

May 1, 2023

This week, we will think about the gift of Christian education. When I walk through the school doors in the mornings and notice the mural in the foyer, I am reminded that we have a gift. The gift is not only a nice building to work in and not only the opportunity to work with children, but it is the gift of the circles. If you remember, the circles on the mural were painted by students, staff, parents, and supporters which represent all the values and virtues we teach. That has nothing to do with the building but everything to do with our identity. The gift is the freedom to teach things like faith in Christ, hope through the resurrection, and the unconditional love that He showers upon us.

Sometimes we don't realize the value of a gift until it is taken away. During the pandemic, we noticed. Teachers felt that our rich value in Christian teaching was compromised. Students realized they were missing something they had taken for granted. Parents longed to have their children back in a school where their own values were taught and sometimes another, or a different, voice was helpful. And now, post pandemic, I hope we continue to reflect on the value of LCS; a Christian school partnering with parents in "educating children while nurturing faith in Christ to interpret and impact God's world" (LCS Purpose Statement).

Monday morning, we will start our assembly with two songs. The first is O Canada. We sing this to remember the gift of a country where we have freedom to openly express our faith without fear and without persecution. The second song is Here I am to Worship. We sing this song as a thanks and reminder that we come to school to worship a God who is "altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me".

I pray that we cherish this gift, or better yet, these gifts. God is good!

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

Happy Birthday

May 5 May 5
Stephanie R Roman M
May 7
Savannah W

June Events

8-Baseball Tournament
15- District Track & Field
19- SK Graduation
21-Grade 8 Graduation
23- Last day of School
23- Final Report Cards go home

MUSICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Not Your Average Joe

Students should be continuing to practice the songs and memorize the lyrics. A page was sent home a couple weeks ago. We are performing this musical twice: a matinee at 1:00 and an evening performance at 7:00. The matinee will be for Grandparents and GrandFriends, but not exclusively. If you cannot make the evening performance, you are welcome to join us at 1:00. The evening might be a large crowd so a few more at the afternoon performance might help.

Please bring a white shirt to wear separate for the musical

Musical choir attire for students in grades 1-8

Please help your child find items for their choir costume to wear for the musical on Thursday May 4th. Please contact Mrs. Wright if you have any questions (a.wright@listowelchristianschool.ca)

Grades 1, 4/5, 7/8:

50s style clothing: black or blue jeans and white t-shirt

Optional add ons: slicked hair for guys, jean jacket or leather jacket, girls could have a silk scarf tied at their neck, around a ponytail or wrapped as a headband, circle skirt or poodle skirt

Grades 2, 3, 5/6: Beach: bright coloured t-shirt or tropical button down shirt, shorts or capris

Optional add ons: Hawaiian lei, girls could have a beach skirt cover-up over their shorts

GrandParents and GrandFriends Day: Thursday, we will welcome many friends into our school. I always enjoy watching the intergenerational relationships on this day. Here is a reminder of the schedule:

- 11:00 – 11:30 GrandParents arrive, socialize, and have coffee
- 11:30 – 12:15 GrandParents have lunch with students
Student, be sure to bring a lunch for your GrandParents
- 1:00 Start of the program
JK and SK singing
Musical: Not Your Average Joe
- 2:00 GrandParents may visit their grandchildren in their classrooms
- 2:30 GrandParents will make their way out of the classrooms
so teachers can end the day with their students.

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

It is May! This month our theme is Community Helpers. We will explore different jobs that people can do and how we can contribute to our community to make it a great place.

Our focus letter this week is letter Y. We will practice the sound letter Y makes and try to recognize upper and lowercase y by doing some fun activities.

In our workbooks, we will take a closer look at the upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet to see if they look the same and practice the sounds as well.

In **math**, we will continue printing numbers. We will print numbers 5, 6, and 7.

Colour Days: On Tuesdays for the next couple of months we will have special colour days. This week Tuesday is Red Day. Students can dress in red or bring in a red item to show to the class.

In **Bible**, we are continuing our unit on Parables and will read about the Rich Young Man and about the Good Samaritan.

In **health**, we will begin a new unit called "Being Safe". This unit ties nicely into our Community Helpers theme, as does our field trip coming up on June 8th. I will give more information about that after Grandparents Day.

Thursday is Grandparents Day! We are very excited for our special guests to come and visit. Students will be having lunch that they bring to share with their grandparents or grandfriends. Please do still send in snacks for your child! We will still have our regular morning and afternoon snacks. If your child does not have a Grandparent or Grandfriend coming please let me know and I will make sure they have someone to eat with.

Thursday evening, we will perform our poem again before the musical. Please have students at the JK classroom at **6:40**. Please have them use the washroom before you come. JK students will sit with their parents after their part of the evening performance.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

The SK class has done a fantastic job learning their memory verse John 3:16. Ask them to say it. They may need a prompt but it is amazing how well each one of them can recite the verse. They have also done a fabulous job learning the song they will sing for the Grandparents and Grandfriends Day and for the Spring program.

We look forward to sharing it with you at the 1pm or 7pm performance on Thursday. In the afternoon, students should be dressed nicely with no words on their shirts or rips in their pants and in the evening Sunday best would be appreciated. Please bring your child to the classroom around **6:40pm**. After the 7pm performance students will sit with their parents. In the afternoon, we will go back to the classroom to wait for our Grandparents or Grandfriends to visit us. If you are sending your child home with grandparents, please email the school at office@listowelchristianschool.ca

In SK, we will continue to work with the letter sounds and names of the alphabet, rhyme words with **ap**, **it** and **am** and sort objects by number of syllables.

In **math**, we will begin a unit on sorting, making graphs and collecting data using tally marks.

This week, we will be learning about plants. The May calendar has also been sent out.

If you have any questions, please email me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca
Have a great week!

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Day

Wednesday May 3: New Orleans

Spring Musical

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Best Ball Golf Tournament

Save the date for LCS Best Ball Golf Tournament

Saturday June 10th at 1:30pm
at Pike Lake Golf Course

Steak Dinner & Golf: \$130

9 Hole Golf per person: \$80

Steak Dinner per person: \$60

Email:

fundraising@listowelchristianschool.ca
to reserve your spot!

Employment Opportunity:

We are looking to hire a primary teacher for a Grade 1 and/or 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
(prinicpal@listowelchristianschool.ca).

Track & Field Volunteers!

The staff is busy preparing for our Track and Field Day which will take place Friday May 26, 2023. To make it a successful day for all the students, we need your help. Please see the sign up link to sign up for a spot!
<https://signup.com/go/zeLwHaL>

Grade 5/6 Class:

Families of the grade 5/6 class, please bring in a dozen nut free goodies for grandparents day by Wed May 3rd!
Thank-you!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

This week has a few changes to our regular schedule; we have a new seating plan for students when they arrive on Monday morning. Then, Monday afternoon we have a dress rehearsal for the musical. There will be a few other rehearsals for staging and entry to the gym spread over the week.

Thursday will be a different day with our Grandparents/friends and two performances of the musical. Please refer to the weekly messenger for all attire and timing details. Questions are welcome; I'll do my best to give you the information you seek!

In **Bible**, our new memory words are: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord, Joshua 24:15. A theme of our unit on Settling the Land is seeing how God kept his promise to the Israelites when he brought them into Canaan. This week, we look at the City of Ai and its importance in the story of obeying God. Then we look at how the sun stood still at God's command.

Writing: After much anticipation, we penned our own how-to stories. We published another classroom book from our writings. How fun! Sharing our writing keeps writers accountable and engaged. We choose whether to read it ourselves or have Mrs. Dykstra read it aloud to the class. We are writers!

Reading: We continue to look at r-controlled vowels and focus on how syllables can help us read bigger words! We can break up words into syllable types to understand the sounds in the word and then read all the sounds in words. We are readers!

Spelling: Words for Friday May 12: farmer, perch, her, germ, serve, anger, tiger, father, mother, ever, water,

Grammar: In our parts of speech study, we look at nouns by using lots of examples to practice.

Math: Money, money, money! We soon move on to recognizing Canadian coins and counting money. Students will add and subtract money amounts up to 20 cents and solve word problems regarding money and coins.

Creation Studies: We have been eagerly anticipating a new unit on animals. Will our chicks hatch this week? We also begin to take care of caterpillars and write the life cycle by observing the changes we see. We will wonder about the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. We look at the different classifications of animals in God's kingdom and how they are organized.

Chapter book read aloud: Heartwood Hotel, Better Together.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

This is a busy and exciting week at LCS. Here is an outline of our work for this first week of May :

Math: This week, we are working on word problems.

Spelling & phonics: Due to the rehearsal and assembly we had today, we will not have new study words and homework for this week, but we will do revision and assessments.

Popcorn words: Please remember to return the popcorn words sheet by Wednesday. You can keep the words and I will send you new words next week if your child is ready, otherwise I will send you a new sheet with dates so that they can keep practicing these words. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Writing: This week, we will finish our special letter to our grandparents.

Reading: We will use this week's reading time for individual and group reading as well as reading assessments.

Library: We have library tomorrow. Please remind your child to pack his/her library books this evening

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Christian Education week is a BIG week with lots of fun going on! Please keep rainy weather in mind when dressing your children. If you have any questions about this week please let me know! Here's our plan (subject to change):

Grandparents Day- Students are to pack a lunch to share with their grandparents. They will eat it together. Grandparents will also get to tour their classroom after the musical.

Spring Musical- Thursday at 1pm and 7pm. Students can change into their musical outfits at lunch. Look at Mrs. Wrights instructions for what to wear. For the EVENING PERFORMANCE students can come to the classroom at 6:40 - I will open the doors then.

Bible - We will continue to learn about Jesus preaching with his disciples in our new unit. Memory work test will be next week.

Creation Studies- We will have a test and wrap up our unit by learning positioning words.

Art- Hopefully, we will begin a special something for a special someone in our family - mums the word.

Health - We continue to look and and examine positive relationships with people.

Announcements

Meat Fundraiser

Thanks to the students (and parents) of Grade 6 and 7 for their excellent work on the meat fundraiser. I appreciated your accuracy in the order forms and money. The meat delivery date is Tuesday May 16. Mark it on your calendar. I am looking for 2-3 volunteers to help sort the orders on Tuesday May 16 between 1:30 – 3:00.

Save the Date for Field Trip

Friday, June 16th - Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 will be going on a field trip to Between the Lines! More details will be shared later on, including a waiver form that will need to be signed. Stay tuned!

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

Happy Christian Education Week! We are so blessed and privileged to be able to worship, learn, and pray to our Father in school. Thank you for your support as together we raise your children in the Lord.

Bible: We have reached the crucifixion of Jesus in our studies of Easter.

Math: I am proud to say that things are clicking and the kids are understanding and doing well with multiplication.

Language: We are continuing our study of plural words that end in "y".

cherries, lilies, fairies, flies, parties, trays, boys, chimneys, days, turkeys, puppies, ponies

Creation Studies: We have finished our unit about God's world. We will be doing a research project on mammals next.

Please note: Students are expected to bring lunch for themselves AND their grandparents on Grandparents Day.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

I Know It - due FRIDAY - "Fractions of Shapes"

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

- **Spelling Spiders** - froze, coach, show, toe, slow, globe, shoe, blow, grow, whose, snow, roast, doe, throw, hoe, foe, close, oat, mow, know, wrote, roam, loaf
- **Speed Spellers** - wife, wives, sheep, foot, feet, loaf, lives, women, leaves, leaf, geese, woman, mouse, loaves, life, wolves, mice, goose, knives, knife, wolf, tooth, deer, teeth
- **Spelling Sloths** - delightful, dangerous, envious, humorous, successful, poisonous, studious, rebellious, wasteful, stressful, mountainous, famous, vigorous, wonderful, nervous, glorious, marvelous, shameful, cheerful, scandalous, furious, boastful, outrageous, beautiful, courageous

FRIDAY, 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.

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

Grade 4/5: We have been learning the language/phrases for one's personal habits (e.g. getting up, eating, brushing teeth, showering, taking the bus to school, etc.) with the goal being to complete an assignment this week to track one's typical personal schedule for a day. Times and activities will be recorded in full [French] sentences.

Grade 5/6 will be finishing off their assignment for a 1-day in-class schedule (times and subjects/activities in French). Once we have learned the phrases which involve use of reflexive verbs, the next assignment will involve tracking one's typical personal schedule for a day -- pre- and post-school activities.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

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

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Unit: Pure Substances and Mixtures

This week we will continue our focus on Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Mixtures and then move on to Substance Classification, Mechanical Mixtures, and Solutions.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Happy Christian Education Week! We are entering an exciting week and the 2nd last month of this school year, something grade 7/8 is rather excited about. To the point, where they have been asking if the school year ends in May...

Bible: Students will have their test back by the end of this week. We will be starting our next unit today.

History: The Knight stories are due this week Wednesday and will be used in our art class this week so they do need to be done. We will also be looking at the Magna Carta and the Black Death over the next week and a half. The unit test will be next Friday, May 12. After which we will return to geography.

Art: Students have finished their gargoyles/grotesques and they are hanging in the hall. They look fantastic! This week we will again pair art with history and try to mimic making an older piece of writing with a couple different techniques.

W.W.W.: Students finished their first sort last week Friday. They will have those returned to them this week and will be starting the next sort. We will have a quiz on the words this Friday and will have a test next week Friday. Students will also be working with and learning about the words throughout these two weeks.

Writing: The focus has been on their knight writing. We will be editing this writing and checking their spelling and grammar through our editing checklist which can be found on the Writing Google Classroom.

Guided Reading: We have finished our first literature circle role on The Bronze Bow. These roles have been shared and handed in and the students are starting on the next section today. Roles should be done by this Friday.

French: Students are going to be working on writing a conversation piece with a partner and will be presenting this to the class early next week.

Healthy Living: We have finished our jump rope routines and have moved on to Track and Field practice and will be adding in Baseball as well.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

With our integer units completed, folders of marked work should be coming home to be signed. This week, both classes will be working on their algebra units. Grade 7 is looking at some early algebra concepts while Grade 8 is beginning to prepare for high school math. Daily homework will be assigned.