

I have to admit, last Thursday's PD day surpassed my expectations. Dr. Smith led an excellent day; well balanced between his presentation, small group discussion, and personal work on our own practice. The day flew by.

As mentioned last week, his topic was hospitality and it struck me how he referenced passages throughout the entire Bible where hospitality is highlighted. Not a few here and there, but consistently in the Old Testament and the New Testament, woven throughout the Biblical story as a major theme. Some of the texts I have read hundreds of times but now, through the lens of hospitality, they took on a whole new meaning. I believe that for Dr. Smith this was such a central focus for him to understand who Jesus was, why he did the things he did while he was on earth, and how Jesus values each of us that Dr. Smith was very excited to share it with us. I think we could all feel his passion for hospitality.

One idea that struck me was we are quick to offer hospitality to those who are like us and who probably share the same interests as us. We are also quick to offer hospitality to those who may be able to reciprocate it and, in turn, offer hospitality back to us. But Jesus offered hospitality to those who didn't expect it nor could reciprocate it. That is a challenge for us.

Now what? Dr. Smith said a PD day should be inspirational (and it was) but was only good if it initiates change, if it impacts practice. Now the challenge is for the LCS staff to discuss how what we learned can affect our daily practice from how we teach, to what materials we use for teaching, to what homework we assign. We can also look at how our school day and our building are designed to encourage hospitality to our supporting community and to our local community. How does LCS welcome the guests among us? How do we follow Jesus' model of welcoming and valuing the guests among us?

We also want to thank the parents of the Grade 4-5 class for supplying lunch. Your expression of support for each of us as teachers was very much appreciated. We enjoyed your expression of hospitality! Thanks!

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

Birthday Corner

November 2	November 4
Jerry G	Eli S
Ms. Mulder	Mrs. Delleman

November 7
Zackary J

December Events

2 - Grade 8 Day @ Woodland
2 - Grade 7-8 fundraising deliveries
2-3 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
6 - Fall Membership Meeting
17 - Last day of school before Christmas Holidays

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

It is November and we are beginning a **new theme** in JK, transportation! This week we will make a transportation collage using different geometrical shapes. We will also be sorting vehicles by how they travel: by land, air or water.

In **language**, this week our focus letter is letter Ee. We will practice the sound letter E makes by using the Jolly Phonics song and practice recognizing upper and lowercase Ee with a letter find page. We will also be doing a letter and picture matching activity and begin using our Handwriting Without Tears workbook regularly.

In **Bible**, we will read about Joseph, his coat, his dreams, and his life in Egypt. We will be learning a new song as well, "The B-I-B-L-E".

In **math**, we will be counting down from 10 and beginning to print numbers 1-5.

Tuesday is **library** day.

As the weather changes and becomes cooler and we have more wet days, please consider sending splash pants as the playground is hard to resist for young students!

School News

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

I hope that you all enjoyed your time away from school. Here we go again for a new week and a new month. Our **theme** will be Pete the Cat. We will read and listen to many Pete the Cat stories that include predictable text and simple life lessons. We will be introduced to colour words.

This week we will focus on the sound of **letter Ss** by listening to words that begin with the letter Ss and working with classmate's names that begin with S or have the letter S in them. We will blend parts of words together and work with our new sight word "and".

In **math**, we continue to print numbers to 7 and work with the concepts of more, less and the same. Students will be introduced to the sign "more than". In **Bible**, we will learn about God's promise to Abraham and the birth of Isaac. Our **memory verse** is Genesis 28:15a, "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go."

On Thursday November 4th, 2021, I will be working individually with the students to complete the Search and Teach testing. A letter was sent through email. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca or call the school at 519-291-3086. I am at school from 7:30 to 4pm. I would love to chat with you.

The November calendar has been sent home through email. If you prefer a paper copy, please let me know.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and 2 - Mrs. Dykstra

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your long weekend with your children. I was eager to welcome back our 1/2 crew.

Bible - How are we like the Israelites during the time of the Judges? This is our guiding question as we read many stories from the Judges period.

Language Arts

Spelling - Words are updated on Spelling City for testing this Friday, November 5. 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 - November has us studying "how-to" writing. We will keep a tally of how many hilarious "how-do" books we read together. How many laughs will be had along the way? Teacher directed modeling happens first, followed by shared writing, and brainstorming what each student might like to teach others "how-to" do.

Creation Studies - God made matter: Solids, Liquids, Gasses. We will take on a few more experiments with liquids and solids this week in an effort to understand terms such as opaque, translucent, and transparent.

Buddies! Students loved meeting their buddy from Mr. Siebenga's Grade 5/6 class last week. Learning buddies is an intentional effort to cultivate community in our school. Older students learn empathy, patience, and kindness. Younger students learn new skills, gain confidence, and make a new friend. Our students are learning what it means to be a part of a community of believers; to learn from each other and to love one another. We had a blast interviewing our buddies, reading to/with them, and trying some go noodle movement breaks together. Thanks, buddies!

Grade One Math - Patterning continues this week.

Library day is tomorrow!

Grades 1, 2, 3 Art - Mrs. Dykstra

Let me catch you up on our art adventures thus far: we produced a clay giraffe scene based on the book "Giraffes Can't Dance," a Van Gogh inspired pumpkin scene, and Wassily Kandinsky inspired fall trees. The Grade 2/3 class also created bubble blowing self-portraits. This week is all about perspective; artists will paint poppies with watercolours, converse about the symbolic nature of the poppy, and our role in remembering the sacrifice of those who came before us.

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!

Donations for Bazaar:

FOOD - Please use the link to sign up for food donations:

<http://signup.com/go/viSjPgn>

VOLUNTEERS - Please use the link to sign up for volunteer shifts:

<http://signup.com/go/fyyRHBd>

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.

DECOR - Please bring any new or gently used Christmas decorations that you are no longer using, to the school as soon as possible.

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!

TOY STORE - The Toy Store needs new and used toy donations. Please remember that the toys must be clean and in excellent condition. Contact Jen Zieleman (519-777-2393)

for more info.

CRAFT ITEMS - Looking for a wide variety of crafts; sewing, knitting, jewelry, painting, woodworking, etc. Contact Alana Siebring (519-291-7709) or Henrike Reitzema (519-261-2244) for more info.

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

We are starting a short unit on patterns and algebra this week. We will be focusing on repeating patterns with up to two attributes that change. Students will be using a variety of things and actions that will help them in understanding how to create a pattern and to identify the core.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Welcome back after a long and fun-filled weekend. I was blessed by the speaker, David Smith, on Thursday with the staff. I look forward to implementing what I've learned. On Friday I was introduced to a variety of activities to try in Phys. Ed. It was a good time of professional development. In **Bible**, we had our test today on being a Bible explorer. We start our new unit on creation tomorrow.

In **math**, we had a quiz on different ways of writing a number. We will continue to focus on number sense and regrouping this week.

In **creation studies**, we will be learning more about the indigenous people of Canada.

In **language**, we will have a spelling test on Friday. Here are the words for each group:

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

Have a great week!

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

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

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

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 FRIDAY. We will be doing verse 7 as a memory work next.

Volleyball

The boys will practice on Tuesday. The girls will practice at lunch on Tuesday and after school 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.

From the Library

To help the library run smoothly we are still looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to check in and shelf books and to help students check out books. You would be partnered with one of our experienced librarians. Volunteers shifts are once or twice a month on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am - 12:30pm.

Parents, grandparents and other supporters are welcome. If you are interested please call Andrea 519-338-5293 or email atboots@gmail.com

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).

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.

Grades 5/6: Next Monday (November 8) playing test on your choice of BAG song. (#7-10)

Grades 7/8: Ukulele playing test tomorrow: Skip to My Lou or He's Got the Whole World.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Welcome back after some days off. Moving into November, may the sugar rushes be pleasing, and the gales manageable.

In **Bible**, before the convention days, the students were tasked with an assignment that had them look at characters, stories and passages that they hold dear, or are uplifted by. These will be the base of their presentation to share about their place along God's Story. I'm looking forward to tuning into these progressions, and to support the progress that still may need to occur. The students will complete these on Tuesday. Our next unit will be on Jesus' later Judean Ministries.

In **math**, both Grade 5 and 6 are finishing up their whole numbers unit. This week will be used to finish up the last lessons and then review. Our test will be early next week.

In **science**, we move along with our exploration of air and apply the characteristics of air to the properties of flight.

Our **Passion Projects** were presented well last week Wednesday. To further explain what these are, they encourage the students to ask Big Questions; while they dig deeper within their research, organization, and presentation skills. These enable students to choose from their passions, interests, or inclinations to design presentations that show autonomous progression along their learning journeys, share new understandings, or a piqued interest in a new topic. New learning can be challenging, but definitely worth it!

As the next unit in Bible commences, so does our **memory work**.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

Today, we will conclude our mini-unit on the verb être (to be) using it with adjectives to describe ourselves, family members, a friend, etc. An assignment will be due this week. On Friday we will begin our unit on foods & eating/shopping.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

Folders are being sent home with marked work/assignments. A parent/guardian is asked to sign each one.

Art: Application of sketching techniques will occur again this week. Students will receive a page with half of a face (i.e. a magazine photo) with/without background and will be attempting to sketch the "other" [mirror image] half to generate a complete face.

Bible: A double-sided worksheet on Lesson #11 "The King" is due today. Continuing our unit on Themes of the Old Testament, we will begin Lesson #12 "A Lamp" which examines King David as the shepherd of his people and help students to understand why he is described, despite his glaring failures, as "a man after the Lord's own heart." The image of David's descendants as a lamp will be explored, as will David's family connection to the promised Messiah.

French: This week we will conclude our focus on the verb faire (to do/to make) – students have a worksheet due today. A reading/listening exercise ("Un letter de Linda") will involve an application activity in which each student will be writing a similar letter to an imaginary pen-pal.

Geography: our unit is entitled Physical Patterns in a Changing World. This week's topic is Climate along with the different climate types and zones around the world.

Guided Reading: Current novel study → "The Secret Garden". Last week, students listened to an oral reading of Chapter 13 but were to read Chapter 14 independently. Worksheets (with short and long answer Q's) were handed out Thursday and are due tomorrow. We will proceed to Chapters 15 & 16.

Writing and Working With Technology: This week two writing topics will be assigned: one stemming from our novel study (noted above) and the second is a Book [Report] Commercial. In the latter case, each student is to prepare a written script (outline will be distributed) with the goal of having that script memorized and delivered as a 2-4 minute promo for the book of their choice. Due date: Nov. 8.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Reminder that fundraising orders are due on Tuesday November 16.

Math: We will finish our Ratios unit. Daily homework is assigned. The unit test will be next week.

Gym: We will continue with volleyball this week.