

Weekly Messenger

November 15, 2021

One of the things I have yet to learn is to be more observant and enjoy my surroundings. Usually when I walk, I am on a mission to get somewhere. I walk fast and with a purpose, leaving little opportunity to take in the scenery. Some day I will slow down.

Last Wednesday afternoon I walked through the school building and enjoyed the scenery. I noticed the student artwork that was nicely displayed on the walls. It started right away with JK and all the way down the hallway. Once the walls were full, they started hanging art from the ceiling in the hall and the classroom. The displays overflow into the library. In the lobby there is art and the hallway to the gym is also lined with student work. Most of the art was designed to honour Remembrance Day but some were also from other classroom activities such as fall themes, the Grade 2-3 mobiles of creation, and some Grade 7-8 projects.

Thursday morning we had a wonderful Remembrance Day assembly hosted by the Student Leadership Team. They led us through a meaningful reading and some thoughtful actions. In the assembly every student and teacher went on the stage to lay their personally made poppy on the table and their teacher lit a candle on a different table. The simple action of walking to the table enabled us to think more about what the assembly was teaching us – the pain of sacrifice and the celebration of peace. I hope it was as meaningful to the students as it was for me.

The table of poppies is also now in the lobby for all of us to enjoy. I am sad that you are not able to be in the school to observe the student art and our assemblies. We will try to post pictures on Facebook so you can see that beautiful work our students, your children, do. They are a blessing to me.

November Events

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



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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

<u> Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda</u>

We are continuing our **transportation** theme this week and will make hot air balloon pictures. We will also be exploring with **magnets** this week.

In language our **focus letter is Gg**. We will be learning the sound that letter G makes and search and find letter G. We will be doing some tracing and colouring in our workbooks this week to practice our pencil grip and our control when using a writing tool.

In **math**, we are beginning a new unit on 2D shapes and will continue to work in our number book by learning more about numbers 4 and 5.

In our **Bible** lessons, we will learn about Israel and the Promised Land and also read about Hannah. In the **gym** this week, we will be playing games using hula hoops that help us learn about shapes and practice position words.

In health this week, we will continue to learn about feelings and how to relate situations and feelings.

<u>Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida</u>

This week there is no school on Friday and so we may or may not get all planned activities done. We will be focusing on matching alphabet letters, rhyming with the ending "ot", and reviewing how to print letters D, S, and M. Students will be introduced to the sound of letter P. Please send in a show and tell that begins with letter P.

Monday: Scotti and Colton

Tuesday: Ronella and Carina

Thursday: Amy and Zach

We will read Pete the Cat and His Rocking School Shoes and make a book about our own rocking school shoes. In **math**, we will focus on printing numbers to 10 and on ordinal numbers such as first, second, third etc. SK will enjoy pizza day on Thursday November 25, 2021, please email me at <u>m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca</u> to let me know if your child would like to participate and how many slices of pizza they would like. We are ordering from Dominos. Please RSVP by Monday November 22nd, 2021. Have a great week!

<u>Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra</u>

It was a week of remembering and it was good to pause and thank God for those who have gone before for our freedom.

Bible - Our memory words Psalm 105:4 (NIV) "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." Our gestures help us learn quickly! Our new unit is the time in between the testament. While no books of the Bible were written at this time, the stories are setting the scene for Jesus' birth. It will remind students of the coming of God's son.

Language Arts

Spelling -

Blue (9 words, 5 to be tested) spell, spill, spy, spat, spin, skip, ski, sky, skin Green: (10 words, 5 to be tested): net, pet, set, get, leg, beg, ten, men, pen, hen Red: beginning sounds of green words; may test green list for grade level Words are updated on Spelling City for testing this Thursday, November 18. Writing - Our class authored a book last week called "My Weekend: Take 2" and "My Letter." We will now be brainstorming our ideas for how-to topics. Creation Studies - We wrap up our unit on God made matter with a true/false oral quiz. Then it's onto mapping skills in our next unit, Naming the World God Made. We will practice positional words first.

Grade One Math - We are mastering counting from any number within 20. Students will recognize the numbers one more than, one less than, and in between given numbers within 20.

Health - Healthy eating and food safety topics are complete; a wee quiz will be given tomorrow on the topics we covered together. Our content pages are in today's kidmail.

Library day is tomorrow!

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

It took us a little longer but we have finished our patterning unit and have moved onto measuring. We will learn to compare objects using height, width and length, using both standard and non-standard units. We will take the next couple of weeks to work our way through this unit.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

And it's white outside!! In our class we call it "sky barf". It is beautiful though. It reminds me of how Christ has wiped us clean as snow.

In **Bible**, we have a quiz tomorrow on the 7 days of creation and Adam and Eve.

In math, we have a quiz tomorrow on regrouping. In **language**, we have a spelling test on THURSDAY.

School News

Pizza Days Wed. November 17 Wed. December 1 Wed. Dec 15

Student Leadership Team Event for November is a Remembrance Day colouring contest. Teachers have the colouring pages for their grade. Please have all entries hanging underneath your team name by November 30th, 2021.

Outdoor Christmas Bazaar Join us November 27 from 10:30-2pm for lots of festive fun! <u>VOLUNTEERS AND FOOD</u> <u>DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!</u>

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! Anything you would like to win yourself would be a great Toonie Jar filler. **DUE THIS WEEK! 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. 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 tov donations. Please remember that the toys must be clean and 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.

Blue	Pink	Green	Yellow
nap	jar	spool	pig
lap	cheese	skip	kite
map	chain	skull	dish
сар	horn	spear	five
rag	juice	smoke	six
tag	heart	sponge	while
wag	jet	smell	lip
flag	check	skunk	mice
bag	chin	skirt	clip

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

IKnowIt - The next assignment, called "Multiplication Facts Drill (0-5)", 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 THURSDAY where 10 words from their list will be chosen for their dictation.

Word Wizards - pure, burn, hurt, curl, church, were, nurse, cure, purse, hurl, burst, churn, curse, surf, purr, curb, blurt, lure, urge, our

Spelling Squad - surprise, decide, advice, machine, survive, crisis, combine, minus, city, slightly, ninety, invite, Friday, describe, lightning, polite, rival, tonight, brightly, delight, idol, highway

Super Spellers - switch, scale, snow, swan, scarecrow, scout, scarf, snake, sweater, swim, school, snap, score, snowman, sweep

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.

Remembrance Day Artwork - Sheets to fill in for the Legion competition have been sent home. Students need to fill in section B and D only and return them by Tuesday in order for their artwork to make it into the contest.

Scholastic - Scholastic magazines were sent home today for anyone who wants to order.

Memory Work - NO Memory Work this week.

<u> Music - Mrs. Wright</u>

Grades 4-6: Grades 4-6: Please purchase a soprano recorder (German fingering) for your child to practice on at home.

Caroling choir: We have been enjoying singing carols together to prepare to sing at the Bazaar. On the day of the Bazaar (Nov 27) we will meet outside by the 1/2 and 4/5 entrance at 11:15 am. Dress for the weather and feel free to dress festively! We will have a double practice next Monday at morning and lunch recess.

<u>Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga</u>

Happy Snowy Monday,

We carry on with our mid Fall push. There is lots happening in and around LCS these days, and we give thanks for the opportunities and the many blessings that He provides.

In **Bible**, we are moving along investigating Jesus' journeys. He set a perfect example for us and provides stories, teachings, guidance, and support as we navigate through our lives. We look to continue to investigate ways that students can look for both big and small ways that they can show, bring, and be kind to those around them.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING -

Some of our students will be at the Bazaar singing Christmas Carols from 11:30-12:30!

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. <u>Permission to stay after</u> <u>school must be sent to the office</u> <u>prior to practice</u>.

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

Battle of the Books

Students can continue to return their books to Mrs. Delleman when they are done and get new ones out! Make sure to stop by and get an extra book for the long weekend!



In **math**, we have wrapped up our Whole Numbers Unit. Some students need to continue to work through their double digit multiplication and long division practice as these skills take some extra time to fully grasp. However respectable progress has been made. Continued work with the basic fact sheets that go home weekly will support these computations. We move on to a unit revolving around Geometry.

In science, we will be looking to further explore our airplane creations, applying the forces of flight and the properties of air. We have explored how God created the birds of the air and the majesty of his creation to apply these properties.

In reading, we are wrapping up our Novel Study on "The Mystery of Cranberry Farm." The students will be working through an ending assignment as this draws near, relating to reading conventions, and applying these in a way to stimulate their creativity, while showing what they know and appreciate about the story.

We have continued on with our **Passion Projects**. With an added enthusiasm that comes with more understanding, the students are busy exploring more personal passions, investigating topics, and designing higher order questions. These investigation skills should create more detailed research, personal discoveries and enable them new ways to organize and present their learning.

Memory Work: John 10:14-16

Grade 5 and 6 French– Ms. Van Kampen

An email will be sent home with this week's information.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

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Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Boelens

Reminder that fundraising orders are due Tuesday November 16. Please take the time to review your orders, make sure your forms are clear, and ensure your money balances.

Teaching Changes: Please read the letter sent home in today's mailing regarding upcoming teacher changes for Grade 7-8.

Ottawa Trip 2022: Please read the letter sent home in today's mailing regarding the 2022 Ottawa trip.

Any questions about either letter, feel free to contact Ed Boelens. Math: This week we start a new unit on fractions. Fractions are ratios so many of the concepts we learned last unit

will transfer nicely! Daily homework will be assigned

Gym: We will play volleyball on Monday. Friday is a PD Day