

# Weekly Messenger

November 8, 2021

We never want to think about it, but I wonder if everyone has a will in place. Maybe you do, but I wonder if your will accurately reflects your current situation. Maybe it is time to write or update your will.

This year we invited representatives from the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) to participate in our Fall Membership meeting. Their focus will be on estate planning and the support CSS can be for families as they create their will. Beyond the meeting, CSS representatives may follow up with you to enquire more directly if you want to work further with them to create or re-create your will. It is still your decision.

The services they provide to our school supporters are completely free of charge. They are there to help you. There are no pressure sales, but at the same time, they will no doubt ask if you want to consider donating to charities through your will. I appreciated their comment to me that went something like, "You support charities you are passionate about throughout your life, it only makes sense that you continue that in your passing". That made sense to me. As we worked through our will, we were able to name a few charities to support.

I can speak from personal experience since I used CSS when Janet and I initially created a will, this last summer when I helped my father re-create his will, and now Janet and I are currently updating our will with the support of CSS. They have been extremely helpful to ensure that we not only have the interest of our children in mind but also the interest of charities we regularly support. At the end of the process, you still have to bring the information to your lawyer for final approval and signatures but having CSS partner with us to work through the details was a great benefit.

Again, we don't always want to think about writing a will and it often gets left until too late. I can assure you that working with CSS will help put your mind at ease that things you had not thought about were considered through their expertise and experience.

Our Fall Membership meeting is scheduled for Monday December 6. I encourage all of you to participate in our meeting. I believe it will be informative and helpful for people of all ages. It is never too late, nor too early, to put a will in place.

## 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



## 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 for our **transportation theme** we will be doing some sponge painting art and playing "Red Light, Green Light".

Our **focus letter** is Ff and we will use the Jolly Phonics song and a letter find page to practice recognizing letter Ff's sound and upper and lowercase forms.

We will also be working on some pages in our workbooks that practice control with our writing tools.

In **math**, this week we will be printing numbers 6-10 and using position words to describe where an object or person is.

In **Bible**, we will read about Moses and the Exodus as well as the 10 Commandments. Our new **Bible verse** is Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength".

Tuesday is **Library day**. Thank you parents for doing such a great job returning books each week!

Thursday morning is the Remembrance Day assembly.

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will finish **Pete the Cat** and I love my white shoes with an artistic cause and effect activity. We will be reading the story **Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons** and making button slime. It could be a gooey experience.

This week we will also focus on **Remembrance Day** and why we observe it and the importance of poppies.

Our **focus letters** are D and P. The students will be introduced to syllables - learning how many parts to a word.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will review the "frog" jump letters E, F, R, B, P, M and N.

In **Bible**, we will learn about who Isaac shall marry and his sons Jacob and Esau.

For **math**, we will review the concept of less than, count to 20 and print numbers to 5 without reversals.

Have a great week!

### Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

**Bible** - Our colouring contest for Psalm 105:1 has wrapped up! Many students gave tremendous effort. We enjoyed singing the lyrics as we coloured, praising God through it all. New memory words Psalm 105:4 (NIV) "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." We are nearing the end of our Old Testament review so a bit of assessment is in order. We will tackle this together in class.

#### **Language Arts**

We learned "wordo" for our heart words last week, and mapped the sounds we heard.

**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 Thursday, November 18.

**Writing** - Our class authored a book last week entitled "My Weekend" and created some simple sentences on the theme of "Peace is..." This week we are learning about writing a thank you note to show appreciation to others. We continue to read "how-to" books along the way.

**Creation Studies** - God made matter! We start the paperwork portion of our unit. We will also investigate solids using magnifying glasses, as well as a hands-on activity identifying transparent or opaque liquids. We may get to a quiz on Fri-yay.

**Grade One Math** - In our new unit, students will count forwards and backwards within 10 and forwards within 20, counting on from any number within 20. Students will recognize the numbers one more than, one less than, and in between given numbers within 20. Students will also learn about ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd and so on).

**Grammar** - capitalization practice is our focus this week as we practice writing sentences with all the super sentence parts we are learning.

**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.

## School News

### **Pizza Days**

Wed. November 17

Wed. December 1

Wed. Dec 15

### **Food Drive Results!**

LCS collected 1,064.5 lbs of food for our annual Food Drive! Way to go!

### **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

Our patterning unit is taking a little longer than expected. We will take a few extra days this week to better understand how to create our pattern rule when two attributes change, as well as learning how to predict patterns. Our next unit will focus on measurement.

### Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Another week is upon us. Our second week of November and a week of review and new learning. On Tuesday afternoon, I will be assessing reading while Mrs. DB comes to teach the class.

In **Bible**, we are wrapping up our unit on creation. Next week we will have a test on the 6 days of creation and Adam and Eve.

In **grade 3 math**, we are continuing our work on regrouping with addition and subtraction. Next week we will have a quiz.

In **creation studies**, we will be reviewing what we've learned so far about the early settlers of Canada and where they came from. Our quiz will be at the end of the week.

In **language**, we are focusing on these word sorts:

Blue	Pink	Green	Yellow
nap	jar	spool	pig
lap	cheese	skip	kite
map	chain	skull	dish
cap	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

**Math** - We are finished our unit on addition and subtraction and will be reviewing this week in preparation for a quiz on WEDNESDAY. Smartboard notes will be sent home on Tuesday night to help students review for their quiz.

**IKnowIt** - This week's assignment, called "Adding and 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 NEXT FRIDAY 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](http://spellingcity.com/tdelleman) to find links to all the spelling list words and activities.\*

**Memory Work** - We are learning our final Philippians verse. Philippians 4:7 - "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." - due FRIDAY.

### **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. 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](mailto:atboots@gmail.com)

### **Battle of the Books**

Students who have signed up for Battle of the Books have been given their first book to read! There are 8 books to read before Christmas. Students can return their books to Mrs. Delleman when they are done and get new ones out. After Christmas we will have official practices for our competition in April.

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.

### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga**

Happy Monday y'all,

In **Bible**, we are blazing a trail, discovering the grace, mercy and love that Jesus shared throughout his life. As we look at the lives that Jesus saves, the purity of His actions and the unwavering support He shares, kindness is evident throughout. Not to jump the gun on holiday cheer, but the "Reason for the Season" can become lost in our material desires. This Unit provides a wonderful opportunity to put some emphasis on random acts of kindness. As we navigate through the lessons, I hope our class can be inspired to share some random acts to our school community in anticipation of the coming Season.

In **math**, we are wrapping up our last review and challenges in the whole number unit. Our unit test will be on Thursday. As students need to take home their review or any other lesson practice work, they will have their textbook and notes home throughout the week.

In **science**, we have discovered the properties of flight, and further look to explore these by using simple paper airplanes to explore how the properties of Drag, Lift, Weight, and Thrust can be manipulated to provide better methods of flight.

Our **Spelling Sorts** carry on. As a way to access these lists at home, they can be found on the Google Classroom.

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

### **Grade 5 and 6 French– Ms. Van Kampen**

We will continue our unit on food. This past Friday, students were introduced to 27 different foods from dairy, fruit, veggies, meats, and bread/grain products.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen**

**Art:** will be moved to Tuesday [rather than Wednesday afternoon] to ensure that we have adequate time to complete 'production' of a 3D paper poppy. These poppies will be brought forward by students during Thursday morning's Remembrance Day assembly.

**Bible:** Hoping to complete the unit this week with a view to have a test Friday or Monday. The lessons which remain are #13 – Something Rotten, #14 – The Slide to Destruction, and #15 – A New Covenant and a True Saviour.

**French:** We are currently doing a unit on food. As a result, a variety of verbs will be dealt with including manger (to eat), boire (to drink), aimer (to like/love), détester (to hate/strongly dislike), vouloir (to want), acheter (to buy), commander (to order) etc.

**Geography:** Our unit is entitled Physical Patterns in a Changing World. This week's topic is Vegetation.

**Guided Reading:** The Secret Garden chapters 17 & 18.

**Health:** Here we will also be dealing with food, undertaking a digital scavenger hunt using the interactive online Canada's Food Guide. We will also focus on Mindful Eating.

**Writing and Working With Technology:** Book [Report] Commercial. Using the outline forms and sample distributed to each student, he/she is to prepare a written script with the goal of having that script memorized, delivered, and recorded as a 2-4 minute promo for the book of their choice. Due date: Tuesday, Nov. 16th .

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

Reminder that fundraising orders are due on Tuesday November 16.

**Math:** We will finish our Ratios unit this week. The unit reviews are due on Wednesday. The unit test is also on Wednesday.

**Gym:** We will continue with volleyball this week.