

April 11, 2023

Every now and then a few things pile up that just need to be communicated. It is that time again. I hope this helps clarify things.

- I hope you all enjoyed your Easter weekend. On Good Friday, Listowel has a tradition of worshipping with a variety of churches in one space – the local high school. It is wonderful to experience a broader communion of saints in worship and celebrate that we all share a common faith in the death and resurrection of Christ. It reminds me of the unity we share at LCS.
- Monday April 24 is our annual Spring membership meeting at 7:30 pm. Everyone should have received their membership meeting materials yesterday (Monday) through email. If you did not, please let Michelle know in the school office or if you would like a printed copy, let her know that too. We look forward to seeing you there.
- Today you will all receive a link to a survey via Google forms. As part of our Strategic Plan, the Education Committee is seeking your input so we can make good decisions regarding programming for LCS and our community. As stated in the introduction to the survey, there are many aspects that contribute to these decisions and this survey input will be some of it.
- There is a lot of work and practice going into our Spring musical, Not Your Average Joe. We look forward to presenting this program on Thursday May 4 with a matinee at 1:00 and an evening performance at 7:00. We hope you mark it on your calendar.
- GrandParents' and GrandFriends' Day. This special day will be Thursday May 4th. One highlight of the day will be to perform our musical for the GrandParents and GrandFriends at the matinee performance. As a result, we are moving our celebrations to the afternoon as opposed to our traditional morning events. GrandParents and GrandFriends may arrive between 11:00 – 11:30 for coffee, after coffee we will have lunch with the students, and then enjoy the musical. After the musical there will be a time to visit the classrooms, and the afternoon will end around 2:30. More details will follow.
- **Employment Opportunity:** We are looking to hire a primary teacher for a Grade 2 position for the upcoming school year. If you, or someone you know, would like to serve LCS as a classroom teacher, be a part of our staff team, and educate children, please send your resume to me (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca).

April Events

13- Battle of the Books
Tournament
14- Assembly at 9:40 lead by
Grade 7/8
24- Spring Membership Meeting
28- Kindergarten Registration
9:30-11:30am



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

April 12
Tamara V

May Events

1-5 Christian Education Week
4-GrandParents' & GrandFriends'
Day
4-Spring Musical Performance at
1pm & 7pm
22- Victoria Day
26-LCS Track & Field Day

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

For the rest of the month of April we will be exploring the season of spring. We will plant some seeds so we can watch them sprout and see how they grow, and we will learn about what plants need to grow.

Our **focus letter** this week is letter V. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter V and complete our letter find page, as well as do some hands-on activities to recognize letter v and its sound.

In **Bible**, we will learn about when Jesus appeared to some people after he rose from the dead and about when he ascended to heaven.

In **math**, we will practice counting to 20, and learn that there are different ways to make a number.

In **health**, we will focus on our sense of taste.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will be **reviewing letters** s, t, m, n, a, d, i, p and c as well as reviewing the sight words the, see, I, a, like, and the connecting word AND. We will continue to listen for the number of sounds in a word and then attach letters to those sounds.

For **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are learning lowercase diver letters. This means the letters dive down and swim up or go further down. Our first diver letter is lowercase p. We will continue practice printing on the line, between the lines, or below the line.

In **Bible**, we will hear the Resurrection story and how Jesus shows Himself to the disciples. Our memory work is John 3:16

In **math**, we will continue to build teen numbers to 20 and add numbers together using objects and number lines.

We are tracking April's weather. Last week we learned that the sun is very important to God's creation and to us as God made it to give us light. This week we will experience windy weather using a fan and a variety of objects to see if they blow in the wind.

Grade 5 and 6 and SK will host an assembly mid-May. The date will be determined soon. Please dress for the weather. Options are always welcomed. Layers are a good option.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Welcome back! In **Bible** class, we continue the Easter unit by illustrating the greatest story ever told: the Resurrection of Jesus! We also reflect on Romans 5: 6 and 8.

We had some guests arrive in our classroom this morning - ask your child!

Reading: We will review all the long vowel sounds we have studied over the last number of weeks. We will also review our phonics skills of Lefty Larry, Grapheme Grasshopper and Blendy Wendy - you need all these skills to read!

Spelling: Show what you know is on Friday. The words are: toe, boat, coat, crow, flow, tow, grow, glue, blue, new, stew, chew.

Word study: your

Grammar: We will begin to layer in grammar studies until the end of the year. We will start with verbs - a verb is a word, it's an action word!

Reading and Writing: The rest of April (and perhaps into May) has us studying "how-to" writing. We will keep a tally of how many hilarious "how-do" books we read together. Teacher-directed modeling happens first, followed by shared writing, and brainstorming what each student might like to teach others "how-to" do. God has gifted each of us with something to teach and share to our classmates!

Math: We continue our number sense unit on skip counting. We will work on backwards counting skills; then we are on to use base ten blocks to represent numbers as well as find numbers on the hundreds chart.

Creation Studies: We will have 1-2 more building sessions. Then we will write some silly things about materials: what if your bike was made out of chocolate?

Chapter book read aloud: Heartwood Hotel: The Greatest Gift

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Here we go for another week! It's looking like we will have some sunny days together! Hopefully we can get to the following:

Bible: The sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. Keep an eye out for our new memory work coming home.

Creation Studies: We will be mapping our hallway and playground.

French: We will wrap up discussing and learning vocabulary for our family.

Health: Looking at relationships - what is an appropriate way to interact with others and what makes a healthy relationship.

Gym: We will play some of our favourite cooperative games.

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wed. April 19th: Dominos Pizza

Play Practice

Play practices will continue to be held every Tuesday from 3:30pm-4:30pm

Bazaar Committee

The Christmas Bazaar committee is looking for more members!

If you have a niche for crafts or helping with the games, please contact Chandra at derek.chandra.los@gmail.com

Harriston Meat Packers Fundraiser

If you are looking for meat for the upcoming BBQ season, contact a Grades 6

or 7 student or contact the school. Orders are due by April 28 and delivery will be on May 16.

Spring Cleaning?

If you come across some toys in good or new condition that your family is no longer using- please drop them off at the school for our toy store at the bazaar! Along with any birch branches, pine cones or berries!

Student Leadership Dress up Day

On Friday April 21st dress up in any kind of Jersey Day!



Battle of the Books

On **THURSDAY** is our tournament! Be at the school and ready to leave at 8:45am! We will be back in time for buses. Students bring along a snack and lunch (if they didn't order pizza). All books need to be returned!! We will have a final meeting on Wednesday at snack recess.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I hope you had a blessed Easter weekend! I am not going to be here on Wednesday, but Mrs. Vanden Hoven will be covering for me in Grade 2. Here we go for this short week:

Math: This week, we are working on geometry. We look at symmetry, matching shapes, and creating shapes.

Spelling & phonics: This week we are studying words with the phonic skill r-controlled vowels er, ir & ur. When these vowels are in the middle of a word, they typically represent the short vowel sound. However, when followed by r, the sound is changed. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Popcorn words: Please see the letter attached for the popcorn words. I sent an email this morning regarding these words. Please let me know if you didn't receive it.

Writing: This week, we start with opinion writing.

Reading: In our decodable readers we read a story focusing on the r-controlled: er, ir and ur sounds.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

He has risen! What a beautiful weekend it has been. I pray you all had a great time celebrating our Lord and Saviour with friends and family.

Bible: Thursday, we will have a quiz on what we've learned so far about Passion Week. The next unit focuses specifically on Easter.

Math: We are finishing up our geometry unit and will have a test on Thursday.

Creation Studies: We have explored some of Switzerland and will look at more today and tomorrow before we move on to our next country!

Language: We are still working on homophones this week with the long 'e' sound: Test on Friday.
sees, seas, deer, dear, creek, creak, meet, meat, steel, steal, flee, flea

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

I Know It - due FRIDAY - "Interpreting Bar Graphs"

Memory Work - due FRIDAY - 1 Samuel 16:7b - "The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Spelling - We have new spelling teams this term. Students should know which group they are in. Below are the team names and their spelling lists:

- **Spelling Spiders** - day, trade, nail, glass, stay, snail, grain, brave, play, grave, stand, slave, they, tray, may, gray, gain, taste, fail, say, shape, past, trash
- **Speed Spellers** - benches, chairs, foxes, guesses, brushes, speeches, splashes, lunches, clothes, mixes, churches, crashes, books, peaches, classes, kisses, taxes, ditches, leashes, changes, branches, watches, places, ashes
- **Spelling Sloths** - active, activity, safe, safety, festive, special, novelty, tranquil, festivity, specialty, novel, loyal, casual, loyalty, tranquility, humid, minor, humidity, certain, casualty, sensitive, minority, sensitivity, certainty

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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.

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

We will begin a new unit on telling time and eventually how it fits with one's daily routine (Quelle heure est-il? et Ma Routine). In our learning, we will be making use of the analog clock.

Students who missed last Thursday's assessment will be completing it during recess Tuesday.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

An email will be sent home with this weeks information.

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Students will be completing an independent concluding assignment for our unit on the Design, Form and Function of Structures. Each student will design the structure specified by way of drawings and a written explanation to support one's choices of design and materials. The writeup will require incorporation of the terminology and concepts learned throughout the unit. Time will be given in class.

Due to the musical singing practice Tuesday, this week's class time slots will be a double block on Thursday morning as Mr. Boelens has graciously donated time for me.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Welcome back after a long weekend. I pray it was a time of remembering, celebrating and being with friends and family.

Bible: Over the past few weeks, we have been looking at our personal faith journey and the impact of prayer in our lives. I thank you for entrusting care of your children to the school and for the opportunity to pray with each of them. They are an amazing group of students, and I have been blessed by them this year.

That said, the unit is wrapping up and we will have a unit test coming up either late next week (Thursday) or early the following week.

Memory Work - Students have all chosen a Bible verse that means something to them. This is their memory work for the next couple weeks. If they would like to say or write it this week, they may, but all memory work is due Friday, April 21.

Writing: We continue to look at some English grammar rules and using them in our writing in other classes.

Guided Reading: We did not quite finish our unit last week, so we will be finishing it up and writing summaries of the stories this week as a unit assessment.

Working with Words: It has been a few weeks of figuring out a new program. Look for more detailed information to come home later this week or early next week. Thank you for your patience.

Healthy Living: We have been learning the complexities of skipping and that it may be harder than we first thought.

History: We are going to finish our look at the development of the Catholic church in the Medieval times this week as well as look at the life of a knight.

French: We have begun a unit on shopping and all the phrases that are associated with asking different things in a shopping setting but also seeing where those phrases can be adapted and used in other life settings.

Art: We will continue to make our gargoyles/grotesques this week. Paper mache is to be finished this week so we can paint and finish them next week.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

Students are doing very well with our units on Integers. Daily work is given.