

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

When I turn the news on the television, a significant amount of time is dedicated to the Covid-19 virus. Initially it felt like it was a distant issue for us in rural Ontario, but more and more cautions are being provided for everyone. Friday, I received emails with information from Christian Schools International, Edvance Christian Schools, and the North Perth Health Unit. There is a heightened awareness for schools.

As a summary, the message is that we should not panic. Be aware and practice good hygiene. Here are some good ideas shared in those emails.

- As of March 5, 2020, the risk in Ontario for the human-to-human spread of COVID-19 is still considered low.
- The confirmed cases in Ontario are all associated with travel to affected areas.
- Although the infection can be life-threatening, most people who have been infected with COVID-19 have not been severely ill.

What schools should do

- Students/children and staff who are ill with fever and/or infectious respiratory symptoms should stay home from school
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth
- Practice good respiratory etiquette – cough or sneeze into a tissue or flexed elbow and dispose of used tissues
- Practice hand hygiene – wash hands with plain soap and water; use alcohol-based hand sanitizers where handwashing sinks are not available
- Keep all sinks in washrooms, kitchens and classrooms well-stocked with handwashing supplies
- Surgical masks are NOT recommended

Travel recommendations

March break is coming up. If students and their families are planning to travel or returning from travel, the current recommendations are:

- Check the [Public Health Agency of Canada – Travel Health Notices](#) webpage before you go for the latest advisories
- Be aware that the situation may change while you are away and you may get stranded where you are, or you may be required to self-isolate at home upon your return
- It is always good practice to [monitor your health](#) after you return from travelling. If you become sick, inform your healthcare provider of your travel history.
- Take [regular infection control measures](#) while you are travelling to prevent getting sick.

We continue to pray for those effected by the virus, those in virus affected areas, those currently in isolation, and for those researching cures and protective strategies.

SCHOOL NEWS

LCS Spring Auction - Friday, March 27, 2020 in the school gym. Dinner and silent auction will begin at 6:00pm followed by our live auction at 7:30pm. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent or goods. We appreciate your support of Christian Education in this community. Hope to see you there! Please note that there is no babysit provided at this event. Please keep an eye on your children if you bring them with you.

Auction Kitchen: Preparations are in full swing! We are 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 any time before 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).

Library Books: We are still noticing a number of library books being damaged by water. In an effort to improve this we are suggesting that all students leave their water bottles at school for the week. They can bring them home on Friday for a good washing and return them on Monday. We will also be supplying some classes with stronger

and more durable zip-lock bags and hope for improved protection. As you return library books with your child, please ensure they are in the bag and it is closed. We thank you for helping us protect the books.

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. Please send all inquiries or applications to Ed Boelens at principal@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Croquette orders: The deadline to order is this **Friday, March 13th**. Please contact Gerda Bakker (519-955-3925 / bakkerdairy1@gmail.com) for more information.

Spring Cleaning: The Bazaar committee is looking for items such as old craft items, décor items and good used toys, that you might be parting with as you do some cleaning or ‘sprucing up’ around your home this spring. Please bring these items to the school. Contact Lauren Wilting (519-498-3125) for more information.

Student Leadership: On Friday March 13th, 2020 we will host a pyjama day at school and a movie afternoon. Come dressed in your best pyjamas. Bring a water bottle to the movie. See you there!

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 to school no later 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.

Easter/Spring Communicator: All submissions for the Easter/Spring issue of the Communicator are due to the office by Friday, March 27 (office@listowelchristianschool.ca).



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Derek N - Mar 9 Landon T – Mar 16 William R – Mar 20 Weston V – Mar 22

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
March	April
9 – Board meeting	6 – Gift Card orders due
10 – Musical practice (3:15 – 4:20)	10 – Good Friday (no school)
11 – Boys basketball practice (3:30 – 4:30)	13 – Easter Monday (no school)
12 – Assembly at 9:00am	21 – New Student Registration Day
12 – Musical practice (3:15 – 4:20)	21 – Grade 7 Immunization clinic
13 – Croquette orders are due to the school	27 – Membership Meeting & Membership Vision Night with Ray Hendriks
16 – 20 March Break (no school)	
24 – Musical Practice (3:15 – 4:20)	
25 – Pizza Day (Domino’s)	
26 – Musical Practice (3:15 – 4:20)	
27 – Croquettes ready for pick up	
27 – Spring Auction (NEW DATE)	
30 – Term 2 Report Card go home	

SPORTS

Basketball: This tournament has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 8. The boys plan to practice Wednesday after school 3:30 - 4:45. The girls will continue to practice on Thursday at lunch.

School Theme – The Fruit of the Spirit “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5: 22-23 (NIV)

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We will continue to look at Nursery Rhymes this week specifically *Humpty Dumpty* and we will do an experiment with an egg!

For **show and tell** this week Zion and Henry will be on Tuesday and Drew and Skylar will be on Thursday.

Our **focus letter** this week is U and we will practice the sound of U with the Jolly Phonics song.

In our **workbooks**, we will learn how to print letter N and practice printing some shapes as well.

In **math**, we will continue to recognize numbers by looking in books and stories.

In **Bible**, we learn about the Lord's Prayer and the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

In **health**, we begin a unit about our 5 senses.

Thursday will be Pyjama day in JK! Since we won't be here on Friday for the schoolwide pyjama day we will have our own! Students can wear their pj's and may bring in a favourite book or stuffy.

I wish all of you a safe, happy March Break next week!

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Show and Tell: On Thursday please bring in an item that begins with the letter Jj.

Math: Recognizing and printing teen numbers

Bible: We will learn about the tabernacle and how the Israelites prepared to enter the promised land

This week we will learn about animals that migrate in the winter and those animals that adapt to winter conditions.

Friday: Pyjama Day - Wear your pyjamas to school. In the afternoon we will be watching *The Lorax* with our school teams. Popcorn will be served. If students could bring a water bottle that would be great.

Library Books: *To prevent our library books from getting ruined with water bottles or wet winter clothing, please send in a water bottle that can stay at school, preferable one that has some kind of lock or press button to open it in order to get a drink. Some water bottle caps flip open easily and the water flows out quickly. Please wrap the book in a plastic bag to prevent it from getting wet from mittens. Any questions please let me know.*

A special thank you to Mrs. Zieleman, Mrs. Rastorfer, Mrs. Oosthuizen, Mrs. L. Hiemstra and Mrs. Wilting for helping us bake random acts of kindness for our school mates.

Have a great March Break! See you March 23rd, 2020

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

The countdown to March Break is on! We have an assembly on Thursday morning and PJ day on Friday! I hope that you all have a wonderful time together as a family next week.

A few notes:

* I am looking for 2 parent volunteers for our mini field trip to the North Perth Public Library on Wed., March 25th. If you are interested, please send me an email.

* 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: **were, where, went, want, very** Bonus: **March**

Language: I have sent home our nonfiction matching activity -please review this with your child.

Bible: We will finish exploring the life of Solomon and learn about the Psalms.

Math: We will have our measurement quiz on Wednesday this week.

Creation Studies: We have learned so much about the earth and sun, now it's time to explore clouds and weather.

Homework: Please continue to read with your child at home -it has been so encouraging to see everyone working hard to move up to the next reading level! Our weekly sheet is due on Thursday.

March Break: I have included a Spring Break Bingo Challenge for students over the break. Hopefully this gives them some fun and thoughtful ideas :)

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

It's the last week before March Break! I am looking forward to a break with my family and pray you all have an enjoyable time as well.

Scholastic is due on Wednesday. A few more coupons for a free book were handed out last week. These coupons are good until the end of school in June.

Assembly: Thursday Mr. K is hosting an assembly with the Grade 5/6 class.

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Friday we may wear our pyjamas to school. We will also be having a team event that day.

Spelling: test is on Friday:

Group 1: aren't, partner, hard, chart, farm, start, large, more, before, horse, north, morning, care, stare, warning

Group 2: boy, toy, oil, soil, other, mother, sister, boil, brother, father

Group 3: gate, rake, name, bake, fine, bike, hide, mine

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Kleenex Boxes: We are officially out of Kleenex boxes! Please send a Kleenex box with each student this week so we are set until the end of the year. Thanks!

IKnowIt: There is a new assignment on iknowit.com (Fractions of Numbers) 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.

Cursive: Last week we did uppercase letters U and V. Grade 3 pages are 68 and 69, Grade 4 pages are 52, 53, 54, 55. Due THURSDAY

Bible: We are finished our unit on King Saul’s Reign. We will be reviewing this week and having our quiz on FRIDAY.

Spelling: We are going to work on Unit 24 words this week. There is NO dictation for this unit since this is a review week.

Memory Work: NO Memory Work this week.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French: I will be conduction oral and written tests this week. Students will be shown a picture and will be asked to tell me anything they can about the picture or what they think is happening. The writing will be the same format. If your child(ren) is going to be leaving early this week, I'd love to know so I can complete their test before they leave. Thanks.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: This week we will start a new unit, *Jesus’ Resurrection*.

Word Work: Lesson 23 test on Friday.

Social Studies: Our current unit is “Our American Neighbours.” This week we will be learning the US states. Practice quiz on Wednesday and Thursday, final quiz on Friday.

Math: We will continue with our fractions, decimals and percent 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.

Language: We will be working intensively on reviewing a range of grammar and punctuation skills.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic: Due this Thursday, March 12.

French: I will be conduction oral and written tests this week. Students will be shown a picture and will be asked to tell me anything they can about the picture or what they think is happening. The writing will be the same format. If your child(ren) is going to be leaving early this week, I'd love to know so I can complete their test before they leave. Thanks.

Health presentations: Due Thursday. If the group needs to record either sound or video, they should have it done and ready to share by Thursday.

Have a wonderful week and a fabulous week of rest and rejuvenation next week through March Break!

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink

Bible: This week we are starting a new unit focusing on prayer. Final project pages from our last unit are going home today. Ask your child to see the play they created around one of the themes in the book of Proverbs.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Our next units will be *Percent* for Grade 7 and *Geometry* for Grade 8. Unit homework papers will be given to the students today and daily homework will be required.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: We are going to complete testing the mousetrap cars on Wednesday.

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