

We have lots to celebrate! Here is a list of some of the things I am thankful for lately.

1. Last Tuesday we had perfect attendance at school. Every student and staff member were present from JK to Grade 8 to all staff. That means over 150 of us were here together teaching and learning. That has not happened since the first week of school. What a great day!
2. Last week a representative from the Legion returned work that our students submitted for their Remembrance Day contests last year. Among the art were several awards. We don't have a complete list of all those who received awards yet but there were some who were highly recognized for their art and written pieces. We have gifted students and I love to see them being acknowledged for using and sharing their gifts. Once we can compile a list of those who received awards, we will share it with you so you can celebrate them as well.
3. Through most of last week and then again on Friday, our staff were writing report cards. Although we never really look forward to the busyness of it all, I know that we cherish the opportunity to reflect on each student and their learning growth. The time we spend reviewing their assessments and work, checking off their character qualities, and writing comments that celebrate and challenge each student, is rewarding. I can speak from experience when I focus on each student and their report card, I can usually smile and appreciate them for how God made them unique. I look forward to next week when I can read every report card and have time to think about each student at LCS. We celebrate them and our God who shows creativity in creating everyone differently.
4. Coming home today is a schedule for Parent-Teacher conferences. We look forward to and celebrate the opportunity to partner with you as parents in a discussion for helping your child grow and learn. The conferences will be virtual again this year, so look for a ZOOM invite from your child's teacher for your scheduled time.

I am sure we could add to the list. Wow, we do have lots to celebrate!

## November Events

25 - Girls Volleyball Tournament  
26 - Boys Volleyball Tournament  
27 - Outdoor Christmas Bazaar  
29 - First Term Report Cards

## Birthday Corner

<b>November 24</b> Ria M	<b>November 25</b> Harrison S
<b>November 27</b> Caleb M Hailey G	<b>November 28</b> Emma S

## 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

This week we will be using watercolour paint to create a background for a sailboat picture. We will also be doing a sink and float activity.

In **language**, our focus letter is Hh. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter H and practice recognizing upper and lowercase Hh. In our workbooks we will practice colouring in pictures and recognizing colours by using specific colours for each picture.

In **math**, we will be continuing to learn about geometric shapes with various activities.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Samuel and read about David and Goliath.

Tuesday is **Library Day!**

# School News

**Pizza Days**

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!

**VOLUNTEERS AND FOOD DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!**

## **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 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.

## **Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida**

This week we will focus on the short vowel Aa and the sight word “go”.

Students will be introduced to syllable sorting and we will continue to work on rhyming words. Over the next few weeks, we will work on straight line letters such as H, K, L, X and T.

We have had a lot of fun learning from Pete the Cat! This week we will read Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party! We will create our own paper pizza on Tuesday and Thursday we will enjoy pizza for lunch. **Please let me know by Monday evening how many slices your child would like for lunch. If I don't hear from you, slices will not be ordered for your child. We are ordering pepperoni pizza from Dominos.**

In **math**, students will review ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.) and be introduced to patterning.

In **Bible**, we will begin to hear the stories prior to Jesus' arrival. This week we will begin with the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth. We will focus on the words “Do not be afraid”. Seeing an angel appear must have been scary but trusting that God is always near, we do not need to be afraid.

We have been practicing a Preschool Christmas Poem, singing Come on Ring Those Bells and reciting Luke 2:11. I will be in contact with you about supplying a simple costume for your child. If you do not receive an email, it is because we have found costumes at school.

## **Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra**

A highlight last week was making ornaments with our buddies. Students took pride in contributing their time and skill to create sale items for the bazaar.

**Bible:** Our memory words this week highlight how the Old Testament is another way to know God: “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Last week we learned that Jewish children had to memorize the entire Torah (first five books of the Old Testament). Students were impressed! While we don't expect that of children these days, we did talk about ways to hold God's word in our mind and hearts. Then we focused on Greek and Roman rule, noticing how God used these people groups to advance his plan for Jesus' coming.

## **Language Arts**

**New word groups.** As a new term begins, I have adjusted our word groups. I will let you know via email your child's specific group so they can focus on the correct word list. While they may repeat some spelling words from the previous term, the focus is on sorting the sounds correctly in class work. Please let me know if you have any questions. Red groups continue with beginning consonant sounds for spelling tests.

Words for testing Thursday December 2. Words are updated on Spelling City.

Orange (pl, bl, sl)	Blue ( -un, -ut,-ug)	Green (-at, -an)	Red
plug plum plus plop plan blob blog slop sled slid	run nut bug mug jug tug hut bun sun cut	cat pat hat rat sat bat can fan van pan	Focus on consonant sounds (beginning and end). Try to hear and write the beginning and ending sound in the green word list.

COMMON TEXT WITH OTHERS, CHATting and learning along the way. This system requires more independence on the part of students as Mrs. D is working with a book club. We are gaining courage (both teacher and students) to try new things in Grade 1/2! Pray that we will work with cooperation and good focus.

*Writing* - Students enjoyed writing letters last week. Now we will class-author our first how-to as we slowly work towards individual pieces. While we might not be writing long pieces, we are working on crafting good quality sentences as we write and attempting to look up words and invent spelling for words we do not yet know.

**Creation Studies** - *Naming the World God Made* (mapping skills) is underway. We are sorting needs and wants, as well as identifying our geographical location here in Ontario. If time permits, we will map our desktop, looking down with a bird's eye view.

**Grade One Math** - Learning how many more or less one quantity is from another was a brain workout! We continue to work on that skill this week as we grow in our counting skills.

**Library day** is tomorrow! Thank you for so faithfully returning books on time.

### Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

We are continuing our look at measurement this week. We have been using various objects around the room to help us understand length, width, and distance around. Last Thursday, we put our measuring skills to the test and spent the class measuring our feet and comparing the feet of a few teachers, former students, and a pet. This week we will spend more time on measuring distances.

### Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Today marks a new term! I was happy with the progress that each student made as I was doing report cards.

In **Bible** class, we are preparing for our Advent Calendar submission. We are all pretty excited about it!! Stay tuned!

In **language**, we are writing about Christmas and doing lots of reading with our in class buddies.

In **creation studies**, we are finishing up our unit on early settlers. We have enjoyed reading a book about the Loyalists that moved to Canada to start over and make way for more people to come to our amazing country.

In **math**, grade 3 is continuing our work on number sense and mental math!

### Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**IKnowIt** - "Multiplication Facts Drill (0-5)" - due FRIDAY.

**Spelling** - Below are the spelling teams and their words. Each team will need to study all these words in preparation for NEXT THURSDAY where 10 words from their list will be chosen for their dictation.

Word Wizards - jar, hard, hoarse, stir, poor, chore, boar, snore, sir, serve, yarn, worst, core, earn, bore, spur, fort, pour, pearl, horse, march, lurk, score, thorn

Spelling Squad - alone, sofa, compose, lower, approach, frozen, bowling, pony, suppose, owner, remote, loafer, soapy, erode, coaster, explode, lonely, decode, lonesome, awoke, Europe, robot

Super Spellers - sled, blouse, sleeve, blanket, slipper, sleep, plug, slide, plum, blade, blindfold, plate, block, pliers, plane

\*All spelling lists can be found on Spelling City, with games available to review words. Go to [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://spellingcity.com/tdelleman) to find links to all the spelling list words and activities.\*

**Memory Work** - NO Memory Work this week.

### Music - Mrs. Wright

**Students in grades 1-8** are preparing their pieces for the advent calendar. Some classes have received a page with lyrics or sheet music. Students should be practicing and memorizing these lyrics and movements to record next week.

**Caroling group:** On the day of the bazaar we will meet at 11:15 am outside by the 1/2 and 4/5 doors. We will be singing at 11:30 and 12:30 with a break between. Regroup at the doors again at 12:25.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLLING** - Some of our students will be at the Bazaar singing Christmas Carols at 11:30 and 12:30!

### **December Gift Cards!**

FundScrip and Oranje Grove Gift Card orders are due December 6th!

### **Volleyball**

The boys will practice on Tuesday. The girls will practice on Wednesday. Practices are from 3:30 – 4:30. Permission to stay after school must be sent to the office prior to practice. The girl's tournament is Thursday and the boy's tournament is Friday. Unfortunately there is no opportunity for spectators.



### **Battle of the Books**

Students can continue to return their books to Mrs. Delleman when they are done and get new ones out! Our goal is to finish all 8 books before Christmas!

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

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### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga**

Happy Snowy Monday,

We carry on with our mid Fall push. There is lots happening in and around LCS these days (v-ball, bazaar), and we give thanks for the opportunities and the many blessings that He provides. (I'll just keep this intro here. :))

In **Bible**, thanks to all who were part of their student's Random Act of Kindness activities over the longer weekend. It was great to hear some stories of how the students were able to share with their families, their communities, and the school at large. I look forward to hearing more as these seeds have been sown, and hopefully they try to share the kindness going into events like the V-ball tourney and the upcoming Bazaar.

In **math**, Basic facts will pick up again this week, as will our Geometry unit. Exploring angles in all things around your student will support math in their world.

In **science**, the students have been paired up and are working to investigate some historical flying machines that have come before us. The students will be looking to further their research regarding these machines. Ask questions of your student to see what your student has chosen, and who they are working with.

In **reading**, as we are wrapping up our Novel Study on "The Mystery of Cranberry Farm," the students are working through their ending assignment relating to reading conventions, and applying these in a way to stimulate their creativity, while showing what they know and appreciate about the story. Each has chosen a written and creative piece that they may have been working with over the weekend. I look forward to working with these over the first few days this week.

**Memory Work:** Luke 19:7-10

### **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**

**Fundraising:** Thanks for getting all your fundraising orders to me last week. Orders were placed and will be ready for pick-up on Thursday December 2 nd .

**Math:** Grade 7 will be working on adding and subtracting fractions. There will be a quiz on Tuesday. The mid unit review will be due on Wednesday. We will target a test for next week Wednesday (December 1). Grade 8 will work on multiplying and dividing fractions. We will have a quiz on Tuesday. Mid unit review will be due on Wednesday. We will target a test for next week Wednesday (December 1).

**Science:** We are starting a unit on systems. As we get used to the new arrangement, a work and homework schedule will develop. For now, we will work on adjustments.