

Weekly Messenger

October 4 , 2021

As you read this, I am away from LCS at a conference put on by Edvance Christian Schools. This conference is for Christian school administrators. The focus of this conference is on Christian school leadership. Our guest speaker is Danielle Strickland, a well known speaker and author in Christian leadership.

As I read through the workshop descriptions, I am excited to read that the sessions will “explore practices and postures that awaken us to the person and presence of Jesus who will help us lead in this present moment”. Boy, sounds like great timing. I look forward to the sessions culminating in a leadership model called The Colossian Way which “gives Christians a framework to engage our most divisive conflicts faithfully”. I anticipate some great learning. Included in the conference are also several devotion and worship sessions. What a privilege to attend conferences and worship the God who directs our purpose. This year, unlike previous years, they intentionally built in some free time or structured leisure activities. During these times, colleagues will undoubtedly have informal discussions about their own schooling contexts, seek advice, offer advice, be a listening ear, and simply enjoy the company of others in similar leadership positions.

It is a short conference. I will be back at work on Wednesday. In the meantime, Mrs. Playford will be in the office on Tuesday this week and Ms. tenBrink will be in charge of the school operations. If you have an emergency, feel free to reach out to either of them. I am very thankful for our staff and their abilities so that I can leave without worry. The school is in good hands.

October Events

7 - Cross Country Meet
11 - Thanksgiving Day (no school)
21-23 - Oranje Grove Shopping Days
25 - LCS Information Evening 7-9
28/29 - Edvance Convention (no school)

Birthday Corner

October 8
Jacob W
October 9
Cole W
Natalie K
October 11
Jacob S

November Events

19 - PA Day (no school)
23 - Volleyball Tournament
27 - Outdoor Christmas Bazaar
29 - First Term Report Cards

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

It is October and we will begin a **new fall theme**. This month we will be exploring corn, pumpkins and apples! This week we will be painting with corn cobs and also seeing if we can sprout corn on the cob.

In **language**, we are beginning to look at each letter of the alphabet and practice recognizing the upper and lowercase letters with a search and find page. We will also practice the sound each letter makes using the Jolly Phonics songs. We will focus on one letter each week starting with letter A. This week we will also meet and draw "Mat Man" a character from our Handwriting Without Tears workbooks.

In **math**, we will be learning about graphs by using objects and then pictures to create a graph. Our new focus number is 2, our focus shape is a rectangle, and our focus colour is orange.

In our **Bible** lessons, we will read about how Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and also about Noah and the Ark. We have a new Bible verse for October, Genesis 28:15a "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go." We will also learn a new song "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

In **health**, we are going to learn about feelings starting with happy, angry, afraid and sad.

Reminder: Tuesday is library day. Please return books so students can choose new books.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Thank you to all the parents who went on the Fall Walk. Such a great adventure for everyone. God's creation is amazing!!!

This week we will **focus on letters** N, O, P and Q. We continue to work on rhyming words and identifying the order of words in a sentence. We have been learning what a comment is.

Our new **sight word** is "a".

In **math**, we will continue to work with numbers to 5, learn to count using the cross out strategy and we will begin our unit on flat shapes.

This week we will learn about **pumpkins and Thanksgiving**.

Some students have used their extra clothes and socks. Please send some back and we will place them in our extra clothes bag. Thank you

Please return all **LIBRARY BOOKS** on **TUESDAY!!**

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

1. On Friday we began our "at-home" **reading program**. The purpose of this program is to encourage regular reading practice or listening to reading from a family member. In summary, each Friday your child will take home four books, and he/she will need to return all 4 books on Friday. The hope is that your child will read **OR** be read to a little on most weekdays. You were provided with a ziplock bag for transporting the books to and from school. Please use this bag to protect the books from getting wet (from water bottle spills and such). The reading **does not** have to be in the books provided - any and all reading counts! And yes, there are prizes. For every 20 minutes of reading OR being read to, a student can colour a bear on their page. When all the bears are coloured in and a parent initials, the sheet can be given to Mrs. D for a prize and a new sheet will be given. We love books and learning to read in Grade 1/2!

2. In **Bible** class, we are wrapping up our first unit with lessons on prayer as found in the Book of James. We don't need an appointment to talk to God; He is ready anytime, anyplace to pray to about anything! We have done well with our memory words from James 1:19. New words will be presented next week.

3. Language Arts

Spelling - words for green and blue groups will be tested this Friday (Oct. 8). If you need the list of words, please let me know. Red group friends are welcome to try the test of the green group words, if they desire. If you are interested, your child may use [this link](#) for Spelling City for games (also posted on Seesaw). Please ensure he/she is selecting the correct colour group for games.

Writing/reading - students were very engaged with sticker words and stories last week. Now we are on to reading *Elephant and Piggie* books as we complete an author study on *Mo Willems* and write our own comic style pages. We are working on s-l-o-w spelling each sound we hear in a word to spell without asking "how do you spell?" We are writers!

4. **Creation Studies** - Simple Machines: God Made Things to Move. We will take a quick trip through this interactive unit and see how simple machines make jobs easier.

5. **PE/Health** - we began a throwing and catching unit. We were our own partner in the gym - that was funny! In **health**, we are talking about worry and will complete an activity based on the book *Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes.

6. **Library** day is TOMORROW. Thanks for returning books in the large ziplock bag.

Grade 2 math - Ms. ten Brink

We are finishing up our first unit this week, which has been a great review of our numbers, and addition and subtraction facts. We have also taken the time to break down different strategies for solving our questions, learning and using a few new ones in our book work.

School News

From the Office

Please remember to hand in Volunteer Surveys to the office as soon as possible.

Also please note that Mrs. Playford normally works Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's only. There will be someone in the office answering the phone and emails/Remind on her days off.

Cross Country

Those on the Cross Country Team will practice only on Monday and Tuesday this week. We will take Wednesday off before our meet on THURSDAY. If you have not returned the permission forms yet please return them as soon as possible! The meet is in Cambridge (Churchill Park) on Thursday October 7th and we need drivers! Cross country students will need to be at school, dressed for the weather and with good running shoes, a packed lunch, and a mask by 8:30am in order for us to leave and arrive on time. Students will be back in time to catch the school buses at the end of the day. Pray for good weather! :) There is no concession stand this year. Any questions, please let Mrs. Delleman know at t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca.

FundScrip Orders

Don't forget to order your October FundScrip gift cards! Whether you are hosting Thanksgiving or traveling a distance, purchase your gift cards to support LCS Tuition Reduction Incentive Program. October FundScrip orders are due Monday, October 4th at MIDNIGHT.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

This is our first full week in October. I am happy to say that we are all doing well with our new school routine. We have gotten back into the groove of things. These kids have really grown up since the last time they were in school. I am blessed to have them as my students.

Bible- We are starting a new unit. Keep your eyes open for returned Bible tests this week.

Gr 3 Math- Today we have a little quiz on the last 3 lessons in patterning. Tomorrow we have a unit test on patterning. Then we move on to a Number Sense unit.

Creation Studies- Our tree unit is drawing to a close. We will be studying the use of trees and then reviewing for a test on Friday.

Language- After reviewing a mini test from Friday (for evaluation only) I discovered that many are not quite grasping the concept of their words. Therefore, I will head back to the drawing board and come up with more ways for us to work with our word sorts and help them become more concrete.

MAP testing- Grade 3 will begin their first MAP tests this week. This is not something the students need to study for. This is finding out what knowledge they have and how I can better assist them in their learning. I look forward to sharing the results with those who request them.

I continue to ask for your prayer and support as I teach your children.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Library - Library days are WEDNESDAYS this year.

Math - We have finished our first unit on Math and will be reviewing for our test on TUESDAY (notice the change of date from last week). Smartboard notes (of what we have done in class) will be sent to parents tonight to help students review and study for the quiz.

IKnowIt - Each week, students will have an assignment online for students to complete. They 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). If you have any trouble with logging on, please email I will send visual instructions. This week's assignment, called "Adding 3-Digit and 4-Digit Numbers", is due FRIDAY.

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 NEXT Friday. We will be doing verse 6 as a memory work the following week.

Spelling - Below are the spelling teams and their words for this week:

Word Wizards - perch, herd, fern, germ, clerk, earth, learn, search, fear, spear, clear, near, dear, year, steer, cheer, peer, here, there

Spelling Squad - meeting, peanut, leader, easy, eager, sneaker, river, visit, planet, lemon, finish, limit, present, minute, pilot, student, second, wagon, lazy, music

Super Spellers - thermos, thirteen, thumb, thorn, think, thief, whip, whistle, whisker, whale, wheel, wheat, whisper

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

French - Both Grade 4 and 5 have a French quiz on FRIDAY. The Grade 4s will need to know the vocabulary words from our play so far. They will take home their French notebooks to study. For information on the Grade 5 French quiz, see the note in the Grade 5/6 section of the Messenger.

Mrs. Wright- 7/8 Music

Lyrics due tomorrow for Thanksgiving song. Quiz on the staff; treble and bass clefs, note values, and stem direction on Tuesday October 12.

Hot Lunch and Milk Programs

This week Wednesday is our first pizza lunch. If you ordered pizza, remember not to bring a lunch on Wednesday. This week we also begin the milk program. Typically, we would have milk on Tuesdays and Thursdays but we may run into a deliver issue for this week Tuesday. Not to worry, they will get two milk days this week, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from now on.

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 15 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.

Picking up Students

If you are picking up or dropping off your child during the school day, please remind them to sign in at the office. It is important that we know who is in the building for emergency purposes.

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please inform the office before 3:00. You may use the Remind app, the office email, or call at any time during the day. By 3:00 we begin our communications to ensure every student is going to the right place. Without parental confirmation for after school activities, students will be sent home on the bus.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Welcome to a new month,

We will continue to practice how we can organize and explore whole numbers in **Math**. The first Basic Fact assignment will be given this week Friday. The students will be given 8 minutes to complete this test, which then they can practice areas of need. The idea here is that they can practice these, in hopes of improving their overall computational awareness while working through their understanding of basic facts.

In **spelling**, the first sort will be worked through in their spelling groups, with a spelling test on Friday.

In **Bible**, we will continue to look at the Setting of God's Story. We will continue to look at the languages that the Bible was written in. As we explore this week, an emphasis will be on how we tell stories, where they took place, and the timeline that was used to express the good news.

Within **Social Studies**, the students are working on creating a mini campaign to determine a class Prime Minister. They are writing speeches, creating posters, coming up with points of interest, and determining how we can use our classes "Essential Agreement" to usher in roles and duties to support the workings of the class.

As a way to explore the design/research cycle, the students have been introduced to the idea of **Passion Projects**. They have been creating questions of interest to them. These questions have enabled them to explore ways to brainstorm, research, organize, present and ultimately reflect on their learning journeys. This week we will look at ways that they can organize and present their findings.

Memory work: 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

We will continue practicing our reading of a little story: "Quelle est ta saison préférée?" (What is your favourite season?). We will also tackle some additional worksheets related to the seasons and weather.

Please note: Avoir test on Friday. As this is one of the foundational verbs, please encourage your son/daughter to learn this verb and its conjugations....by heart.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

MAP Testing: Reading and Writing will occur on Wednesday and Friday respectively.

Art: weather and time permitting (i.e. with MAP testing and rearrangement of our schedule), the plan is to be outdoors to undertake some sketching.

Bible: Our first unit is Themes of the Old Testament. Lesson#6 "The Beginning of God's People" reviews the early stages of God's plan of redemption, his program to restore his creation. Lesson #7 the "Patriarchs" and God's relationship with them and their descendants.

French: This week we will focus on expressions with avoir and then move on to être (to be).

Geography: our unit is entitled Physical Patterns in a Changing World. Students are currently engaged in group work to prepare a slide presentation on a particular land reclamation project (i.e. Dubai, China, Indonesia, or Netherlands) answering the 5W's + How, as well as the Social, Political, Economic, and Environmental impact of the respective project.

Guided Reading: Current novel study → "The Secret Garden". Last week, students listened to an oral reading of Chapter 5 but were to read Chapter 6 independently. Worksheets (with short answer and Word Work activities, as well as written summary requirements) were handed out Thursday and are due tomorrow. We will then proceed to Chapters 7&8.

Writing and Working With Words: This week's writing topic is "What Gifts and Skills God Has Given Me". Our word work will continue to focus on nouns as well as more editing/proofreading exercises.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Ottawa Trip: Very soon, I will begin to make arrangements for the Ottawa trip. I am targeting the week of Monday February 7 – Thursday February 10. When I begin to schedule things, only then will I fully understand what requirements will be in place for us to go. Until then, we will plan for the trip!

The last **fundraiser**, Christmas flowers and treats, will begin soon. I am still working out a few details. If you are meeting with family over Thanksgiving, maybe begin to do some preliminary sales!

Math: After several classes of review, both classes will have their math tests on Tuesday. On Wednesday we will begin our next units: ratios and rates.

Gym: Monday we will engage in different dodgeball activities. Friday we will do the Beep test. Please be reminded that gym clothes are required for gym class.

LCS Staff Birthday Collection

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

School Theme:

"Jesus - Anchor for the Soul."

Hebrews 6:19a

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