

# Weekly Messenger

November 2, 2020

## Principal's Corner

Last Thursday was an unusual day. Instead of commuting to Ancaster, we all arrived at LCS, rolled some comfortable chairs into Mrs. Delleman's classroom, sat socially distant and masked, and listened to four workshops. Schools across the province, and even around the world, tuned in and sent pictures of how and where they were watching. Even just to see those pictures reminded us that Christian education is bigger than LCS and we are a part of a larger, growing, Christian school movement. The theme of the conference was Open Doors. We were first introduced to the concept of a window where we could view the world around us but maybe not be too involved in it. However, we were challenged to move to the concept of a door and open doors for our students to allow and enable them to move beyond our school walls and enter their neighbourhood. We want students to hear, see, and be engaged with different opinions, perspectives, and cultures while being grounded in their purpose as a Christian. We want them to see everyone as being created by God and like God, to see them as our neighbours, to reach out to befriend them, and get to know them – really know and care for them. As is our theme, the parable of the Good Samaritan was a basis for the discussions. The idea that the Samaritan didn't just rescue the traveler but came back to ensure he was okay later reminded us that true caring is not just a one-time thing but happens over time.

Some of the statements that stuck with me were "The message we give is not always what we say but it is who we are", "Our role as schools is to take disconnections and make connections", "School gives you new things to love because it exposes you to variety", and "To truly know our students and neighbours we have to approach them, create conversation with them, and accompany them". Each of these statements could carry a whole discussion by themselves but I leave them with you to think about.

Thursday made me think about not only opening the doors of LCS and allowing people in, but also thinking about what is outside the doors for us to enter. Who is out there waiting for LCS to know them?

## November Events

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

## Birthday Corner

Nov 2

Ms. Mulder & Jerry

Nov 4

Eli

Nov 7

Lux & Zackary

## December Events

3 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)  
4 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)  
18 - Last Day of school before Christmas Holidays

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

It is a new month and we have a new theme in JK. We will be exploring forms of transportation for the month of November. This week we will make a transportation collage using different shapes. November calendars were sent home last week.

Our focus letter this week is E and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter E. We will also begin to use our Handwriting Without Tears workbook each day this month and we will learn and practice proper pencil grip.

In **math**, we will continue to practice counting and begin to write numbers 1-5.

Our new focus number is 2, our colour is yellow, and our shape is a circle.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about Joseph when he was in Egypt. Then we will begin a new unit about Moses and learn about Miriam.

Our new **memory verse** is Deuteronomy 6:5 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

In health, we will continue to look at different emotions. We will focus on afraid and sad this week.

**Extra Clothes:** We have used some of the extra clothes that were sent in. If wet clothes or socks came home please send in more to replace them. Thanks!

**Rocks for painting:** JK would like to participate in the Remembrance Day rock painting project with the rest of the school. If possible please send in a rock for painting this week.

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

I hope that everyone enjoyed some days off from school! This week we will have a full week of school. We will be focusing on the letters Ss and Mm. We will be listening to words to see if they have a "s" or "m" as the beginning sound, we will practice printing these letters and learn to blend parts of words together. Everyday we rhyme words to tune our ears to hear the rhymes. We will be reviewing the sight words that we have learned so far this year. The more practice we have with them we will be able to remember them.

In **math**, we will wrap up our measurement unit and continue to practice print numbers 1 to 5.

In **Bible**, we will hear about God's covenant promise to Abraham and how God keeps his promise through the birth of Isaac.

Our focus this month will be on Pete the Cat and his crazy adventures.

Search and Teach testing will happen on Thursday instead of Tuesday. Mrs. VanAndel will be in to teach the class for the day.

November calendars were sent home last week. November scholastic orders are available if you are interested in ordering books.

Please send a rock in for your child to paint for Remembrance Day. Have a great week!

### Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Welcome to November! As we approach Remembrance Day, our students will be painting poppies on rocks. In class, we will go on a hunt for rocks the size of an adult fist. If you can encourage students to collect rocks of this size at home too, that would be great. They can bring in one or more rocks anytime.

**Library:** We get to visit the library on Friday! Please return your borrowed library books anytime this week, by sending them to school.

**Memory Verse:** Luke 10:36-37. Please focus on memorizing verse 37. I am including verse 36 because it gives context to verse 37, and I will use it as a 'call' or introduction for them to respond with verse 37. I encourage you to do the same. I do not expect them to memorize verse 36, although I know some of them will. That is considered over and above, or level 3 on the report card. Luke 10:36-37 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise".

**Bible:** We are learning about Isaac and Jacob.

**Sight Words:** know, right, put, too, got, take, where, every, pretty, jump, green

**Math:** We will continue to work on place value, money, and time this week. I am planning to introduce data management but I am not sure if we will get to it by the end of the week.

ROCK ON Grade 1 Families!

# School News

## From the Library

It is Week 2!

Monday - Gr. 5/6

Wednesday - Gr. 3

Friday - Gr. 1

## Staffing News

The Board approved the hiring of Mrs. Van Kampen to fill the maternity leave for Mrs. Vogel. We are excited that she has accepted the position and will start on December 7. We are blessed to have staff members at LCS.

## Prayer Requests

We continue to pray for Katherine Vandonkersgoed and her family. Katherine has shown a lot of courage through challenging circumstances. Recently she has struggled with a fever which landed her back in the hospital twice. Henk Bakker had a fall last week and was admitted to hospital. Henk has a concussion, a fractured skull, and a small blood clot between the brain and the skull. We thank God for caring for him and he is home again. He even showed up for school today! We also celebrate with the Bakker's on the birth of a baby boy, Geert Jr!

## Christmas Planters

It definitely feels like Winter now! So Christmas is right around the corner. Order forms for Christmas Planters due on November 13th. Contact Chandra Los for more info.



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

More school news on the next page...

### Grade 1 – Ms. ten Brink

**Creation Studies-** Today is our last day looking at maps. Students have done great work over the last few weeks. Tomorrow we will start a unit on structures where we will look at God as the Master designer and how we can observe and copy his designs. I am looking forward to seeing the creativity in Grade 1 as they discover the form and function that objects can have

### Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

My first Ontario teachers' convention was inspiring. I valued the learning and connections with staff. I hope you enjoyed the days with your family.

**Bible:** We wrap up our Old Testament review with the divided kingdom and temple destruction. We have seen how many ways God provided and constantly forgave His people in the Old Testament (just like us). We prayed throughout this unit that we would look through God's eyes and obey Him, rather than go our own way with our own vision. Memory words to be tested Wednesday (Nov. 4) highlight how the Old Testament is another way to know God: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

**Math:** We will spend a few more days on word problems. We continue to play games for facts practice to 20. After that, a new unit awaits us. God made patterns in the world for us to find! We begin by sorting by 2 or more attributes.

**Language:** Reader's Workshop final reading habit: set goals! In **Writing Workshop**, we will write some how-to stories as a class.

**Grammar:** Punctuation practice continues as we analyze sentences and practice using our grammar skills in context, even in math! This week in **spelling**, we will review "w" words that most students are misspelling in their daily writing. Words are posted to Spelling City for game practice: where, went, what, with, who, were, when, which, why, was. **Sight words** (I know it in 3 seconds or less): before, don't, found, its, right (also bonus spelling words). **Word Work:** "Th" blend.

**Creation Studies:** We are fine tuning our desk top maps. We will practice writing our addresses and map puzzles. Then we begin talking about belonging. Our world belongs to God! Where else do we belong? I look forward to learning more about each child through these activities.

**French:** We have begun our play for this year, Le Chat et la Lune, and we are working through gestured vocabulary as well as creating a small picture and word dictionary. Thank you for all the donation of classroom books for our "good fit" library. What a blessing our families are to our Grade Two discovery of words and reading.

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Welcome back after a nice long weekend! I learned a lot over the two PD days and feel blessed for the opportunity.

**Bible-** We are finishing up our unit.

**Library** is on Wednesday.

**Spelling** words for the next 2 weeks are: rocket, pocket, hold, told, often, grow, throne, so, sew, most, almost, both, coach, open, also

**Creation Studies-** We are starting a new unit on pioneers! We have already been reading Little House on the Prairie so this is neat to learn more about life back then.

**Math-** We have a unit test on Friday. Duotangs will be sent home on Thursday to review. We will also be reviewing in class.

### **Remembrance Day Rocks**

This year students at LCS will be painting a poppy on a rock for Remembrance Day. This is one way we can show our respect to those who have fought for Canadian freedom. These rocks will be placed around town, at our neighbours and at the cenotaph. Please bring in a rock today!

### **Croquette Orders**

Order forms are due back to LCS office by November 6th. For more information or order forms, please contact Martine Rastorfer.

### **Lasagna Take Out Meal**

Get a great meal for lunch on November 28th! Lasagna, salad and a bun for \$10. Contact Lauren Wilting to order. Pick up from 10-2 on November 28th.

### **Cold Weather**


It's that time of year again! Be sure to remind your kids to bring their hats, mitts, coats and snow pants for recess time!




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#### Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman

**Art** - NEXT WEEK students will be painting poppies on rocks to put around town. Each student needs to bring in a small rock to paint this week (the student should be able to hold it with one hand) so we have one for each student when we do Art next Monday.

**Cursive** - NO Cursive due this week.

**Spelling** - Unit 7 Dictation FRIDAY - rode, cabin, sail, throat, camp, rope, said, know, boats, blow, alone, float, own, closed - long O sounds (oa, oe, ow)

**Memory Work** - 2 Kings 2:11 - "As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind." - due FRIDAY

**Math** - On THURSDAY we will have a Math quiz on shapes. Students have been studying congruent and similar shapes, as well as quadrilaterals and prisms/pyramids. On Wednesday students will take home their duotangs to study and I will send home Smartboard notes as well.

**Math (I KNOW IT)** - Polygon 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 polygons (naming shapes and number of sides, parallel lines, and angles). If you would like a video on this topic sent to you to support students in their assignment, please let me know!

**Scholastic** - Ordering of books is available entirely online at [scholastic.ca/clubshop](http://scholastic.ca/clubshop). Please note the class code is RC155098. If you want free shipping to home, for orders over \$35, the code is PBJNP.

#### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, we are starting a new unit on the book of Esther. Memory work for Friday is Esther 4:14.

In **math**, we are working on a unit entitled "Whole Numbers". We will try a practice test today, review on Tuesday, and the final test on Wednesday.

In **science**, we will be introduced to our biodiversity unit.

**Spelling** lesson 7 assignment to be completed by Wednesday and we will have our unit 7 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 have completed reading first novel, From Anna. This week we will complete a review and get started on our final task. Our Final Task is due today, November 2. Students will create tests for each other today.

In **writing**, students are working on writing a journal response to "From Anna".

For **art**, students are asked to bring in at least five smooth stones (5 - 10 cm in diameter) to paint on. Please have stone washed and at school by Thursday.

#### Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

**French** - We continue to work on remembering familiar words while learning some new ones associated with the play we are studying.

#### Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

**Bible** - We continue to look at Paul's Missionary journeys. Memory Work is Galatians 5:13-18 and is due November 6.

**Geography** - The students should receive their tests back by the end of this week. They need to be signed and returned to me.

**History** - We get to start our first history unit of the year. For grade 7 this is a bit different as they are used to having geography and history combined as social studies. We begin by looking at Ancient Rome.

**French** - We are continuing our unit "C'est moi".

**Guided Reading** - Quiz on 1st 2 chapters on Wednesday, November 4.

**Writing** - We are sharing our stories of remembrance as well as continuing into our last project dealing with editing and revising.

**Working with Words** - Unit 5 work due and test on Friday, November 6.

**Art** - We are going to be painting rocks this week for Remembrance Day - if your child(ren) has not brought in a rock yet, please do so by Wednesday.

#### Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

**Math**: Monday we will do the unit reviews in preparation for the test on Tuesday. Our next units will be fractions and decimals.

**Gym**: If the weather looks good, we will go outside for ultimate frisbee or handball. If not, we will stay inside for handball or dodgeball. Next week – volleyball.

#### Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

**Science**: The big review is due next week, we will have little time to work on it in class on Wednesday. We will have a unit test this Thursday, November 5.