

Next week Monday is October 31. Some of us recognize that day as Reformation Day and some will recognize the date as Halloween. There is a range of responses within our school community.

As a school, we believe that how a family chooses to recognize the day is your family's decision. As with many things, as topics come up in our classrooms and we decide they are teachable moments, we may engage our students in a discussion regarding Reformation Day or Halloween. Rest assured, like you would at home, we will provide Christian perspective and history as well as age appropriate conversations.

Along those same lines, we ask that your child not come to school in a costume. Although that may be a part of your family traditions, it will not be a part of our school day. Please save that for the evening. Similarly, if your child does collect candy on October 31, please monitor their lunch on Tuesday. A sugar filled lunch does not make for great focused learning.

## Catch Up Payments

Thursday, the Government announced via email a program parents can access to support them with the costs of education, specifically as students catch up in a post-COVID environment. Below is the email. It is up to you to access the funds if you apply.

"Today, the Ontario government launched Catch Up Payments, offering families direct financial support to support their children as they catch up. This money can be used to help to offset costs, whether that be for educational supplies, additional tutoring supports or other items to help their children address learning needs resulting from the pandemic.

Families will receive financial support. Students (up to 18 years old) can receive \$200 per child, while students with special education needs (up to 21 years old) can receive \$250. Families can apply for Catch Up Payments through a secure website where they can create a unique profile for each eligible student and check the status of their application throughout the process. Applications for Catch Up Payments are now open and will remain open until March 31, 2023."

**Open House:** Tonight is our Fall Open House. This evening is designed to invite potential families into our school, show them around, and answer questions. It is an informal drop-in evening. If you know of someone who might be interested, let them know. We are here from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

## October Events

24- LCS Information Evening 7-9  
27 & 28- Edvance Convention,  
No School  
27, 28 & 29- Oranje Grove  
Shopping Days

## Birthday Corner

Oct 24  
Malakai T

Oct 25  
Shaun J

## November Events

8 - Volleyball clinic at Woodland  
18- PA Day, No School  
21- Fall Membership Meeting  
23- Volleyball Tournament  
26- LCS Annual Christmas Bazaar  
28- First Term Report Cards go  
home



## **Christmas Bazaar News:** **Saturday November 26th, 10am-1pm**



The fundraising committee needs your help!

To see how you can help, please click on the links to sign up!

If you have any questions, please contact Chandra Los at [derek.chandra.los@gmail.com](mailto:derek.chandra.los@gmail.com)

Volunteer Sign up link: <https://signup.com/go/LvpzOfy>

Donation Sign up link: <http://signup.com/go/ggmRDRw>

## Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week we have a short week because of the teacher's convention. There is no school on **Thursday** for JK! Tuesday will be library day. Please remember to return books, otherwise students do not get to bring home the books that they choose. This week our focus letter is **Dd**. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter D and do a couple of activities about letter D. In **math**, we will counting down from 5 and counting up to 10. In **Bible** we will read about Jacob's dream. We will be doing a fall leaf art activity this week as well.

## Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week is a very short week! On Monday, I will be away for the day and Mrs. Baarda will be in to teach the students. The letter and sound will be "C", we will continue to work on word order in a sentence and rhyming. In **Bible**, the students will learn about Isaac and Rebekah. On Tuesday, I will be back and we will be learning about flat shapes such as a circle, square, rectangle and triangle. We will continue to play number recognition games and count to 20. PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ON TUESDAY! Enjoy Thursday and Friday as the teachers attend the Edvance Convention. **NO SCHOOL** on those days. Monday October 31st, 2022, will be a normal day at school. Have a great week!

## Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

It might be a short week, but we will try to pack it full of learning and community building. We are well into our second book in the Secret of the Hidden Scrolls. It is a very quiet classroom during devotions as the book draws us all in deeply.

**Bible:** We continue with our stories of Abraham, and will discover that Abraham obeyed God even when it was hard. Abraham also asked God for the things he wanted, and God answered him.

**In Math**, we explore number sense to 20, as well as learn about ordinal numbers.

### **Language Arts Lessons**

**Word Detectives:** Will our final mission arrive? Will we earn our badges? We are excited to read more and more sounds in words we don't yet know.

**Phonics focus:** mixed short vowel practice as a review. Ask your child to tell you the short sound of each vowel in the alphabet! These sounds should be fluent and quick.

**Word study:** as, be, said, you, and, are. These are all heart words we need to know.

### **Spelling words for dictation this Wednesday: (short vowel cvc words)**

red, set, get, pig, zip, sit, not, pot, mom, mop, sun, cup. I will give a bonus challenge word and if students get their regular words plus the bonus correct, it is a Level E!

**Chapter book read aloud:** We will enjoy several picture books this week as mentor texts for our writing lessons. They will all focus on having a good growth mindset.

**Handwriting:** We will learn how to make words plural by adding s.

**Creation Studies:** Our cumulative activity for our mapping skills unit should be a great celebration of learning. We are creating a Grade One Town that will take up a big section of our room this week. Each student will fashion a paper bag house with a yard, as well as a business made out of sturdy tubes (thanks to Mr. Vandergaast for saving all of the toilet paper rolls for us). Then we will add roads, a river, a pond, as well as all elements of a map we have studied (a title, a legend, compass rose). On Wednesday, we will have a chance to play in the town in small groups. Students may bring a small toy car and/or small farm equipment toy, to enhance their creative play. I will have extras available for those who may wish to borrow one.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

**Math skills:** This week we will be reviewing Unit 1 of our math. We will also practice writing and matching numbers 1 to 20 as well as continue working on solving word problems.

Language skills

**Handwriting:** This week we write "Centre Starting Capitals": C, O, Q & G.

**Writing:** This week we work on our writing folders. We will be reviewing the writing process and start doing some narrative writing.

**Spelling:** In this week's spelling we review all the spelling words we have done this term.

**Phonics:** This week we work some more on initial blends and start looking at **syllables**.

**Reading:** In reading this week we are reading and discussing the book "The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes: A Growth Mindset Book" by Mark Pett and Gary Rubinstein. We will be discussing that it is okay to make mistakes, that everybody makes mistakes sometimes, and that we learn from them.

**Library:** Please remember to send your child's library books back.

# Announcements

**November Pizza Days**  
Wednesday 2nd: New Orleans  
& Wednesday 16th: Dominos

## **Student Leadership: Food Drive**

503 items were collected for It Takes a Village in Listowel. They are very happy to receive these items as their shelves are low on stock right now. Thank you LCS families for supporting this food drive. The Jelly Bean team came in first place for total donation with 125 items! Way to go!



## Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

It's a short week! We will not see each other this week but please practice your memory work. If you need an extra copy look on see-saw or e-mail me. I will post a video of the verse on See-Saw this week. We also have wrapped up our Bible unit Wisdom from Heaven and next week will be our next unit, The Old Testament. In Creation Studies, we are talking about responsibilities. Please take time discuss the different responsibilities of the people in your household with your child. In Art, we started working on a collaborative piece for Remembrance Day. In French, we are practicing basic greetings and will hopefully move onto our first story La Poule Maboule in the next few weeks.

## Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

This week we share a short week together in the classroom. On Thursday and Friday I look forward to hearing from some keynote speakers, connecting with other grade 3 teachers, and learning more about the science of reading. I hope you enjoy your time off as a family.

**Math:** We had a math test today to complete our unit on algebra and patterns. Our next unit focusses on place value.

**Language:** Our spelling test will be postponed until next week Thursday. The words we are working with are: cube, flute, dude, food, moon, bloom, fruit, suit, juice, crust, skunk, trust

**Bible:** The Israelites are still wandering in the desert...

**Creation Studies:** Our engineering unit has come to an end. We had a lot of fun building simple machines. Our test will be on Tuesday. Our next unit will be on Canadian Symbols.

Have a nice weekend, Mrs. Claus

## Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**Memory Work** - Our new memory work is Hebrews 11:1, 2 - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for." - due NEXT Friday.

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

**Team Word Power** - cheese, shed, hose, cart, ham, sheep, chain, shave, chop, house, chest, shower, chimney, cherry, hat

**Spelling Stars** - cube, food, fruit, crust, bloom, smooth, suit, from, dude, skunk, broom, mood, bump, juice, trust, build, moon, flute, spoon, tooth

**Spelling Champions** - human, seven, reason, river, pilot, visit, meeting, wagon, planet, lemon, eager, peanut, finish, student, limit, leader, lazy, present, easy, second, music, sneaker, humor, minute

NEXT Friday we will have a dictation where 10 words from each lists will be chosen. If you go to [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://spellingcity.com/tdelleman), students will be able to access their lists and play games online using their words.

IKnowIt - Students will need to complete the assignment, "Length Conversions" by NEXT Friday. Their username is their first and last name , and lcs12345 is the class code and password.

## Grade 4/5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

- *Grade 4 and 5* Students have made great progress learning/reviewing the days of the week, months of the year, and seasons. Activities will continue to use that information and the plan, ideally for this week, is to assess each student on these concepts. We also strive to consistently use French for even more simpler responses: Merci. (thank you), Pardon (English same but different pronunciation), Madame, Oui, Non, etc.
- *Grade 6* has been challenged with group dialogues [pre-written] which had to be put in order. Roles had to be assigned and lines learned. This week, each pair/trio/group will present on mercredi (Wednesday). Assessment will be based upon expression, pronunciation, fluency, etc. Students are encouraged to employ props, costumes, etc. as suits the dialogue and situation.
- Please note: Students were given a copy of his/her respective dialogue [on purple paper] for purposes of practicing outside of French class and/or at home.

## Upcoming Events

### Volleyball!

The boys and girls practices are beginning. The girls practice Monday after school and the boys Tuesday after school and Thursday lunch. On Tuesday November 8, Woodland Christian High School is hosting a volleyball clinic. We are looking for drivers to transport students to Woodland. If you can help, please let your coaches know (Mrs. Claus, Mr. Boelens).

### Battle of the Books

Keep on reading!!! Students will need to have all 8 books read by Christmas. After Christmas holidays, we will begin practices for our tournament in April!

Any questions, please email [t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca) OR [j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca).

### Oranje Grove Shopping Days are THIS WEEK!

October 27th, 28th and 29th  
Come out for some Dutch shopping in support of LCS!

Oranje Grove   
Dutch Shoppe

## Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Hello,

As you put your perennials to bed this weekend, or reaped what you sowed, I hope you were struck by the awe and wonder of His mighty works.

The book of Daniel is full of tremendous stories about faith, grit, and portrayals of His almighty abilities. This book will direct our class led assembly next week Tuesday, November 1. Make sure to attend if you are able. It should be a great time! Within class, we will learn more about how Daniel leaned in on the Lord in times of incredible adversity.

This week and into the long weekend, Grade 5 students will be responsible to finish Unit 2 in their workbook. That is Number Sense (NS), Grade 5 (5), and Lesson 13 for Grade 5. In the book it will read like this: NS5-13. For Grade 6, they will be working into Unit 3. For both grades, I will be introducing the concepts and ideas prior to the weekend, and putting up some slides to support them, in the cloud.

In Science, we will inspect the final two kingdoms of classification - Protists and Monera. These are microscopic organisms often found within Wetlands. The protection of these are vital to healthy habitats and our farming communities. The students will be introduced to Jane Goodall and the work that she has done with primates to better understand these creatures. The acronym APE will be used to guide students on their next presentation. It stands for Animals, People and the Environment. Check out [rootsandshoots.org](http://rootsandshoots.org) to learn more.

The students will be assigned a few chapters to read over the weekend of Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. They will be assigned a couple of quizzes that will be sent out on the Google classroom.

Memory Work: None this week

## Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

**Bible** - We are studying Jesus' teachings through miracles and parables this week.

**History** - We continue to study the ancient Roman laws and their harsh penalties. Gladiator projects, the written, drawn, and shield/helmet, are due tomorrow, October 25!

**Art** - Abstract art final work period on this Wednesday. Due date Wednesday, November 2.

**French** - Well done everyone on the review. Most students did well and are ready to move on to bigger, harder things :). With that said, we will begin a new unit this week.

**Health** - Well done on getting through our online everfi unit. It was due today. We will begin a new unit next week.

**Writing** - We are working on editing our own work, peer editing, and then deciding when and how to use the suggestions given. Students will be working on typing out their stories as well as part of this process.

**Guided Reading** - We are finishing up a review and assessment of the first short stories unit on Building Community this week. We will begin a class novel study next week.

W.W.W. - We will not have a unit this week because of the shortened week.

## Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

- Students have a written opinion piece due Tuesday on the Electric Car. Outlines were given in hard copy and via email last week Tuesday.
- This week we will look at Recycling, Composting, and Integrated Pest Management.

## Grade 7/8 Math – Mr. Boelens

We are in our unit on ratios. Daily homework will be assigned.