

April 4, 2022

Save the Date! Tuesday April 12 we will be hosting our strategic planning evening at the school. Ray Hendriks, formerly from Edvance Christian Schools, will facilitate the evening, which will begin at 7:00 pm.

LCS has been involved with strategic planning for many years. Strategic plans help a school board in working toward goals highlighted by our community and enables them to stay focused on the progress of the school without distraction. In 2020, we were completing most of the plan topics that were part of a previous brainstorming session. Just prior to COVID, we were planning a renewed effort to gather our community together and set a new direction for LCS. Although COVID delayed it, we are now excited to be able to host the evening.

We need your help. In order for the leadership of the school to fully understand the needs and wishes of the community, we need people at this meeting to voice their ideas. We want to hear your dreams and wishes for how you would like to see LCS grow and develop in the next several years. Many things have changed since our last brainstorming session so we want to hear how those changes may affect the direction of LCS for the next five years. Come and be a part of the future of LCS.

You may think strategic planning is not for you. However, maybe just being there, listening, and participating in small ways will help LCS move in the right direction. It takes a variety of people with all sorts of ideas to create a strategic plan, so we need you there. All members of the school are invited. To entice you, we are serving coffee and cake! Save the date – Tuesday April 12 at 7:00 pm. in the LCS gym. We hope to see you there.

April Events

12 - Stratetegic Planning Evening
15- Good Friday- No School
18-Easter Monday- No School
25-Spring Membership Meeting
26- Kindergarten Registration
9:30am-11:30am
27-Basketball Tournament

Birthday Corner

April 8
Esmae Z

April 9
Anna V-D



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

It is April! We are going to be learning about Spring this month and the new life that is all around us, as well as the new life that Jesus can give us. We will plant seeds and watch them grow and we will be making some spring and Easter themed art as well.

Our focus letter this week is letter X. We will be practicing the sound letter x makes using the Jolly Phonics song and listening for letter x in words, and recognize that upper and lowercase X look the same!

In our **workbooks** we continue to review capital letters.

In **math**, we will learn about estimating.

In **Bible**, we begin our Easter unit by reading about Palm Sunday and the Lord's Supper.

In **health**, we are continuing our Five Senses unit by learning about our sense of taste.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the letters **Yy** and **Vv**. We will take some time to review the sounds of letters that we have already focused on. We are learning to hear the number of sounds in a word and identifying ending sounds.

We will continue to work on reviewing sight words and learning the word "for". In **math**, we continue to count to 100 and sort items into three and/or four categories.

In Handwriting Without Tears, we will print lowercase "K, Y and J", words on a line and practice printing a sentence.

In **Bible**, we will hear about Peter's denial of knowing Jesus and the crowds shouting "Crucify Him" Our memory verse is Matthew 28:5-6a-"The angel said to the woman, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen."

We will learn a little about rain and rainbows as we complete a rain experiment.

In **art**, we will learn how to draw flowers.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

In **Bible** class, we did not begin our new unit due to the snow days and thus will start with the Triumphant Entry this week. We now create a Passion Week journal to remember Jesus' journey to the cross. In our devotions, we were humbled and awed by Jesus' suffering as we found a crown of thorns, purple robe, and a whip in the eggs.

Language Skills

Full group phonics: blends! In a blend, each letter retains its individual sound. We will make a start with initial s, l, r 2-letter blends, and final blends.

Reading & Writing: Friday afternoon we began writing our own version of the Three Little's and there were some very motivated writers! We continue writing fractured versions of this classic tale and find the winner of our book battle.

Spelling - I'm sorry I forgot to administer the spelling test on Fri-yay. We took care of it today. Here are the new lists for Thursday April 14 (note date change)

Orange: blank, bleed, chart, chief, shore, shout, whine, where

Blue: dock, lock, buck, duck, neck, deck, tack, sack

Green: mad, nap, wet, web, did, rip, hut, bus

In **Creation Studies**, Air and Water in God's Environment. We can't see air, but God created it all around us. Air takes up space. How might we know that it is taking space? Then we will discuss how God gave us air and water to make certain activities possible.

In **Grade 1 Math**, some students will benefit from reviewing number words to twenty; that can be done using the first completed Jump math coming home today (not to be returned to school). Students were excited to begin a new unit in our second Jump math book! Our goal this week was to skip count by 5s; starting at different points at the hundreds chart takes the task from rote counting to understanding the patterns and what is actually being counted (groups of 5). Please remember that every **Tuesday** is our **library** day.

Grade 2 Math- Ms. ten Brink

We are so close to completing our math book! We have measured so many things around the classroom as we become more familiar with centimeters and meters. We will finish the unit off looking at mass and comparing different objects.

School News

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday April 6th
&
Wednesday April 20th

Battle of the Books

We will continue meeting every Thursday at snack recess. Save the possible date of April 21st for our competition.



Boys Basketball

This week we start basketball practices. Boys in grades 5-8 were invited to sign up but, due to the number of boys interested, we will start with only boys in grades 6-8. Practices will be after school on Wednesdays and lunch time on Thursday. The tournament is April 27 so the time is short.



Girls Basketball

Girls basketball will practice on Monday at snack recess, Wednesday at lunch recess and Friday at lunch recess. Starting next week there will be practice after school.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Here's hoping we get a full week of school in this week!

Bible: We have started our new unit on Joseph!

Creation Studies: We have finished our unit on maps and are now learning how to write an information piece so we can write a research paper on a woodland mammal.

Gr. 3 Math: We are finishing up our short unit on data management and will move on to division.

Language: On Friday, we will have our spelling test.

Pink: pig, pill, wig, lip, mill, hill, dig, zip, rip, tip

Orange: chain, shed, shave, chief, house, shop, cheese, hose, cherry, sheep

Blue: sled, plug, blouse, plum, sleep, block, pliers, slipper, blanket, blade

Green: next, seem, eat, web, green, weak, less, feet, heat, speak

Yellow: hopped, hoped, joined, planned, saved, started, stepped, scored, seemed

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

IKnowIt - No IKnowIt this week.

Math - We have finished our unit on time, and the test that was supposed to happen last week has been moved to **TUESDAY**. Students will need to now know how to tell time (reading an analog clock, writing time in words), how to convert between lengths of time (hours, days, weeks), and how to find elapsed time using a number line.

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 - gnat, rap, knack, wreck, known, wrist, knot, gnaw, ring, wrap, knob, knit, wren, wrong, knight, knead, kneel, gnash, knee, wreath, wring, gnome

Spelling Squad - foxes, guesses, brushes, speeches, splashes, lunches, clothes, mixes, churches, crashes, books, peaches, classes, kisses, taxes, ditches, leashes, changes, branches, watches, places, ashes

Super Spellers - tack, kick, luck, rock, pick, tuck, back, pack, lock, quick, lick, stuck, rack, block, truck, clock, snack, black, quack, sick

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

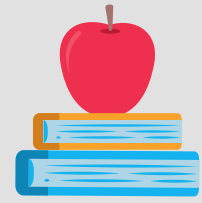
Memory Work - 1 Peter 2:5 - due **NEXT THURSDAY** - "You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Grade 5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

This week, D.V., we will do what has been on the "docket" for the last two weeks: '-er' verb conjugations review & assessment (test on Wednesday), and continuing to focus on pronunciation, reading skills, and comprehension. As usual, we will begin our classes with greetings, season and weather descriptors, and the date. Time permitting, we'll squeeze in a game of BINGO to aid with number review.

N.B.: Written assessment on Wednesday, April 6th on '-er' verbs. The resulting mark will be part of the Term 3 evaluation. Students with a formal IEP will be given accommodation to complete the assessment.

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@listowechristianschool.ca

Harriston Meats Fundraiser

This week we begin our last fundraiser for the grade 7-8 class and the first one for the grade 5-6 class to support their Ottawa trips. If you would like to order meat, please connect with a grade 5-8 student or let me (principal@listowelchristianschool) know and I will direct you to a student. Orders are open until Friday, April 29.

Hockey

Last week our hockey team competed in their Christian school tournament. They played four games in one day, competed hard, scored a few goals, grew in their hockey skills, but came up short in the standings. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Mr. Kraayenbrink, and Mr. Haanstra for coaching and Mr. P. Slotegraaf for helping out. Thanks to all the parents for driving to allow your son/daughter to play and thanks for coming to the tournament to support them.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Hiya folks,

As April begins I hope that the hope that accompanies this month, nourishes each moment.

It was a “fool of a day” on Friday. April 1st is certainly no joke. From students who skipped class, to mulch in my shoes, I will certainly be more prepared for the next one! Chalk one up for the common prankster on this day. Now, we look ahead... to no more snow days!

This week in the classroom:

In **Bible**, the students were successful in their endeavours with the last Unit's test or Brochure, depending on their choice. It was great to see some students try a digital design platform to create their brochures - Canva. These digital skills are relevant and applicable. For those that choose a more traditional path, the tests were completed well and, at the very least, showed their understanding of the Holy Spirit leading the gospel to the ears of the diverse church. Now we pivot to Easter and the resurrection of our Christ!

In **Math**, we are exploring fractions, percentages, and ratios. Through manipulatives, practice, and games the students will push their understanding of these concepts to better equip themselves and their number relationships. I will continue to assign tasks through Khan academy and look for steady practice with basic facts on Fridays.

In **Reading**, we have begun our next novel relating to our next social studies unit on Our Neighbours to the South, the United States of America. The “Underground to Canada,” should produce a great lens to begin to explore this country's past, the connection Canada has with these events, and an exploration of family, trust, and the evil that existed often unbeknownst to those involved. We are revisiting the Literature Circle for this novel. Ask your student to explain what this is, and how this enables them to try on different hats as they explore literary techniques, new vocabulary, and to lead their group mates through discussion.

The **Passion Projects / speeches** have wrapped up just in the nick of time. With this, I mean to say that it was time to close them off, be happy with the results, and the efforts exerted. We now look forward to exploring a new way in which to express ourselves through our written word. In **writing**, we will move on to a more compact written expression - Microfiction. Like the name suggests, we will spend some time looking at writing short, yet powerful stories that work to challenge the students with word choice, and being concise.

In **Social Studies**, last week time was not on our side, as a great chunk of it was spent at home. This week, we will jump into our exploration of our Southern neighbours, the United States of America. Here are some enduring questions that you can ask your students, and that will drive our inquiries. What challenges does the United States face? How is the US living within the global community? How can Christians in Canada understand, support, and celebrate the United States? I hope that together we can observe how America is a continent and better understand what it means to be neighbours to these United States, and that God will help us explore areas that will enable us to better understand and serve Him through our neighbours.

Spelling continues with new lists posted on Google classroom weekly, in their newly created groups, and levels.

Memory Work: John 14: 1-4

Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

Last week we 'lost' our classes. So, our lessons have been deferred

This week, D.V., we will continue to learn about levers, looking at input and output forces and work and target completion of mathematical lever-based problems together as well as those assigned for submission and assessment. Students are reminded of the need to [neatly] show their work, use proper units, and to make concluding statements in response to the original question posed.

Grade 7/8 Math – Mr. Boelens

This week we continue with integers. Daily assignments are given.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Our theme this past week and this week is perspective. There are so many places where point of view and perspective make a difference in understanding a situation or why a group of people act the way they do.

Bible - We are nearing the end of our Bible unit on Proverbs looking at relationships and family. We have noticed that different families and different groups of society look at relationships in different ways, employing different perspectives.

Geography - This week we will be finishing our detailed study of perspective and how different people groups would look at the use of different natural resources found in Canada.

Guided Reading - We are looking at perspective in "The Hobbit" as well and trying to see conflict from the point of view of the different groups of characters we are encountering. We are finishing chapters 6 and 7 this week.

W.W.W. - Unit 5 work and unit test due on Friday, April 8.

Writing - It is National Poetry Month and, with that, we are starting a unit on poetry this week. We will be looking at what makes poetry poetry, reading and listening to a number of poems, and writing our own poems.

Art - We are going to be looking at perspective in art looking at both 1 and 2 point perspective drawings.

French - We are going to be continuing to look at hockey and the finer details of the sport with specific penalties and how they affect the game.