

October 13, 2020

## Principal's Corner

Over the last few weeks, students in Grades 3 – 8 have been doing MAP tests (Measure of Academic Progress). We began using these standardized tests a few years ago. The interesting aspect to these tests is that they adapt to each student. If the student is consistently getting questions correct, they are prompted with more difficult questions. If they are getting them incorrect, they adapt to different questions. Eventually the test will find a balance that represents the student's current level of learning and progress. As a result, each student's test is unique. We offer these tests three times a year which enables us to monitor the progress of each student, not even just within a grade level but also over the years. We want to ensure that each student and each class continues to grow academically.

The tests cover the three core learning areas: reading, language, and mathematics. Even within those categories, students receive scores on sub categories. All of this means that teachers receive a flurry of information that helps us better understand the working level of each student and teach to that level. It may help us create working groups for class assignments, either at a student's level or within a variety of levels to support each other. There are a number of ways we utilize and adapt based on these results.

Communicating results to parents is difficult because they are so individualized, and they use educational statistics that are not commonly understood. The best we can do is share results with you during parent-teacher conferences.

MAP results have been a useful tool for us. We value the results.

## October Events

23 - Wacky Mask Day  
26 - LCS Information Evening  
7-9 pm  
29/30 - Edvance Convention  
(no school)

## Birthday Corner

Oct 15  
Jenna & Cameron



## November Events

20 - PA Day (no school)  
23 - Fall Membership Meeting  
30 - First Term Report Cards  
go home

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

I hope that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving weekend and were able to celebrate God's goodness to us, even if celebrations looked different than other years. This week we will be looking at pumpkins and what is inside a pumpkin. We will be decorating foam pumpkins and learning the rhyme "Five Little Pumpkins".

Our **focus letter** this week is the letter Bb and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for B. We will be using our Handwriting Without Tears workbooks for the first time to trace shapes.

In **math** this week, we will be introduced to probability with the lesson "Could it Happen?" We will also practice counting by counting who is in our families.

In **Bible**, we will complete our first unit by learning about the flood and the rainbow. Then we will begin a new unit about Abraham and God's promise to him.

In **Health**, we will learn more about the feelings happy and angry.

Tuesday will be our first **Library** day. Students will be able to choose a book from a selection provided to us from the library and will be able to take the book home for 2 weeks before returning it to choose a new book.

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving weekend! Some of the things we were thankful for last week were Mom and Dad, my dog, my toys, food, Oma, my baby brother, my baby sister... This week we continue on with counting our blessings.

In **language arts**, we are learning to count the number of words per sentence and learning that a sentence tells us something. We are focusing on letters S, T, and U. We will continue to practice our rhyming skills.

This week our new **sight word** is "see". Please keep on reading the sight word books and pre decodable readers with your child.

In **math**, we are learning to print the numbers 1, 2, and 3 and learning to count objects one by one. This week we will add numbers 4 and 5.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Noah and the ark with an emphasis on God keeping His promises.

For our **Fall unit**, we will learn about apples and see what apple we like the best. Will it be a green granny smith, a red royal gala or a yellow delicious apple? Have a great week!

### Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. We are thankful to be back in the school building for another week for learning.

Last week, we launched **Seesaw** and were able to share quotes and photos of your children with you. If you have not accepted the invitation via email, please do so. If you did not receive an invitation, please let me know. Note that Seesaw is secure and provides the option for sharing with just our class.

Last week, we also had our first **Library** session of the year. Please treat the books with respect. I will remind you when the books need to be returned. Additionally, we ended last Friday by creating art work for the LCS cookbook. Stay tuned for that!

This week, our **Sight Words** are: did, what, so, see, not, were, get, them, like, one, this

We are exploring more "i" Word Families like endings -in, -id, -ig, -ip, -it.

We are adding to our **Memory Verse**, Mark 12:30-31: "Love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

In **Bible**, we are learning about The Call of Abram, and Lot's Choice.

In **math**, we seem to understand that "teen" numbers start with a 1, which means they have a group of 10. Hurray! Please exaggerate that there is a major difference between numbers like eighteen and eighty. We will continue to solidify this concept all year long. We are also working on addition. Students are using number lines and 10 Frames to solve addition equations. It is so exciting to see them develop this life long skill. I will also introduce the concept of subtraction and analogue clocks this week.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out on Seesaw or email [j.boekestyn@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:j.boekestyn@listowelchristianschool.ca)

### Grade 1 – Ms. ten Brink

**Creation Studies**- We are spending some time reviewing what we have learned about maps this week, looking at bird's eye view and whether something is in front, behind or beside. If the weather is nice we will finish up with taking a walk to see what is on our street at school to draw a map.

# School News

### From the Library

It is Week 1!  
Wednesday - Gr. 4  
Friday - Gr. 2

### Student Leadership

For the month of October, we will be collecting food donations for the Salvation Army. All the food will be sorted according to student teams with a challenge to bring food items that will create the heaviest weight. All food must be in by Friday October 23rd, 2020.

### Our Spirit Day will be Wacky Mask Day on Friday October 23!

### Employment

We are accepting applications for an intermediate (Grade 7-8) teaching position beginning this December to cover a maternity leave. If you are interested, please send your resume to Ed Boelens at: [principal@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:principal@listowelchristianschool.ca)

More school news on the next page...



### Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

My hope and prayer was that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

**Bible:** Memory words due Wednesday, October 21: Psalm 105:4 (NIV) “Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.” This week we will be creating dramatizations of the cycle of Judges. We will wonder about what we can learn from the book of Judges in light of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

We have a few craft activities we did not finish last week that we will get to enjoy to solidify our learning.

**Math:** Number words to twenty and ordinal numbers will be our focus this week.

**Language:** We are building our reading habits and continue participating in small book clubs (guided reading). Writing lessons: *Catch a Small Moment: Writing Small Moment Stories with Independence.*

We are “zooming in” from our planning stages to working on writing personal narratives. In **grammar**, we will be talking about and playing games with compound words and capitalization. In **word work**, we will be studying blends and digraphs through a variety of activities.

**Spelling words** for Friday, October 16: up, it, him, I, for, or, for, we, man, men.

**Sight words** (bonus spelling words): been, does, off, five

**Creation Studies:** Last week students completed a short assessment for our unit on Matter in God’s World and it is coming home today. Our cargo carrying contest takes place today! Whose boat will hold the most cargo?

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Welcome back after a nice long weekend where we could reflect on what we were thankful for.

MAP testing is complete for most students. I just need to test those who were absent on a testing day.

In **math**, we are continuing our work on skip counting by 2s, 5, and 10s. We will end the week including 3s and 4s in our skip counting. We have been noticing patterns in the ones digits when we skip count.

In **Bible**, we are ending our unit on God's Laws. On Friday, we will be going through the review sheets and students should expect a test the following Monday.

In **science**, we have discovered why leaves change colour. We will be having a quiz on Photosynthesis on Friday. We will fill in a review sheet together on Thursday for students to take home.

In **language**, we are working with our words for a second week. Our spelling test will be on Friday. The words are the same ones you received last week: next, left, help, please, believe, many, very, been, seen, she, between, three, easy, sea, leave

### Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman

\*Please note that due to it being a shorter week, dictation and memory work will be NEXT Friday. We will have a math quiz THIS Friday.\*

**Memory Work** - due NEXT Friday - 1 Kings 19:11a-12 - “Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire came a gentle whisper.”

### **Creative Casuals**

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Under Custom Clothing Programs, click on either Listowel Christian School Basics or Listowel Christian School Parents and Staff.

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*Username-* lcs2

*Password-* teachers

This portal is open from October 5th to the 23rd. Get your orders in soon to ensure you get your items before Christmas! We can't wait to see you representing our school proudly!

School Theme:  
"Who is My Neighbour?  
Learning to Love Like  
Jesus."

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**Spelling** - Unit 5 Dictation NEXT Friday - alive, bikes, kids, drive, tie, seat, till, tied, life, cried, went, wide, die, hike - long I sounds (i\_e, ie)

**Library** - This week is library! Students took out 3 books that need to be returned on WEDNESDAY.

**Cursive** - Last week we did letters u and w. Pages 52 and 58 are due on WEDNESDAY.

**Math** - We have finished our unit on Number Sense and will have a quiz on FRIDAY. Duotangs and Smartboard notes will be sent home on Thursday night. Students will need to know different forms of numbers (base ten, standards, expanded, in words), how to round, estimate, compare, order, add and subtract numbers.

**Math (I KNOW IT)** - Subtraction Assignment due FRIDAY - Go to [iknowit.com](http://iknowit.com) and have students log in (their username is the first four letters of their first name, and the first four letters of their last name, no spaces or capitals - the class code AND password is lcs12345). Students will then see the assignment that they need to complete. This week their assignment is on subtracting. If you would like a video on Subtraction sent to you to support students in their assignment, please let me know!

### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, we will have our unit test, "The Last Days of Judah", on Wednesday. No new memory work this week.

In **math**, we are working on a unit entitled "Whole Numbers". This week we will do lots of multiplying, and dividing in the next while. Students need to continue to practice their times tables 1-12.

Our first **social studies** unit is "From Far and Wide", a unit on Canada and its wealth of resources. Students are working on a short presentation on their assigned ghost towns.

**Spelling** lesson 5 assignment to be completed by Thursday, unit 5 spelling test on Friday.

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 17 -20.

### Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

**French** - We have a couple pages of review left because of time that got away from us for other activities. All pages should be completed and handed in by Thursday this week. We are starting our AIM play for the year this week.

### Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

We had a penmanship contest just over a week ago and the results are in!

1st - Timothy

2nd - Natalie

3rd - Hayley and Seth

Well done everyone and I loved seeing how neatly you could all write. Looking forward to the new normal in written work. :)

**Bible** - Memory Work - the Seven last words of Jesus due Friday, October 16. Students did well on their tests this past week and have brought them home to be signed and returned to me.

**Geography** - Mid-unit test on Thursday, October 15.

**French** - Thanks for all the great work getting all our review work done. New unit coming this week.

**Guided Reading** - We are finishing up our last short story for this term this week and will also be starting our first class novel study for this year. So exciting!

**Writing** - We have started a journal. We are also talking about writing about self and using detail to create interest.

**Art** - Names of Jesus art due Wednesday, October 14.

**Working With Words** - Unit 3 this week, work due and test on Friday, October 16.

### Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

**Math**: All work from our first unit has been marked and returned to students. Parents, you should review them with your child and sign to indicate you saw their work. We are on to our next units and students are working at learning (ask them about that) while we work with ratios. Daily work is always assigned.

**Gym**: We continue to enjoy the great weather with outdoor activities. This is our last week of soccer. We will try to stay outside as long as the weather allows us.