

There are two levels of leadership within our school. We have the Board, a group of committed volunteer members, and we have the staff, also a group of committed professionals. As we each take our role to ensure LCS is working well and in a coordinated way toward our purpose, periodically we need to be connected.

Every year Board members are assigned several staff members to specifically care for. Maybe they send a card or an email, maybe they make a visit, and likely they spend time praying for them. Ideally there becomes a connection of support and communication so these two levels of leadership can work together.

Saturday night, we also had our annual Board-Staff social. By the time you count all staff members and all spouses, it was quite a group. Everyone made it a priority to attend and most were there. We went curling and shared some delicious food. Sure, there was some "shop talk", but the idea is that we spend time together, build relationships and trust to ensure we are working together well. I was on the ice most of the time trying to perfect my curling skills (or at least trying not to look silly), but I observed lots of socializing and laughter. I think it was a good night of connections.

I want to thank the Board for coordinating and hosting this event and showing their support for our staff. It was important, fun, and greatly appreciated!

January Events

24 - Pizza Day - Domino's
26 - Theme Assembly led by
Gr 4/5
26 - School Skating
27 - LCS Information morning
9am - noon
30- JK Report Cards go home



Jan 23
Boston B
Jordyn L

Jan 25
Carson W

Jan 26
Faith T
Kenzie T

February Events

1 - Hockey Tournament
7 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
8 - Drum Fit Assembly
16 - PD Day - No School
19 - Family Day - No School
21 - Pizza Day - Domino's

Spring Auction:

Our Spring Auction is fast approaching! The Canvasser packages are being sent home today in Kidmail. Not every family will receive Canvasser information so please check your Kidmail if you are unsure. If you have any questions regarding your Canvassing List or what the requirement for Canvassing is, please contact Tanya Slotegraaf. Her contact information is listed on the bottom of the Canvassing letter.

More information about our Annual Spring Auction will be sent out over the next few weeks.

Drum Fit Club:

Thursdays at lunch for students in grades 4-8 with Mrs. Wright and Ms. Denhartog.

Music Mrs. Wright

We will be having a Drum Fit Showcase assembly on Thursday February 8 at 9:30 am. Please join us if you are able. Students in grades JK-Grade 6 and the Drum Fit Club will be presenting what they have been working on this month.

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda:

This week we will be painting snowflakes and learning that no two snowflakes are the same. We also will read some stories about snow and snowmen.

Our mystery letter last week was letter Dd. We learned that dog, doll, duck and door all begin with the sound that letter d makes. We also worked on a letter find page to find upper and lowercase Dd, and learned the Jolly Phonics song for letter d about a drum.

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook this week, we will meet Magic C Bunny and print the magic c letters C, O and Q.

In **Bible**, we will read about Esther and how she helped save her people.

In **Math**, we will compare length and look at comparing irregular things with indirect comparisons.

In **Health**, we will continue in our lessons about family and the things families do together.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida:

This week, we will continue to look at the letter Uu and will be introduced to the hard sound of the letter Gg with words like get, go, goat, gorilla. Everyday we rhyme words, blend sounds together, and segment the sound of a word. We are working on our reading paragraphs at school, however, I will send a book home that focuses on the high frequency word "said". Read it together, pointing to each word so that students understand to read from left to right and have fun with it.

In **math**, we will wrap up our patterning unit and begin counting to 50.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Joseph as he interprets 2 dreams while in prison and how he meets up with his brothers. We review our **Memory Work daily - Romans 8:28**.

We will focus on Tacky the Penguin and even though he was an "ODD" bird, God created him just right. We will create our own Tacky the Penguin for art.

On **Friday**, we will go skating for the last time. Please send in the appropriate things. It has been amazing to see the progress that has been made.

Please return all library books by Tuesday. The return bin is out Monday as well.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Bible: Our Memory work for the month of January is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Please practice this verse at home! It will be said to me Friday February 2nd.

Language: In our UFLI lessons, we will be working with the voiced th sound. In our Handwriting without tears book, we will be practicing printing the letter m.

Math: This week, we will be counting on and work on adding 5 or 10 to numbers.

Science: Last week, we tested out our senses with some experiments in taste, touch, sight, sound, and smell. This week, we will continue to learn more about our 5 senses and how special God has created us in His image.

Show and Tell Friday January 19: Jazlyn, Benjamin, Kyla, Esmae, Adalyn * This month's theme is either something that reminds you of something new or an object that reminds you of winter.

Skating: Friday afternoon, Grade One will be going skating again! Please label all belongings. We will not have much time between getting back to school and having a last snack to getting on the bus to go home. PLEASE send your child a quick and simple snack.

*Please send along a couple **extra pairs of socks**. Feet get cold wearing wet socks all day! Wet socks will be sent home each day. Thanks!

Announcements

Job Opportunity:

LCS will be looking to fill the role of Principal/COO for the new school year.

If you are interested in applying, or know someone who is, please send your interest and/or inquiries to Ken Rastorfer at hradmin@listowelchristianschool.ca.

REMIND

The office utilizes an app called **REMIND** for communication and announcements. If you have not logged into the app or you need assistance in doing so, please contact the office.

School Skating

Hockey Practice from noon-1pm
Grade 4 - 8 will skate from 1-2pm
SK - Grade 3 will skate from 2-3pm

A REMINDER - everyone on the ice **MUST** wear a helmet.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh:

Here is our work for the week:

Math - Number sense: This week, we start a new unit on addition and subtraction.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week, we are focusing on the long vowel teams ie, igh and i as well and doing some vowel team review. 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 they have learned and practiced in class and at home for that particular week.

Creation studies - Social science: This week we are starting a new unit on communities around the world. If your child has not returned their Family scrapbook assignments, please send it tomorrow.

Bible: We continue unit on "Jesus's ministries".

Our Bible verse for the month is: **"Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men' "** - Matthew 4:19

Library: We have library tomorrow. Please encourage them to develop the habit of bringing their books to school every Tuesday, even if they would just like to renew it. Please return all the permission forms for the library.

Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers:

If you have empty Kleenex boxes at home, we would love to have them for a class project.

Wed- We will be exploring mass & weight measurement in math this week. At home have students compare objects by estimating which would be heavier. If you have a food scale or bathroom scale, explore weighing different foods or bigger items.

Thur- We will be starting a new science unit on Solids and Liquids

Fri - Today, we will have a school assembly, a phonics/spelling test, and skating in the afternoon.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus:

This morning, I was greeted with a beautiful sky with pinks and purples. I find in these long January days we need to find the little things that bring us joy. I can say for certain that your children bring me great joy every day!

Bible: We have just completed a unit and will begin a new unit on Abraham.

Math: We will be doing a bunch more adding and subtracting.

Language: This week, the Green group will be joining the Red Group to work on ending spelling patterns. The Blue group will continue studying more triple blends.

Health: Instead of moving on to a new Creation Studies unit, I'd like to fit in a health unit on healthy eating.

Skating: This Friday is our last skating session. The kids are all making progress and it is neat to see them use this ability.

MAP Testing: We will be doing our second session of MAP testing in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

Assembly on Friday - Our class is hosting the assembly THIS Friday at 9:30am. Please come and join us as we talk about the beatitude, "Blessed are the Merciful".

Memory Work - due FRIDAY - Psalm 103:3 - "who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases."

I Know It - "Division with Remainders" - 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 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 Trio - space, rain, black, mane, tale, brain, paint, place, rash, blame, train, main, faint, want, chain, flag, tail, said, frame, flash

Spelling Tigers - grab, star, frog, fork, scar, corn, crop, track, barn, cord, war, trot, scarf, charm, trap, cram, horn, cork, dart, craft, mark, short, prop, brag

Spelling Minions - catcher, picture, measure, figure, butcher, failure, moisture, rancher, capture, future, nature, treasure, teacher, mixture, senior, pleasure, creature, culture, stretcher, leisure, pitcher, injure, torture, posture

Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

Bible - We will review our unit on "Later Judean Ministry". Unit test was moved to Wednesday as a result of last week's snow days. Study guides were sent home last week and are due Tues.

Memory Work - "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26" Due: Wed. Feb. 14th

Language - We will continue to look at articles and pronouns in grammar. In writing, we will work on elaborating our ideas and including details. We will specifically work on writing pieces related to our Wonder novel study. We will continue to look at comparing and contrasting in reading. We will continue to work on fluency and expression with choral, echo and partner reads of five minute mysteries this week, where we will also work on our deductive reasoning and inferencing skills. Our words of the week will also be tied to our novel study Wonder, where we closely examine unknown or less common words.

Spelling - Next test will be Friday Jan. 26th

Social Studies - We will look at the economics of New France, specifically the fur trade, as well as how God calls us to use money.

Science - We will look at healthy eating and fitness and how that affects our body systems. A homework assignment will be sent home in your Kidmail titled: Lifestyles Down the Generations. This will be due Tues. Jan. 30th.

Art - We will be looking at texture and creating our own Eric Carle animal collage pictures.

Health - We will begin a unit on mental health.

Cursive Snack - Please note to accommodate our new schedule change cursive snack will be moved to Wednesdays moving forward. Esther Jan. 24th; Carson Jan. 31st; Jenna Feb. 6th

Skating - Just a reminder that all students need a helmet, skates, and gloves to be able to participate in skating on Friday. Feel free to join us.

Grades 4/5/6 French (Madame Van Kampen):

We will continue our unit on the verb ALLER (=to go) which will include learning the conjugations for that verb as well as les batiments (the buildings) and spaces one can go to. Students are encouraged to memorize the conjugations of ALLER as this is a foundation in their French "career":

je vais	nous allons	on va
tu vas	vous allez	qui va?
il va	ils vont	
elle va	elles vont	

Grade 5- Mr. Boelens:

We are still trying to finish off our unit on Number Sense. We will finish the unit with a test on Friday.

Grade 6 - Ms. Van Kampen:

We will continue the unit on Number Sense, focusing on multiplication and division. Students yet struggling with the Times Tables (i.e. 1 through 12) would benefit from and are strongly encouraged to practice these facts at home, committing them to memory, as they are foundational to our current unit and beyond.

Homework: Students will be expected to complete work assigned in class for the following class period.

Grade 7/8 Science (Ms. Van Kampen):

As part of our unit on The Cell, this week we will continue to make use of the microscope, with slide preparations and viewing of a plant (onion skin) and an animal cell (human inner cheek swab).

Grade 7/8- Mr. Boelens:

Math: Both classes are working through their data management units. Daily work is assigned. Ask your child if they are keeping up!

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic orders are due by **Friday, January 26**.

Bible: We are continuing our unit on Job and Ecclesiastes by looking in detail at how Job's friends responded to Job and his responses back to them. Memory Work (Job 2:3) is due on **Friday, January 28**.

Writing: We are going to be finishing up our revisions of our writing project from Chapter 12 of "The Hobbit".

Guided Reading: We had our unit test today. We are going to be watching the first part of the movie "The Hobbit" and working on our final project this week, "Mapping The Hobbit".

W.W.W.: Unit 6 words will be introduced today, Quiz on 10 of the words on Friday.

Geography: Map of the World due **Tomorrow**. We will continue to look at landforms, how they change, and how humans interact with and change them.

Healthy Living: We will be beginning a unit "Substance Use, Addictions, and Related Behaviours" this week.

Music: Great job on the playing test last week everyone! We are going to continue working through our method books and will be looking to add more music to our portfolios soon.

French: We are nearing the end of our unit on Hockey. Students are working on a final written piece for the unit that is to be done entirely at school and without the aid of computers or other devices.

Art: We started designing our quilt squares this past week and will continue working on that this week. Again, if you or anyone you know is able to help us out with sewing or by lending a sewing machine to our class likely in mid February, that would be awesome! Please let me know, thank you.