

Last week I sent notices to families with children 12 years old and older with information from our health unit about priority access to vaccine appointments. The health unit staff reports there has been a great response in our region and a high number of appointments were made through that invitation. If you received that email, you are encouraged to book your appointments for your children and family.

Last week you also read or heard the province's three stage re-opening plan. As we all listened with peaked interest for the impact on schools, nothing specific was said. When I read the details in the plan, I doubt there is room for schools to re-open in June. Yet, when I follow some of the discussions, that is not a concrete conclusion and there is still a push for a re-opening opportunity. I hang on to a glimmer of hope that we can return to school in June, and I will hang on to that hope until an exact statement is made regarding the status of re-opening schools.

To that end, Edvance Christian School is lobbying the provincial government on behalf of the Independent schools in Ontario who are not represented by the provincial teachers' unions. They are asking that we please reach out to our local MPP by email with the attached letter and request that they ask the Premier and the Minister of Education to allow independent schools in Ontario to reopen. The more voices weighing in, the better.

This has been a long road, this has been difficult, and we are getting tired. There is hope on the horizon. Society, and the news reports this, places their hope in science and scientists are no doubt making great strides of success. I am thankful for them. We place our hope in God. With that assurance we live day by day knowing that God designs the overall plan, knowing that he uses scientists, mental health organizations, politicians, and everyday citizens to bring his plan to be. I plead with God to allow schools to re-open so we can enjoy the daily interactions with our students and observe them, face to face, as they grow and learn.

May Events

24 - Victoria Day (no school)

Birthday Corner

May 25
Octavia M

May 26
Jaxon S

May 27
Drew D

May 28
Genevieve K

June Events

21 - SK Graduation
23 - Grade 8 Graduation
25- Last day of school
(final report cards go home)

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

I hope you had a great long weekend and could be out to enjoy the sunshine!

Our **review letters** this week are letters U, V and W. We will review these letters in our Thursday morning Zoom and I will include videos in Tuesday's email to watch as well.

In the **Kick Start Kindergarten** workbook please work on pages 22/23 (letters m and h) and pages 24/25 (letter b and practice of the diver letters).

In **math**, this week we will do a review of patterns. Please have your child find or create a pattern. It could be a pattern of shapes, sizes, or colours. It could be something that they build, or draw, or even just notice in the house or yard somewhere. I would love it if you could send me a photo of their pattern.

We will do an activity on patterning during our Thursday morning Zoom meeting as well.

As we begin to approach the end of the year (only 10 JK days left!) we will be reviewing key concepts in math and language. Since we are online for this week for sure I will be sending links to lots of games that help review these concepts. This is a fun way to practice these skills. You can try a few or try them all!

I will send out an invite to the **Thursday Zoom meeting** in an email Tuesday morning.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday morning at 9!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

I hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend!

This week our new **sight word** is "she". Please read "She Likes" and complete the Sentence Mash Up worksheet that goes with it.

We will work on identifying ending sounds and rhyming words.

In **math**, continue to practice counting to 100 and try using tally marks to show the number value.

In **Bible**, we will finish the story of David and Saul where David runs away from Saul and eventually becomes king.

Memory Work is our theme verse: Love the Lord your God 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 neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:30-31

We will learn about ladybugs and how they work in God's creation.

For the **SK Graduation Book**, please have your child fill out and send back to me the page that I sent home through email. Please return them asap.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend. This short week has perfectly fallen between spelling units, therefore, this week, we will not have an official list for spelling words. We will have two **Word Sorts** administered on Tuesday. They use -at, -ot, -it, -an, -in, -un endings. During Small Group meetings on Friday, I will have students do their best to write 10 words from these word sorts. This week's assessment is not so much about students memorizing words, but figuring out how to spell words on the fly. The most important piece of this skill is having students remain calm and believe they can figure it out instead of jumping to "I don't know how to do this". We will focus on this mindset this week. Thank you in advance for partnering with me to encourage them and build their self-efficacy.

Bible Verse: Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Bible: Saul

Math: add 10, fractions, subtraction

Language: Fiction and nonfiction, word families (-at, -ot, -it, -an, -in, -un)

Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink

A new week for printing and creation studies. The videos and activities have been added to SeeSaw. For Creation Studies we will be looking at storms. With this warm weather we may get a chance to see and hear a thunderstorm, which is a part of our book. Enjoy reading and learning about different storms this week and maybe seeing one this week!

Grade 2 - Mrs. Dykstra

Thank you for helping to fan out new learning materials to our class.

Bible: The Lord's prayer due to be recited this Wednesday (May 26). Jesus told parables to teach people about His kingdom. To be in God's kingdom we must answer to God with our thoughts, words, and actions. This week we study The Sower and the Seed.

Math: 1pm zoom will finish off addition and begin subtraction strategies. 1:40pm math zoom will continue on with addition strategies for another week or so.

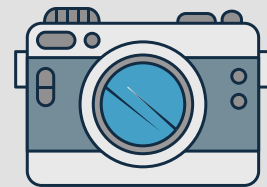
Read aloud: The students have voted and they would like a Magic Tree House read aloud this week. That takes place daily at 1:30pm in between math zooms.

School News

Read-A-Thon

If you haven't yet sent in your Read-A-Thon fundraiser forms and money, please do so as soon as possible. You can drop them off at the school on Monday's, put them in Mr. Boelens home mailbox, OR e-transfer the money to the school. If you choose e-transfer, please send it to the email finance@listowelchristianschool.ca. Also send a photo of your form to the office so we can keep track!

Thanks again for all your good reading efforts LCS!!



Remote Learning Photos

We would love to show our community what remote learning looks like for LCS students. Feel free to send photos of your student(s) working to be featured on our social media!

Phonics focus: End blends. We take some time to review and practice what happens when 2 consonants make 1 sound at the end of a word. Reader's and Writer's Workshop: "Hold your horses" - it's Idioms week in Grade 2! What fun we'll have looking at this type of figurative language.

White group (Nadine, Emmalyn, Natalie) may skip the phonics focus videos and paperwork. In its place, we will study Charlotte's Web in our 11am zoom. A separate package was provided for comprehension responses which they will work on in place of phonics.

Creation Studies: This week's video and lesson is centered on the concept of peace with a study of the peace tower in Ottawa.

Extra help? Book a zoom with Mrs. D for support, anytime after 3pm daily.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

We are starting a new **math** unit on patterns this week. We are also at the beginning of our new **Bible** unit on Jesus' Preaching. With a short week we will **NOT have a spelling test this week.**

Keep working hard and showing up for our zoom meetings! If you are going to miss a class please let me know so I can send a recording.

Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

This week looks a little different, since it is a 4-day week. Instead of our usual subjects, we will be doing Bible and Creation Studies. There is a video/assignment for each day of the week.

An email was sent to parents with a summary and sample schedule. Below is what needs to be completed for this week:

BIBLE

- Watch Video: The Assyrians and Exile
- Assignment: News Reporter Assignment

CREATION STUDIES 1

- Watch Video: Uses of Rocks and Minerals
- Assignment: Rock/Mineral Uses

CREATION STUDIES 2

- Watch Video: Recycling Minerals
- Assignment: Recycling Minerals Math

CREATION STUDIES 3

- Watch Video: Mining in Ontario
- Assignment: 4 Square Mining Vocabulary

We will only have Zoom meetings on Wednesday and Friday this week.

Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82894907790?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82894907790?pwd=WFFnOTUweEs2S3RlTl13THVQQmZadz09)

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Meeting ID: 828 9490 7790

Passcode: JXr26L

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Parents should receive a daily email with a list of new things posted for the day. All assignments will be posted on Google classroom. If you have any questions, the quickest way to connect with me is through my school email. This for students as well as parents.

Our **daily zoom meeting** is from 10:00- 12:00. Students receive an email with the link each morning.

Bible: Our current unit is called "Ministry around Galilee". We will have a unit test today.

In **math**, we are working on a length, perimeter, and area unit. We planned to completed the work in this unit last week and will have our test on Wednesday..

Verse of Encouragement

*For our light
and momentary
troubles are
achieving for
us an eternal
glory that far
outweighs them
all!*

2 Corinthians 4:17

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

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As part of our **novel study**, Anne of Green Gables, students are working on creating the Anne of Green Gables board game. While many students have completed this project, if you have not, please complete this week. We are hoping to and looking forward to playing these games in our classroom when we return to school. In **social studies**, we are learning about the history of the settling of New France and a study of its culture at the time. This week, we will be learning about the seigneurial system and daily life in New France. **Spelling Lesson 32** this week. The assignment is posted with exercises from the text to complete.

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

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

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Both classes are working to solidify their understanding of early algebra as they finish up their algebra units. Daily assignments are on Google classroom. Please continue to complete the work and upload them to Google classroom for my review. Unit tests will be next week.

Grade 8 parents, a reminder of the invitation to a Zoom meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Topic of discussion: graduation.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: We will have started final unit of the year, “Heat in the Environment”. This week will include a quiz on Wednesday and new work for Thursday and Friday. We will have mandatory class meetings on Wednesday and Friday.