

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

This morning we began our staff meeting with Mrs. Hiemstra sharing a devotional on ending strong and finishing the race right to the end with the intention of winning the prize. Ending well has been a topic of our staff for a while.

As we shared our stories through Zoom, clearly the recent highlights have been the visits the teachers made to the homes of their students. It was good for each of them to see their students face to face. Sometimes students would eagerly welcome the teacher, hardly waiting until a vehicle stopped before they tried to open the door. Stories were told, pets were introduced, and relationships were renewed. I am sure it varied by the students' grade level, but I heard that in all cases, there was something very satisfying and good about the visit.

It was good for the teachers too. We missed the interactions and the visits allowed that part of the teacher-student relationship to emerge for a short time. Teachers also felt encouraged by the parents. Thanks for your words of encouragement.

As I heard the stories, I summarized that part of our meeting saying that maybe ending strong and ending well was not about finishing with that perfectly designed, culminating assignment. Maybe it was renewing the relationships we missed through this school closure. We value people and these visits were about connecting people.

Thank you for welcoming the teachers to your home. Thank you for your hospitality. Thank you for your partnership and your investment in your children and their education. We, teachers and students, could not have done it without you.

We are finished the "race", the school year of 2019-2020. We have finished well. It is time for a sabbath rest. Enjoy!

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Battle of the Books** - If you have ANY Battle of the Book books at home, please bring them to school on Wednesday. They can be put with the rest of the library books. Thanks!

### **Student Leadership ~ JUNE TEAM EVENT!**

The Student Leadership would like to encourage you to participate in our very first VIRTUAL WATER FUN DAY!! We have come up with 5 different water fun activities for you to participate in. You can complete all 5 or just pick and choose what works for you. Points will be awarded to each student and staff that participates!

#1 Water Gun Target Shooting ~Fill up your water gun, take a few giant steps backwards and blast away 6 cups stacked in a pyramid

#2 Over Under ~Find a minimum of four people to participate. Line up in a row behind a large container filled with water. Place an empty bucket behind the last player in the row. Give the first person a sponge. On GO, the first player wets the sponge and passes it over his head (over) to the second player. The second player passes it through her legs (under) to the third player. Players continue to pass the sponge over and under until it reaches the end of the row. The last player in the row squeezes the water out of the sponge into the empty bucket and runs to the front of the line. This repeats until everyone is back in their original position. How much water will you have? Try to fill a 2 litre or 4 litre or 6 litre container!

#3 How Far Can You Throw It? ~See how far you can toss a water balloon to another person without it breaking!

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#4 Drip, Drip, Drop ~Think of the game Duck, Duck, Goose. Everyone sits in a circle. One person is "it." They fill a sponge with water from a bucket. Starting where they were sitting, the "it" person gently drips a drip of water on the next person's head and says, "drip." Play continues with drips until the "it" squeezes all of the water on someone's head and says, "DROP." That person then chases the "it" around the circle, trying to beat them back to their original space. This game can also be played with a throwaway cup that has a nail hole in the bottom of it and you can dump the whole cup on someone's head.

#5 Enjoy a Cool Treat ~Take a picture of yourself with your favourite summer treat!

Please post photos or videos of these activities to our Facebook Parent Page or email them to [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca) or [j.hiemstra@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:j.hiemstra@listowelchristianschool.ca). Have fun!

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

**June 17 – Last day of school**

### BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Bethany B – June 17    Henk B – June 18

Congratulations to 39 students who hope to celebrate their birthday during the summer holidays!



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## FROM THE CLASSROOMS

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We made it! Tuesday is our last day of JK!

Tuesday morning at 9:30am we have our last Zoom meeting! I am looking forward to seeing you all one last time before summer. I hope you can all join us to celebrate summer birthdays and watch a slideshow of our year.

Wednesday you each will have a time slot to come to the school to pick up any remaining items and report cards. There are tables set up in the front foyer and I have put a labeled, resealable bag, with artwork, a journal and a few extra things at your family's designated spot. Please note your scheduled time from the school office's email that was sent out earlier.

I want to thank you all for allowing me the pleasure of teaching your children this year. I so enjoyed getting to know these students and, even though the year didn't end the way we hoped, I had a great year with them. I hope that they had fun learning and playing too. I hope you all have an amazing summer!

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### Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Congratulations SK on graduating from SK!! You and your parents have worked hard throughout this third term. It has been amazing to watch you grow at school and at home. I wish you a great summer break. Keep exploring God's creation and marvel at His creativity and His love for us and for every living creature around us. Keep on reading with your family! May God bless you till our paths cross again at LCS!

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### Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Mrs. Van Veen is driving to your house and wishing you all a great summer in person!

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### **Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus**

We have done it!! We have made it to the end. There were tears, tantrums, and terrific times. This was a hard year for many of us but I am very proud of you all. I have one little writing assignment I would like you to do or me.

#### **Here's your assignment:**

Tell me one thing you've learned this year....

Tell me one memory you had this year.....

Tell me one thing you missed this year.....

And tell me one thing you are looking forward to this summer or in Grade 3 or 4....

I wish you all an amazing summer. I will miss you as I've missed you already. I also want to take a moment to say good-bye to Caralie as she's moving out of the area. We will miss you, Caralie!

And a happy birthday to my June babies: Alexa and William; and my summer baby: Justin.

Final Zoom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday for the whole class at 10:00am. Invite to follow.

I love you all, big hugs from,  
Mrs. Claus

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### **Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman**

Welcome to our last week of school! Below is a list of activities to end off the year! All information and the documents for these activities were sent by email.

A big thank you to parents and students of Grade 3/4! We have dealt with the challenge of remote learning and have ended the year off well! Thank you for your hard work and dedication during these last few months. Enjoy your well-deserved summer! - Mrs. D.

#### **Track and Field**

- Compete in the 100m, standing and running long jump, and ball throw!
- Instructions for each event and a page to record results on were sent by email.
- Winners for each event will be announced by email on Friday!

#### **Tongue Twister Challenge**

- Pick one of 4 tongue twisters and record students saying it as best they can!
- Instructions and the list of tongue twisters were sent by email.
- Winners and a video of student entries will be sent by email on Friday!

#### **Virtual Field Trip**

- Explore McDougall Cottage and learn about what the Scottish emigrants would have brought with them when they arrived in Upper Canada!
- Links and a number of questions that go with each video were sent by email.
- There are other virtual field trip options to explore, like Schneider Haus and the Waterloo Region Museum as well! Links were included in an email.

#### **Father's Day Card**

- Happy Early Father's Day to all the fathers out there!
- Instructions for cards, with examples and templates, were sent by email - choose from a Cellphone or Toolkit card!
- Give the card to a father, grandfather, or uncle!

**Missing Work** - Attached to this week's email is the document I sent last week about how to find any missing work from this term. Instructions show how to find missing work on Google Classroom, Epic, and IKnowIt. On Google Classroom, the same page where you find missing work you can find students' overall marks for each subject. Please finish any missing work by Tuesday night.

**Epic / IKnowIt Websites**- These websites will be available over the summer months for any students who want to continue reading or working on math skills throughout the summer. Typing, Spelling City, and Brain Pop will also be available!

**Scholastic Book Orders** - Don't forget to order books for summer reading! Free delivery, on orders over \$30 using the class code (RC155098) is available until the end of June. Order online through this website:

[www.scholastic.ca/clubshop](http://www.scholastic.ca/clubshop). Make sure to enter the class code at checkout.

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### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel**

**French:** Well done! You have worked hard this year! If you would like to keep practicing French over the summer, I'll leave our classroom on duolingo up and running. I'm looking forward to seeing you again in the fall, have a wonderful summer!

### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

The final week of the school year is here and usually that brings much excitement. I think students are ready for a break, yet we are unsure how the summer will develop. Whatever comes our way, I want to wish you God's nearness and blessing in the coming months. I am looking forward to welcoming the grade 5 students back to my class in the fall and wish the grade 6 students the very best in grade 7. Our final class zoom meeting is on Tuesday, June 16 at 11:00. Have your kites ready to show off.

**Bible:** Our final Bible unit is on Paul's travels, arrest, and Journey to Rome. I will post a short open book quiz on Tuesday to wrap up the unit.

**Math:** Our final unit is on probability. Both classes are completing a unit review or unit problem for Wednesday.

**Writing:** Please write your classroom goodbyes in the doc I will post on Tuesday.

**Science:** Keep looking after your plants and seeds and take a picture this week and add them to the "Grow Challenge" slides. Students hope to share their kites in the zoom meeting on Tuesday.

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### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink**

**Bible:** Again, there are no new assignments this week. Everything has been marked and returned. Enjoy the extra time and try the great water activities that Student Leadership has given!

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel**

Wow! You did it! It has been a very different year than other years, for sure. You stuck with it and for the most part stayed focused and were willing to try whatever was thrown your way. I'm proud of you all and hope you're able to enjoy your summer holiday. Grade 7's I look forward to seeing you as grade 8's next year! Grade 8's, know that I will be thinking of you and you are welcome to drop by the school and say hi anytime. We will miss you!

For those of you that would like to continue practicing **French** on duolingo or practice typing I will keep the classrooms open so you are able to do that.

#### **This week:**

Monday - Writing assignment. Remind your student to follow instructions carefully. Grade 7's, I'm going to see you this afternoon :). Grade 8 - you will find a document in the art classroom describing how to make your grad silhouette. I would love to see them when they are done!

Tuesday - Our final class meeting will be on Tuesday at 1:30. I would like to have as much of our class together for the last time as a 7/8 class as possible, even if you haven't made it to one before this is our assignment for Tuesday.

Wednesday- enjoy participating in some of the water games and post them on the school parent facebook page. Celebrate the final day of school in proper water game fashion :).

#### **To bring back on Wednesday:**

- classroom books
- library books (including Battle of the Books titles)
- math textbook
- Bible textbook
- Choices and Decisions textbook
- grade 7 only - art sketchbook, French duotang

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** A few Grade 8s are finishing up some assignments. The Grade 7s are completing their test and some students are finishing up some late assignments. By Wednesday everything should be done! Remember to bring your math textbooks to school on Wednesday.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Science:** Fluids Unit Review due on Wednesday.

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