

Weekly Messenger

October 25 , 2021

Thursday and Friday of this week our staff will participate in some professional development.

On Thursday, we will be at LCS for the day to participate in a conference led by Edvance Christian Schools. Dr. David Smith from Calvin University College will lead us as we explore the theme of hospitality. Through his sessions he will enlighten us to the Biblical role of hospitality and the elevated status of the stranger (guest), to the ethics of handling differences, to the role of young children as guests, to how we design our classrooms and teaching to welcome and include all our students. There will be times when we listen and learn from Dr. Smith, times for us to share and learn from among our own staff colleagues, and times for us to work on our own teaching practices to implement or refine our ability to welcome guests.

Friday is a more individualized day. Edvance has created smaller workshop sessions that are specific to our unique areas of teaching. There are workshops on teaching Bible, math, physical education, Student Support Services and more. Our staff will be online learning in their own individualized spaces.

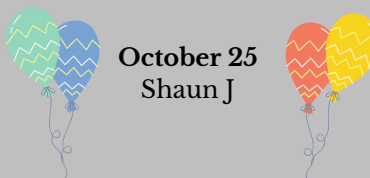
I always enjoy the conference when I meet up with colleagues from many other schools. We connect socially but also discuss school settings, what is working in other places and what is not, classroom practices and share resources, support each other, and we encourage each other in our task of providing quality Christian education throughout the province of Ontario. For the second year, I will miss that component, but we are able to virtually see other teachers in their settings to feel the collective efforts around the province. That will have to do for now.

We hope that you will also enjoy your children at home for the two days. We encourage you to practice hospitality and welcome and appreciate the guests among you for those days. Design your days to honour them.

October Events

25 - LCS Information Evening 7-9
28/29 - Edvance Convention (no school)

Birthday Corner



November Events

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

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We have a very short week this week, only one day for JK! There is no school for JK on Thursday. This is due to the Teacher Conference on Thursday and Friday.

We will wrap up our fall theme on Tuesday by looking at fall leaves. Last week we tasted green, yellow and red apples, it was a close vote, but more students preferred red apples!

This week our **focus letter** is letter Dd. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter D and complete our letter Dd finding page. We will also play a game called "Name That Letter".

In **math**, we will practice counting up to 10 and counting down from 5 using some fun songs.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Jacob and his dream.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will finish our review of the **alphabet letters**. The students have done well with identifying the number of words per sentence and with placing words in the correct order to make an understandable sentence. We continue to rhyme words and have been substituting rhyming words in a nursery rhyme to hear how silly it sounds.

Our new **sight word** is "and". It will be introduced as the connecting word between two objects. We continue to review the words "a" and "the". A new sight word reader was sent home today called "A Farm". Please take a moment to read this with your child.

Show and Tell: Bring something you are thankful for.

Monday: Scotti and Colton

In **math**, we finished our flat shapes unit which included learning about circles, squares, rectangles and triangles and will move on to counting to 20, recognizing numbers to 10, printing numbers to 5, and the concept of more, less, and the same.

In **Bible**, we will be learning about Abraham and God's promise to him.

We will be making Leaf Man on Monday and learning a little about squirrels on Tuesday. **Thursday and Friday are P.D. Days. NO SCHOOL on those days.**

On Thursday November 4th, 2021, I hope to complete the Search portion of the Search and Teach Testing.

November calendars will be sent electronically by Friday at 4pm.

Thank you to all who participated in the Early Settlers dress up day. Please consider bringing in a non-perishable food item for It Takes A Village by Tuesday. It is another way we can share God's goodness to us.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

I will miss seeing your child on Thursday and Friday this week. However, I am looking forward to immersing myself in the conference offerings and digging into the math curriculum during the Friday session.

Home Reading - Thank you for bringing in home reading bags for refiling. I am often told how many bears or owls students have coloured at home. Their enthusiasm is heart-warming and exciting. We are learning to read.

Bible - We pantomimed our way through the patriarchs. Pray we will have a good, albeit short, week studying the Moses stories and seeing that God keeps His promises.

Language Arts

Spelling - Words are updated on Spelling City for testing Friday, November 5. Please ensure your child is selecting the correct colour group for games and activities.

Blue: snip, snob, snap, swim, swan, swam, snow, snot, scar, scan

Red/green (red may test for grade level): dog, jog, pot, dot, cot, hot, hop, top, pop, mop

Writing/reading - We will write and publish an "anything" book together this week. As we learn to craft our own sentences, we decided to write about anything we wanted! From cows giving birth to parties and conversations with uncles and aunts, we learned a lot about each other's lives. Sharing our writing through gallery walks and author sharing (that's us - we are writers) gives us a chance to show our God-gifted learnings.

Creation Studies - Solids, Liquids, Gasses. Experiments galore this week as we enter into our study of God's amazing states of matter.

Grade One Math - Students will learn to identify, extend, and describe patterns. They will also create patterns using various materials and learn to describe the same patterns in different ways.

Health - Our new unit is on healthy eating. We tackle food choices and food safety first.

Library day - tomorrow! Collectively we are doing very well returning our books on time.

School News

COVID Screening Tool

Please remember to take time each morning to screen your child(ren) before they come to school. This is an easy way to help keep our school safe. The screening tool has updated and will be attached to the Weekly Messenger email.

FundScrip Orders

Christmas is around the corner!

Don't forget to purchase FundScrip gift cards to help out with your Christmas shopping!! Our November FundScrip order is due Monday, November 1st at MIDNIGHT.

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.

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

We are finishing our unit on numbers 11-20 this week by looking at word problems. Last week students did a review of what we have learned so far, addition in the teen numbers and recognizing teen numbers, so look for our quiz coming home. This does not need to come back to school. Enjoy the long weekend!

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Yahoo! We have made it to Convention Week! This means it is a short teaching week. I hope you are able to have a good time as a family during the long weekend.

This week in **Bible** we are reviewing what we have learned as Bible explorers.

In grade 3 **math**, we continue understanding numbers and their place value. Students did well on their quiz.

In **language**, we will work on a new list of words in our respective groups:

Blue	Pink	Green	Yellow
fan	saw	six	last
sad	ship	tire	grass
van	seal	tie	gate
dad	horse	stop	page
man	hose	scissors	cap
mad	shirt	stem	cape
pan	house	sting	made
pad	shed	stamp	face

In **creation studies**, we continue learning about early settlers. We are reading the book "They Called us Loyalists".

Enjoy your week

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Math - Students will be sent home on Wednesday with their Math workbooks to work on throughout the long weekend. They are to spend 1 hour in total over the long weekend working on any missing pages in their workbook as we come to an end of our unit. Grade 4s (pages 27-47) and Grade 5s (pages 17-35).

IKnowIt - Each week, students will have an assignment online for students to complete. This week's assignment, called "Subtracting 3-Digit Numbers", is due NEXT FRIDAY.

Spelling - Below are the spelling teams and their words. 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.

Word Wizards - four, thorn, store, roar, word, north, shore, soar, hour, court, fort, pork, wore, fourth pour, storm, sore, tore, oar

Spelling Squad - painter, waiter, obey, raisin, complain, decay, crayon, mistake, fable, parade, flavor, maybe, basic, escape, bracelet, amaze, again, today, grateful, explain, payment, remain

Super Spellers - smell, spool, skateboard, ski, skull, spoon, skirt, skeleton, spill, skip, sponge, skunk, smoke, smock, spear

All spelling lists can be found on Spelling City, with games available to review words. Go to spellingcity.com/tdelleman to find links to all the spelling list words and activities.

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 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - due NEXT Friday. We will be doing verse 7 as a memory work next.

Croquette Orders

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

Student Leadership

Our school is having a **Food Drive** Team event 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.



Volleyball

The boys will practice on Tuesday. The girls will practice on Wednesday. Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to practices. Practices are from 3:30 - 4:30. Permission to stay after school must be sent to the office prior to practice.

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

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Music - Mrs. Wright

Grades 4-6: We are beginning recorders! Please ensure your child has a recorder at home to practice on. We use soprano recorders with German fingering at school. Please avoid dollar store recorders. Help your child find a good place and time to practice regularly. Be encouraging to our budding musicians! The skills that they learn set them up for a lifetime of music learning and enjoyment.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Here's to a shorter week. May it find each of you well,

In **Bible**, this week the students will be introduced to their unit ending assignment. The extra days off later in the week should give them time to work through an investigation of the Who, When, Where, What, Why, and How of a character, time, book, story and event from the Bible that is influential to them. They will be placing themselves within the church's timeline, and having them reflect on these elements, and how they are close to them, and the story of God's promise. This will be a summative assignment to recap all that we have looked at throughout this unit.

In **math**, the students are continuing on with their Number focus. The basic fact tests are progressing great. Keep encouraging your student to practice these as the corrected assignment goes home on Mondays. Within their daily studies, both grades are moving toward their unit ending assessment, and this should take place next week. In **science**, the new Unit on Flight has taken shape. We will be continuing to work through the properties of air, applying how these properties are integral to flight. The students are tuning into these concepts and we will continue to explore different experiments to establish a better understanding of these principles.

In **language arts**, the students continue to work through creative writing passages elicited through story starters and journal entries during some initial work in the morning. They are working diligently through their novel study, "Mystery at Cranberry Farm," using different literature circle roles to explore the author's intentions, and to share their opinions. In Spelling the students are navigating through their Spelling Sorts and their particular tasks.

The next **memory work** will be next week November 5.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

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

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

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Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Reminder that fundraising orders are due on Tuesday November 16.

Math: We continue working on Ratios. Daily homework is assigned. Our MAP tests are complete and I noticed growth in math for most students despite remote learning. Well done!

Gym: We are on to volleyball. We started on Friday and I observe skill level even more through drills and practice.