

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are three weeks into school and have learned a lot. Aside from the curriculum, we learned how all the theory and speculation in August regarding restrictions around the school opening have played out. We changed from all the “What ifs?” to “What now?”. At least now we know what we are working with.

Overall, it has been a good start. I applaud each parent for your diligence in daily screening and your attention to your child’s health. Please continue to inform the school office through a phone call or email so that we can track attendance and reasons for absenteeism. I thank you for your commitment to doing your part to keep LCS a healthy place. The students adapted and are wearing their masks in the school and on the bus. Teachers are wearing masks in the school and most of the time while teaching. The staggered recess times are working, and the staggered washrooms times nicely spread out the use of the facilities. We continue with hand sanitizing and hand washing as part of our day. Although that may seem like a lot, if you observe the regular school day, it looks normal.

With the increase in the number of cases in the province and fear of tighter restrictions, we will be making a few changes in the school as well. As a staff we decided that an even higher commitment by all staff to social distance and wearing masks more often is required. We have been good around students, but we need to maintain our commitment when around only staff as well. We are committed to making the school a safe place to work for each employee.

The most significant change we will be making is the restriction to parents and visitors. We started by trying to use the lobby as a gathering place, but it hasn’t worked great. So now we will lock the front door and communicate with visitors in the smaller lobby (between the two double doors). Also, for after school pick up, we will be bringing the children outside when we know you are waiting outside or in the parking lot. Again, we are navigating this pandemic in faith but also in the responsibility God has given us to be good neighbours to each other and care for one another. Following recommendations around safety during this time seems a good idea.

SCHOOL NEWS

FundScrip: Just a reminder that our October FundScrip orders are due Monday, October 5th at MIDNIGHT. Delivery is set for Friday, October 9th to LCS Office. Not a FundScrip supporter yet?!?! Please don’t hesitate to contact Janel Hiemstra at giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com.

Student Leadership: On Tuesday by 9am, Student Leadership will have released their first school themed assembly to all the teachers so that we can all view in our classrooms. Then JK to Grade 2 will have an activity to complete. A picture will be posted for all to see. Grade 3 to Grade 8 are going to play a socially distanced game in their classrooms.

Tuesday is Childhood Cancer Awareness Day, please come to school wearing gold or yellow and bring \$2 to support 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

From the Library: Today we opened the library for the first time. In order to follow Covid protocols we will only be having one class in the library per day. Library days will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, so your child will go to the library every other week. We have planned the following schedule:

Week 1 - **Monday** - Gr. 7/8, **Wednesday** Gr. 4, **Friday** Gr. 2

Week 2 - **Monday** - Gr. 5/6, **Wednesday** Gr. 3, **Friday** Gr. 1

We plan that each week the weekly messenger will include whose turn it will be to come into the library so you can help your child remember to return their books. JK and SK classes will have boxes brought to their classes that they can choose from. More details will follow how library will work for JK/SK soon. Hope everyone enjoys the books!!

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
 Oct 3- Olivia DesJardine

Celebrating this week:



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we will continue our farm theme by painting with straw, doing a horse colour matching activity, and reading some farm stories.

We will be talking about what rules are and deciding what would be good rules for our classroom.

In **language**, we will be using our listening skills to hear different sounds.

In **math**, we will be continuing to look at sorting by sorting people! We will also be looking at opposites.

In **Bible**, we continue with our creation unit and learn about day 6 and day 7 when God created animals, people and then rested.

In **health**, we will learn how in many ways all people are alike, but each person is unique in many ways as well.

Tuesday, students are encouraged to dress in gold or yellow as we support childhood cancer awareness as a school. We also will be supporting the Terry Fox Foundation on Tuesday. You can help by sending in a Toonie with your child for this cause.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Special Activities: Monday a fall walk on the walking path. Thanks to Mrs. Bosman and Mr. Burgsma for volunteering to find “all things fall”. We hope to go between 11:40 and 12:40pm

Tuesday: Childhood Cancer Awareness Day wear yellow or gold. Bring \$2 for Terry Fox Foundation. Our first assembly in our classrooms, led by Student Leadership through video will focus on our school theme, “Who is my neighbour?” Learning to love like Jesus. Ask your child what activity they had to complete.

This week we will be reviewing letters K, L, M, N and learning the sounds they make and what kinds of lines we need to print them. We are working on our listening skills by playing “Mother May I?”. Listening is an important skill so that you can learn to hear instructions and know what is happening in our classroom environment. Also, very important to listen in order to hear letter sounds which is a phonetics skill. We will also be focusing on rhyming words.

Pre-decodable readers are coming home in their envelopes. You may keep these copies. See the note attached.

In **math**, we are sorting and learning counting strategies.

In **Bible**, we are wrapping up the Creation Unit.

The All About Me unit will wrap up this week! A book about your child will soon be sent home.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca

Grade 1 – Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

We are closing in on a fantastic start to the school year! This week, we are focusing on the "teen" numbers (11-19) and temperature for math, the days of Creation in the Bible, word in the "o" family (-op, -ot, -on, -om, -od, -ob, -ock, etc). This week, our sight words are: *she, but, him, up, all, look, her, there, some, out, said*. Our

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

Memory Verse is still 1 John 3:16 "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." I am so impressed with how quickly some of the students memorized this! They are so motivated, eager to participate, and hard working. Let's keep it up! Don't forget to remind your child to wear Gold/Yellow tomorrow and bring a Toonie for Terry Fox.

Grade 1 – Ms. ten Brink

Creation Studies- The adventure with maps continues this week. We will be doing some review and talking about who is our neighbour.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

Hello parents! We celebrated this week as each student successfully recited our memory words from James 1:19! We also achieved 20 minutes of reading stamina - woohoo (a small surprise in a white paper bag is coming home today).

BIBLE: new memory words Psalm 105:1:2 "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts." We will have an oral assessment on Wednesday, October 7. After spending last week talking about prayer, Bible lessons have us digging into an Old Testament review and seeing God's ever-present faithfulness.

MATH: "Doubles, doubles, we can add doubles!" Doubles, doubles plus 1, odd and even numbers are being practiced this week. We will have a tiny quiz in math this week so ask Mrs. Dykstra if further instruction for September learning is needed.

SIGHT WORDS (recognize 3 seconds or less): *always cold goes these wish write*

READING WORKSHOP: A new unit! Readers Build Good Habits (check Seesaw for details).

WRITING WORKSHOP: Mentor texts give us lots of ways to see ourselves as writers. We read one every day this week and launch our journals from these engaging picture books.

SPELLING: to be tested Friday, October 2: as, has, fox, box, mix, egg, jam, pet, nap, big Bonus words: always, cold, goes, write. We do practice in a variety of ways in class. Spelling City is an online option for home study, if needed. (search for Mrs. Dykstra at <https://www.spellingcity.com>)

CREATION STUDIES: demonstration experiments this week (duplicate at home if desired)

Review of: solid, liquid, gas, absorption, transparent, opaque, translucent. Learn: buoyancy

LIBRARY: Friday is our first library day! Thank you volunteers for making this happen. Books + students = joy! Families, please enjoy the books and take good care of them for the 2-week cycle (books due Friday, October 16, our next library day).

Grade 3 – Mrs. Claus

We had another fantastic week last week. We had a great time at Listowel Florist and were blessed by Mr. and Mrs. Heeres and their staff. They even posted the arrangements that we helped make on their Facebook page. We also went outside to wonder at the trees on our property for science.

In **Bible**, we started our unit on God's law. Our memory work will be the 10 commandments. It will be due Oct 9.

In **science**, we are learning all about trees and their functions.

In **math**, we are continuing to learn about number sense using our Base Ten Blocks.

In **language**, we are rocking our Daily 5. Please look for a spelling list in your child's backpack as we figure out this new curriculum geared to your child. More info coming.

Grade 4– Mrs. Delleman

Cursive - due WEDNESDAY - lowercase g and q - bottom 2 sections of pages 18 and 42

Memory Work - 1 Kings 17:13a - due FRIDAY - "The Lord warned Israel and Judah, through all its prophets and seers: Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees."

Spelling - Unit 3 Dictation on FRIDAY - Long A words (a_e, ai, ay) - late, nails, paint, safe, saying, takes, wait, were, guns, past, hate, stayed, crayon, holes - the words, along with different activities with these words can be found at [spellingcity.com](https://www.spellingcity.com) (click "Search" --> type "Mrs. Delleman" and click on my name --> click on Grade 4 Unit 3 --> click Games). Any questions, please let me know!

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

Looking Ahead:

- 1) Next week students will begin having a weekly IKnowIt assignment for Math to be completed at home. Information on logins will be sent in next week's Messenger. The website will be introduced to students this week. These assignments are important to complete because they solidify concepts of Math learned in class and provide extra practice.
- 2) It is likely that we will have a Bible quiz next Wednesday and a Creation Studies quiz next Thursday. More details to follow next week. Smartboard notes will be sent home for each quiz. If you do NOT want Smartboard notes sent to you for quizzes, please let me know!

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, we are working on a new unit, "The Last Days of Judah." Memory work this week Friday is Jeremiah 17 : 7-10

In **math**, we have started a new unit entitled "Whole Numbers". We will do lots of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing in the next while.

Our first **social studies** unit is "From Far and Wide", a unit on Canada and its wealth of resources. This week will research the natural resources of the various Canadian provinces and territories.

Spelling: Lesson 3 assignment to be completed by Wednesday, unit 3 spelling test on Friday. Writing assignment 2 is due on Tuesday, 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 9, 10 and 11. This week we will start our fall MAP testing. I am planning to have our reading test on Tuesday morning.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - We are working through some review for the next week yet. We will be starting some new work next week.

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 number of books available as does Gordon 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 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 are going to be reading and analyzing a few short stories that all follow the same theme.

Writing - We are starting learning how to add interest and variety to writing.

Art - We are going to be working on the Name of Jesus art.

Working With Words - Level 7 and 8 analogies are due tomorrow, Tuesday, September 29. From there, we will be starting our first unit looking at the Greek and Latin roots of words which help both with spelling words and being able to understand them.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We will continue to work through our assignments for our first unit. We should be finishing up this unit and preparing for a test next week Tuesday. Several assignments will be given to be handed in this week. Ask your son/daughter if they are keeping up! They should have a homework assignment sheet in their folder.

Gym: Weather permitting, we will continue with soccer. If not, we will move indoors for cooperative games.