

Weekly Messenger

September 26, 2022

This is a busy week. With many of our thoughts and prayers going to the VanDonkersgoed family, I remind you of things happening this week:

Tuesday: The students from Grades 5-8 will go on a field trip to Wildwood Conservation Area. An email was sent home about what to bring and how to dress for the weather. Outdoor learning happens in all kinds of weather!

Wednesday: Our school will be closed on Wednesday allowing for teachers and families to attend Katherine's funeral. The funeral service will be held at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Listowel at 2:00 pm.

NOTE: The health unit nurses were supposed to provide our Grade 7 students their Hep B shots; it has been rescheduled to Thursday October 20th.

Thursday: Our soccer teams will compete in their tournament. Letters were given and sent to all soccer families with important information about times.

Friday: Friday the Student Leadership Team will lead an activity that supports The Terry Fox Foundation. This is another way we can support the battle against cancer so remember to bring your "Toonie for Terry".

Good learning, regular curriculum and life learning, happens in many different places and in many different ways. Whether we are in the classroom, in nature, on the sports field, or in a church sanctuary, we pray that God will open our eyes to see Him in all places.

September Events

27- Grade 5-8 Field Trip to Wildwood Conservation
29- Soccer Tournament
30- Terry Fox Activities

Birthday Corner

Sept 27
Zachary S

Oct 1
Malcolm W



Oct 2
Blake L

Sept 28
Olivia B

Oct 3
Olivia D

October Events

6- Cross Country Meet- Cambridge
10- Thanksgiving Day, No School
24- LCS Information Evening 7-9
27 & 28- Edvance Convention,
No School
27, 28 & 29- Oranje Grove
Shopping Days

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week, continuing with our farm theme, we will be doing straw painting! We will also be doing some farm themed matching activities.

We will keep practicing recognizing letters in our names and we will do a listening exercise to help us get ready to hear letter sounds.

In **math**, we will be sorting using stories and we will make a people graph.

In **Bible**, we continue with our Creation unit by learning that God created land animals and people and that God rested on the seventh day.

In our **health unit** we will look at how we are alike but also different.

Tuesday is library day. Please remember to send in last week's books so students may choose new books to bring home.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the sound of letter S by going for a feather hunt, sorting socks, and packing a suitcase. Our new sight word this week is "see". We will be listening to hear if words rhyme and following directions by playing Simon Says. In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will begin printing frog jump letters such as letters E and F. When printing, students will start at the top of their page and make a big line down, then frog jump up to make three little lines for letter E and two little lines to make a letter F.

For **math**, we continue to count forwards using a variety of rhymes and we are learning how to print numbers 1 to 4. We will engage in many counting activities so that the students will match the correct number. **Thank you to all those who have sent their family photo in as we will use them for graphing on Friday and for a couple of Thanksgiving activities. Please send one in ASAP, if you have not already done so.**

In **Bible**, we are learning about how sin entered the world and Noah's obedience to God. We will review our Creation Rhyme, our memory verse, and sing Hip, Hip, Hip, Hippopotamus. Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Devotions: We continue the journey with Peter, Mary, and Henk the dog back in time to the beginning of creation. God's big story begins!

Bible: We reflected on our favourite Bible story by displaying it on a class mural. We painted Day 4 of creation with a watercolour resist technique while reviewing the details of God's ability to create His world from nothing. We continue with reviewing the days of creation, then on to more Old Testament stories from God's word.

Phonics focus: What does the short a say? We are all about short a word families for about two weeks. Lots of songs, games, and activities to practice.

Word study: flash words: in, see, like, went ♥ heart word: to (not decodable)

Writing: It is sticker week in our writer's workshop! We will write labels for different stickers to practice writing ALL the sounds we hear in a word (beginning, middle, end). We will also discuss things we like and do not like, and write a sentence or two.

Chapter book read aloud: We will complete our listening of *Junie B. Jones, Boss of Lunch* and tuck in one more book in the series: *Junie B. Jones, Toothless Wonder*

Handwriting: We crack open our brand new Handwriting Without Tears workbooks, practice some pencil pick ups, check our pencil grip, and learn all the routines for when "Officer Dykstra" is on duty - if you take your time, no speeding tickets will be issued!

In **math**, we finished up our numeral review and whizzed through a unit on sorting. Students now explore numbers to 10. They will count, pair numbers with their corresponding quantities and numerals, put numbers in order, and compare quantities (more, less, fewer, as many as).

French: counting to 10 and continued practice of our greetings

Terry Fox Run: Our class is excited to be joining the rest of the school for our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday. The students may run, jog or walk and earn points for their school team for each lap completed. SK-Grade 2 will have a smaller course to run/walk.

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Hello grade two families! I'm the new late comer, Mrs. Koersen. This week I look forward to meeting all of your wonderful children as we work on getting to know each other, and putting some hard work and fun into our Thursday/Friday curriculum. Please keep your eyes open for an email from me later this week.

Announcements

Terry Fox Day

This Friday, September 30th, all of our SK to Grade 8 students will be walking/running to support cancer research. Please have your child(ren) dress appropriately for the weather, with good walking/running shoes. We encourage each child to bring a toonie for Terry. We are looking forward to a great day, honouring the memory of Terry Fox and remembering others affected by cancer.

Pokemon Cards

Every few years Pokeman cards become popular again. This is another year when students are bringing their cards to school. It is fun to see them so excited to show their friends what they have.

However, trading often causes difficulties. When we are able to supervise, we ensure there is no trading. The same rules would apply for any type of cards. Please talk about this with your child and support our no trading rules.

Hospital Gala Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the hospital gala to run our auctria program. Auctria refresher will happen sometime before. Let Tanya Slotegraaf know if you are able to help out at Itslotegraaf@gmail.com. Hospital Gala is the evening of Saturday October 22.

LCS Bazaar

Saturday November 26th
The bazaar fundraising committee is looking for gently used or new toys for our bazaar this year. If you could please arrange to drop them off at the school, it would be greatly appreciated!

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

Math skills: This week we are working on our number sense up to number 20. It includes counting on and using charts. We will also practice our mental math skills and focus on odd and even numbers.

Language skills

Writing: We continue to focus on adding details to ideas.

Spelling: In this week's spelling, we focus on another set of short vowel sounds. Our 10 spelling words for this week are: his, is, an, and, can, all, call, land, hand and small. Please help them to practice it at home too.

Phonics: We continue to review short vowels.

Reading: In reading this week, we are still focusing on making connections where we recognize the connections between the text and ourselves. Our poem for the week is "Fruits of the Spirit". This week, we will finish reading our graphic novel called "Baby-sitters little sister".

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

We are in our final week of September. We are all doing very well in falling into routine and knowing the expectations.

Please remember that Wednesday the school will be closed for the funeral of Katherine VanDonkersgoed. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Bible: We were unable to get as far as planned last week so we will be reviewing this week and our test will be on Friday.

Math: We are continuing our unit on patterns. Occasionally your child may have homework. I try to make it minimal and manageable. Look for highlighted questions.

Language: We are still focusing on consonant sounds in phonics. We are starting to do some narrative writing in writing. Our letters are coming along in handwriting. We continue to read good fit books.

Creation Studies: We are really enjoying our unit on Engineering! We have been making all kinds of structures.

Enjoy your week,
Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - Students will need to know the books of the Law (Pentateuch) and History this week. Students will need to memorize "Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1/2 Samuel, 1/2 Kings, 1/2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther" in order so they can recite it to the teacher during our typing time at the end of the day on Friday.

Spelling - We will be working on different spelling teams this year. Below are the team names and their spelling lists:

Team Word Power - horse, shirt, saw, ship, house, sheep, shark, socks, ham, shell, hose, soap, seal, shop, shed

Spelling Stars - space, rain, black, mane, tale, brain, paint, place, rash, blame, train, main, faint, want, chain, flag, tail, said, frame, flash

Spelling Champions - super, supper, diner, dinner, tiger, happy, later, busy, pretty, paper, penny, zero, tiny, over, puppy, rabbit, unit, kitten, hello, crazy, letter, lesson, summer, open

If you go to spellingcity.com/tdelleman, students will be able to access their lists and play games online using their words. Next week we will have a dictation where 10 words from each lists will be chosen.

IKnowIt - Students will be introduced to the website iknowit.com during classes this week, and assignments on the website will be assigned weekly for students to complete. More details to come.

Upcoming Events

Cross Country

We have a little over a week before our cross country meet! **SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 6th** - for our meet in Cambridge (Churchill Park). More details with permission forms will be sent home at the end of this week. We will need drivers to get us there! Students in Grades 3-4 run on Wednesdays and Fridays. Grades 5-8 run on Mondays and Thursdays. For race distances, Grades 3-4 run 1.5km, Grades 5-6 run 2km, and Grades 7-8 run 3km, if you want to practice running at home as well!



Battle of the Books

Books have been given out to those interested in Battle of the Books. When students finish a book, they return them and get a new one from the list. Grades 4-6 return books to Mrs. Delleman, and Grades 7-8 return books to Mrs. Vogel. Students will need to have all 8 books read by Christmas. Any questions, please email t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca OR j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Grade 5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

Due to Tuesday's field trip, Wednesday's school cancellation, and Thursday's soccer tournament, both Mrs. Delleman's students and Mr. Siebenga's students, unfortunately, will not have French classes this week.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

In **Bible**, we will work through the covenants provided to David and Israel and Judah. Our first Bible test will be in the middle of **next** week.

In **math**, the students have been showing great tact and determination with their basic facts. Some extra support can help these lifelong mathematics skills. Please spend ample amounts of time with these skills. As students need more time to finish classroom responsibilities within their Math's workbooks, they may take their workbook home. These of course have to come back the following day. It is their responsibility to do so, NOT the parents, but help of course. :)

Chapters 4 and 5 will be read this week in The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. More work on setting, plot, character development and themes will add to the reader's experience. If your child would like to listen to the book, audio versions of the story can be found on YouTube.

Please make sure that your student can access the week's spelling sorts through our Google classroom. This can be found in different ways, and it is important that your student begins to find the appropriate channels that they are comfortable with.

In **Social Studies**, our unit on Biodiversity will be given a certain 'shot of experience,' as we travel to Wildwood Conservation Area. From here, the students will be further exploring the kingdoms to classify living things, how to subdivide this species, and linking these understandings to the world around us.

Tuesday is our fall field trip. It should be a great day of learning and bonding.

Memory Work: Ephesians 10-17

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Because of the field trip, funeral, and soccer tournament there is not a lot happening in our class this week. Our weekly schedule has had a couple subjects change places so if you would like an updated schedule, please let me know and I'll send that to you.

History - Brochure is due on Thursday instead of Wednesday. Friday if the student is not going to be at the school on Thursday either before or after school.

Writing - "If My Summer Were a Movie..." assignment also due Thursday/Friday including the poster.

French - le, la, l', les and une, un, des review papers due on Friday.

WWW - set 5 due on Friday

Bible - last Memory Work date for Ephesians 6:10-18 is this Friday, September 30. If students don't know which verses they have left to do they can always check in with me either in person, phone call or email.

Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

Our day of hands-on science experiences planned for tomorrow at the Wildwood Conservation Area will serve as replacement of the classes we would otherwise have on Tuesday and Thursday.

A reminder to parents to please read through the email issued Sunday evening regarding this field trip.

Grade 7/8 Math – Mr. Boelens

Math: We are approaching the middle of our introductory units. Other activities will disrupt math this week but, we will have some homework from Monday's class.