

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As mentioned last week our theme for this year is to focus on serving our neighbour. When I think of my own personal situation at home, we know all our immediate neighbours. We know each other by name, we say "Hi" when we meet each other, and we would help each other when needed. If they asked for a cup of sugar, we wouldn't hesitate to give it and we wouldn't expect the cup returned later. The term neighbour brings those same feelings for many of you too I am sure.

Jesus challenges us to expand our neighbourhood. It's not just the people who live next door and it's not just about sharing a cup of sugar – that would be too simple. Jesus teaches us about neighbours through the Good Samaritan and the wedding banquet stories, as well as His commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus doesn't just expand our geographical neighbours, but He also expands our economic, cultural, and today racial and denominational, boundaries. Our neighbours are anyone we meet who we can share the gospel with and is willing to hear it. For them, we not only share a cup of sugar, but we must be willing to share everything with them. They are our brothers and sisters.

Fully understanding this doesn't happen in a short year. It may take years, decades or maybe even a lifetime. However, we are willing to begin the journey with our students. We are going to investigate "Who is my neighbour?" and then respond with a call to action by "Learning to live like Jesus". It is our hope and prayer that throughout our year together, students and staff will learn more about the inclusivity of the gospel, the invitation for all to come to the banquet, and the challenge for people to live peacefully with one another.

We hope you join us on our journey of learning to live like Jesus.

SCHOOL NEWS

Weekly Messenger: If you would like to receive the Weekly Messenger by email only, please contact Jessica Playford at the office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca).

MPP Letters: Throughout this Covid-19 pandemic, the government financially supported many people. With schools planning to re-open, the government made announcements for funding to ensure that all children will be able to return to school safely. There was government funding to support increased cleaning, supplies, transportation costs, smaller class sizes and more teachers and nurses. However, all that funding has gone directly to the public-school system. All students who attend independent schools are being ignored. These school systems are banding together to make our government aware that the pandemic is "a public health crisis not a public-school health crisis" and therefore funding to support the safe return to school for all students should follow the student and not the school system. Please consider supporting this lobbying effort by printing off the letter to your MPP, signing it, and sending it to him/her. Let's make our voice heard.

Student Leadership: Student Leadership has a new team this year! A special thanks to Levi, Gerrit, Scott, Luke, Henk, Cole, Logan, Bethany and Charis for taking on the leadership opportunities throughout the 2020-2021 school year. It will look different this year, in the sense that we will complete the events with our class but score points for our teams. We will have spirit days and team events every month and will lead virtual assemblies every other month. For our first Spirit Day, we would like to honour Childhood Cancer Awareness by wearing something gold or yellow. It can be a gold or yellow shirt or any piece of clothing, gold jewelry or anything with gold on it. Please do not buy anything new. Spirit days are meant to be simple.

We will also be collecting a toonie for Terry Fox. On Tuesday September 29th, 2020, please wear gold and bring \$2 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Any questions please contact Mrs. Hiemstra by email at j.hiemstra@listowelchristianschool.ca or Mrs. Heida at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca

School Theme – "Who is My Neighbour...Learning to Love Like Jesus!"

From the Library: The library is also planning to reopen starting **Sept 29**. More details to follow but expect your child to have library a different day of the week and they will only go once every two weeks to help us meet the COVID protocols. If you have received an email regarding a book still out from last year, please send it back as soon as possible so we can close out 2019/20. We look forward to seeing the students soon.

Student Forms: Please return the Student Profile form, the Parent Daily Screening Protocol form, Digital Media Release form, and the Volunteer Opportunities form to the office as soon as possible. Just a reminder to read through and sign the **back** of the Student Profile form.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
September	October
28 – Return Student Profile form, Digital Media Release form and Volunteer Opportunities form	12 – Thanksgiving Day – No school
29 – SPIRIT DAY! Wear gold/yellow and bring a toonie for the Terry Fox Foundation.	26 – LCS information Evening 7-9 pm
	29/30 – Edvance Convention – No school

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Sept 21- James Thalen Sept 22- Hudson Kikkert
Sept 27- Zachary Slotegraaf



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We are beginning our farm theme this week! We will be making paper plate farm animals and learning the song "Down on Grandpa's Farm". On Thursday we will be doing an experiment with milk!

In **language** this week, we will continue to look at letters in our names and practice recognizing the names of our classmates as well with a matching activity using our photos and our names.

In **math**, we will talk about describing words and sort objects using describing words.

In **Bible**, we continue our creation unit by learning how God made the sun, moon and stars, as well as sea life and birds.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Thank you for the beautiful gift of flowers, cards and ice cream cake that I could enjoy with my students to celebrate my birthday. It was so so yummy! Yes, we did lick our plates! (:

This week we will be reviewing letters G, H, I and J. We are wondering how to build them, do we need straight lines or curvy lines, big lines or little lines? We will be hunting letters with finger lights and feather ticklers. We will be working on sequencing stories and alphabet letters to G. We will be participating in listening activities such as Simon Says, Mother, May I and Freeze Dance.

In **math**, we will be working on sorting objects by colour and counting objects 1 by 1. Every day in small groups, we will work on printing numbers to 5.

In **Bible**, we will learn about God creating the sun, moon and stars and all the fish in the sea and the birds of the air.

During **Phys-Ed**, we will bounce balls and see if we can catch them.

Theme work will include our favourite food, favourite colours and who are our friends.

Any questions please contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Grade 1 – Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Hi, Grade 1 Team! Here is a brief summary of our focus this week:

Sight Words: at, be, this, have, from, or, one, had, by, words.

Memory Verse for the next two weeks: 1 John 3:16

School Theme – "Who is My Neighbour, ... Learning to Love Like Jesus!"

We are examining shapes this week, especially how they present in the exterior of our neighbour's homes. We are also exploring "a" word families (-at, -an, -ad, -ap), rhyming words, as well as numbers 0-20 written in words.

We are also learning about the weather's temperature, addition and subtract with numbers up to 12, and just beginning to read the time presented digitally.

In **Bible**, we are studying God's love, his love for others, and biblical friendly advice.

Grade 1 – Ms. ten Brink

Creation Studies- We are continuing to discover maps and this week and will look at who is our neighbour. We will start using headphones soon in Grade 1. If you haven't sent headphones to school yet, please do so this week.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

BIBLE: Memory words from James 1:19 "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." We will have an oral assessment this Wednesday, September 23. We are starting an Old Testament review this week. Pray it will be a wonderful reminder to students that God keeps His promises, is always in control, and we can rely on Him.

MATH: Our math classes will focus on more, fewer, less as well as making ten, counting practice and number sense routines.

PHONICS: Phonemic awareness happens as we collect words with lessons on beginning, middle and end consonant sounds, as well as short vowel sounds.

SIGHT WORDS (3 seconds or less): *because many green or read*

READING: All strategies we learn in class are being posted daily to Seesaw. Keep reading at home! Students are building stamina in Reader's Workshop, while practicing their strategies. Mrs. Dykstra is choosing good fit books for a few more weeks.

WRITING WORKSHOP: Focus this week will be the writing process, adding detailed illustrations, and simple editing. Journal prompts continue to be the mainstay of our writing time.

SPELLING: Here are the words to be tested on Friday, September 25: on, not, but, at, had, in, did, get, red, hot. Bonus challenge: *because, green*

SCIENCE: Experiments galore this week in our study of God's amazing states of matter - check Seesaw to see our adventures.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Claus

We had an awesome full week last week. We are beginning to get back into the swing of things.

On Tuesday we plan to head to **Listowel Florist for art class**. We will be looking at God's beautiful creation.

In **Bible**, we have Memory Work: Nehemiah 9:11 "You divided the sea before them, so that they passed through it on dry ground, but you hurled their pursuers into the depths, like a stone into mighty waters."

Spelling Test on Friday: *said, ask, stand, catch, eight, afraid, away, always, playing, waved, takes, than, great, they, prey.*

If your child receives homework it is because they were unable to finish it in class. Please do not spend more than 30 minutes on homework. This can be broken up. Let me know if this is working.

Grade 4– Mrs. Delleman

Math - We have finished Unit 1 on Number Patterns. Students will have a quiz on THURSDAY for the unit.

They will need to know the difference between a number and position pattern, how to write pattern rules, how to complete a number pattern, how to find the core of a repeating pattern, and how to identify and write patterns in addition and subtraction equations. They will take home their duotangs that have "Quick Reviews" for them to study from. I will also be sending home Smartboard notes of everything that we have completed in class by email on the Wednesday night before the quiz.

Cursive - Lowercase C (bottom two sections of page 8) is due on WEDNESDAY.

Spelling - Unit 2 Dictation is on FRIDAY. The words are: *hop, mud, there, hunt, frog, buzz, their, rocks, such, swam, clock, shop, bug, cup* (Words are on spellingcity as well).

Memory Work - due FRIDAY - Matthew 22:39 - "And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."

Important Websites: Here is a list of several websites we will be using throughout the year, and each one is available for use at home as well.

- Tumblebooks (kpl.org/databases/T - click on the link on the page)
- Epic (getepic.com - log in using class code: vke8835)
- Vooks (vooks.com - log in with my email (t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca) and password: lcs12345)
- Typing (typing.com - log in with username (first four letters of first and last name) and password: lcs12345)
- Spelling City (spellingcity.com - search for Mrs. Delleman under teachers)

If you have any questions about how to log onto each website, please let me know and I will send a set of instructions.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, we are working on completing the first unit, a unit on the covenants God made in the Old Testament. We will have review today and tomorrow with a Bible test on Wednesday.

Math has started with a patterning unit. We completed a practice test 1 on Friday and will be doing some additional review today. Our test is on Tuesday.

Our first **social studies** unit is "From Far and Wide", a unit on Canada and its wealth of resources. This week will focus on weather and transportation.

Spelling lesson 2 assignment to be completed by Wednesday, unit 2 spelling test on Friday.

Writing assignment 2 will be posted on Tuesday on our Google classroom page.

PE is on Monday and Wednesday, please have PE clothes (shorts and T-shirt) at school for these days.

In **literature**, we will continue our first novel, From Anna. This week we will complete chapters 5, 6, and 7.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - We are working through some review for the next week yet.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic has changed this year. Orders will be shipped to your house and any order over \$35 supports our classroom. This is the last paper flyer I will be sending home unless more appear at school. Our class code is RC177130 and can also be found on the paper flyer. Remember to look online for some great reads. Alan Gratz, a class favourite, has a few books available as does Gordan Korman and Eric Walters.

Bible - We are beginning our study of the New Testament. Our memory work is Luke 10:25-37, the parable of the Good Samaritan. Second due date is October 2. Some students finished the whole thing the first due date and have this one off, others have approximately half to complete.

Geography - We finished our mapping review and will use these skills throughout the year. We have started our unit on Global Settlement Patterns and Sustainability.

French - we are going to be doing a lot of review work over the next couple weeks before we start into our first unit.

Guided Reading - We will be finishing up our mini-unit on theme this week.

Writing - We are working on a project looking at if our summer were a movie. The writing (including review) and poster for art are due Wednesday, September 23.

Art - We will be finishing our movie poster for our movie (from Writing) this week and working on our art folders.

Working With Words - We are continuing our work on analogies. Students are doing really well and I encourage them to keep up the hard work.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We will continue to work through our assignments for our first unit. Daily homework will be assigned.

Gym: This week we will focus on soccer skills.
