

January 31, 2022

This week we turn over the calendar for another month: January rolls into February. The interesting part of this transition is that it also rolls over half the school year. September – January is five months and February – June is five months. We are at the mid-point of the 2021-2022 school year. Time flies!

Believe it or not, February is also a time we begin to think about the next school year. In a pandemic era, when it is difficult to predict what next week will look like, trying to imagine nine months from now may be even more difficult. However, that is what we are asking you to do.

On Wednesday, you will receive an email to a Google form requesting that you indicate your intentions for schooling your children next year. We hope and pray that you will continue your commitment to educating your children at LCS. We hope and pray that we will have the opportunity to continue to educate, influence, direct, and nurture your children. We cherish the partnership between parents and staff to curriculum with a Christian perspective.

Please fill out and return these forms. As we begin planning, they become our basis for budgeting, preparing teachers and teaching assignments, as well as busing. The best and most information we can gather helps us greatly.

So, we ask for your help. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to reenroll at LCS.

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A minor Monday morning challenge. Your children may come home today saying there was a flood at the school. Yes, we had a pipe burst and it caused the Grade 5-6 and 7-8 classrooms to slightly fill with water. It was contained to that part of the building. However, thanks to Winger Plumbing, Mike, Jake, and Brett Koetsier, we had the school running normally very soon. Thanks to the flexibility of the teachers, the students, and having spare rooms in the school, we were able to adapt. Never a dull moment!

## February Events

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

## Birthday Corner

**February 3**  
Michaela L

**February 4**  
Zander S



**February 6**  
Scott G  
Zion D



## March Events

5 - LCS Information Morning  
9am-12noon

14-18 - March Break

21 - Second Term Report Cards  
go home

22-25 - Online Spring Auction

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we begin a new month and we have a new theme. Our theme for February is Love and Family. We will be creating some heart themed art and learning more about families in our health unit.

Our **focus letter** this week is Pp and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for P and practice recognizing upper and lowercase Pp with our search and find page.

In our workbooks we will learn to print letters J and D.

In **math**, we will be exploring mass using different objects and a balance scale.

In **Bible**, we will be learning about how Jesus healed a man who was deaf, and a man who was lame.

Reminder: Tuesday is **Library** day!

**Report Cards:** JK report cards will go home on Tuesday, February 1. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these report cards please feel free to contact me at [p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca).

# School News

## Next Pizza Day

The next pizza day is Wednesday February 2nd. This is to replace a missed pizza day in January.



## FundScrip

February FundScrip orders are due tonight, January 31st at MIDNIGHT!

## Spring Auction

Reminder that the Spring Auction is coming up! March 22-25, 2022.

## Fundraising Drive

We are wrapping up our fundraising drive to support our budget. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the drive. If you haven't already sent in your donation, you can send it to the LCS office.

## Battle of the Books

We will continue meeting every Thursday at snack recess. The Junior Team will meet with Mrs. Delleman and the Senior Team will meet with Mrs. Vogel. Remember to start studying the questions in your duotangs!



## Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week our focus letter will be letter Bb. We will be matching uppercase and lowercase letters rhyming silly sentences and blending sounds together with an emphasis on the beginning or ending sound. Our new sight word is "you". Our morning message will give students the opportunity to read and review sight words. In Handwriting Without Tears we will begin with the lowercase magic "c" letters such as c, a, d and g.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Moses and how God is with him as the Israelites leave Egypt. Our new memory work is Exodus 15:2, "The Lord is my strength and my song He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my Father's God, and I will exalt Him".

In **math**, we are learning about height and mass.

In **health**, we will focus on our five senses. This week we are going to use our sense of sight.

A February calendar has been sent home electronically and a paper copy for those who have requested it.

**For Valentine's Day:** Students are welcome to bring Valentine cards for their classmates. The easiest way is for your child to sign the card and then they can go to any of their classmates. It also works to have them labeled, just be sure each child gets one. Here are the class names: Carina, Amy, Zach, Josh, Jesse, Jordyn, Kyle, Haven, Scotti, Alex. Colton, Malcolm, Ronella, Liam, Octavia and Eli. Treats are fun just be sure they are PEANUT FREE! Thank you!

**LIBRARY BOOKS:** Return on Tuesday  
Have a great week!

## Grade 1 and 2 - Mrs. Dykstra

We will be saying "goodbye" to our friend Jensyn this week. We will spend time later in the week using a goodbye circle to voice our memories and prayers for her next chapter. We will miss you, Jensyn! God is for you and is with you.

**Bible:** We wrap up our unit by reading a few books about worries and introducing the "turn your worries into prayer" box for our classroom. Our concluding lesson is on Jesus' sending of his disciples. We will craft a paper "human accordion" to show how we too are disciples and can work together to reach more people with the good news of Jesus.

**Language Arts:** Our reading and writing activities focus on Lunar New Year and Groundhog Day this week. Making paper lanterns and groundhog hats should add some fun to our days.

**Phonics:** Short vowel lessons this week. The sounds we hear in the middle of a word help us know whether the vowel is a short or long vowel; the extension is vowel teams which some of our readers will study as well. This is a process, and one to be reviewed and practiced at home. What sound are we hearing in the middle? Is it a long or short sound? Which words are tricky and break the sound rules? We are sound detectives!

**Spelling words** for testing Friday, February 11.

*Orange:* that, brat, chat, spat, chin, grin, thin, than

*Blue:* snip, snob, snot, snap, swim, swan, swam, snow

*Green:* rat, cat, sat, pat, pan, can, sad, dad

**Creation Studies** - We "take-off" for virtual field trips to places in God's world. We will also finish up our learnings on landforms from last week.

**Grade One Math** - 2D shapes is our focus this week, along with attributes and sorting. We plan to zip through this unit as our big focus on addition and subtraction in Grade 1 is just around the corner.

**Health** - We will wrap up our unit with a quick assessment.

**Library** day is tomorrow.

## Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

This week we are starting a new unit for math looking at symmetry. We will be looking at finding polygons to help us in identifying symmetrical shapes and designs. Also, we will be using our pattern blocks and what we know about shapes to look for symmetry around us.

### Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

It felt so good to complete a full week of school with the students. I'm so glad to be back.

This week and next week, Grade 3 will be doing another session of **MAP testing**. This week:

**Bible:** We are continuing our unit on Abraham. Memory work was extended to this Wednesday:

Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

**Creation Studies:** We are wrapping up our unit on magnets. Students will have 2 quizzes on what they've learned. A mini-booklet was sent home over the weekend for the content of the first quiz and a second mini-booklet will be sent this week for the second quiz.

**Language:** Spelling test on Friday

Pink	Orange	Blue	Green	Yellow
net	saw	school	box	skating
hen	horse	swan	rode	waving
beg	shirt	snake	road	writing
ten	shell	swim	boat	looking
peg	socks	scout	slope	mailing
pen	house	snap	stop	closing
wet	ship	scarf	toad	trading
men	shop	sweep	drop	eating
jet	ham	snow	stone	dreaming
leg	seal	scale	foam	using

**Grade 3 Math:** We are starting the week with MAP testing and then we start our unit on multiplication!!

### Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**IKnowIt** - Division with Remainders (1 digit by 2 digit) - 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* - saw, cause, cross, caught, paws, straw, fault, law, claw, sauce, taught, draw, laugh, haul, pause, song, frost, hawk, crawl, dawn, lawn, vault, shawl, cloth

*Spelling Squad* - setting, hiking, reading, floating, cutting, moving, stopping, living, spelling, coming, begging, growling, grinning, having, cheering, jogging, sharing, talking, pushing, humming, working, fixing, going, snowing

*Super Spellers* - sad, bed, crab, cob, job, mad, red, rob, lab, had, fed, mob, sob, bad, led, pad, tab, blob, grab, shed, glad, glob, cab, sled

\*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** - Isaiah 53:5 - "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." - due NEXT FRIDAY.

### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Information can be requested by parents.

### Grade 5 and 6 French - Mrs. Vogel

Information can be requested by parents for this week's French classes.

### Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Information can be requested by parents.

### Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

**Math:** Monday is our last review assignment. Our test will be Tuesday. On Tuesday, students will hand in their textbook review, their ending assignment, as well as their test. Wednesday we will take the math MAP test.

**Science:** On Monday, we will complete more work on calculating work. On Friday we will define and calculate energy.