

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Last Thursday we hosted our Pastors' Breakfast. Here are some of my reflections of the morning.

We often talk about diversity and for most of us in Listowel that means denominational diversity. Our goal and vision for LCS is that we are a school for all Christian families, regardless of their denomination or where they worship God. Did you know that our students come from 14 different churches? Currently 60% of our students come from families within the Christian Reformed denomination but that also means that 40% are coming from a diverse range of Christian churches. We should celebrate our diversity.

We sent out invitations to around 40 people involved in ministry within our supporting churches. These pastors represent the entire Listowel ministerial, Youth for Christ, and ministry staff in all churches who send at least one child to our school. Could you imagine if they all showed up? Unfortunately, only 12 were able to attend but we celebrated those 12. It was great to eat at the same table and renew or begin relationships with each other.

The best part of the morning was when we toured through the classes and students interacted with their pastors on "their own turf". I think the pastors had fun and I know the students appreciated showing their pastor their classroom. Once they got into a classroom it was difficult to keep them moving.

It was a great morning. I want to thank the Promotion and Hospitality Committee for their wonderful hospitality. They served a great breakfast with lots of variety. They were flexible, organized, and efficient. Thank you!

Until next year when we do it all again!

SCHOOL NEWS

No Sleds Please: Hopefully winter is almost over, but we do have some good snow piles on our property. It has been great for sliding down and some students have brought sleds. However, we ask that no sleds be brought to the school. The hills are not that big, and they create too many supervision issues and injury possibilities.

LCS Spring Auction - Friday, March 27, 2020 in the school gym. Dinner and silent auction will begin at 6:00pm followed by live auction at 7:30pm. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent or goods. Thank you for the canvassing help! Make sure you submit your donation records to Tanya Slotegraaf this week if you haven't already.

Next week we will be looking for kitchen help and food donations for the auction. Look for the signup link in the newsletter and in the parent Facebook group next week.

A **Singing Assembly** will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) morning at 9:00am. All are welcome to join us.

Student Leadership: Pyjama Day and Team Event Date: Friday, March 13th, 2020

FundScrip Gift Card Order: The next online order deadline is Monday, March 2 at midnight with delivery on March 6. 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. For more information please email giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com or call Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263. Spread the word!

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.

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

February	March
24 – Boys Basketball practice (3:30 – 4:45) 24 – Education Committee Meeting 25 – Singing Assembly at 9:00am 26 – Boys and Girls Basketball practice (3:30 – 4:45) 28 – Basketball Tournament (Kitchener)	2 – Gift card orders due at midnight 2 – Board Exec 4 – Pizza Day 6 – Gift card delivery 7 – LCS Information Morning (9am - 12noon) 9 – Board meeting 16 – 20 March Break (no school) 25 – Pizza Day 27 – Spring Auction (NEW DATE) 30 – Term 2 Report Card go home

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Jaymin B – Feb 23 Kyla B – Feb 27 Lydia S – March 1



BOARD REPORT

The Board nomination process has begun. Please pray for this process as well as the members who are asked to consider the position of Board Member. The spring membership meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2020 at 7:30pm. Reminder to committee chairs – please submit your report to Cheryl Mulder (tcmulder@wightman.ca) by March 23, for inclusion in the agenda package. A Gallery Walk with guest Ray Hendriks is being planned for April 27th (following the membership meeting) – please watch for more details.

SPORTS

Basketball: The boys plan to practice today. Both the boys and girls teams will have a practice on Wednesday after school so parents can coordinate rides as well. Tournament date is this Friday, February 28. A note went home asking for drivers. Note that we plan to leave LCS for RIM at 7:15 on Friday morning. The boys play at 9:00, 11:15 and 12:45 with play-offs in the afternoon. Girls play at 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00, with play-off games in the afternoon.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

It is the last week of February! We will continue with our love theme.

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

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

In our **workbooks**, we will practice how to print with diagonal lines, specifically the letter K and the letter A.

In **math**, we will begin a new unit by looking at how numbers are all around us.

In **Bible**, we will learn about how Jesus helps people who do wrong. We will also begin a new unit and learn about *The Good Shepherd*.

Please, if possible, send in an extra pair of mittens for your child, I am expecting many wet mittens this week as the temperature will be above freezing some days.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on letter li. For show and tell on Thursday please bring in your favourite puzzle.

We continue to rhyme, sort by number of syllables per word and work on ending sounds. We will focus on the sight word “as” this week, with a small reader titled, “Blue As A”. This reader is not on the list however please send in your reading logs on Friday.

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In **math**, we are working with numbers 6 to 10 with number recognition activities and some students will be working with numbers from 10 to 15.

In **Bible**, we will learn how God provided manna for the Israelites while in the desert and the importance of the 10 commandments.

We have completed one random act of kindness and look forward to completing many more. Thank you parents for making this possible.

Next **Spirit Day** (pyjama day) and Team Event Day is on Friday, March 13th, 2020.

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

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

This is our first 5-day week in a while! We have an assembly tomorrow morning and a few things to wrap up before the end of term 2.

A few notes:

* Library books are due back on Wednesday.

* February Scholastics orders have been sent home. I will put in the order today.

Curriculum:

Spelling: Our words this week are: **year, run, two, yellow, good.** Bonus: **February**

Language: We will continue to explore non-fiction texts this week.

Bible: We will finish up our unit on King David this week - Quiz on Thursday

Math: We're starting a new unit on measurement.

Creation Studies: We are learning about the sky, seasons, and weather

Homework: The regular sheet is back, please return on Thursday.

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

We have completed MAP testing! Overall we are progressing well.

PLEASE try your best to remember to send forks and spoons with your child when they require it. I have gone through a couple of boxes of plastic utensils already.

Today we had a **Bible** test on Isaac and Jacob.

Spelling test is on Friday:

Group 3: make, came, lake, game, shake, ate, tape, come

Group 2: have, give, love, from, live, friend, much, such, old, told

Group 1: city, cereal, face, could, guess, huge, age, danger, goose, gone, coast, clean, guard, giant, carton

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Cursive - Last week we did uppercase letters N and M. Grade 3 pages are 66 and 67, Grade 4 pages are 32, 33, 36, 37. - due THURSDAY

IKnowIt - There is a new assignment on [iknowit.com](https://www.iknowit.com) (Flip, Turn, Slide) 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. Many students did not finish their assignment from last week, so some students may have two assignments to complete.

Math - We are finishing our unit on translations, rotations and reflections (slides, turns, flips, symmetry). We will review all this week and our quiz will be on FRIDAY.

Spelling - We are working on Unit 23 words this week. Dictation will be on FRIDAY.

Memory Work - Psalm 27:1- "The Lord is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?" - due FRIDAY

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - Activite 10 is due on Wednesday.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: In Bible, we are working on a unit entitled, "Jesus' Death." We will complete the unit this week, test next week.

Word Work: Lesson 21 test on Thursday.

Science: We will continue our "Structures" unit.

Social Studies: We will start a new unit on "Our American Neighbours."

Math: We are working on fractions. Jump Math practice test on Wednesday, test on Thursday

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Writing: Tuesday is speech day. Count on giving your speech in class on Tuesday.

Literature: Students are completing their board games for *The Magician's Nephew* by Wednesday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

MUN - Katherine, Trenton, Dylen, and Gerrit attended the Model United Nations Conference in Oakville at Kings' Christian Collegiate on Saturday. Congratulations on all the work you did to get there and taking on this new activity. You all did fantastic! Thanks also to Emily Coleman for driving them there and back.

Phys. Ed. - Just a friendly reminder that gym clothes and shoes are to be worn for each Phys. Ed. class which includes a school gym shirt. These clothes also need to get washed once in while so please ask your student to bring them home to wash on a regular basis. Thank you.

Writing - We have started a unit on poetry.

French - We are nearing the end of our current unit. Students should be fairly comfortable now with asking and answering questions about themselves and those around them.

Geography - Article assignment - will be assigned on Wednesday and due Friday.

Art - Sketchbook assignment round 2 (second set of 5 sketches) is due March 5.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink

Bible - A few students still need to return their midterm reports. Please have them to me by Wednesday. We are finishing up our look at the book of Proverbs this week and will begin our review Wednesday. This review will be in place of an end of the unit test. We will be presenting our projects next week, Wednesday, March 4.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We should be wrapping up our Data Management unit later this week and into next week. Our test is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3. Our next units will be Percent for Grade 7 and Geometry for Grade 8.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: We have a few more inventor /invention projects to go. Our next item will be the mouse trap cars. Start looking for materials and planning your car. We will have some in-class time to build it. Test day is Wednesday.

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