

Today is the day many students are looking forward to. It is also the day some students dread. Today, your child will come home with their report card. I clearly remember coming home with my elementary school report card and wondering, not only what it will say, but how my parents will receive it. Those were nervous times!

As I read through each report card, I noticed that some students made good progress in several areas. Some advanced significantly in their ability to read, some focused on their math skills, some paid attention to their need to use class time more efficiently or hand in completed work on time. Regardless of the person, there was always some progress to celebrate. With the term 1 marks to compare, I hope you find some of those areas for your child. Are there areas where they are consistently strong, and they managed to maintain that strength? Are there areas where they struggle but they showed endurance and kept pace with their expectations? Celebrate those for it is not always easy for your child.

Sometimes the academic section of the report card doesn't fully represent the growth of a child. Have they grown in their ability to show their faith while at school, or work independently, or work in collaboration with their classmates, or develop a higher level of responsibility? Those are life traits or character traits that we also value enough to report on and students with gifts in these areas should be honoured as well.

When I read through each report card there were also noted areas for improvement. As you reflect on the two terms, what area would you like to see improve on the term 3 report? Set some goals or targets with your child. What steps have to be taken in order to accomplish that goal? Help your child grow as a student and as a person by reflecting with them.

We pray that tonight will be a good night in your family. Receive these report cards, spend time with them, and celebrate the child God has given you.

## March Events

26-29 - Online Spring Auction  
29 - Term 2 Report Cards go home

## Birthday Corner

**March 29**

Elise D  
Mr. Boelens

**April 2**

Mrs. DB

**April 7**

Mr. Katerberg

## April Events

2 - Good Friday (no school)  
5 - Easter Monday (no school)  
**12-16 - SPRING BREAK**  
20 - Kindergarten Registration  
9:30am to 11:30am  
26 - Spring Membership Meeting

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We will wrap up our Nursery Rhyme unit this week and begin a new unit on Spring and Easter. We will be making some artwork that will go in the Communicator.

Tuesday is **Library** day for JK. Please remember to send in library books!

Our **focus letter** this week is X. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter X and practice the sound that it makes.

In our workbooks, we will be reviewing the uppercase letters.

In **math**, we are learning about different representations of numbers, for example the numeral 7 can be shown by holding up 7 fingers or a group of 7 objects.

Our **focus number** for April is 8 and our focus colours are purple and brown.

In **Bible**, we will begin our Easter unit and learn about Palm Sunday and the Lord's Supper. We will have a new memory verse for April, Luke 24:6a "He is not here; He has risen!"

In **health**, we will continue our Five Senses unit by exploring our sense of hearing.

# School News

## Library

Monday - Grade 7/8  
Wednesday - Grade 4

## Student Leadership

A special thank you to the Student Leadership team for leading our March Madness Team Event on Thursday and Friday. A lot of fun was had by all.

## Spring Break Activities

The Promotions Committee has a daily activity planned for the kids over April break. We will be sending out more details next week, but here's a sneak peek... there will be baking and LEGO!! You can choose which one seems the most fun or you can do one every day if you want to!

## FundScrip Order

Don't forget to place your FundScrip order!! Our April orders are due Easter Monday, April 5th, at MIDNIGHT!

## Note from Bazaar Committee

Please save any birch branches you received in your Christmas Planters. Drop them off at the school for storage.

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

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## Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will be reviewing the long vowel sounds of letters Aa and Ii. We will continue to segment words, sort by number of syllables per word, rhyme words and listen for ending sounds. Our new sight word is "me".

In **math**, we have wrapped up our patterning review and will continue to work with numbers to 20 and count to 100.

In **Bible**, we will hear about Peter's denial of knowing Jesus and Jesus' crucifixion. We are learning the songs Lord I Lift Your Name on High and Shout Hosanna.

In **health**, we are talking about some conflict solutions and discussing different scenarios.

We all had great fun at the March Madness Team Event!! Thank you student leadership!!

NO SCHOOL on Friday or Monday as it is Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca)  
Have a great week!

## Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boeckestyn

As we begin this week, I feel the pressure to relay the significance of what God has done for us through Jesus. It is a short week of school but a big week for our minds and hearts to grasp. Above all the sight words, spelling words, math and language we learn this week, may we understand what this weekend means a little bit more.

**Sight Words:** could, would, should, then, them, Easter, Jesus, rise, rose, praise, worship

**Spelling Words:** We will not have a spelling test this week. This week's spelling words focus on "sc", "sn", and "sw" beginnings; scab, scar, scold, scrap, snow, snap, snip, swim, sway, sweep

**Bible Verse:** We are continuing to memorize pieces of the Easter story. We continue Matthew 28 with verse 7 and 8. "Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you.' So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples."

**Math:** Subtraction, beginning to discuss the basics of multiplication (for example, 2 groups of 3, 3 groups of 3)

**Language:** We continue to practice procedure writing with independence.

## Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink

**Creation Studies** - Our focus for the week is looking at how we can reduce, reuse, and recycle matter and materials. On Thursday, I was hoping to create some found art creations. If you have any cereal boxes, small boxes, lids, bottle caps, yogurt containers, etc. that you can send into school, we would love to have them. Next week we will be starting our new unit of The Sky Declares.

## Grade 2 - Mrs. Dykstra

As we journey to Good Friday and Easter, we will keep on with our egg devotions, reflecting on different scripture passages and stories highlighting Jesus' overwhelming love for us in His death.

**Bible** - Oral quiz is Wednesday (March 31) Zechariah 9:9 "See, your King comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey." In Bible, we turn our minds, hearts, and souls to the last days of Jesus' life and some reflection on His sacrificial death for us. We are enjoying several reader's theatres in Bible class.

**Math:** Our new unit on skip counting helps students see patterns in numbers as well as lays a great foundation for number sense and learning the multiplication facts. Students will learn to skip count forwards and backwards by 2s, 5s, and 10s within 100, starting from any number in the case of 2s and 10s, and starting from a multiple of 5 in the case of 5s.

**Spelling Words:** With 2 short weeks upon us, the spelling test will be Friday, April 9. New word lists are posted on Seesaw and Spelling City. *Bossy r* is our phonics focus (ar, or, er, ir, ur).

**Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop:** Focus will be on writing about Easter. In reading, we will be enjoying the wonderful fractured fairy tales each student completed!

**Creation Studies:** Simply Marvelous Machines - quiz on Wednesday, March 31. Study sheet and mini-book sent home today. We did some practice questions today in class.

**PE** - This week, we will record our creative movement song "Light of the World." Students did a wonderful job learning the actions with ribbons.

**French** - Numbers and colours quiz will be on Thursday. Colours to be quizzed are: blanc, bleu, gris, jaune, brun, noir, orange, rose, rouge, vert, violet. Counting 1-20 will also be orally assessed.

**Coming up:** Family writing - please work with your child to complete the family information sheet (emailed last week, hard copy in student mail). I am also asking you to email a family photo and we will use that with our art. If you have a 4x6 print of a family photo, feel free to send that, if it's easier for you.

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

I wish you all a good Holy Week. Yesterday we celebrated our Saviour's triumphant entry in Jerusalem. This week is a time to meditate on what the weekend will bring- His conquering death and the resurrection of our King!

**Math:** We are finishing up our unit on measurement with Khan Academy using the chrome books. There were A LOT of word problems, which was good practice for us. We will move on to data management.

**Language:** With a short week, we will have our spelling test on Thursday. Our words are:

awful, called, falling, mall, small, straw, drawing, strongest, longer, song, along, bought, brought, rough, tough

**Bible:** We are finishing up our unit on a Saviour being born this week. We will have a test on Wednesday.

**Creation Studies:** Our projects are coming along nicely. We are writing short paragraphs to answer each question about our mammal. I am hoping that we can start typing out our work later this week or next week.

The weather is very up and down this week. Please do your best to ensure that your child is dressed for whatever God sends us. Layers are best.

We are still missing Cursive books and water bottles at school!

### Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

**Cursive** - Letters C and O are due on WEDNESDAY (pages 8, 9, 38, 39).

**Math** - We are finishing a unit on "Decimals and Fractions" and will have our quiz on THURSDAY. Students will bring home duotangs, and Smartboard notes will be sent to parents. Students will need to know how to name, draw, compare, order, and find equivalent fractions and decimals. Students will also need to know how to add and subtract decimals.

**Math (I KNOW IT)** - Ordering Decimals to Hundredths - due THURSDAY. If you would like a video on this topic sent to you to support students in their assignment, please let me know!

**Spelling** - Unit 23 Dictation NEXT FRIDAY - she's, you're, wore, someone, we're, born, won't, storm, everyone, fort, nothing, forgot, twelve, doesn't - Here is the link to all spelling lists on Spelling City - <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/tdelleman>

**Memory Work** - due NEXT FRIDAY - Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

**Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Bible:** We will complete the beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount with a review today and tomorrow and a test on Wednesday. The test will include memory work from Matthew 6. 19-26 and 31-33.

In **math**, we hope to wrap up our introduction to fractions this week and start our additional fractions unit next week.

We will continue with our **novel study**, Anne of Green Gables. This week we will read chapters 23-26.

In **writing**, students are writing their big story. This fictional writing assignment is at least 1000 words and includes detailed descriptions of characters, setting, and plot. The story should be told through lots of dialogue by the characters.

**Spelling** work will be on lesson 26 this week, quiz on Thursday.

In **science**, we will learn more about electricity and electrical devices.

**Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen**

French: A message has been sent home to parents containing the information for this week.

**Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen**

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**Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** This week both classes begin their unit on integers. A homework list was given out today. Daily homework will be assigned.

**Gym:** Our second pickleball tournament begins this week.

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

**Science:** Chapter 8 quiz on Wednesday.