

This morning we started our day with staff devotions on Zoom. There are a few good things about doing devotions on Zoom including that more of our staff can attend even though it isn't their regular working day. It was good to have 13 staff members participating in devotions and sharing.

As I participated and listened, I was struck again about the interconnectedness of our lives. We were all connected as staff of LCS, sharing in the connections we have within the school. We celebrated the efforts of students and parents in their participation in on-line learning and Zoom classes. We were encouraged by the almost 100% participation rate.

It was also very good to hear about extended connectedness. Each of us is involved with other communities as well, either social or biological and spiritual family. Some of us shared about family health and the reality of cancer or falls, or upcoming appointments. Some updated us on prayers that we have been offering for others over a period of time. We prayed for day-to-day things like new puppies coming to the Siebenga home and details for moving for the Hiemstra family. We were reminded that we are not only fellow colleagues, but also brothers and sisters in Christ in a broader context.

In a time where it is easy to be disconnected, it was good to feel interconnected. I have always said that school are social organizations and God created us to be in community. This morning was a great reminder of that. To use a COVID cliché, "We are in this together and we are better together".

## January Events

21 - LCS PD Day - No school  
Hockey Tournament (TBD)

## Birthday Corner



January 14  
Wesley D

## February Events

18 - LCS PD Day - No school  
21 - Family Day - No school

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we will have Zoom meetings on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings, beginning at **9 am**.

Our **focus letter** for this week is Mm. I will include a video that I made for the letter M Jolly Phonics song in the parent email. We will also sing it at our Zoom meetings this week. I also would love it if students could practice printing the letter Mm in the blue alphabet book.

In **math**, we are beginning a new unit about exploring size. Here is a task for students: find two items from your house, one that is big, and one that is small. For an extra challenge, see if you can find another object that is medium in size compared to your other objects! I would love to see pictures of what you find!

In **Bible**, this week we are learning about Shadrach Meshac and Abednego, and also Daniel and the lion's den. Maybe you could read these stories from a favourite children's Bible. I will also send links to videos of these stories to watch.

# School News

## Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week's plan was sent to you on Friday afternoon. Please let me know if you have not received it.

Yay! We rocked the first week of Zoom school! Celebration hands for SK! (and their parents)

**Letters of the week:** Letter Ll and Nn. Rhyming with cat, man and dot

**Sight Word:** Is Reading: The Frog Is

**Math:** Working with numbers 8, 9 and 10. Extra math pages were listed in the weekly plan.

**Bible:** Joseph and His Colourful Coat and Joseph and Potiphar's Wife.

We are also learning about Emperor Penguins and Leopard Seals.

If you have any questions, please contact me at

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Have a great week!

## Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

Regular communication is sent out to parents. Have a great week Grade 1 and 2!

## Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

We are continuing our look at using our hundreds chart for adding and subtracting. Please have your hundreds chart, 'white' board, math workbook, and needed writing tools ready for each class. See you on Zoom!

## Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Information has been sent to parents for this week's classes.

## Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Please refer to the email sent to parents or Google Classroom for links to the videos and list of assignments, as well as a sample schedule for the week.

We will have Zoom meetings as a class at 11am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.

## Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

An email has been sent out to students and parents with the information for this week.

## Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

**Art/Writing:** The students are working on a combined writing and art project that is due this Wednesday. Our goal was to have the art done for today (Monday) so that they could work on the writing portion today and tomorrow as the art work has to be completed before the writing portion could be done. We will be working on the label tomorrow in class that needs to go along with the art.

**Guided Reading:** Blind-sided questions are due tomorrow, Jan. 11.

**Health:** Module 1 is due on Friday.

**History:** We moved the project presentation due date to next Tuesday, January 18. Handouts need to be to me by 1:00 on Monday, January 17.

**Bible:** "The Great Debate" worksheet sections A and B will be taken up tomorrow, Jan. 11. Sections C and D are due Friday, January 14 but we will work on them a bit in class together this week.

## Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

**Math:** This week we continue our unit on Data Management. Videos and daily assignments are uploaded to Google Classroom. Zoom class invites are sent the morning of the days we have classes.

## **Fundraising Drive**

This week is our a fundraising drive to support our budget.

Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the drive.

An LCS Board member will call you to follow up with you. Look

for a mailing with more details coming to your house this week.