

Weekly Messenger

May 23, 2023

The May long weekend always signifies a change. Not only can we now expect warmer weather, we also begin to look toward the end of the school year. As a teacher, I have my remaining days planned – right to the end. I avoid using the term, “winding down” as we still have a lot of work to do and things to accomplish. We will wind down in July!

I encourage you, as parents, to also encourage your children to continue working hard – right to the end. For this last month there are field days, baseball tournaments, field trips, and lots of other distractions, but there is also school work: spelling tests, memory work, assignments, assessments, books to read and learning to acquire. As racers, Paul says we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses and, whether spiritually or academically, those witnesses are there to encourage a strong finish. Let’s support our students and be among those witnesses.

We celebrate the hiring of a new teacher for next year. Ms. Heather Denhartog has accepted our job offer to teach Grade 1 next year. Ms. Denhartog has several years of teaching experience at Plattsville Christian School, and we are excited to have her join our staff in September and share her passion for Christian teaching with us. We are still working out a few details for the Grade 2 position. Please pray for everything to work out so we can confirm our staffing for September.

June Events

- 6- SK & Grade 1 Field trip to fire hall and park
- 8- JK Field trip to fire hall and park
- 8- Baseball Tournament
- 9-Gr 7/8 Field Trip to Harriston Escape Room
- 10- LCS Golf Tournament



May 25	May 26
Octavia M	Jaxon S
May 27	May 28
Drew D	Genevieve K

June Events

- 15- District Track & Field
- 16- Gr 2/3 Field trip to Safety Village
- 16- Gr 4/5/6 Field trip to Between the Lines
- 19- SK Graduation
- 21-Grade 8 Graduation
- 23- Last day of School
- 23- Final Report Cards go home

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

Today was Green Day! Students could wear something green or bring in something green to show the class. Next Tuesday is Blue Day!

We will be reviewing the sounds of letters F-J this week and continuing to work on letter printing review pages.

In **Bible**, we will be learning about Peter in jail and about Dorcas.

In **health**, we will learn about what an emergency is and how to report emergencies.

Reminder: Tuesday is library day. Please remember to send in books so students can bring home their new choices.

Field trip: Thank you to those who have volunteered to be chaperones for our trip to the fire hall and park. We had more volunteers than needed! Mrs. Mulder, Mrs. Wilting and Mrs. Rastorfer will accompany myself and Mrs. Kikkert on our trip.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week is a very short week for us in SK. Oh boy! And I am just thankful last week is in the past. Goodness!

We will host our assembly with Grade 5 and 6 tomorrow. What an amazing way to begin this week! Please come and join us at 9:40 am tomorrow to learn about the Sword of the Spirit.

On **Tuesday**, we will learn about ladybugs, create a ladybug, and notice the different types of ladybugs. We will be reviewing the sounds of the alphabet letters, blending sounds together, and learning a new heart word: to. It is a heart word because the o makes a "ew" sound and we need to know that by heart. We will be practicing printing letter z and some words and sentences. It is also LIBRARY DAY! Please return your library book.

On **Thursday**, we will walk over to library at 10 am with Grade 1 and Mrs. Lacasse, Mrs. Brubacher, and Mrs. Dykstra for a program to explore and enjoy the library. We will be back at the school for lunch.

On **Friday**, there is **NO SCHOOL for SK** due to Track and Field. I will be assisting the staff with running a successful Field Day for Grades 1 to 8. You are welcome to drop in and watch various events throughout the day. It will give your child an opportunity to see what they will be involved in next year.

On Tuesday June 6th, 2023, we will leave the school when all the students have arrived to take a bus over to the Firehall. After our firehall tour, we will head to the park for a time of playing and games. Thank you to Mrs. Lacasse, Mrs. Brubacher and Mrs. Dykstra for assisting with SK. Grade 1 will also be going with us.

On Monday June 19th, 2023-SK Graduation at 2pm!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

It's a special week at LCS! Track and field day is on Friday. We are very excited to have our first experience with it as Grade Ones. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for the day. Please ask if you have any questions not yet answered in the weekly messenger.

Thursday morning is our SK/Grade 1 walking field trip to the Listowel Branch of the North Perth Library! We depart on foot at 10am and plan to arrive back around noon for lunch. I have Mrs. Tomek and Mrs. Wideman confirmed to join us. Thank you!

In **Bible**, we continue to work on memorizing Psalm 18: 1-2. We are in awe of the continuous cycle of the Judges! It can be difficult hearing some of the Old Testament stories. There was a lot of fighting and death. Students were reminded about God's command to not kill and to love our neighbours. We look to Jesus as the Redeemer and the One who made us right with God.

In **devotions**, we are reading The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls, the Shepherd's Stone. We are trying to solve this secret: Fear _____. God is _____ any problem.

Word Detectives: are back in action. We received a new challenge from The Secret Detective Agency asking us to use the different types of syllables to help us read.

Writing: Our tasks are connected to our chapter book The Chocolate Touch as well as in Creation Studies as entomologists observing our pupa. When we write, we should use finger spaces. We should use punctuation marks at the end of each sentence. We use tools around the classroom to spell new words, like our heart word wall and our writing office. We slow down and stretch out new words.

Reading: sounds of ow/ou and the rules that can help us spell the correct one.

Spelling: I delayed out sounds of oo spelling check to this week Thursday. I want to spend a few more days on activities first. Here are the words for Thursday: wool, foot, look, wood, good, cook, gloom, tool, cool, roof, mood, food

Math: We are steadily working through our unit on addition and subtraction.

Creation Studies: We turn our attention to the amazing collection of fish in the animal classification journey we are taking.

Chapter book read aloud: The Chocolate Touch. Will John Midas come up with a solution to his chocolate problem?

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Day

Wednesday May 31: New Orleans Pizza

Track & Field Day

This year our track & field day is on Friday May 26th!

Just a reminder that there are **no afternoon buses**- please make arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up by 2pm.

Mrs. Wright's Piano Lesson Recital

Friday June 2 at 7:00 pm
All are welcome to attend

Girls Baseball Practice

The girls baseball team will have practice Mondays at lunch recess and Wednesdays after school! Please give the office permission to stay for practice

Boys Baseball Practice

The boys baseball team will have practice Thursdays & Fridays at snack recess and Wednesdays after school!

Grade 4/5/6 Field Trip

Please continue to hand in waiver forms for the grades 4,5,6 field trip to Between the Lines. All waiver forms should be received by the end of May. If a student is not coming on the field trip, please let their teacher know. More details will be sent out in June, so stay tuned!

Daycare Needed:

We have a few requests from our LCS community (new families and staff) for daycare needs (pre-school children) beginning in September.

So far, this would likely be part time, 2 – 3 days a week, or maybe combine some families and it could be more. If you are interested in providing this service, please call or email me so I can connect you to the families

416-557-7511 or
principal@listowelchristianschool.ca

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I hope you had a lovely long weekend. Here is an outline of our work for this short and fun week. Enjoy the track and field this week!:

Math: This week we are starting to work on time.

Spelling & phonics: No new spelling words for this week. We have missed a day and have assembly on Tuesday morning. We are doing some revision and Dibels testing during this week.

Popcorn words: Please remember to practice reading the popcorn words every day and completing the sheet that needs to be returned. Thank you for encouraging them to read and write these words at home.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Writing: This week, we are working on narrative writing.

Reading: We will be reading to ourselves, to our partners, and we will also do some reading Dibels testing

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

We have a busy two days together! Remember track and field is on Friday - please ensure your child has enough water, is dressed appropriately with running shoes, and has sunscreen/hat. Pizza lunch is only for those who ordered. Please pack snacks or an alternative lunch if your child is not having pizza.

Thursday: We will wrap up our mammal projects and share what we learned about our Canadian mammal. We will begin our new Bible unit, The Miracles of Jesus, and try to squeeze in finishing up our Chameleon art we began last week. If time permits we will also continue our Health unit, Human Development.

Friday: Field Day! Yay! Remember the early dismissal.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

We have beautiful weather again! I am looking forward to our Track and Field meet on Friday. Remember to send along healthy snacks, a water bottle, and sunscreen. We have a busy day with the majority of it being outside. It will be great to see Grade 3 try their best in some healthy competition. God made each of us beautifully and wonderfully.

Math: We are finishing up our multiplication unit!

Language: With such a short week our focus will be on phonics, handwriting, and writing.

Science: We are finishing up our research projects. They look wonderful so far!

Bible: We may or may not have our test this week. It depends on how our review goes.

Have an awesome short week!

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - due THURSDAY - Proverbs 27:1 - "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?"

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

- **Spelling Spiders** - thumb, new, blue, cube, grew, truth, dune, trunk, chew, do, due, brush, glue, fume, junk, true, stuck, flew, stew, knew, crew, blew, dew
- **Speed Spellers** - play, fry, stays, crying, plays, fried, sprays, fries, played, playing, frying, spies, staying, sprayed, cries, spraying, cry, spied, spy, stay, stayed, cried, spray, spying
- **Spelling Sloths** - speaker, creator, guardian, artist, traveler, visitor, historian, terrorist, finalist, prisoner, decorator, defender, director, Australian, specialist, Asian, believer, inventor, librarian, vocalist, attacker, survivor, Egyptian, Christian

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.

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

Our focus on grammar topics will continue this week. The 'plan' is to cover the **preposition "de"** with its use to indicate possession (i.e. 'from') as well as the **possessive adjectives my** [mon/ma/mes], **yours** [ton/ta/tes], **his/hers** [son/sa/ses] for singular and plural nouns accordingly.

Grade 6 will also be completing a written assessment on the [singular & plural] masculine and feminine forms of adjectives as covered last week.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

I hope you all had a great Victoria day weekend, may your cup be filled.

In **Bible** we will wrap up this unit on Jesus' Early Ministry with a Jeopardy review this morning. The test will be on Thursday morning.

In **math**, Grade 6 continues with translations, reflections, and rotations of geometric shapes. Grade 5 on equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, and the parts of a fraction. Check in with your student to see how these these are coming, unit tests will be next week

We will finish our novel **NEXT** week. A movie comparison and unit test will be next week. An unabridged audio file for the book is in the classroom. Listen along with your student as need be. We will study the themes of compliance, the author's use of light, character development, and what it means to be a hero! Enjoy.

Our **media** endeavour is wrapping up. Students are working with creating storyboards for their commercials and Public Service Announcements. The rants are being written in their groups too. The Rant will make use of our Green Screen in our back room. The final copy of their storyboards are due in the classroom on Thursday. The groups have received their rough copy template for their campaign. These will be due next week Monday. We will be making QR codes for their storyboards from storyboardthat.com. Here are their groups:

SCC	VIP	CTA	Premier	OCB
#7 Affordable and Clean Energy	#14 Life Below Water	#16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	#15 Life on Land	#2 Zero Hunger

Our plant **procedural experiment** has been observed, measured and discussed. The students are busy planning, writing, editing, and analysing the data. The rough copy was due on the weekend, unfortunately only a 1/3 of the students handed this in. These are needed to be handed in to continue on with the writing process. From here the students will self assess, peer assess, and complete their final copy.

In Physical, Social, and Emotional Education (PSPE), we will wrap up any needed track and field practice - triple jump, shot put and dashes. In **health**, we will be looking in depth at our human development and sexual health throughout the next few weeks.

New **spelling** sorts are up on the G. Classroom. The next test will be June 2, making this list last for two weeks due to our shortened week this week.

MAP tests this week. Make sure your student comes prepared to show what they know!

In **art**, the students will be creating a poster for the Listowel Agricultural Fair, linked to the fair's theme - "Feeding the World From Our Own Backyard."

John 3:19-21 (NIV)

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Pure Substances & Mixtures:

Last week Thursday's class was missed due to the auction-related stone picking commitment. So, we have yet to cover Describing Solutions (i.e Concentration/Dilution), Kinetic Energy in Solutions, and Saturation. Time and topic permitting, we will engage in another lab/experiment.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic orders are due next week Wednesday. Reminder that there is free shipping to the school again. Our class code is RC177130.

This week is a rather different week for grade 7/8. Not only is it a short week with the holiday Monday, but we have Track and Field on Friday as well. We are also completing MAP testing this week. Between grade 5/6 and 7/8 we are also doing a week (3 day) intensive health unit covering sexual education as outlined in the letter you received last week. As the intensive health unit and MAP testing will take a lot of our time this week our class activities and subject specific notes are rather different.

Bible: Students need to be continuing to work on their Bible Church projects due this coming Monday. I have asked students to have a rough copy ready to show me on Thursday this week to ensure that they are able to finish the project over the weekend. They need to have at least 3 typed pages of essays and add in the pictures on top of that.

Guided Reading: We have finished reading chapters 8-12. This week, students should be finishing the role they have been assigned by their group for those chapters. This should be ready to share on Monday, May 29.

Healthy Living: We will continue to practice for track and field this week. Next week we will focus on baseball. We are also working through our intensive health unit relating to sexual education and will have a test either on Thursday or Tuesday covering the materials covered during this unit.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

Last week, we did our MAP testing and most students showed significant progress. Well done! We also participated and challenged ourselves with the Gauss Contest. I appreciate the efforts all students made on both challenges. This week, we will jump back into our algebra units. For Grade 7, their second worksheet is due Wednesday. Then they will work on their mid unit review – due Thursday. For Grade 8, the mid unit is due on Wednesday. Then we will start solving equations. The Grade 8 test on algebra will be Wednesday May 31.