

# Weekly Messenger

November 9, 2020

## Principal's Corner

Wednesday is Remembrance Day. This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the public is discouraged to attend the cenotaph ceremony in Listowel. They will still host the ceremony but those attending will be by invitation only. In order to include the community, the ceremony will be broadcasted on the Legion's Facebook page.

I always appreciated the opportunity to attend the cenotaph ceremony. It is usually lousy weather, somewhere between cold, light rain, and wet snow. We certainly don't attend for the weather, but it does add context. It reminds us that the war was not fun, it was not comfortable, it was not a vacation. They endured day after day of uncomfortable weather when they had to bear through and carry on. We only had a glimpse of what that was like.

I also appreciated seeing the veterans. Even though, and maybe thankfully so, we didn't know all the stories behind the sadness in their faces, we could tell they were recalling their years of service. It leaves me to wonder what they had to give up as young men and women to serve their country. It makes me wonder what they saw and experienced in their service for freedom.

The veterans' presence offered us a window into their sacrifices.

This year we will have to find new ways to remember, new ways to bring the meaning of Remembrance Day to a new generation. The "Lest We Forget" motto carries more significance this year. Even though we hear about violence, unrest, riots, and protests, thankfully our generation has not experienced such global trauma. Maybe this year we can focus on the gift of peace. We can thank God for this global peace and pray that God will continue to provide peace to His world.

## November Events

20 - PA Day (no school)  
30 - First Term Report Cards  
go home

## Birthday Corner



## December Events

3 - Parent-Teacher Conferences  
(evening)  
4 - Parent-Teacher Conferences  
(no school)  
7 - **Membership Meeting**  
8 - Grade 6-7 fundraising  
deliveries  
18 - Last Day of school before  
Christmas Holidays

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be looking at vehicles that drive on land and we will be doing some sponge painting of a car picture. We will also look at which objects will roll down a ramp.

Tuesday is **Library** day. Please return books for the opportunity to choose a new one for the next two weeks.

Our **focus letter** this week is Ff and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter f. In our **workbooks** this week we will be working on aim and colour pictures to practice pencil grip and control.

In **math**, we will practice printing numbers 6-10 and we will learn about position words.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the Exodus and the 10 Commandments.

Thank you to all of you who brought in rocks, we had enough to paint our poppies on them last week! Tuesday we will find spots for them around the schoolyard.

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will begin by learning the importance of Remembrance Day as we create wreaths to decorate our homes and deliver our poppy painted rocks around the neighbourhood. We will also be reading Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons and making a class book. On Friday we will be making a "too cool snack."

We will focus on **letters** Dd and Pp by listening for beginning sounds and some word work on the whiteboard. The students will be introduced to identifying the number of syllables per word. We will continue to rhyme and put the letters A to M in alphabetical order.

In **math**, we will be reviewing how to print numbers 1 to 5 and moving onto numbers 6 and 7. We will also begin our unit on 2D shapes.

In **Bible**, we will hear about Isaac marrying Rebekah and about Jacob stealing Esau's birthright. Our memory verse is Genesis 28:15a "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you may go."

**Library** Books are due back on Monday November 16, 2020.

The November Scholastic Digital Flyer is available at [scholastic.ca](http://scholastic.ca). Our class code is RC208157. Have a look, there are some good deals!

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca)

Have a great week!

### Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boeckestyn

This week we will take time to focus our attention and gratitude towards all the men, women, and children who sacrificed their lives and lifestyles for our earthly freedom. We have painted poppies on our rocks and will ceremonially place them around town in hopes of showing others that the impact of the world wars is not forgotten.

As for academics, we are working on:

**Memory Verse:** I recognize that last week's verses were really challenging to memorize. I was not focused on memorization, but having it reinforce the concept of "mercy" and the Good Samaritan story. This week, the Bible verse to memorize is Genesis 28:15 "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land."

**Bible:** Jacob's dream and being on the run (Genesis 27:42-28:22), Jacob in Paddan Aram (Genesis 29-30), Jacob escapes from Laban (Genesis 31), Jacob's homecoming (Genesis 32-33, 35:1-14) and Prayers of Intercession.

**Sight Words:** four, away, old, by, their, here, saw, call, after, well, think

**Language:** Word families -et, -eg, -en. I will also be demonstrating how our assigned reading books process works. Each student will receive a bag of books on a weekly basis. They are to stack the books and read through them slowly, using The Reading Strategies covered in class and added to the Parent Resources Document.

**Math:** We continue to practice Place Value, Addition, and representing numbers in a variety of ways. I hope to also begin the Data Management and Probability Unit this week. We shall see how productive and efficient our math sessions are.

Thank you for using Seesaw to engage with your child's schooling. I also appreciate when you respond and share photos of students workin' away at home. It's fun to get a glimpse into their home lives too. As always, please feel free to ask questions or make comments on Seesaw or through email at [j.boeckestyn@listowelchrisitanschool.ca](mailto:j.boeckestyn@listowelchrisitanschool.ca) Thanks!

## School News

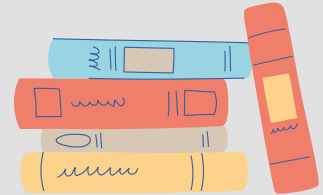
### From the Library

It is Week 1!

Monday - Gr. 7/8

Wednesday - Gr. 4

Friday - Gr. 2

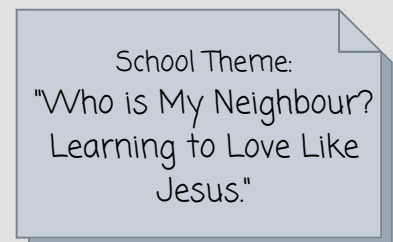


### Staffing News

Mrs. Wright requested to continue her maternity leave until the end of this school year. Last week the Board approved the continued hiring of Mrs. Duiella Boeckestyn as the music teacher for the remainder of this school year. We are thankful again for excellent teachers!

### Fall Membership Meeting

For several years our financials have undergone a more thorough audit process which takes more time. This year is no different so as a result, we have decided to postpone our Fall Membership Meeting until Monday December 7th. It will be a virtual meeting once again. You should receive your membership materials on Monday November 23. Any questions can be forwarded to Andrea Bootsma by Monday November 30 and we will try to address them in the membership meeting video.



More school news on the next page...

### Grade 1 – Ms. ten Brink

**Creation Studies-** Last week, Creation Studies took us outside exploring, looking for shapes and patterns. This week we will use what we discovered and how we can further see how God is the Creator of everything.

### Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

**Bible:** This month, our memory words are from Malachi 3:1, to be tested Wednesday, December 2 (version will be posted on Seesaw). Our new unit is Intertestamental Times. While no books of the Bible were written at this time, the stories are setting the scene for Jesus' birth. It will remind students of the coming of God's Son.

**Math:** For patterning, we will be identifying the core of a pattern, repeating patterns, and pattern rules. I will be checking in with your child on his/her number sense skills.

**Language:** Later this week in Reader's Workshop, we begin a new unit: How to be a Word Detective! In Writing Workshop, students have selected topics for their how-to stories and are moving on to creating a planner and hopefully a rough draft. As I am currently completing reading assessments. Book clubs will resume next week.

**Spelling words on short vowel sounds and silent e words to be tested Friday, November 13:** mine, cute, kite, save, bone, ride, name, came, ask, add. **Sight words (I know it in 3 seconds or less):** us, use, gave (these are also our bonus spelling words). **Word Work:** A vowel sounds. The Skyscraper group will sort with mostly words; houses will sort with pictures only. Students know which group they are in. **Creation Studies:** Our citizens have voted and our new town has a name: Grade Two Farms and Friends! We will study the words urban, suburban and rural as we continue as town planners, architects, and construction workers. I suspect many farms will be operational by the end of the week :-)

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

This week we are focusing on remembering. We will be painting our Remembrance Day rocks and drawing our posters tomorrow. I hope you are able to take a moment and remember those who fell for freedom in our country.

In **math**, we have started a new unit on patterns. There are patterns all around us and we will be exploring a few of them.

In **Bible**, we have a test on Wednesday covering our unit on the tabernacle. Duotangs will be sent home to review. We will also be reviewing in class. Our memory work will be incorporated into the test. Psalm 135:1-2 "Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD, you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God."

**Spelling** test is on Friday: rocket, pocket, hold, told, often, grow, throne, so, sew, most, almost, both, coach, open, also

Also, does anyone have corn husks that I could have for a pioneer project? I am in need of 5 per child. I have 16 students and myself. Please let me know if you can help me out! Thanks

### Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman

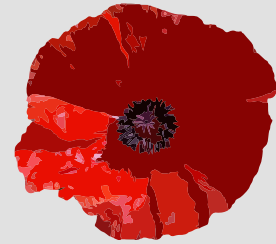
**Library** - This week is library! Students need to bring in their books for WEDNESDAY.

**Cursive** - Letters l and r are due on WEDNESDAY (pages 30 and 44).

**Spelling** - Unit 8 Dictation FRIDAY - cry, close, surprise, off, spy, too, nineteen, closer, smile, bigger, lying, write, stranger, trying - long I sounds (y, i\_e)

### **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!



### **Student Leadership**

Next Team Event and Spirit Day will happen Friday November 27th, 2020. Stay tuned for details.

### **Lasagna Take Out Meal**

Get a great meal on November 28th! Lasagna, salad and a bun for \$10. Contact Lauren Wilting to order. Pick up from 10-2 on November 28th. Orders due November 13th!

### **Christmas Planters**

Christmas is right around the corner. Order forms for Christmas Planters due on November 13th. Contact Chandra Los for more info.

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**Memory Work** - NO memory work this week. We will be having a Bible quiz next week and previous memory work will be on the quiz. Students can review 1 Kings 19:11a-12 and 2 Kings 2:11 in preparation for their quiz next week.

**Math (I KNOW IT)** - Multiplication 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 basic multiplication. 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 completing our unit on the book of Esther. Test on Thursday.

In **math**, we have started a geometry unit.

In **science**, we will have started our biodiversity unit. Students have been placed in groups for their unit task.

**Spelling lesson 8** assignment to be completed by Wednesday and we will have our unit 8 spelling test on Friday.

In **literature**, we will begin our next novel, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

In **writing**, students are working on Remembrance Day writing.

#### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel**

**French** - The class is doing quite well with their play and learning the words, meanings and pronunciations. Keep up the good work.

#### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel**

Our class has decided that they would like to put into action our school theme this year of knowing who our neighbour is and how we can put that knowledge into action. For our school community they have been helping our janitor around the school grounds clearing the yard of garbage as well as the doorways of the leaf pile up that occurs almost daily at this point. For the broader community we are going to participate with the school in the rock painting and distributing for Remembrance Day. For our wider world neighbourhood community, they have decided they would like to partner with World Renew and their winter gift program. To that end, all students that are able and willing are requested to bring a minimum of \$2 to class so we can combine it all together to purchase either an animal (or two) or a program to help those in less fortunate situations.

**Bible** - We are continuing to look at the progression of the Christian church throughout the New Testament.

**Geography** - The unit test was very well done! Students can be proud of their work during the unit as well as studying for the test. The test is in their folders today and is to be signed and returned.

**History** - We are studying Ancient Rome, its beginnings and how the Ancient Romans set up their cities.

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

**Guided Reading** - We are going to be working on Section 4 of the Refugee this week.

**Writing** - We are finishing our current writing unit with Remembrance Day writing and writing with vivid describing words to make the writing as real as possible. Writing is due on Thursday, November 12.

**Working with Words** - Review of units 1-5 this week. Review quiz Friday, November 13.

**Art** - Remembrance Day posters due on Friday, November 13.

#### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Math**: We are working our way through the fraction's unit. Daily homework is assigned.

**Gym**: What great frisbee throwers! We had some pretty competitive games of ultimate frisbee. Maybe we can still get another week outside to enjoy the great weather.

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

**Science**: Our new unit is a physics unit on structures.