

Weekly Messenger

November 27, 2023

I've heard it said that fundraising strategies need to be constantly reviewed because the lifespan of any event is seven years before it stops being effective. Well, last Saturday we had our annual fall bazaar. I won't spend any time trying to track the history of our bazaar, but I know they have happened for much longer than seven years and it remains very effective.

One of the reasons it remains a staple of our school community is that the bazaar is as much about community building as it is fundraising. It is an event for all ages. I know of at least one family who had four generations represented at the bazaar.

It was a good day. The younger generation was kept busy playing games, racking up tickets, and exchanging them for prizes. New this year was a jail and that turned out to be pretty popular. Thank you Mr. Bakker for putting me in jail – you made a lot of students happy! Those who didn't want to play the games spent time browsing through the displays and purchasing their Christmas décor. As well, there were lots of tables filled with people socializing, reminiscing, eating, and feeling good within the walls and halls of LCS. There was a good positive atmosphere.

But let's not forget the numerous volunteers who committed their Saturday to make this event happen. We should also recognize the handful (or two handfuls) of people who committed countless hours in preparation, organization, and delegation to ensure that this bazaar was a successful event for FUNDraising and FUNraising.

Let's not also forget that what unifies us around these events is a commitment to teach our children about God, ensuring that they learn their ABCs and they grow in their understanding and faith in Jesus Christ. With that as our inspiration, I believe the bazaar will be around for a few more years. Until next year.

November Events

27- First Term Report Cards go home 28- Volleyball Tournament

30-Photo Retake and Group Class Photo Day



Nov 28 Dec 1 Emma S Savannah D

Dec 3 Logan S Dec 4 Timothy M

December Events

7- Grade 8 Day at Woodland

7- Poinsettias & Almond Orders Delivered

21- Christmas Musical Performances at lpm & 7pm

22- Skating at Arena

22- Last Day of School before

Christmas Holidays

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be completing our transportation theme and moving on to Christmas! We are learning a song and a verse as a class for the Christmas program. We will perform at the start of the program, before the musical begins. There are no specific dress requirements for the JK students. There will be an afternoon as well as an evening performance of the Christmas program, and JK will be presenting at both performances.

In **language**, we have learned about the letter Cc! We practiced the sound letter c makes and recognizing upper and lowercase Cc. We have been continuing to practice rhyming and initial sound isolation, as well as blending and segmenting words.

In our Handwriting Without Tears workbook, we will move on from colouring and begin tracing shapes and letters.

In **Bible**, this week we will learn more about David and the songs and Psalms that he wrote.

In math, we will begin to look at different kinds of patterns and notice that they are all around us.

Tuesday is Library day. Please remember to send in books from last week so students may take home their new selections.

Thursday is photo retake and class picture day! All students will be photographed for the class picture.

Announcements

Picture Day

Photos Retake day and group class photos are on **Thursday November 30th**. Please notify the office if you would like your child to have a retake of their photo.

Spirit Day

Friday December 1st is a Spirit Day! To honour Mrs. Weishar, we will be wearing either pink or blue depending on what we think her baby will be!

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will be working on CVC words which means consonant, vowel, consonant words. We will work by blending sounds together to produce a work and segment words to hear each letter sound. We will be rhyming words and working with compound words like basketball.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are learning to print letter J and reviewing letters that begin in the middle of our printing square.

We will read our final Pete the Cat book called "Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcake." On Tuesday we will decorate yummy cupcakes.

In math, we will continue to review flat shapes such as circle, square, rectangle and triangle. We will be working with position words such as above, below, far, near and beside. We are counting to 30 and printing numbers to 20.

In **Bible**, we will wrap up our unit on Jacob and then we will begin the Christmas unit.

We will continue to pass around our class book about our school shoes. Please leave a comment, if you want to. So far, each student has been super excited to take it home. Please return it the next school day.

Please send warm outside clothing. If the weather warms up, we always have the option to unzip our coats or not wear our hats and mittens. The December calendar has been sent home through email and paper copies.

Have a great week!

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Day

Wed. Nov 29th- Dominos Pizza Wed. Dec 6th- New Orleans

Volleyball

Girls Volleyball
Girls volleyball tournament is on
Tuesday. An email went out
Saturday with all the details. Meeting
at the school at 7:15. Please tell me if
you didn't get the email! I will be
emailing those addresses when we
are heading back to the school.

Boys Volleyball The tournament is tomorrow, Tuesday November 28. Be at the school ready to leave by 7:30 am. Thanks to Mrs. Slotegraaf and Mrs. Meinen for volunteering to drive.

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

Bible: Our Memory work is Colossians 3:12. Memory work will be said to me on Friday Dec. 1. This week we will be continuing on with the story of Moses and how God always had a plan for Moses and his people—even though it may have been hard to see at times. We will talk about how God has a plan for our lives too.

Math: On Friday, we used non-standard units of measurement from the classroom to measure objects in the classroom. This week we will continue measuring different things with blocks, Lego ect and look at comparing different lengths.

Language: This week, we are continuing working with words with ck/k. We will continue with our Handwriting without Tears and practice the letters l and k.

Creation studies: We had a wonderful classroom community party celebrating the end of our unit. Thank you for bringing in a snack to share with our "classroom mix". Our bowl was overflowing with yummy treats. We talked about how each of those treats were tasty alone, but they were even better together. Just like our class and our family. We are great alone, but even better when we are together! Our next unit is called "God Keep Our Land: Canadian Stories". We will start our unit off by taking a look at some important Canadians.

Show and Tell Friday December 1: Faith, Adalyn, Benjamin, Kyla, Esmae * This month's theme is either something special to you and your family or something that begins with the same letter as your first name.

Reminder: Class photo day and picture retake day is Thursday November 30.

Friday December 1 is a spirit day. Wear pink or blue depending on if you think Mrs. Weishar is having a boy or a girl!! Have a terrific week!

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

Math - Number sense: This week we start a new unit on equations and word problems.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week, we are looking at reading and spelling more words with -ild, -old, -ind, -olt and -ost endings and also reviewing words with different endings. Please see the homework practice sheet going home today to help the students practice these phonic skills. On Fridays Mrs. Kuipers will be assessing the two new phonics skills and heart words that they have learned and practiced in class and at home for that particular week.

Creation studies - Social science: We continue our unit on our local community and this week we focus on "God's perfect plan".

Bible: This week, we continue looking at the geography of the Promised land. We have a test tomorrow on Intertestamentary times. A sheet with a summary of their work for the test on Intertestamentary times went out in their envelope last week Monday.

Library: We have library tomorrow. They are allowed to borrow 2 library books at a time. If they return their books tomorrow, they can either renew it or get 2 new books. Please encourage them to develop the habit of bringing their books to school every Tuesday, even if they would just like to renew it.

Photo retake day: A reminder that Thursday is photo retake day and class photo day. My apologies, unfortunately I will not be able to make it to the class photos because I'm working in Wingham.

Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

Class pictures and retakes will be on Thursday.

Friday is a spirit day - dress in pink or blue for Mrs. Weisher's last day before her maternity leave.

I will be away on Wednesday and Mrs. Koersen will be in.

Science - We are exploring movement and the use of simple machines in everyday life. In what ways do you move at home? What simple machines can you find in your kitchen or even in your toys?

Math - We continue to practice sorting and naming groups of data. We will also start to graph data this week.

Health - This week, will have a focus on fire safety.

Reading- Last week, we practiced making connections to what we are reading. At home, you can do this too. Have students make text to text, text to self, or text to world connections with you when you read together.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

I want to start off by saying a BIG THANK YOU to all those who volunteered and came to support our annual bazaar. It was so fun to see so many familiar faces. And, of course, I loved seeing your kids!

Math: We are busy regrouping. We will be adding and subtracting with regrouping. If your child struggles with simple addition, please continue to practice at home.

Language: We will be learning more about long vowels and suffixes.

Creation Studies: We will be doing more work on the indigenous influence on the pioneers.

Bible: We are starting a new unit this week.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Multiplication - Students are working on the Multiplication Movie Challenge where students they will earn a ticket to a movie, popcorn, juice, and candy for the final day of school before Christmas break where we will watch "The Grinch" (Illumination, 2018 version). Please practice multiplication tables regularly with your child as we work throughout this unit. We started with the 0,1,5,10 tables and are working our way up with 2-9, 11, and 12.

I Know It - "Multiplication with Arrays" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to iknowit.com and sign in as a student. The username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is lcs12345. Spelling Dictation - Dictation will be FRIDAY. Students should know what team they are on. The teams are listed below and are also on spellingcity.com/tdelleman if students would like to practice their words online. Students will need to know all their spelling words, but only 10 are chosen for dictation.

Spelling Lizards - wait, read, need, beast, toast, wheel, sheep, leak, coast, trail, zoom, three, neat, moan, sheet, scoop, rail, cheek, pea, throat, loop, cream, sail, booth

Spelling Rockets - out, how, show, cloud, clown, growl, round, down, ground, brown, owl, found, shout, rough, frown, gown, mouth, plow, south, glow, town, count, through, crow

Spelling Scooters - benches, chairs, foxes, guesses, brushes, speeches, splashes, lunches, clothes, mixes, churches, crashes, books, peaches, classes, kisses, taxes, ditches, leashes, changes, branches, watches, places, ashes

Memory Work - due FRIDAY - Matthew 5:9,10 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Grade 4/5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

This week we will continue our mini-unit on Greetings & Farewells. Students in the 5/6 class were writing [2-person] dialogues last week (using a given template as a basis from which to create one's own, modify, add to it, etc.). Final copies will be written in ink and presented to the class orally -- both components will be formally assessed. The 4/5 class will be working on a similar assignment this week.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

Math: The Grade 5s will continue to work on number sense – rounding off and estimating. They will have a test next week. The grade 6s will begin their investigation of data management. Daily work will be assigned. Ask your son or daughter if they are keeping up.

Gym: We are done volleyball. This week we will play some different games.

Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

Bible - We will continue our unit on "Later Judean Ministry". We will be looking at the Good Samaritan, A Visit with Mary and Martha, How to Pray, and the Cost of Discipleship. Please watch for a cue card coming home with your child's personal act of service idea later this week (or possibly early next week). Details will follow in your child's agendas. Our memory work is: "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Luke 16:13" Due Nov. 30th.

Language - We will continue to look at superlative and comparative adjectives, including their irregular forms. In writing we will work on developing a strong plot by planning a sequence of events that is detailed and interesting. We will also look at developing our setting and characters to make our stories more interesting. We will look at cause and effect in reading and work to understand how understanding those can help us better comprehend non-fiction texts. We will be working on fluency with antiphonal and cumulative reading this week. Our words of the week are: perennial, comprehend, deception and immobile. Encourage your child to use each of these words in a sentence this week.

Spelling - Watch for spelling lists coming home in your kid mail.

Social Studies - We will be looking on the role of government both in our classroom and for the people of New France. We will be looking at key individuals such as King Louis XIV, Jean Talon, Comte de Frontenac, and Francois de Laval. **Science** - We will continue our unit - "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" and will be looking at cellular respiration, lung capacity, and the respiratory system.

Art - We will finish our replicas of the Grade 2's dream homes and present them back to them.

Health - We will conclude our Healthy Eating unit.

Cursive Snack - Justin will be on for Dd on Nov. 28th. Grayson will be on for Ee on Dec. 5th.

Book in the Box - Please ensure your child completes their reading for Book in the Box by Nov. 29th. I will give class time to work on it on the 30th and 1st, so please ensure your child brings what they need. Final projects will be due Dec. 6th.

Spirit Day - Friday is Mrs. Weishar's last day at LCS and as such we are having a spirit day in her honour. Wear blue if you think she will have a boy and wear pink if you think she will have a girl. Let's wish her well as she starts this new chapter! **Class Pictures** - We will be having our class pictures taken on Thursday.

Pop bottles - Looking for pop (or similar) bottles in the 500ml - 2 L range for a science lab we hope to complete on Thursday. Please send in any you may have. Thanks!

Report Cards - A gentle reminder during report card season: these assessments provide a snapshot of academic progress, against a standard, not a complete image of your child. They don't define worth or potential. Embrace the broader picture of their unique qualities and strengths. I am proud of each of them for the unique progress and growth they have accomplished this term. With that said, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. I am happy to discuss them with you. Thanks for your continued partnership. I appreciate the active role you play in your child's education.

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen: Cells

With the bulk of this class involved with Tuesday's volleyball tournament, we will have only our single block of science on Wednesday.

We will be learning about the structures and organelles (= little organs) - within a cell - and their functions/roles/purposes.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

Math: This week we will finish off our unit on fractions. The grade 7s will also be doing some work with decimals. The tests will be next week. Daily work continues to be assigned. Ask your son or daughter if they are keeping up on their homework.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic Orders (good Christmas gifts:)) are due on November 30. There are a number of books online that are not listed in the catalogue so I encourage you to take a look online too if you are looking for specific books for your children. Class code is RC177130.

I wish you all a good time at the volleyball tournament tomorrow!

Bible: We are continuing learning about the feasts and festivals. We are currently working through Purim and crafting pantomimes on different scenes in the story. They will be presented today.

Writing: We have been looking at the different types of plagiarism, we are currently working on how to properly summarize and will be working on how to paraphrase next.

Guided Reading: We made our way through chapter 2 and will finish chapter 2 and 3 this week with a quiz on Thursday on those chapters.

W.W.W.: We have finished the first term of groups so this week we will be re-evaluating and retesting to see where improvement was made and create groups based on that re-evaluation.

History: We are nearing the end of our study of BNA. We will continue to learn about a few more major events before a test sometime around mid-December.

Healthy Living: We finished up our volleyball unit with a tournament this past week. Well done to Team 4 for their win! Next up - skipping.

Music: Students were told this past week that a lack of practicing in general is becoming noticeable. Please encourage your child(ren) to practice 10 min. a day or every other day to allow for progress as a group. Also, a lot of them are still struggling with reading the notes that learned over the last few years of music classes. I put a few different websites to help them practice their note naming skills on our Music Google Classroom. Please have them spend some time on those skills over the next few weeks. This week we are working on Rain Rain, Jingle Bells, and Good King Wenceslas.

French: We are continuing our work in our hockey unit with assignments worked on and then assigned in class. They will be posted on Google classroom as they are assigned.

Art: Because of a few scheduling changes this past week, we are working on our mannequins for one more week. The new due date is Wednesday, November 29.