

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

The beginning of March always makes me feel like we are turning a corner. Weather wise, January and February are clearly considered winter, snow filled months. Although there is always the hope of a snow day (or two), these are long months. March reminds me of warmer weather when I can shake off the winter coat, big boots, hat and gloves. I stop thinking about winter and I begin to think of Spring and Summer – warmer days and spending more time outside! Maybe it is because of the days we lived in British Columbia when the first of March meant we were cutting our grass and preparing our lawn for the summer. Nevertheless, March changes our perspective.

The same happens in school. The end of February or beginning of March marks the end of our second academic term. As teachers we will be writing report cards soon. As crazy as it may sound, I enjoy the report card process because it forces or allows us to reflect on the progress our students have made through the middle part of the year. In March, we also focus our sights on our curriculum for last part of the year. March changes our perspective.

There is also the saying that “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb”. Even in this saying, you can hear a change of perspective. These are enough reasons for me to welcome March!

### **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.

**Auction Kitchen:** Auction preparations are in full swing! We are currently looking for kitchen help and food donations. Please use the link below and sign up to volunteer your time and/or donate food items. We request that non-perishable items are labeled “Auction” and brought to the LCS kitchen anytime between today and Thursday March 26th. Perishable items need to be at the LCS kitchen by 12pm, and soups by 3pm Friday March 27th. Signup link: <https://signup.com/go/XkTrycN> If you have any questions please contact Adrienne Drost (519-291-6416).

**Job Openings:** We are reviewing our staffing needs for next year. If you, or someone you know, is interested in teaching at LCS next year, we are looking for teachers in the Junior and Primary classes (more about this in next week's Principal's corner message). Please send all inquiries or applications to Ed Boelens at [principal@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:principal@listowelchristianschool.ca).

**A Singing Assembly** will be held on Friday morning at 9:00am. All are welcome to join us.

**Student Leadership:** Team Event: Watching a movie and eating popcorn together in the big gym. Spirit Day: Pyjama Day. Friday, March 13th, 2020. Note: Pyjamas must be in good repair and follow the dress code of LCS. Nothing too short or too revealing. Let's have fun!

**Hey Kids!** Need a challenge during March Break? Get creative and enter the **BUILDING BLOCK BONANZA**. Using building blocks like LEGO® bricks, construct a building, describe it and perhaps win a prize! Bring it school no later

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than the end of the school day on March 24th. Winners and prizes will be announced later in the week. See the entry form for more details.

**FundScrip Gift Card Order:** The next online order is due tonight at midnight with delivery on March 6. For more information please email [giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**BIRTHDAY CORNER**

Celebrating this week: Bianca D – Mar 2      Noah H – Mar 6      Claire E – Mar 8      Daniel R – Mar 8

**U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S**

<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
2 – Gift card orders due at midnight	10 – Good Friday (no school)
2 – Board Exec	13 – Easter Monday (no school)
4 – Pizza Day	21 – New Student Registration Day
4 – Boys basketball (3:30 -4:45)	21 – Grade 7 Immunization clinic
6 – Singing assembly at 9am	27 – LCS Spring Membership Meeting at 7:30pm
6 – Gift card delivery	27 – Gallery Walk
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	

**SPORTS**

**Basketball:** Due to the weather we did not go to the basketball tournament. This tournament has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 8. We will send out a note asking for drivers for that day a little closer to the event.

The boys plan to practice Wednesday after school 3:30 - 4:45.

The girls will continue to practice on Thursday at lunch only until March Break. After March Break we will continue with Wednesday afterschool practices as well as Thursday lunch practices. We should be ready for the tournament.

**FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

**Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda**

It is March and this month we will be learning about Nursery Rhymes! This week we will focus on *Itsy Bitsy Spider* and *Hickory Dickory Dock*.

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

Our **focus letter** this week is T and we will practice the sound letter t makes with the Jolly Phonics song.

In our workbooks we will continue printing letters with diagonal lines. We will print letters A and M and practice drawing triangle and diamond shapes.

In **math** we will continue in our number unit by recognizing numerals and looking at ordinal numbers. This month our focus colour is white, our shape is diamond and our number is 7.

In **Bible** we will begin our new unit by reading the Parables of *The Good Shepherd* and *The Sower*. Our new memory verse is "He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself."

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### Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Well I guess last week was a short week and March has come!

**Show and Tell:** Today we focused on the letter L for show and tell. On Thursday we will bring in something brown. We will continue to rhyme, break words into syllables and begin listening for ending sounds. Our new sight word reader “Tim in Sand” will focus on the sight words “is” and “it”. Please send book bags in on Friday.

In **math**, we will be working with teen numbers by counting out objects and placing the correct number beside it. We are really working at having no backwards numbers.

In **Bible**, we will continue to learn about Moses and the Israelites.

This week we will finish up our unit on feelings and body language. We will be learning about hibernation this week. Have a great week!

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### Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Welcome to March! Here's to an awesome 5-day week of learning (we'll see what happens). We also have a singing assembly on Friday morning if you'd like to join us.

A few notes:

\* Library books are due back on Wednesday.

\* March scholastics orders have been sent home. I will put in the order on the 23rd.

Curriculum:

**Spelling:** Our words this week are: **chip, chop, ship, shop, each**. Bonus: **March**

**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 Tuesday now

**Math:** We're continuing to explore different ways to measure the things around us. We will have a project due on Friday.

**Creation Studies:** We are learning about the sky, seasons and weather. We completed our seasons wheel last week.

**Homework:** The regular sheet is back, please return on Thursday. If you have any questions about the 100 chart activity, please let me know.

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### Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

Who would have thought we'd get a long weekend? I enjoyed getting caught up and some tobogganing.

**Scholastic** flyers are going home today for March. You can order online or with the paper. Please have orders in by March 11.

This week:

Monday: There's nothing big happening today. We are learning about money in Grade 3 so please encourage your child to practice. Grade 2 is learning about adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.

Tuesday:

Wednesday: It's **library** day! Please do your best to remember your books.

Thursday: French test on choosing the best word to finish the sentence.

Friday: **Spelling** Test

Group 1: word, work, world, were, first, girl, turned, learn, bird, fire, here, nurse, jury, stirred, wear

Group 2: you, your, yes, yell, drop, line, side, dress, draw, saw

Group 3: five, time, like, dime, ride, nine, my, by

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### Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

**Let's try this week again ...**

**IKnowIt** - There is a new assignment on [iknowit.com](http://iknowit.com) (Fractions) 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.

**Math** - We are finished our unit on translations, rotations and reflections (slides, turns, flips). We will have our quiz on TUESDAY.

**Spelling** - We will continue to work 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

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### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

Because of the snow last week, a lot of things have been pushed back into this week.

**Bible:** Bible review today and Wednesday. Test on Friday.

**Word Work:** Lesson 21 test on Tuesday. Lesson 22 test on Friday.

**Social Studies:** Our current unit is “Our American Neighbours”.

**Math:** We are working on fractions. Jump Math test today. We will continue with our fractions unit.

**Writing:** We are going to start working on the elements of a story that we hope to use to create a big work of fiction

**Literature:** Students have completed their board games for *The Magician’s Nephew* and we will spend a few periods playing the various games that have been created.

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### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel**

Welcome back after a few days off. Because of the snow days, I have moved a few things around because of the snow days.

**History** - Tests have been returned. All tests should be signed and returned as soon as possible.

**Geography** - Quizzes have been returned as well. They do not have to be returned.

Short presentations will happen on Wednesday, March 4.

**French** - Presentations will take place on Thursday, March 5.

**WWW** - Unit 13 work and test on Friday, March 6.

**Guided Reading** - Crazy Carl questions due tomorrow (March 3) and After Twenty Years questions due on Friday.

**Art** - Sketchbook assignment set 2 due on Thursday, March 5.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink**

**Bible** – This week we are finishing up our unit on Proverbs. Groups were made to look back at the themes we have learned and to create a drama that showcases those themes in specific verses in Proverbs and other books of the Bible. Today at the end of class, the drama should be written and students should come prepared to create and put the final pieces together on Wednesday. Presentations will be on Friday. All handouts are to be handed in completed and in order on Wednesday for participation marks for this unit.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** Our Data Management test is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3. Our next units will be Percent for Grade 7 and Geometry for Grade 8. Unit homework papers will be given to the students and daily homework will be required.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Science:** This week we will be working on our mouse trap cars. Start looking for materials and planning your car. We will have some in-class time to build it. We are going to test the cars on Friday.

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