

# Weekly Messenger

June 5, 2023

We are into June! Wow, how does that happen?

This week we will have a number of co-curricular events happening. Several classes will be going on their field trips: SK and Grade 1 will go to the fire hall and park on Tuesday, JK will do the same trip on Thursday, and the Grade 7-8 class will go to the Old Post in Harriston. Finally, on Friday we are inviting all the new JK and SK students to join us for a morning and be introduced to LCS. I trust you have all been communicated with about each of these events and we are ready to enjoy this week.

Next week, on Thursday June 15, we will have our District Track and Field Day. There are a number of things you should know about that day:

1. Students are being notified about their participation on that day. Later this week, I will also be sending you an email to let you know of the events your son/daughter is competing in.
2. If you do not receive an email, your son/daughter did not qualify to compete at the District day. Because this day requires the participation of our staff, we need to cancel school for Thursday June 15.
3. We are looking for parents to help. Mostly, we need parents to lead groups to events and cheer them on. If you can help us out, please let Michelle know in the school office.
4. The competition is in Brantford at Kiwanis Field (it is on Kiwanis Way). We will be travelling by bus, which will leave LCS by 7:30 am and return around 4:30 pm. If you are driving your children directly to the meet, please inform us so we are not waiting for you at the school.
5. An event schedule is attached to the Weekly Messenger.

We look forward to trips and meets to expand our learning and abilities outside the classroom.

## 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



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## June Events

- 15- District Track & Field-No School at LCS
- 16- Gr 2/3 Field trip to Safety Village
- 16- Gr 4/5/6 Field trip to BTL
- 19- SK Graduation
- 21-Grade 8 Graduation
- 23- Last day of School
- 23- Final Report Cards go home

### Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

Tuesday is **purple day**! Students can wear something purple or bring in something purple to show the class. Next Tuesday will be our last colour day and students can wear their favourite colour.

This week we will review letters P-T. We will be listening to the beginning sounds of words to know what letter they begin with. We will also be reviewing how to print the letters E and F.

In **math**, we are reviewing the key concepts of patterning, and recognizing how many by looking and counting.

**Milk/Chocolate Milk**: Last week was the last milk day. If your child was receiving milk they will no longer be getting milk. Please send in enough drinks or a refillable water bottle for your child for the day.

Thursday is our **field trip**! Students are excited to visit the fire hall and the park, as am I. We will be leaving the school shortly after nine and taking the bus to the fire hall. After our visit there we will go to the park. Please dress your child for the weather since we will be outside for the park portion of the day. Students will bring along their snacks to eat at the park. We will return to the school for a pizza lunch, I have ordered two slices for each student. If you have any questions or concerns about our trip, please contact me [p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca)

## Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the sound of the short vowel “e”, we will learn the vowel song and continue to segment and blend sounds together.

In **math**, we will be looking at patterns in our world such as patterns on snakes, the leaves of a plant and the seasons.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will be copying sentences which means we need to remember spaces between the words, punctuation and the first letter of a sentence is uppercase.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about Jesus’ Ministry by seeing how Jesus blesses the children and how Jesus teaches us how to pray.

The **library** season for SK is over, so please return all books to school on Monday or Tuesday.

On Tuesday, we will be going on our **Field Trip** to the North Perth Fire Department. Please send your child with a lunch that they can eat at a picnic table. After our tour of the Fire Station, we will head to the park for some exploration time and lunch. Please send a drink as running around always makes us thirsty. We will leave the school around 9:10 am by school bus and return by 12:30pm. We are looking forward to exploring our community.

Monday June 19th, 2023, **SK graduation** will take place at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us.

Have a great week!

## Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

It was good to spend a bit of time this week assessing individual student reading skills. Keep reading at home throughout the summer. Reading out loud to your child is essential; having them practice reading each sound in words in books is the next building block. If you would like any direction on finding reading materials appropriate for your child’s skill level to keep them reading over the summer, let me know.

**Field trip:** For tomorrow’s field trip (June 6), we will leave the school around 9am and be back at the school by 12:30pm. Students will be taking their backpacks with lunch kits and water bottles on the bus so we can enjoy lunch at the park after the firehall. I have Mrs. Schnikel, Mrs. Rastorfer, and Mrs. Wilting joining us tomorrow. Thank you, volunteer, for taking the time to join us.

**Daily devotions:** We began our last book in the Secrets of the Hidden Scroll series: The Lion's Roar.

In **Bible**, we continue to work on memorizing Psalm 18: 1-2, with daily practice. This week we will focus on the stories of Naomi and Ruth.

**Reading/Writing:** We will begin working on a bit of poetry in our final weeks of Grade One. Our handwriting book is one place we will practice that. We will listen to many poems. We will try to write a few different styles of poems. We will bring our writing offices home at the end of the year to use through the summer months. Writing a little bit over the summer keeps students on track for beginning Grade Two. We are writers!

**Spelling:** We made a change to Wednesday June 7 for our show what you know: how, now, brown, cow, clown, down, plow, out, count, snout, south, sound. Then our next and final list will be due on Wednesday June 14. We will practice compound words (using graphemes and syllable rules we have practiced all year): footrest, sunfish, suntan, pigpen, dishpan, himself, sandbox, bathtub, pickup, hotdog, sunset, teapot.

**Math:** We are focusing on time this week. Hopefully we will have some analog clock readers by the end of the week!

**Creation Studies:** It is mammal week in Grade One! We will create our final two animal crafts this week. The unit test is approaching; we will show what we know on Friday. Our review will be an animal detective game on Thursday. Our final unit in Science is focused on the needs of plants in God’s garden.

**Chapter book read aloud:** Students were delighted by the Arnold Lobel series, Frog and Toad. We begin our eagerly anticipated final book in the Heartwood Hotel series: Home Again. We are on track to break a count of 35 chapter books

**PE:** We work on our soccer activities. We begin with soccer ball tabata (to get some fitness in) and single cone soccer.

# Announcements

## Girls Baseball Practice

We will be leaving the school at 7:30 on Thursday morning. We will keep you up to date on our return time as we are able to and will be back for the buses if possible but please be ready to pick up your athlete at school between 4 and 4:30. Please ensure your athlete has a healthy, energizing lunch, snacks, and a couple water bottles with them. They also need to have good running shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather as well as according to our dress code. They will be given a school jersey this week.

## Boys Baseball Practice

The boys baseball team will have their final after school practice on Wednesday this week and the tournament on Thursday.

## Recital Congratulations

Congratulations to Jaxton B, Jaymin B, Dannie C, Maddie D, Harrison S, Celina S, Zachary S and Zander S for their wonderful performances at our recital on Friday. What a great evening of music!

## Private Piano Lessons & Voice Lessons

Mrs. Wright will once again be offering private piano lessons and voice lessons this year at the school. Registration for students currently taking lessons is open until Friday June 9. Registration for new students will start following June 10. Lessons will be happening during the school day and students in grades 1 and up are welcome. This is convenient for parents so that they don't have to drive to another activity. There will be an additional day opening up this year on Thursdays so if this is something you've been hoping to do for a while, this could be your opportunity! There are limited spaces. If you would like more information please email Mrs.

Wright:

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## Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Our days together all of a sudden seem very limited! This week is a normal routine and next week there is **no school Thursday (June 15)**. For those students going to district field day (Thursday June 15) please follow the information in the weekly messenger. Any questions and I can do my best to help. Our field trip is Friday June 16 - I will send a letter via e-mail with more information this week. We are still looking for 1-2 parents to join us.

Here's our plan:

**Creation Studies:** We have finished our unit on animals and will do a mini unit on plants beginning this week by planting some seeds.

**Bible:** We continue to learn about some of the miracles of Jesus. Ask your child about the miracles we learned about last week - the Centurion's Servant and Calming the Storm.

**Health:** We continue our unit on Human Development - this week we will learn about how to manage and deal with conflict.

**French:** We will be reviewing what we have learned so far.

**Gym:** We will do soccer-baseball.

**Art:** We will wrap up our special top secret work and also begin fair art.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

We are nearing the end of the school term and I am so proud of how the Grade 2's have grown and how much they have accomplished throughout this year. Here is an outline of our work for this week:

**Math:** This week we are working on a money unit.

**Spelling & phonics:** This week we are studying words with the phonic skill diphthong oi, oy. In our word study units, we are focusing on students learning an explicit phonics skill rather than memorizing a list of words. Please help them to practice these sounds at home. We will be writing our last phonics skill test on this specific phonic skill next week Monday.

**Popcorn words:** Please remember to practice reading the popcorn words every day. If your child can practice writing them too, that would be awesome!

**Writing:** This week we are working on media text and designing our own cereal boxes. Please send some empty cereal boxes to school tomorrow that your child can use as an example.

**Reading:** In our decodable readers we will read a story focusing on the phonic skill diphthong oi, oy.

**Library:** We have our LAST LIBRARY for this school year TOMORROW. Please remind your child to pack his/her library books this evening.

## Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

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

## Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**Creation Studies** - We have finished our unit on Pulleys and Gears and will have our quiz on WEDNESDAY. Smartboard notes will be sent home the day before.

**Math** - We have finished our unit on Decimals and will have our quiz on THURSDAY. Smartboard notes will be sent home the day before.

**I Know It** - due FRIDAY - "Addition and Subtraction of Decimals"

**Memory Work** - due FRIDAY - Proverbs 15:1 - "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

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

- **Spelling Spiders** - bled, head, bleed, each, when, dead, street, reach, dream, bread, queen, swept, great, breath, beach, deaf, lead, sweet, steam, lead, break
- **Speed Spellers** - bookcase, lighthouse, snowman, headache, downhill, headphones, downstairs, headfirst, bookmark, snowflake, downtown, daylight, flashlight, notebook, downpour, snowstorm, headlight, cookbook, scrapbook, sunlight, countdown, snowplow, headstrong, lightweight
- **Spelling Sloths** - imaginary, bravery, category, stationary, library, machinery, lavatory, stationary, mystery, inventory, military, ordinary, scenery, dormitory, victory, history, necessary, century, delivery, February, directory, secretary, January, grocery, factory

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

**Library** - This week will be the last day for students to take out library books. The final two weeks of school will be just for students to return books.

# Announcements

## Buckets for Bucket Drumming

If you receive supplies in plastic buckets at your workplace or farm and you have a surplus would you consider donating them to the school music department? We would use them for bucket drumming (We need about 10 more for a class set!). Cleaned out buckets or pails that hold around 5 gallons would be appreciated! Thank you. They can be dropped off to the front office or music room.

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

#### **Grades 4/5 French:**

We are continuing our unit on the [very basic] parts of the human body (Les Parties du Corps). As students work through some activity sheets, they have been tracing out their body outline on to large paper. The body outlines will be re-traced, outlined in black, coloured, dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, face and hair details applied, and finally, main body parts labelled. This work should take us, minimally, this week.

#### **Grade 5/6 French:**

We will be starting our final unit for this year on Sports with use of the verbs FAIRE (to do) and JOUER (to play).

### Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

I come to you from my standing desk at home. Last week it was a stomach bug, this week a sore lower back. I sincerely apologise to anyone that I have hurt, with these illnesses. Most importantly, I forgive myself. ;) It is hard to not be with the class so close to the end, but I too will make it! Thank you to Mr. Boelens, Ms. VanKampen, Mrs. VandenHoven, Mrs. Baarda, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Wright, along with the other staff members as we adequately provide for your students.

In **Bible**, we continue on with the Expansion of Jesus' Ministry. We will dive into more of His miracles, from the catching of fish, Matthew's call, the choosing of his disciples, and healing on the Sabbath.

In **math**, the test from last week will go home this week. Grade 5 is carrying on with decimals, and Grade 6 patterns and algebra. Relating to the report cards, these next unit tests, scheduled for June 15, 2023, will be the last for both grades. Each grade has 4 units remaining in their workbook. If you are looking for some extra practice during some drives this summer, or just some casual mathematical downtime, there are some great activities in there!

The students have been given their instructions for finishing up the novel. They will **choose** to write a test or complete a book report. They have review questions to work through to assist in their reflection of the characters, setting, and themes of light, and heroism. The review questions and book report options along with the rubrics are in the G. classroom. The movie comparison will be **NEXT** week.

Our **media** endeavour has come to a precipice. I hope to salvage the campaign on my return to the classroom. We will film the rants at that time. For most groups this is the last component to their campaign templates.

Our **plant procedural experiment** has concluded. There are a number of students that did not hand in their final copy of this writing. We continue to work to ensure that all students are completing, engaged, and understanding their academic requirements, depending on their neurodevelopmental abilities.

In Physical, Social, and Emotional Education (**PSPE**) we will continue looking in depth at our human development and sexual health throughout the next few weeks. We will wrap up Baseball with the tournaments on Thursday, and finish the year off with Frolf!

For **spelling**, their sorts are up on the G. Classroom.

In **art** the students will continue to work on their poster for the Listowel Agricultural Fair, linked to the fair's theme - "Feeding the World From Our Own Backyard."

#### **Memory Work:**

The students must memorize the names of the 12 disciples. (I will post these on the Google Classroom.)

### Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

We have a few Tuesday double-block classes ahead of us that will allow us to "finish off" our final unit along with completion of a written test on Pure Substances and Mixtures.

#### **Unit Test: Tuesday, June 13th**

To prepare, students are encouraged to re-read and review all text pages and practice answering the short-response and T/F questions that we have done. Lab work is also 'fair game' with respect to one's ability to explain or predict similar results when presented with an experimental scenario.

### Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

First, I have to apologize for the lack of communication last week. I forgot to send the weekly messenger information on Monday for you to see what was happening.

We are winding down in grade 7/8 and yet not at all! We are busy and will remain so through the next 3 weeks! As the weather pulls students outside, encourage them to finish strong, do their best and study outside if possible.

Second, this week is a short in-class week as we have many students absent for the Baseball tournament on Thursday and our class trip to the Old Post in Harriston is set for this Friday. Students that are not on the baseball team will have an assignment to complete on Google G.R. Classroom. For our trip to the Old Post, please make sure students have clean shoes and bring lunch with them as we will be eating at the Old Post.

**Bible:** We will continue to learn about the early church and see how far into the story we can get in these next couple weeks.

**French:** Students did well in their last unit doing some writing and oral presentations relating to common conversations you may have when shopping. As we only have a few weeks left, we are going to finish these last few weeks with a grammar unit.

**Geography:** Students have been learning about quality of life versus quantity of possessions and what life looks like in a variety of places around the world. There will be a quality of life assignment due next Monday, June 12.

**W.W.W.:** Work for this sort as well as the test for the sort will be before our field trip on Friday morning, June 9.

**Writing:** We have been doing a lot of writing and editing in other subject areas and will continue to integrate our writing throughout other aspects of our class work.

**Guided Reading:** Students have been given a schedule for when to finish the chapters and roles to complete the book by the end of the school year. As we have a number of other activity days coming up as well, they have these in their agendas to allow for them to stay caught up.

**Healthy Living:** Phys. Ed this week will be focused on baseball. Next week we will finish off our phys. ed year together with a couple days of student's choice activities. Please make sure that your students' clothing choices for phys ed. follow our school dress code even as the weather is warmer. They also should be wearing proper footwear on Wednesday and Friday to allow for outdoor activities. Crocs and sandals do not allow for the best effort to be given. In health, with the absences of both myself and Mr. S. we have been unable to finish our sex education unit and will do so as soon as both of us are back at the same time and able to commit the time needed.

### Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

The Grade 7 students will finish their algebra unit with a test today (Monday). Our last unit will be probability. Daily work will be assigned. Grade 8 students have eagerly started their independent unit and are working hard. Daily work will continue to be assigned.