

I grew up in Ontario. I lived in this province for the first 22 years of my life. Then, for twelve years we lived in British Columbia. I loved our time there: we hiked, camped, and generally enjoyed the outdoors all year round. Being new there, we appreciated the mountains and the geography of British Columbia which we felt some of the people who lived there all their life took for granted.

Returning back to Ontario, I can now appreciate some of what Ontario offers, maybe what we took for granted years ago. What comes to mind now are the distinct seasons. You can feel the summer change over to Fall. The temperature decreases and the trees turn colour – beautiful colours. That is something we generally did not experience in British Columbia. Now that I experience it all new again, I appreciate it more and more. What a gift to live in an area of four distinct seasons. What an amazing creator to provide us those seasons – different temperatures, different colours, different activities.

On Sunday, our pastor challenged the children to pay attention to the change of seasons and to see God's glory. How about us as adults? Too often we can race through our days. Yet, isn't Fall wonderful? Pay attention and stand in awe of God's glory as each day changes. Amazing!

NOTE: Speaking of colder weather and changing temperatures, these also bring about flus, runny noses, and coughs. Remember that if your child is not feeling well, it is best, for their health and their friends, to keep them home.

Milk and Pizza: These start this week. Tuesday and Thursday milk will be delivered at lunch to those who ordered them. This Wednesday is the first pizza day for those who ordered.

Thanksgiving Lunch: Tuesday we will host our Thanksgiving lunch with the student body. Like your Thanksgiving dinner, we will eat together as a full student body. You were asked to bring some food item to the school which will help make up that lunch. Thanks for supporting this event.

October Events

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

Birthday Corner

Oct 4
Wesley M



Oct 8
Jacob W

Oct 9
Natalie K

Oct 11
Jacob S

November Events

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

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

It is October and this month JK will be exploring all things fall! This week we will be learning about pumpkins.

Thanksgiving lunch: Tuesday we will be eating a special Thanksgiving lunch together with all the school in the gym. You will have received a letter with details about what you need to send in to contribute to this meal. It is a great time to share a meal and to celebrate God's gifts to us together.

Tuesday is Library day! Please send in books from last week so students can choose new books to take home.

We will have our first focus letter this week, **letter Aa**. We will be practicing recognizing letter Aa with some fun activities and learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter A. We will also meet Mat Man!

In **math**, we extend our learning about sorting and will be looking at graphs. Our new focus colour is orange, our number is 2, and our shape is the rectangle.

In **Bible**, we will read about human's fall into sin and also about Noah and the Ark. We have a new memory verse for October, Genesis 28:15 "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go." We will also be learning the song "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

In **health**, we will be learning about how God gave us feelings.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on what we are thankful for and why. We will ask the question: What does it mean to be thankful? We will share a Thanksgiving lunch together on Tuesday in the gym with the whole school, we will be making Thanksgiving turkeys and wandering outside to be amazed by God's creation. The letter and sound of the week will be **letter Tt**. We will focus on rhythm using nursery rhymes and musical instruments. We continue to work with rhyming words and this week we will illustrate our book "I See".

The reader that came home called "My Me Book" is to be used at home to practice pointing to words and reading a sentence from left to right and begin to understand when you point to a word, you read (say) a word. The students have memorized them and will know the sentences by seeing the picture, that is good. Practice the left to right motion of reading.

In **math**, we will practice counting objects one by one by moving an object and assigning a number to it so we know how many objects we have. We will continue to practice printing numbers to 5 on slates and learning new counting rhymes.

For **art**, we will make a "Mixing Colours" Ladybug page. Ask your child what it is all about. They were very excited about mixing primary colours last week.

In **Bible**, we will finish the story about Noah and the ark and hear the story about the tower of Babel. We will be reminded that God always keeps His Promises.

This week we will learn where pumpkins come from and how they can tell a story of thanksgiving.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 2022

Have a thankful week! Happy Thanksgiving!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Thanksgiving lunch is tomorrow (Tuesday)! Please send the usual snacks for your child, along with whatever food item requested for the school lunch via letter (went home last Friday).

It was fun to do the Terry Fox run with our school on Friday. Who were you running for?

Bible: The story of the fall into sin is a sad one; but it does offer hope - the promise of a Saviour. Then we look at the brothers Cain and Abel; Abel's murder was so very sad but God showed His love and grace even to Cain. After that lesson, we will have a chance to show what we know with a true or false assessment. We end our week with Noah and the flood. The focus of this familiar story is God's care and faithfulness, and points ahead to baptism (I Peter 3).

In **math**, number sense to 10 continues.

Language Arts -Phonics focus: we continue to learn the sound of short a, followed by short e later this week. Students seem to enjoy songs to practice the short vowel sounds.

Word study: review of our first ten flash and heart words. Can you read them all? Our morning message features our heart and flash words for daily practice.

Spelling words (*new routine*): at, cat, mat, sat, pat, hat, cap, map, lap, nap, tap, sap. Rather than memorize, we can use the sounds to help us spell correctly. If you know the beginning sound, short a middle sound, and ending sound, you can spell them all. Dictation (show what you know) will be in 2 week cycles; this time around it is on Friday, October 14. Students need to know all 12 words but I will select 6 to dictate. Ask if you have any questions. We have time to practice with various activities in class but some students may need an opportunity to practice at home as well.

Writing: What do writers write? They write about what they know or care about. We will also write about something God has gifted each of us to do, as well as set a few goals for things we can't do...yet!

Chapter book read aloud: Junie B. Jones, Toothless Wonder

Handwriting: starting corner capital letters

Creation Studies (Social Studies): God's World Belongs to God - Mapping My Home. We have done some "looking down" activities to activate our bird's eye view; now we will map our hearts to see what we value most. After that, we look at the book "Rosie's Walk" and try out some positional words together.

Library: Thank you parents and students for a great job at returning library books by Tuesday. We are so enjoying listening to a story read by the librarians and choosing new books weekly.

Announcements

Student Leadership Leaders

Welcome to our student leadership team this year: Olivia, Esther, Lexie, Maddie, Landon, Tamara, Stephanie, Scott, Jayna, Anna, Tess, Kase, Olivia, Jaxon, Logan and Myjah. The goal of our leaders is to role model Christ-like leadership for the school and contribute to positive school culture. They have terrific and fun ideas; they gave students at LCS a voice by asking each student to vote on school team names: candy-theme won the vote!

Thanks for your volunteerism, leaders. Mrs. Claus and Mrs.

Dykstra

Terry Fox Update

We had fun running as a school. Our students raised \$280 with the toonies for Terry. Thanks to everyone for your efforts!

LCS Clothing is BACK!

LCS clothing is available to order now through October 15th. Place your order online through the Creative Casuals website.
<https://www.creativecasuals.com/custom-programs>
Username: LISCHR
Password: School

LCS Staff Birthday Collection

Today in the kidmail, the promotions committee will be sending home a form to families about collecting money for staff birthdays. Please fill out the form and return the money to the office!
Thank-you!

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

I enjoyed getting to meet our grade two class and Mrs. G last week! This week I look forward to getting to know everyone better as we learn, play, work, and grow together.

Creation studies: We've begun talking about our families. This week we will discuss what makes our own families special as well as how families are sometimes different. Please send in a photo of your family this week. We are still missing some.

Bible: We are talking about "wisdoms from heaven" and looking at how we can be peace keepers in our homes, school, and community.

Art: We are doing a thanksgiving themed "pop art" creation and also discussing lines and patterns.

October Memory Work: We will try to practice as much as possible at home. We are trying to use some actions - any reading/saying at home of this passage together is a bonus! I'll send a copy home this week for your fridge/wall etc! It's James 1:19-20 "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires".

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

Our theme for the week is Thanksgiving and in language we are also focusing on doing unto others what you would have them do unto you.

Math skills: This week we are still working on our number sense up to number 20. It includes focusing on what comes before and what comes after. We also work with ten frames this week and practice writing our numbers.

Language skills

Handwriting: We continue with writing capital letters.

Writing: This week we focus on the process of writing: plan, draft, revise and edit.

Spelling: This week we are focusing on the revision of our grade 1 sight word list. You will receive sight words that you can use as flashcards to help your child to learn to read these words.

Phonics: This week we review long vowel sounds.

Reading: In reading this week, we are reading and discussing the book "Do unto others" by Laurie Keller. We will discuss how we would like others to treat us and how we should treat others and do various activities around this theme. We also have ample independent reading time scheduled for this week.

Library: We have Library on Tuesday. Please remind your child to send back their library books on Tuesday.

Happy thanksgiving from my family to yours! My prayer is that God's mercy, grace and love will fill your heart this Thanksgiving season.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Give thanks for the Lord is good. We are so blessed here at LCS. I am grateful to have the opportunity to teach your children! **Tuesday**, the whole student body will be together for a Thanksgiving lunch. Please still provide snacks and drinks.

Bible: Our test will be on Wednesday.

Language: This week we should be able to finish up our consonant sounds. Students will also be introduced to their spelling words and a list will be sent home and emailed later in the week.

Creation Studies: Engineering has been a lot of fun. We are currently making bridges. We will review what we've learned and do an assessment sometime this week.

Math: We are rocking our patterns in numbers unit!

Mrs. Claus

Upcoming Events

Oranje Grove Shopping Days

October 27th, 28th and 29th
Come out to Oranje Grove for some amazing Dutch shopping and help support Listowel Christian School! 20% of all the sales will be donated to LCS!
Thank-you for your support!



Cross Country

THURSDAY is our Cross Country Meet! OCTOBER 6th - Cambridge (Churchill Park). Forms were sent home at the end of last week and we need drivers! Students need to be dressed for the weather, have proper running shoes, and a packed lunch. They will need to be driven in to school for 8:30am, but will be back to take the bus home.

Any questions, please let Mrs.

Delleman know -

t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca.

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 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - Students will need to know the books of Poetry and Major Prophets this week. Students will need to memorize "Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastics, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel" in order so they can recite it to the teacher during our typing time at the end of the day on Friday.

Bible - We have finished our unit on The Bible (Overview) and will have a quiz on Wednesday. Smartboard notes will be sent by email to parents and students will bring their duotangs home to study.

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

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

IKnowIt - Students were introduced to the website [iknowit.com](https://www.iknowit.com) and the first assignment is posted and due on FRIDAY (addition and subtraction). Students were sent home with login instructions (their first and last name is their username, lcs12345 is the class code and password).

Grade 5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

An email will be sent to parents with this week's information.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Happy Fall!

I hope you had a chance to be mesmerized by the terrific colours that October has welcomed us with. It's getting brisk, with some frost sprinkled into the situation, but fall can certainly be added to South Western Ontario's seasons; along with Long Winter, and construction. ;)

In the classroom:

In **Bible**, we continue to work through the covenants provided to David and Israel and Judah. Before the test on Friday, we will do a thorough review.

In **math**, a more concerted effort has been shown from the students. This increased responsibility from the students as they navigate through our new JUMP maths textbook is great to see. Mini-lessons are being better offered to specific Grades, with differentiation and meeting the students at their level as the most important aspect to these meetings. As we further explore these new resources, more specific, direct instruction will be worked on to enable each student an opportunity to make progress that is exponentially linked to their effort. As students need more time to finish classroom responsibilities within their **math 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. ;) Patterns and Algebra (PA) Test on Thursday.

With the hectic nature of last week, Chapters 4 and 5 will be reviewed this week in *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. To support their comprehension, the use of setting, plot, character development and themes will enable understanding of the text. If your child would like to listen to the book, audio versions of the story can be found on Youtube. These are available in the classroom too.

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 online channels that they are comfortable with. If you would like me to help you navigate some of these online platforms, please reach out.

In *Social Studies*, our field trip was a bust last week. We did a miniature Linnaean field trip on Tuesday, with the students looking at naming and organising God's creation. The students will be introduced to their first independent project. They could use the upcoming long weekend, and the walk after Thanksgiving dinner, to look for leaves. They will be doing a Leaf collection! The first essential question of this unit will be used to focus the students: What is God's purpose in his gift of biodiversity? Perhaps a way to look at it, why are there so many different trees? The finished project will be due on **Wednesday October 12, 2022**.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga Continued....

This week in *Art*, we will have a special guest Artist. My past Grade 5/6 teacher from LCS has agreed to come in and lead a creation of a Thanksgiving centrepiece. Muriel Vandonkersgoed will be in to help us create some amazing cornucopias! Thanks Mrs. Vandonkersgoed!

Today was our first Auction Day / Pay Day / Rent Due Day within our *Classroom Economy*. Make sure to check in with your student about this process. How did it go, was it fair? Should it have been? What can you do to be better equipped at your job? Are you liking your job? How can you be better used within the classroom to help build a positive environment? From my lens, this looks like it has certainly helped with "classroom buy in". There really is no limit to this, as long as the students do indeed "buy in." I'm looking for some to start questioning the government... Is there a better system besides capitalism?!! Do we dare ask these questions?

Check out the News articles from our News Director, and Meteorologists. To read, scan the QR code:

Memory Work: Psalm 103:8-12



Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

An email will be sent to parents with this week's information.

Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

An email will be sent to parents with this week's information.

Grade 7/8 Math – Mr. Boelens

We are back on track with a full week of math planned. We will finish off our first unit on introductory number patterns with some review. Next week we will have our unit test. In the meantime, daily homework will be assigned.

Soccer Tournament Update

Both the girls and boys played very well at the district soccer tournament at Budd Park in Kitchener on Thursday. The girls managed a win in their first game against Cambridge. They then lost the next 2 games putting them in 3rd place of their pool. They played their last game for the consolation plaque against Providence of Dundas.

They played hard but lost. Overall they placed 6th out of 8 teams. A special thank-you to Mrs. Bakker for coaching the girls team.

The boys had a tough day. They were unable to take a win in their first 3 games placing them in 4th place in their pool. Their final game was against Drayton where they were able to beat their rival. This placed them 7th out of 8 teams. A big thank-you to Mr. Siebenga for coaching the boys team. Also, thank you to our drivers for helping us out with transportation: Mrs. VanderMeer, Mrs. Meinen, and Mrs. Slotegraaf

