

As a staff we are meeting for devotions again every morning. We spend time sharing joys and concerns with each other and then we bring our discussions to God in prayer.

This year we are trying something new. On Mondays and Wednesdays, we have a time of open sharing and prayer. There is no set structure to those devotional days other than to begin together in the presence of God. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the staff member who leads devotions for the month will be sharing their personal journey in life. That could be their spiritual journey, their professional journey, or any devotional context about themselves that they feel like sharing. The idea is that we will grow together and know one another in a deeper context.

This could also lead to our staff being vulnerable with each other, understanding each other, making connections with each other, trusting each other, and working better together. Great things usually come out of deeper understandings and relationships.

On Fridays, we have another day of open prayer but more specifically focusing on a few LCS families each week. We want you to know that every day we are holding all of you in our prayers but every Friday we specifically give thanks and pray for three families. We offer prayers of thanks for our partnership with you in teaching your children, for your involvement in various opportunities at LCS, and for your family outside of school. This year, as we work through our family list, each family will be a focus twice throughout the year.

Prayer is a powerful communication with God. I am amazed that the God who created the expanses of our universe is also the same God who listens to our individual and communal prayers every morning. What an amazing gift to experience answers to our prayers.

## September Events

30 - Soccer Tournament

## Birthday Corner

**September 27**

Zachary S

**October 1**

Malcolm W

**October 3**

Olivia D

## 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 continue with our farm theme by making art using straw!

In **language** this week, we will practice reading each other's names and we will participate in a listening activity to see what different sounds we can recognize.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about creation, specifically about the creation of animals and humans. We will also talk about the Sabbath.

In **math**, we will be doing more sorting by looking into different stories. We will also create people graphs.

In **health**, we will discuss how we all are the same, and also different.

Tuesday is **Library** day. Please remember to send in Library books on Tuesday so students can choose a new book to enjoy.

Tuesday is a **spirit day**! Everyone in the school is encouraged to wear gold or yellow in support of childhood cancer awareness. We will also be doing a team event outdoors

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will be introduced to the letters J, K, L and M. We are learning to listen for words that rhyme, participating in listening games such as Simon Says and the whisper game. We will focus on the sight word "the" by reading "The Beach". These readers will be coming home in Monday's envelope. These sight word readers are very rote and many students will "read" them by the given patterns. That is okay. Please help your child to track each word that they read by using their Peter Pointer finger, always going from left to right and following the gray dots. Help your child have reading success by making reading enjoyable. If they want you to read it, please do so.

In **math**, we are working on number recognition and printing of numbers from 1 to 5.

In **Bible**, we will wrap up the Creation unit by learning about Adam and Eve and the importance of Sabbath rest.

In **science**, we are doing a Colour Explosion Experiment and going for a Nature Walk on Friday. I am looking for some parents to go with us on our Nature Walk for supervision. Please let me know if you are able to help please email me at [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca).

On **Tuesday**, we will show support for Childhood Cancer by wearing yellow or gold and participate in a team event. We have had 2 students who have battled with childhood cancer. Please join us in wearing gold or yellow.

**RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS TUESDAY MORNING!**

On Friday, we will go for our fall discovery walk on the trail.

Have a great week!

### Grade 1 and 2 - Mrs. Dykstra

1. Next Monday, October 4, we will begin our "**at-home**" **reading program**. The purpose of this program is to encourage regular reading practice and a love for books. A ziplock bag, letter of expectations, and tracking chart (yes, there are reading prizes!) coming next week.

2. **Library day** is tomorrow - please ensure books are returned in the labeled bag.

3. Last week, we read many books. We discussed why writers write and parts of a sentence. So far, we've read books that made us laugh, helped us read, and tell us stories! We wrote about what we like, a "baguette" story (tehe), and are working daily at our handwriting program. I am sending home photocopies of writing pages as we are keeping the colour copies for our classroom books we are publishing together.

4. In **Bible** class, we have learned about how our words can heal and harm. We made post-it art displaying what it might look like to be a peacemaker like Jesus or what a peacebreaker might do. We are practicing James 1:19 together in class.

5. In **Grade One math**, we continually build our number sense through math games. We started using our math workbooks in our review of numbers to 10.

6. **Language Arts**- phonics focus

Groups	Blue	Red	Green
Phonics skill	Th, wh, ch, sh digraphs	Initial consonants	-at, an and ad words
Spelling words - to be tested bi-weekly - <b>Friday October 8</b>	1. ship 2. chip 3. whip 4. chop 5. shop 6. chin 7. shark 8. chick 9. thorn 10. shirt	No formal test but red group will use green words for word work practice	1. rat 2. cat 3. sat 4. pat 5. pan 6. can 7. sad 8. dad 9. mad 10. pad

## School News

### From the Office

Please remember to hand in Student Profiles, Media permission forms, Field Trip permissions forms and Volunteer Surveys to the office as soon as possible.

### Cross Country

Grades 3/4 will practice Monday and Thursday this week and Grades 5-8 will practice Wednesday and Friday. This year there are limited spots on the team, so unfortunately some cuts will need to be made. By FRIDAY students will know if they have made the team and will be given permission forms to be signed and returned by next Monday. The meet is in Cambridge on Thursday October 7th and we will need drivers! On the permission form will be a place to sign up to drive!

### Spirit Day

On Tuesday, September 28th, we'd like to recognize Childhood Cancer by wearing gold or yellow clothing to school. This will be our first Spirit Day! Dress up and collect points for your team!! Thanks so much! - Student Leadership Team

### FundScrip Orders

Fall has arrived and October is just around the corner! 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 math - Ms. ten Brink

We start this week off getting into our first unit. We took the month of September to review and we will start with Number Sense, focusing on counting, written numerals, spoken numbers, and numbers in word form. Our work from the previous unit will go home this week, the papers do not need to come back to school. Check them out and see what we have been up to in math so far!

### Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Can you believe that this week is the last week in September? Time is flying by. I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to be in person. I am looking forward to a great week.

**Please note that on Thursday I will be going to the soccer tournament with the girls team. There will be a substitute teacher in for me.**

**Grade 3 Math:** Students brought home a quiz last week. They are doing amazing! We will continue to work on patterns and another quiz will be tomorrow.

**Bible:** We will be reviewing all week for our test on Thursday.

**Language:** We are continuing to work with our word sorts. Hopefully we will have had enough practice with our words for a spelling test on Friday. More information to follow.

### Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

We have settled into our routines at school, so now regular assignments will be posted in the Weekly Messenger for Grade 4/5!

**IKnowIt** - Each week, students will have an assignment online for students to complete. They go to [iknowit.com](http://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). If you have any trouble with logging on, please email and I will send instructions. The assignment can be done any time during the week, but needs to be completed by FRIDAY.

**Memory Work** - We will be learning a number of verses from Philippians as we study the book during Bible classes. This week, the memory work is Philippians 4:4 - "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again - rejoice!" - due FRIDAY. We will be doing verse 5 as a memory work for next week.

**Spelling** - We are still reviewing and practicing our spelling routines. There are three spelling teams - the Word Wizards, Spelling Squad, and Super Spellers, each with different spelling words they will be practicing throughout the week. Their word lists will be posted starting next week and dictation happens on Fridays.

**Math** - We have finished our first unit in Math and will be reviewing throughout the week for our test next week Wednesday. Smartboard notes (of what we have done in class) will be sent to parents to help students review and study for the quiz.

### Mrs. Wright- Music

It has been a joy to meet and reconnect with all of the students in the school! Here are some things that we have been learning about in music. September's Composer of the month is Nikolai Rimsky Korsakov. We enjoyed listening to and responding to his "Flight of the Bumblebee." Students in the primary grades have been learning about singing voices and speaking voices. Many classes have been enjoying singing and creating movements for the Dum Dum song. Students in grades 5-8 are learning about the staff, clefs and notes. We are so happy to be able to sing together this year!

**\*For next Monday (SK & Mrs. Dykstra's Class) and next Tuesday (JK)**  
**Please bring a small container filled with something that we can use as a shaker. Please label it with your child's name. For example you could use sand, dry pasta, or beans or your own idea. We will try to guess what is inside! It will take a couple weeks for everyone to have a turn to share. Found sound show and tell!**

### **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.

### **LCS Staff Birthday Collection**

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

School Theme:

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

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### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

This week we will pick up a few new units in **math** and **Bible**. We are moving on with Whole Numbers in math, and God's Story in the Bible. In **math**, I will be ushering out a "Basic Fact" practice activity that will work on strengthening the students retention of operational facts, working with them to quickly know these facts. This corresponds well with the unit on whole numbers, but will continue to be used throughout the year. With these two units the tests previously written will be returned. Please review these with your child, and discuss accordingly. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out.

The **memory work** for this week will be 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

We have started our **Literature Circles** for the novel, "Mystery at Cranberry Farm." These will further investigate the themes, vocabulary, plot progressions, and literary details to help the students collaborate and share their ideas with their group. Our **Social Studies** unit carries on as we explore how we experience justice, our stake in the game, and what our obligations are.

The students are being introduced to a new **spelling program**, Words their Way. This will enable the students to be met at their spelling level.

### Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

**French:** This week we will continue our focus on the verb avoir (to have) and the plan is to have a quiz. We will also be practicing our reading of a little story: "Quelle est ta saison préférée?" (What is your favourite season?).

### Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

**Bible:** Our first unit is Themes of the Old Testament. Lesson #4 "The Conflict" centers around the meaning of Israel and is intended to connect students' personal faith journeys to the faith struggles of the people of Israel. Lesson #5 "Covenant" focuses on our relationship with God and his desire to have a relationship with us. Lesson#6 "The Beginning of God's People" reviews the early stages of God's plan of redemption, his program to restore his creation.

**French:** This week, we will continue to focus on the verb avoir (to have); the plan is to have a formal assessment by end-of-week. Students are expected to have the conjugations of this foundational verb "known by heart".

**Geography:** Our unit is entitled Physical Patterns in a Changing World. Students have a World Map due tomorrow. This week's lesson deals with "Changes to Landforms".

**Guided Reading:** Current novel study → "The Secret Garden". Last week, students listened to an oral reading of Chapter 3 but were to read Chapter 4 independently. Worksheets were handed out Thursday and are due tomorrow. Note that Grade 8 received additional long-answer questions. This week we will deal with chapters 5 and 6.

**Writing and Working With Words:** Last week students were assigned a short writing piece entitled "My Goals for the Year"; final copy (computer generated) is due today. Our next writing topic is "What Gifts and Skills God Has Given Me". Our word work will continue to focus on nouns as well as editing/proofreading exercises.

### Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

**Math:** Both classes will finish off their introductory units. We will spend this week solidifying our understanding and our tests will be next week.

**Gym:** This week we will continue to hold gym outdoors and finish off our soccer unit.