

Another Thanksgiving weekend is behind us. I am not sure what your weekend looked like but mine included turkey dinners, friends, worship, and family with some established cautions. What a wonderful way to spend a weekend and focus on thankfulness. We enjoyed the gifts of God.

This fall I am also extremely thankful for school. We have the privilege to be back in our classrooms interacting with our students. Regardless of the barriers still in place, we are thankful to be together. We get to see their faces, go out for recess with them, guide them, and be role models for them. What a gift!

At the same time, I want to remind everyone of the restrictions in place so that we may keep our school open and free from COVID cases. Some of the keys are:

- Review the daily screening tool to ensure that your child is healthy and able to come to school. We thank everyone for their diligence in this practice. Our school is a healthy place because of your willingness to keep students home when needed.
- The school building is closed to visitors during the school day. If you need to talk to someone, you can come to the front doors and into the office. If you need to drop something off, leave it in the office and we will bring it to your child or their teacher. Other than the front entrance and the office, all other areas of the school are off limits.
- If you need to use the school building outside of school hours, please let me (Ed Boelens) know so we are aware of who is using the building and what protocols are required.

I know that we all long for this to be different. However, we have been diligent in our policy so far and have been able to remain open for students. Let's continue to be diligent so we can continue to enjoy God's gift of students in our school.

October Events

21-23 - Oranje Grove Shopping Days
25 - LCS Information Evening 7-9
28/29 - Edvance Convention (no school)

Birthday Corner

October 15
Jenna B
Cameron W

November Events

16 - Gr 7/8 Fundraising Forms Due
19 - PA Day (no school)
23 - Volleyball Tournament
27 - Outdoor Christmas Bazaar
29 - First Term Report Cards

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be exploring **pumpkins!** We will be creating some foam pumpkins to decorate our classroom, and learning what is inside a pumpkin. We will also check to see if our corn is sprouting.

Our **focus letter** this week is the letter Bb. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter B and do a letter find page.

In our **Bible** lesson, we will learn about the flood and about the special sign that God gave for us to remember his promise after the flood. We will also begin a new unit about Abraham.

In **math**, we will ask the question "Could it Happen?" and also begin to take a closer look at numbers by counting our families.

In **health**, we have been talking about feelings. This week we will focus on two feelings: happy and angry.

Reminder: Tuesdays are our Library days. Please send back any library books or magazines so students may choose a new book to take home.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week our **focus letters** will be R, S and T. We will be looking at the order of words in a sentence and be introduced to rhyming words with “an”. We continue to work with the sight words “a” and “the”.

Show and Tell: Bring something that you are thankful for.

Tuesday: Ronella and Carina

Thursday: Amy and Zach

Friday: Alex and Jesse

Monday: Joshua and Jordyn

In **math**, we are learning about “flat shapes” and continue to work with numbers to 5. In **Bible**, we will finish the story of Noah’s Ark and learn that God always keeps His promises.

Last week, we had a great time learning about pumpkins. The students did a fantastic job on the Lifecycle of a Pumpkin craft. This week we will learn about apples.

LIBRARY BOOKS due Tuesday.

Student Leadership is hosting an early settlers dress up day on Thursday October 21st, 2021.

A student is missing a spring jacket, light blue on top and darker blue on the lower portion. The student’s name is in it, please check to be sure it didn’t go to your house by accident. Thank you!

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

Home Reading - We love reading “beary” much! Students seem motivated to spend time reading or listening to someone read to them. Keep up the great work, 1/2s. Bags can be brought in on Fridays for a set of fresh books, if desired.

Bible - New memory words Psalm 105:1-2 “*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.*” We practice our memory words together in class. After spending last week talking about prayer, Bible lessons have us digging into an Old Testament review and seeing God’s ever-present faithfulness.

Language Arts

Spelling - New words are updated on Spelling City for testing October 22.

Please ensure your child is selecting the correct colour group for games and activities. Green and red (test is optional for red but if successful it is grade level work for Grade 1s): rag, wag, sag, tag, gag, tap, map, cap, nap, lap. Blue (st, sh): stop, stem, step, star, stab, stem, stamp, shot, shed, shin.

Writing/reading - We will author some journal pages this week by introducing our own classroom journals. We will write about our long weekend and other personal topics.

Creation Studies - A wee quiz will be administered this week. We will explore levers, wheels and axles this week. A review page will be completed in class with hopes of our oral true/false test the following week.

Grade One Math - We are finishing up a number sense unit of counting to 10. We then spend some time sorting and patterning.

Library day is tomorrow! Thank you for bringing the books back to school on time.

Extra, Extra! Here are a few log ins you might be interested in for your child:

Teach Your Monster to Read star code: 6837454 (player name is child’s first name)

Epic - class code: kyc0101

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

It has taken us a few extra days to complete unit 1 but this week we will be starting unit 2 and spend the next two weeks focusing on our numbers to 20 and story problems. Since we are working out of our work books, there will just be a few quiz pages coming home in the next week. These again do not need to come back to school, they are there for you to see what we have been working on and allow you to ask your child what they remember about our learning.

School News

Oranje Grove Shopping Days

Be sure to head over to Oranje Grove on October 21-23 for your Dutch shopping needs! 20% of each sale will be donated to LCS! For more info, take a look at the poster or email the school.

Outdoor Christmas Bazaar

Christmas will be here before you know it! And so will our Bazaar! Join us November 27 from 10:30-2pm for lots of festive fun! The Bazaar Committee is also looking for these items to be donated: crafts, baking, and toys for the toy store. If you are interested in donating or volunteering at the Bazaar, reach out to Lauren Wilting or Chandra Los.

Donations for Bazaar:

TOONIE JARS - Fill an empty glass jar with little items such as; packs of gum, candy, jewelry, small toys, Lego, hot wheels, etc! Anything you would like to win yourself would be a great Toonie Jar filler.

BAKING - Donations of baked or homemade goodies are needed for the day of the Bazaar to sell. Specialty items such as fudge, jam applesauce, and any homemade baking are well received. Please bring these items to the school by the end of the school day on Friday November 26th. Thanks!
OUTDOOR TENT - We are also looking for a tent to use for the event. If you have one or know someone who does, please contact Chandra Los.

LCS Staff Birthday Collection

Please send in the collection money to the office as soon as you can. Thank you!

More school news on the next page...

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

I pray you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It was a beautiful weekend to be outside and enjoy God's creation.

This week Grade 3 will continue to do **MAP testing** during our math block. The days that we are not doing our MAP testing we will dive into our new unit on Number Sense. We are reviewing our place values right now.

In **Bible**, we are learning to look up Bible passages as we are becoming Bible Explorers!

For **creation studies**, we did not have our test since we had a bunch of students go to the Cross Country meet. We will continue to review with a game and then our test will be on Thursday.

In **language**, students received new word sorts. Most groups are using pictures to work on the phonetic sounds. There will not be any assessments in spelling until next week. Lists will be sent home tomorrow.

Scholastic was sent home last week. Have a look. If you need help ordering online please let me know. You have until the end of the month to get your orders in.

Have a great little week!

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Library - Library days are WEDNESDAYS this year.

IKnowIt - This week's assignment, called "Adding 3 or 4 Addends", is due FRIDAY. Students go to iknowit.com and put in the class code and password (both are lcs12345) and their username (the first four letters of their first name, the first four letters of their last name, no spaces or capitals).

Memory Work - We will be learning a number of verses from Philippians as we study the book during Bible classes. The next memory work is Philippians 4:5 - "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near!" - due FRIDAY. We will be doing verse 6 as a memory work next week.

Spelling - Below are the spelling teams and their words for the next two weeks:

Word Wizards - liar, fur, third, bird, birth, shirt, thirst, skirt, twirl, dirt, first, firm, tire, hire, spire, wire

Spelling Squad - hopping, chatted, winning, skipped, wrapped, hoping, quoted, pasted, racing, skated, joking, dusted, panting, greeted, shouting, floated, hunted, leading, needed, telling,

Super Spellers - six, sink, scissors, tie, tire, top, stem, stop, star, stamp, stick, sting, stir, stump, stool

Each team will need to study all these words in preparation for NEXT FRIDAY where 10 words from their list will be chosen for their dictation.

Grade 5 and 6 - Mr. Siebenga

I pray that our community has had a great Thanksgiving weekend; filled with family, friends, and joy.

This week, the students will be fulfilling their first **MAP test** of the year. As you may know, these happen in the fall, winter and spring. These paint a picture of what the students know, emphasizing areas that may need improvement, in order to help progression move along accordingly. These will happen Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon this week.

In **math**, we are moving forward with their Whole Number units in both 5 and 6. If you noticed the basic fact test sent home on Friday, please use this as a gauge as to where your student is with basic computation. You may notice some areas of struggle, or operations that could use some practice. If so, please spend some time on these as they will help quicken their basic facts. Overall, some great work has been started, and I look forward to seeing these move along accordingly.

LCS Clothing

LCS Clothing is back!!

Orders can be placed online until Friday October 22nd, with orders being received in time for Christmas!

<https://www.creativecasuals.com/>

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Username: LISCHR

Password: School

Croquette Orders

A Croquette order form was sent home today. Please return the form to the school by November 4th. Croquette pick up is at the Bazaar (November 27th).

Student Leadership

Our school will be having a **Food Drive Team** event starting this week. Please bring non perishable items between Wednesday, October 13th - Wednesday, October 27th. The food will be collected and weighed for your team. This year our Food Drive items will be delivered to It Takes a Village.

From the Fundraising Committee

We had hoped to host a Grand Friends Fundraising Trivia Night this weekend, but due to scheduling conflicts we have decided to postpone this event to a later date (TBA). We are looking forward to many other events and new ideas to build community and raise support for LCS this year!

Cross Country

We had an amazing day for cross country running at our meet on Thursday! Thanks again to all the drivers who drove us back and forth, and well done to all runners! William Los placed 2nd in his race, Olivia VanderKlippe and Cohen Dykstra both placed 3rd in their races, the Grade 3/4 boys took 2nd place overall, and Grade 5/6 boys placed 3rd overall. All runners completed their races and improved their running times! Well done!

In **Bible**, we are exploring the Where and the When of the timeline of God's story. Through Google Earth, and map skills, students will begin to piece the geographic area together, better understanding the size, and relative locations of where some of the biblical stories took place. Timelines will be used to show their place in the story, while exploring the chronological events of the Bible, but also their own lives as part of His story.

In **social studies**, a student Leader, or "Kid Trudeau" has been elected. I would like to congratulate Adam VanderWal for being elected by his peers. His group, the "Listowel Education Party" won a close race, but ultimately together they worked with their party members to create a platform that their constituents could entertain. I look forward to working with Adam as we create some fun, exciting events, and proceedings to further support our classroom community.

Our Words Their Way (**Spelling**) work has started. We will continue to work through these lists and the accompanied routines. The students will be presented their lists on Monday, work with their words throughout the week, and will be working with me on a review of their lists on Friday. Their lists will be posted on their Google Classroom this week to review and work through outside of the classroom.

Memory Work: The books of the Bible.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

An email will be send to parents for this week's updates!

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

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Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Last week the Grade 7-8 students received their **fundraising forms**. Orders are due On Tuesday November 16.

Math: We are working on Ratios.

Gym: Friday, we will do the fitness circuit and measure our heartbeat as we go.

School Theme:
"Jesus - Anchor for the
Soul."
Hebrews 6:19a

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