

November 14, 2022

It is a Saturday morning. The students are at home, maybe they are playing or doing household chores such as cleaning their room, or maybe they are doing some homework. At any rate, it is not a school day. But the school parking lot is full of cars. What is going on at LCS?

Last Saturday the board held a training session. We have a dedicated board and all eight board members were present. We invited Ian Timmerman from Edvance Christian schools to lead us in a workshop and discussion about the primary role of a Christian school board. Ian challenged the board to remain committed to their key role: set direction, be forward thinking, and commit the school (including board meetings) to prayer. We discussed how board members can/should contribute, participate, be open minded, listen, respect, learn, challenge, express views, compromise, resolve, be accountable, and conform. That was just one slide out of 34 so the morning was full of good information and discussion.

I appreciate our board. Every meeting they come prepared by reading through the materials posted for the meeting. They are also prepared with thoughts and ideas. The school is in good hands.

Saturday morning a few others also showed up. Our custodian, Theo VanderGaast has been sick for over a week. On Saturday Ray and Anita Dykstra, Joanne DeVries, Peter Slotegraaf, Jill VanderWier, and Janet Boelens showed up to give the school a good cleaning. What a gift to be supported by this group. Thanks! There are many other times that the parking lot is full during non-school times. I know the Properties Committee members pop in to clean the leaves, check the lights, install bathroom fans, and a variety of other important tasks. Thanks!

Upcoming on Saturday November 26 the parking lot will be very full again. We will host our Christmas Bazaar. If you able to help, check out the signup sites to see where you can contribute. Then, come to the school and enjoy the day!

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

Birthday Corner



Nov 15
Kase K

Nov 19
Dannie C

December Events

1- Grade 8 Day at Woodland
1- Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)
2- Parent-Teacher Conferences continued, No School
20- LCS Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm
22- Last Day before Christmas



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



The fundraising committee is looking for the following donations:

- surprise jars
- craft items: knitting, crocheting, wooden signs etc
- baking (dropped of the day before the bazaar)
- new or gently used toys
- birch wood, ribbons, etc. for Christmas Planters

All donations can be dropped off at the school office, thank-you!

Thank-you to all those who have signed up already, there are a few spots left!!

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 will continue in our transportation theme. We will be using markers and coffee filters to create hot air balloon pictures.

Our **focus letter** for this week is letter **Gg**. We will be learning the Jolly Phonics song for this letter and doing some activities to help us recognize the upper and lowercase forms of this letter as well as it's sound.

In **math**, we will be exploring two dimensional shapes and continuing to practice printing numbers 1-10.

In **Bible**, we will be reading about the Promised Land and we will learn about Hannah.

Please remember to send in Library books on Tuesday.

Looking forward to a great week!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week is a short week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. FRIDAY there is no school as it is a PA Day for LCS. Last week what was on the calendar and what I sent for show and tell emails didn't match. Sorry for the confusion! This week the calendar and email reminders match..PHEW!

This week we will focus on the letter and sound of Dd. The following children are asked to bring in show and tell beginning with letter D.

Monday: Danika, Delaney, Ruby

Tuesday: Faith, Charity, Bryer

Thursday: Esmae, Kyla, Seth

If anyone was sick or away on their show and tell day, please bring something one of these days.

In **language arts**, we will be working on our listening skills as we play musical chairs and the whisper game. We will be matching rhyming words and clapping how many words in a sentence. In our journals, we are labeling the items that we draw.

In **math**, we will be looking at the concept less than and the number zero. Students are counting to 20 and working on recognizing numbers to 10.

For **printing**, we are working on straight line letters L, V and W.

In **Bible**, we are learning about Joseph as a slave in Potiphar's house. Our memory work is Romans 8:28. We will learn this together at school.

PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER AS WE WILL GO OUTSIDE FOR RECESS.

Just a reminder to check out the December Scholastic order . Click www.scholastic.ca Sign in to your account if you already have one or create an account, enter our class code RC208157 and order whatever you need and pay online.

You may ship it to your house and all orders over \$40 include free shipping. The class code means our SK school account will get a percentage of bonus coupons to build up our class library. It is very easy and simple to do, if you have any questions please ask and I will gladly help you. Scholastic offers books in French and English as well as some games. Enjoy shopping!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

It was good to gather and remember on Friday. We also took time to reflect on peace and our freedom living in Canada.

It is **Stone Soup** week in Grade One! We will learn about what a folktale is and read several versions of Stone Soup. It is a story of kindness and sharing. All of our writing and reading activities will be focused on a version of this classic story.

This means...we get to eat together! We will have a **class lunch** on **Thursday!** We will enjoy making and eating stone soup together for our class lunch. Please send the usual snacks for your child but we will make soup in the morning and eat some at lunch, served with crackers. Yum, yum! If you think your child might not eat a lot of our soup lunch, please send a regular sandwich. You **do not** need to provide anything for the soup; it is my pleasure to bring the ingredients and make it with students.

Bible: We have a new unit Isaac and Jacob. While Jacob's choices were often unwise and harmed others; God would use Jacob to fulfill his promises to Abraham and Isaac. In **math**, we continue to work on number sense to 20.

Language Arts - Phonics focus: We continue our study of l blends, s blends, and r blends. In a blend, each letter retains its individual sound. Our book time allows us to search for words that have a blend in them.

Word study: two, what. Spelling words for Friday, November 25 are based on s-blends. snap, snip, snug, slug, stub, stir, step, stop, stem, star, skip, scar. **Spelling rules:** we will talk about when to use a c or k in our spelling.

Chapter book read aloud: We finish our enjoyment of Mercy Watson chapter books with one last read. We then read versions of Stone Soup for the remainder of the week.

Handwriting: We are working our way on our lowercase letter formations.

Creation Studies: We continue on with spotting the seasonal autumn (oh the irony with the snow!) changes in animals, people, plants, and the weather that God has in store for us to see and experience.

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday Nov 16: Dominos
Wednesday Dec. 7: New Orleans

Parent Teacher Conferences

This Thursday, our staff we prepare a schedule for Parent-Teacher conferences. If you have a preference for a conference time, please send it to the school office email or your classroom teacher's email so we can consider it in the scheduling. The conferences will take place on Thursday December 1 after school and in the evening and on Friday December 2 during the day.

Battle of the Books

Keep on reading!!! Come and get an extra book for the long weekend! Reminder that all 8 books need to be read by Christmas! April 13th is our tournament! Any questions, please email
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Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

Math skills: This week we finish our work on repeating patterns.

Handwriting: We practice writing lowercase letters that look like their capitals and t - c, o, s, v, w, t.

Writing: We start working on informative writing.

Spelling & phonics: This week we work on the revision of spelling and phonics we have done so far.

Reading: In reading this week, we are reading and discussing the book "Zach Gets Frustrated" by William Mulcahy. This book offers a healthy mindset learning opportunity with techniques to practice and to remember when dealing with frustration. We are also using different reading strategies to work on explicit and systematic decodable passages in our class.

Library: Tuesdays is our library day! Please remind your children to pack their library books in their backpacks tonight.

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

We only have one day together this week. In **Bible**, we will be learning about the 7 days of creation. In **Creation studies**, we will be looking at what happens when we don't fill our roles and responsibilities in our families and communities. We are not quite ready for a French play yet, so we will continue with basics such as colours, numbers, greetings and items around our classroom. In gym we will wrap up different skills used in basketball. Look for things being sent home in kidmail like book orders, memory work, and completed work.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

Well, it has finally arrived after such a beautiful November. Snow in grade 3 is known as "sky barf". I am not a fan of the white stuff. But, alas, I live in Canada where it abounds and the kids sure do have a lot of fun in it!

Bible- Memory work was done very well last week! We are finishing up our unit this week with a test coming next week.

Math- We are currently learning about regrouping with tens blocks. We will soon we adding and subtracting with regrouping. Practicing simple math addition and subtraction at home would be helpful!

Language- Last week I did assessments on reading sounds, words, a passage, and filling in the blanks. Most of the students did well. Some are still working on learning the sounds that goes with the letter or letter combinations. Some are still progressing towards comprehension. While others are still working towards reading words. Any extra practice at home would be helpful.

Our **spelling words** for this week and next week focus on Consonant Vowel Vowel Consonant (CVVC) wait sail booth loop sheet cheek three neat pea beast toast throat

Creation Studies- We are continuing our study of Canadian symbols.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Bible and Memory Work - We will be doing a Health unit during our Bible lessons this week, so there is no memory work this week.

Spelling - Below are the team names and their spelling lists:

Team Word Power - thermos, thermometer, wheelbarrow, whale, thief, thorn, whip, wheel, thirteen, think, whistle, wheat, thumb, whisker, whisper

Spelling Stars - next, seem, eat, green, team, been, sleep, web, speak, clean, keep, sweep, teeth, heat, week, weak, less, set, leaf, teach, feet

Spelling Champions - athlete, pilgrim, create, control, complete, children, poet, duet, pumpkin, monster, riot, mushroom, halfway, kitchen, trial, poem, English, hundred, cruel, giant, lion, kingdom, inspect, diet

THURSDAY we will have a dictation where 10 words from each list 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 will need to complete the assignment, "Elapsed Time" by THURSDAY. Their username is their first and last name , and lcs12345 is the class code and password.

Upcoming Events

Volleyball

On Wednesday November 23 we will have our tournament. The boys will be going to Trinity Burlington and the girls to Providence Dundas. We need drivers. Let Mrs. Claus or Mr. Boelens know if you can drive.



LCS Fall Membership Meeting

On Monday November 21, we will host our Fall membership meeting. The package was sent home last week and final details are being worked out on our financial audit. The agenda will include a report from Strategic Planning, the audit results and process, and from myself on the school day. We look forward to seeing you there (Monday November 21 at 7:30 p.m.).

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

In preparation for tomorrow's **assessment** on **Salutations**, students were given a [turquoise/periwinkle coloured] study page on Friday to take home. We will continue our focus on the **definite (the = le,la,les,l')** and **indefinite (a/an = un, une, some= des) articles**.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Happy early Winter folks!

I hope the covering of the white stuff brings joy and enthusiasm to your days!

Some changes to the plans had to be made last week as the powtoon just didn't fit as well as another discipline. I hope the students were able to find a few moments on the weekend to look over their notes for the Bible test this morning! They did well. ;)

Math tests will be happening on Thursday for both Grade 5 and 6. Both on Number sense, and showing what they know regarding strategies to use for multi digit addition and subtraction, and the manipulation of integers, through rounding, equating value, and real world applications.

The students will write a test on the **novel** *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* on Tuesday of this week. We will watch the movie on Wednesday and Thursday.

The students are working to design a proposal from their group's perspective. These will be presented to an acting owner of the property; awarding the group the property with the most compelling proposal / powtoon digital story. The decision will be gauged on how the group takes into consideration our second line of scientific inquiry: *How can we care for and nurture the biodiversity of creation*. Happy creating / learning. BREATHE! Due Wednesday.

In **PSPE** the students have been assigned an online unit on Social Emotional Learning. The foundation of this unit will give the students practical real life situations to learn from, and provide them with comprehension questions to gauge their understanding of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

Spelling tests on Thursday of this week.

Memory Work: *No memory work this week.*

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

As we have concluded our unit on **Interactions in the Environment**, students will be completing a short written reflection on "What have you come to know, understand, and/or appreciate about "the intricacies of God's World?" and a peer assessment related to the recent group work.

We will also begin our next/second unit on **Heat in the Environment**.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

All students were sent home with at least 2 forms for the Legion's Remembrance Day Poster and Writing competition. Please, if you have not already done so, sign those forms and send them back by tomorrow.

Bible - We will finish up our last couple lessons this week and have a test on Thursday, November 17.

History - We are studying the Fall of Rome this week which will end our study on Ancient Rome.

Phys. Ed. - A number of students are forgetting to bring their gym clothes to school, especially after events like the volleyball clinic. A gentle reminder would be appreciated as they are unable to participate in gym class if they do not have the proper clothing.

Art - Sketchbook assignment first 5 sketches are due Wednesday, November 16. Remembrance Day posters are due Wednesday, November 16.

Writing - Remembrance Day poems or essays are due Wednesday, November 16.

W.W.W. - We had a bit of a crazy week schedule wise last week and W.W.W. was left on the back burner for the week so we will be working on unit 4 this week. Work and test on Monday, November 21.

Guided Reading - We learned some terms and backstories to help us better understand the novel Refugee and will start reading it this week.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

This week we will continue to work on our unit ending assignment to make scale drawings of our bedroom. Parents, thanks for helping your child measure their room. Keep asking them about the project and maybe they will sell the idea of a bedroom make-over to you.