

Weekly Messenger

April 25, 2022

Tonight, we have our Spring Membership meeting. At this meeting you will hear updates from the leadership of the school – the Board and myself. The budget will be presented and explained, and you will have the opportunity to vote in new Board members. We hope to see you at the school tonight at 7:30 p.m.

I want to thank our board members who are completing their three year term. Ron Haanstra, Peter Kraayenbrink, and Gerry Siebring have all committed their time and their talents to provide leadership to LCS. Although it is rewarding to be on the board, it is also time consuming and emotionally taxing, specifically through the COVID era. I appreciated the discernment and opinions of these three men. If you get a chance tonight, thank them!

Next week is another big and exciting week. There will be lots of things happening and as I reflected on them, we have not hosted these in-person for three years. That means many of us have not experienced them. As a result, I am attaching a full page listing of events next week along with some details to help you understand them. Sometimes students will need money, sometimes they will need an extra lunch, and sometimes you are invited to join us. Details, details, details. If you have any other questions, feel free to email us at the office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca) or me (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca).

April Events

25-Spring Membership Meeting
27-Basketball Tournament
29- Kindergarten Registration
9:30am-11:30am

Birthday Corner



April 29
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May Events

2-6 Christian Education Week
20- LCS Track & Field
23- Victoria Day- No School
May 30-June 2: Gr 7/8 Ottawa Trip

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be making some butterfly art and keeping an eye on the growth of our seeds. Some of them have sprouted and are growing!

Since we have completed learning all of the letters of the alphabet, we will begin to review the letter names and sounds this week, starting with letters A-E.

We will also begin a new **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook called Kick Start Kindergarten where we will review printing uppercase letters and then, if time allows, begin printing lowercase letters.

In **math**, we will finish up in our old green Handwriting Without Tears workbooks to print numbers 8, 9 and 10.

In **Bible**, we will read about Pentecost and Peter.

We completed our **health** unit celebrating God's gift of our five senses by making something that we could use all five senses to experience, popcorn!

Extra Clothes: If you have not sent back extra clothes after March Break, I ask that you please send in a set. As the weather is changing frequently we often end up with wet pants and socks after recess. I would also encourage you to send splash pants if you have them! Thanks!

Reminder that Tuesday is Library day, please send in any library books that are due so students may choose new books.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the long vowel I sound by singing some silly songs, listening for vowel sounds and doing a vowel sort.

Our new sight word is little.

Students are learning how to build sentences.

In **math**, we will finish our 3D objects unit by learning about cylinders and cones.

We will continue to work on counting by 2s and begin using positional words.

For **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are still working on diver letters such as lowercase h, b and f.

We continue to look for the position of the letters on a line.

In **Bible**, we will begin a unit called Jesus' Ministry and will learn about Jesus' baptism and how he called His disciples.

We are practicing our songs for Grandparent's Day on the stage. How exciting!

We are learning about the difference between seeds and bulbs and the purpose of the roots, the stem, and the leaves of a plant.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca
Have a great week!

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

A reminder to please send in your completed toonie bags for the carnival by this Friday. For next Monday, please send your child with loose change in a marked bag. Carnival activities will range from \$0.50 to \$2.00. Please talk to your child whether or not you would like them to donate any leftover money at the end of the carnival. Thank you!

1. In **Bible** class, we talked about Jesus appearing to his friends after His Resurrection!

2. In **Creation Studies**: we complete our air and water unit with some "show what you know" opportunities. Some of that is 1:1 chats with Mrs. D, and some on paper.

3. In Grade 1 **Math**, we began our study of coins and counting coins. That work continues this week.

4. We are diligently working on our contribution to Grandparents Day, as well as the art gallery.

Language Skills

1. *Full group phonics*: vowel teams and blends review

2. *Reading & Writing*: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs week!

3. *Grammar*: We will work on understanding nouns in our study of parts of speech.

Spelling: please check Seesaw or Spelling City for word lists.

Grade 2 Math- Ms. ten Brink

We are finishing up our addition unit this week by using what we remember about adding ten to a number, as well as using numbers that equal ten as a way to solve questions. We also get to start with regrouping. It is going to be a busy week!

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

It is our last week of April. And today we are met with more April showers. I'm praying they bring lots of May flowers! The next month is a very busy month with lots of important extras.

Bible: Our focus is on our play for Grandparents Day based on Joseph.

Gr. 3 Math: We are going to finish up our division unit and have a test this week.

Creation Studies: We are starting a unit on reptiles and amphibians

Language: After assessing the majority of the class last week, I have decided that the whole class will be focusing on long "a". Our words this week are:

cake, play, paid, made, day, maid, shake, may, train, tape

Memory Work: Psalm 135: 3-4

"Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant. For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession."

School News

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday May 4th
&

Wednesday May 18th

Battle of the Books

We had an awesome Battle of the Books Competition last week! Well done to both teams - it was an awesome day! Congratulations to our Junior Team who won first place!



Boys & Girls Basketball

On Wednesday April 27th, the boys and girls basketball teams will compete in a tournament at RIM park on Waterloo.
Go LCS Go!



Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

IKnowIt - NO I Know It this week.

P.E. Zumba - Students will be doing Zumba for TUESDAY's P.E. class. Please have them bring an extra pair of clothes to change into for P.E. that day.

Math - We have finished a unit on geometry. Students will have their quiz on FRIDAY. Students will need to know the name of different polygons and their attributes. Grade 5s also need to know how to classify triangles. Smartboard notes will be sent by email the day before the quiz.

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

Word Wizards - twig, quake, swan, tweet, quart, swell, quote, swing, twist, quiet, swift, twelve, quilt, swamp, quack, sway, twirl, sword, swipe, two, quite

Spelling Squad - loaf, lives, leaf, mouse, wolves, knives, tooth, women, geese, loaves, mice, knife, deer, leaves, woman, life, goose, wolf, teeth

Super Spellers - cash, dish, rash, flash, swish, smash, rush, hush, wish, crush, crash, mash, dash, mush, blush, flush

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

Memory Work - 1 Peter 2:24 - due FRIDAY - "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

Grade 5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

We will have a quiz today on the Spring vocabulary which we have been dealing with in the last 2 weeks. We will also be focusing on the long o sound represented by "-au" through a new short story. We continue to review sounds that we have learned as these reappear in our readings and we add to our knowledge base -- reading skills seem to be improving!! A [near] future assessment will involve each student reading aloud to me one-on-one.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Good day folks,

This week in the classroom:

In **Bible**, we will wrap up the unit on Jesus's Death. Test this week Thursday.

In **Math**, the students have been working well with the Khan academy practice, in class applications, workbook expectations, and basic facts. For both grades, this week Friday is our Test on Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, and also Ratios for Grade 6.

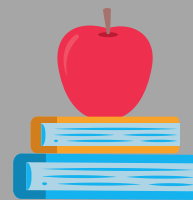
In **Reading**, the "Underground to Canada" is going along well. The Literature Circle is operating with good results and is proving to be a space where the students can apply what they are reading while putting on many different hats to explore the diverse content of the novel.

In **Social Studies**, the mini American culture projects have been started with fervour. Completing them with the same enthusiasm will be the key. The students are to create an infographic using Canva, and complete one of the chosen projects from their particular lens on American culture. I look forward to these graphically charged representations of data, and their creative spirit to show what they have learned about their topic of American culture. There will be an American state map test on Friday!

Spelling continues with new lists posted on Google classroom.

Memory Work: *None this week*

Announcements



Employment Opportunity

We are looking for a Student Support Services Teacher (formerly called Resource Teacher). This is a 60% position but can be made full time with some classroom teaching if that is desired. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who might be, please contact me at

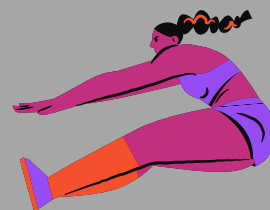
principal@listowelchristianschool.ca

Harriston Meats Fundraiser

This is the last week for ordering meat. If you would like to order meat, please connect with a grade 5-8 student or let me (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca) know and I will direct you to a student. Orders are due on Friday.

Field Day!

Yay! Field Day is happening this year. The date is Friday May 20th, 2022. We will need about 21 helpers/volunteers that day to make this event successful for our students. Some of the jobs include running events and leading groups of children to each event. This is a very good way for high school students to get some volunteer hours. Please let Michelle know at office@listowelchristianschool.ca if you are available that day. Any questions please contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca. Looking forward to working with you again!



Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

Efforts will continue this week to build Rube Goldberg Machines. Oral presentations and assessment will occur next week Wednesday, May 4th. Each presentation is to provide an explanation of the steps in order to accomplish the end task while identifying the 5 different simple machines; the reliability of the machine and the group's creativity will also be assessed. This project will conclude the unit on Systems In Action.

Grade 7/8 Math – Mr. Boelens

This week we start our algebra units, looking for and describing patterns. Daily homework will be assigned.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

We continue to talk about how we can help our neighbours both in the class, at school, and in our broader communities. Our class has come up with some great ideas and it was also great to see so many of them helping all members of their teams at the team event this past Friday. We were also able to do a bit of a yard cleanup at and around the school and talk to a neighbour while we were at it. Such a great set of experiences. We have a very busy couple of weeks coming up. Christian Education Week is kicking off with an assembly and carnival (2 separate events) on Monday, May 2. Grade 7/8 is in charge of the bake sale. On May 2nd, every student is asked to bring individually packaged baked goods to sell during the school carnival. We will be pricing the items that morning.

Guided Reading - We are going to be focusing on chapters 8 and 9 of The Hobbit this week.

W.W.W. - Unit work due and test for the unit on Friday, April 29.

Writing - We are going to continue our Poetry unit this week.

Geography - Presentations/Projects due on **Tuesday, April 26. Test on Thursday, April 28.**

French - End of unit paragraphs based on our hockey unit are due on **Monday, April 25 and Thursday, April 28.** We will have time in class to work on the second one.

Art - 2 point perspective art project is due **Wednesday, April 27.** We are continuing our study in 1 point perspective art this coming week. If you have any thin cardboard 8 1/2 by 11" with no creases in that amount of space I would greatly appreciate if it could come to school for Thursday.

Bible - We have begun a new unit on the Prophets. Bible tests are marked and ready to go home, however we are waiting for a couple students to write them yet before they are returned to students.