

Monday September 20, 2021 is voting day in Canada. What a privilege to have a public voice into our government. While we hear about political unrest and political corruption in other countries, we should be honoured to be able to publicly share our political views, vote according to our own beliefs, vote freely and without intimidation, and participate in a democracy. Not everyone around the world has those freedoms that we enjoy today.

As our regions decide on who will represent them locally and our nation decides on who will be placed into the leadership of our country, we continue to pray that God will equip all of them for their task and that He will create in them a desire to follow His will. Political leadership, I am assuming, is not easy but we believe that God calls each one to their office. We pray for leaders who are open to hearing what God is saying to them, sometimes through us.

By the end of the day, or maybe within a few days, we will know who will be in our local leadership and who will be in our national leadership. I pray that after that time, we are able to put our personal party politics aside and unite together to continue to make our regions and our country a great place to live.

God calls leaders for specific times. I believe He does that in our churches, our schools, and in our national politics. Therefore, when the votes are all counted and the leaders are all elected, I will pray for them and support them as God's chosen leaders.

September Events

30 - Soccer Tournament

Birthday Corner

October Events

7 - Cross Country Meet
11 - Thanksgiving Day (no school)
25 - LCS Information Evening 7-9
28/29 - Edvance Convention (no school)

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we will begin our **farm** theme. We will be making paper plate animals, and learning the song "Down on Grandpa's Farm", as well as reading some fun farm themed stories. On Thursday, we will do an experiment with milk!

In **language**, we will be matching students photos to their names and playing a guess the letter game.

In **math**, we will be guessing a mystery object by using describing words and sorting objects using describing words. We will also talk about opposites.

In **Bible**, we continue our creation unit and learn about when God created the sun, moon and stars, and sea life and birds.

In **gym**, we are playing Duck, Duck, Goose, and Sleeping Bunnies.

We will have our first **library** time on Tuesday morning. Students will be able to choose a book to bring home, enjoy, and return the following Tuesday.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on rhyming words, the letters G, H, I, and J and listening activities. During morning workshop we will work on alphabet puzzles and matching games. **Show and tell** is for

Monday: Josh and Jordyn

Tuesday: Octavia and Malcolm

Thursday: Kyle and Eli

Friday: Haven and Liam

Please bring a favourite toy, something that is your favourite colour, and a family photo.

In **math**, we will be working on printing numbers to 5 and up to 10, counting objects one by one and sorting by size.

In **Bible**, we will learn about God creating Days 5 and 6, review our memory verse, and learn the song Hip, Hip, Hip, Hippopotamus.

In **Phys Ed**, we are focusing on movement by marching, galloping, and shuffling. We will continue to practice bouncing and catching a ball with a friend.

Next week we will read **Frankencrayon** and make a scribble monster.

On Friday SK will join Grade 7 and 8 in a special activity.

Any questions please feel free to contact me at

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REMINDER: We do have a severe nut allergy in the classroom. Please take this into consideration when packing your child's lunch or sending in treats. Thank you!

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

1. We had a productive week in our class. The students are eager to learn and complete assignments. They also engage well with the learning materials in our classroom. A big thank you to parents for encouraging us along and praying for us. We had an energetic bucket party this past Friday and it was so much fun!

2. **Library** - Tomorrow (Tuesday) is our first library day! Please enjoy the books, take good care of them, and return in the labeled ziplock bag by the following Tuesday.

3. **Bible** - We begin with our unit on the Christian life. The concepts are "loaded" even for adults! We will keep it straight-forward by putting the words of James 1:19 into practice. "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry". We will learn this, and all memory words, together in class using actions, songs, and gestures. I will post the song we are using in class on Seesaw so your learner may share it with his/her family at home. Memory work assessment will be based on participation in class and small group recitations.

4. **Language Arts**

Heart words (aka sight words) - Irregularly spelled words are called "heart words" in our class because some part of the word will have to be "learned by heart." Heart Words are also used so frequently that they need to be read and spelled automatically. I will periodically check in with your child for assessment on progress.

Reading - We enjoyed our book boxes this week. Reading is all about making all the sounds in each word we read. We learn more by making sounds OUT LOUD! We might not know the word, but we usually know some of the sounds. Say it out loud.

Phonics focus - We are learning how to use our word work materials to sort beginning consonants sounds. We will sort as a whole group with the goal of moving to leveled groups in the coming weeks. While these sorts might be "easy" for some, the routines and sound reviews are something we all need to know to be successful.

School News

From the Office

Please remember to hand in Student Profiles, Media permission forms, Field Trip permissions forms and milk/pizza orders to the office as soon as possible.

Cross Country

Grades 3/4 practices are on Mondays and Thursdays. Grades 5/6/7/8 practices are on Wednesdays and Fridays. All practices are during school hours, at snack (10:15am). Those interested need to show up for all practices! Save the Date for our October 7th cross country meet in Cambridge. We will need drivers to get us there. Permission forms and driver volunteer sheets will be sent out in a couple weeks. Any questions, please let Mrs.

Delleman know at t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca

Girls Soccer

Lunch practices on Monday and Wednesday. After school practice on Thursday from 3-4pm. Bring a permission note.~Mrs. Claus

Boys Soccer

Boys soccer will continue to meet during lunch break. There will be a practice after school on Wednesday. This week, from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Ensure travel arrangements for your student, and inform the school when necessary.

-Mr. Siebenga

More news on the next page...

Spelling program - This week we will all be doing a very simple practice spelling list. We will work from one list as a class to learn the routines and tools for spelling lessons in our class. We will take a practice test on Thursday and a "test" on Friday. Our practice spelling words for ALL Grade One/Two are: 1) it 2) is 3) be 4) and 5) of

I, along with the help of our wonderful Educational Assistants, are gathering assessments from students to form 3-4 groups in our class for word work, reading, and spelling. These groupings will better help our team support your child's specific reading or reading-readiness. I will update you more as to groupings soon.

5. Grade One Math - We are getting used to playing partner games in math. It takes practice and patience to learn to play for the "smart of it." Our unit on counting strategies is underway. We plan to learn the following strategies this week: count forwards and backwards within 10 and forwards within 20, counting on from any number within 20; count forwards from 5 to count within 10 objects.

6. I am regularly posting our classroom moments on **Seesaw**. Thank you to those signed up and are checking in. If you aren't yet set up, let me know if you want to connect.

Grade 2 math - Ms. ten Brink

We are continuing our review this week. We have focused on counting by 5s, 2s, and then counting by 5s and then 1s. It has been a good challenge for us as a class. We will continue practicing this week but will add in using a number line for addition and subtraction.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

As we are more and more comfortable with our routine and our classroom, more things can be added. We are growing together and caring for one another. Jesus' love is evident in our room and it makes my heart happy.

Bible: We are continuing our unit on Ephesians.

Grade 3 Math: We have a quiz on Tuesday covering rules in patterns

Language: Last week we were unable to start our word work so this will start today.

Creation Studies: We are enjoying God's creation with our continued study of trees. We are looking at their bark and leaves this week.

Gym: We are enjoying playing soccer.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

We are continuing to develop routines and procedures in these first weeks of school as we also develop as a class community! It is good to be together!

This week, students just need to know their **Memory Work** for Friday - Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." This is the theme verse for the book of Philippians that we are studying in our Bible classes.

This week students will be shown how to use **IKnowIt.com**, where they will have regular math assignments due online each week. They can also use this website throughout the week to practice math skills. We will also start working with different spelling lists for our regular dictations. We will begin IKnowIt assignments and spelling dictation next week. Our **library** time this year is on Wednesdays. We will have our first library time this week!

LCS is a Nut Free School

Just a reminder to parents that LCS is a nut-free school. Please only pack food that does not contain nuts. Thank you for helping make our school a safe place for everyone!

LCS Staff Birthday Collection

The promotions and hospitality committee has decided to simplify the money collection process for the class moms who arrange for birthday celebrations for our amazing staff. Please fill out the form that went out with kid mail and send the money to the office. Let a member of the promotions committee know if you have any questions (Michelle Hibbs, Naomi Brubacher, Kaitlin DeVries, Dianne Norris and Tanya Delleman)

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

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Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

We continue to add to our daily routines, responsibilities and expectations.

This week we will begin our first **novel study** title, “Mystery at Cranberry Farm.” We will begin diving into elements of the story, the characters, and exploring different reading strategies to provide support for their reading comprehension. As we navigate through this text, **Literature Circles** will be introduced as a way for the students to acquire different roles to investigate and explore different parts of the story, working together to share what they find, and their new learnings.

This week both grades will wrap up their first **math** and **Bible** units. A math test for Grade 5 will be on Wednesday, followed by Grade 6’s on Thursday. The Bible test will also be on Thursday. Today, Monday September 20, is election day. I hope you have enjoyed some discussions about their learning regarding these democratic processes; and that you have or will have the opportunity to exercise your democratic right through this act. The students will be casting their vote in the **Student Vote** on Monday, and then we will be continuing to explore what makes good leaders and how we can look to incorporate these characteristics as servants.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: Please note that we meet for a single period on Mondays and a double period on Fridays. The latter allows Mr. Siebenga to have some quality time with the 7/8’s in science but has also allowed us to accomplish much in 5/6.

While we will continue our use and application of greetings, the date, classroom object vocabulary, the seasons, and weather descriptors throughout the term, other units or topics will also be dealt with. This week we will begin [review or new?] dealing with the irregular verbs -- specifically avoir (to have). The willingness of students to participate orally and share their knowledge (new or established) in class has been encouraging!

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

Art: For Wednesday, students need to collect [and bring to school] four different leaves for our repetition and contrast/focal point art. We will be using acrylic paints. On Friday morning, we hope to work with Mrs. Heida and the SK students carving small pumpkins with faces which show how we shine our light for Jesus.

Bible: Our first unit is Themes of the Old Testament. We will continue our focus on Lesson #3 “The Characters” of The Story and the specific meanings of Biblical names. Lesson #4 “The Conflict” centres around the meaning of Israel and is intended to connect students’ personal faith journeys to the faith struggles of the people of Israel.

French: This week we will be dealing with the irregular [yet regularly used] verbs avoir (to have), être (to be), faire (to do/make), and aller (to go). While this is a review for those in Grade 8, we will spend a decent amount of time to ensure that everyone has a “good handle” on these important and foundational verbs.

Geography: Our unit is entitled Physical Patterns in a Changing World. We will be undertaking completion of the world map including identification of the continents, oceans, and the major lines of latitude and longitude. The subsequent lesson deals with the Physical Characteristics of Landforms.

Guided Reading: We have begun our study of the novel “The Secret Garden”. This week we will read and discuss chapters 3 and 4.

Writing and Working With Words: Last week we began looking at Sentence Fragments and undertook a five-minute writing prompt based upon an antique wooden vessel which I brought in. Students willingly shared their compositions and I am pleased to say that we definitely have some gifted writers in our midst! Looking forward to reading and hearing more of their works.

This week we will continue to focus on sentence building, and the need for proper and/or appropriate punctuation/capitalization/spelling. I will be drawing on students’ work as well as some pre-printed examples needing editing.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: This week Grade 7 will look at GCF and LCM as well as exponents. Textbook and worksheets will be completed. Grade 8 will investigate Scientific Notation and order of operations. Mid unit reviews will be due this week as well.

Gym: The weather reports two sunny days this week – our gym days! We will enjoy gym outdoors and work on our soccer skills.