, paw, fawn, tall, wall

Gr 3: looked, good, brook, football, cookie, stood, full, put, food, school, truth, room, true, room, true, chew, due

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

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 NEXT week
Friday.

Cursive - There is NO Cursive due this week since we did not do cursive the last week of school before the break. This week we will be working on our final lowercase letters - r and s.

IKnowIt - There were 2 assignments on iknowit.com for over the holidays that are 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.

Spelling - We are doing Unit 16 words this week. Dictation will be on FRIDAY.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - Almost everyone is caught up on their work. I will be working with those during breaks this week to make sure everyone is together again and we can continue to move forward together.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We will be completing our "Jesus Birth and Early Life" unit.

Word work: Lesson 15 test on Friday, January 10.

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

Math: Our new unit is measurement. This week will include: money, volume, and mass.

Writing: A writing assignment is “Writing Instructions”.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible: We will be finishing up our unit of Job and Ecclesiastes this week. Review handouts will be assigned on Wednesday with class time to work on them. They are due on Friday, January 10. For the next two weeks the hockey team will be leaving during Bible class. They are still responsible for anything they miss during that time.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good time of relaxation and family/friend gatherings over the last couple weeks. I'm excited to begin again and see all the growth and activities that will happen over the next few months.

- Grade 7/8 was given a list of all overdue work at this point. There are a few students with quite a few assignments overdue which have all been requested by Wednesday. If you need to know if your student(s) is on that list, please just send me a quick e-mail and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.
- Most of our subjects we are continuing units from before the break with more details to follow in next week's Messenger.

Phys. Ed. - Skipping routines are due on Friday.

Art - We are going to be starting to work on making our quilting squares become reality in a class wall hanging this week! If this is something you have skill in and would like to help our class, please let me know and I'll let you know the days and times we are hoping to work on this project.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Ottawa: We are leaving in four weeks!! Tuesday I will spend some class time discussing trip details and plans with the students. I will also be sending some materials home for your review. Please take some time and go over them with your son/daughter and return whatever needs returning as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Math: We will begin our unit on Geometry. 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. This week's topic we will continue with work and energy problems and simple machines.

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