

From the Principals Desk

And the planning begins!

First of all, thanks to all the families who completed their re-enrolment forms. This week we will follow up on the last few remaining forms so we can accurately predict what next year might look like for class structures and staffing. Our larger class sizes are creeping into the upper classes causing some potential changes there as well.

Just recently, the Board approved a recommendation to increase our JK program from two days a week to three days a week. This is a result of a survey completed last year and a public move toward increased Kindergarten classroom time. Three days a week seems to be a good compromise for our LCS community.

We are also receiving increased interest in Junior Kindergarten for next year. This may be a historic year for LCS – we might offer two JK classes! Our goal will be to solidify our JK numbers in the next two weeks. If you received an invitation to fill out the kindergarten survey but haven't yet, please do so soon. Your input will help us make important decisions.

Lastly, we are also considering offering additional days for kindergarten students to fill the need for daycare. This will be offered as needed and feasible for LCS. The final decision will be made once we have more forms submitted.

This is exciting, our school is growing. We are sharing our gift of Christian education with more and more families. As a result, you will see some job opportunities listed below. Please consider people you might know who could fill these positions and encourage them to apply.

Calendar of Events

February

- 28 - Grade 7/8 attend Drama Presentation at Woodland

March

- 4 - FundScrip orders due
5 - Basketball Tournament in Kitchener at RIM Park
6 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
8 - Gr 7/8 Band plays at Bethel CRC
11-15 - MARCH BREAK
18 - Report Cards go home
20 - Pizza Day - Domino's
21 - World Down Syndrome Day
Wear your Crazy Socks!
28 - Easter Assembly led by Grade 2
29 - Good Friday - No School

Job Opportunities

We have several job openings, or possible openings, coming up at LCS.

- **Principal/COO:** If you know of anyone interested in this role, please encourage them to apply. If you want to let LCS know of the name of someone you think we should contact, please email Ken Rastorfer at HRAdmin@listowelchristianschool.ca
- **JK Teacher:** We are anticipating a large incoming JK class. As a result, we are considering a potential additional JK teacher.
- **Junior or Intermediate Teacher:** Again, as a result of potential growth and the larger classes hitting the upper end, we are considering the need to add an additional class.

If you know of potential teachers that might consider these positions, please encourage them to apply or contact me (Ed Boelens) at principal@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Weekly Messenger Printing

In an effort to be good stewards of the resources that we have at LCS, we would like to progress to no longer providing printed copies of the Weekly Messenger. We hope to begin this following March Break.

If you would like to continue to receive a printed copy, please let the office know and we would be more than happy to continue to send one home in Kidmail.

We appreciate your understanding.

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION GRADE 8 PARENTS!

It is hard to believe that we're thinking ahead to Grade 9 next year! Now is the time to get your students registered at their prospective high schools. Early registration for Grade 9 allows the greatest opportunity to receive your first choice for course selections.

Sewing Machines needed!

If you or someone you know is able to allow grade 7/8 to borrow their sewing machine for February 29/March 1, please let Janelle Vogel know and/or drop it off at the school.

Please label it and anything you send with it to allow it to run properly. We are excited to learn how to sew!

Also, if you or someone you know is able to help the students sew their quilt squares (think straight lines) and they are available February 29 and/or March 1, please come and let Janelle Vogel know at j.vogel@listowelchristianschool or by calling the school.

Thank you!



Spring Auction

The **Spring Auction** will take place **online** between **March 21st & March 23rd**. More information on how to register for a Bidders Number will be provided in the next few weeks.

The **Live Auction Event** will take place on **March 22nd at 7:45pm** with Coffee & Dessert provided as part of your \$5 admission fee. There will be a handful of "Big Ticket" items auctioned off live at the Event.

Winning items can be picked up at the school on March 25th from 2-4pm and from 7-9pm.

Please see the promotional information being emailed home today!



Dental Screening

On Thursday, April 4th, the Huron-Perth Public Health Unit will be on site completing dental screening for students in JK, SK, Grade 2, Grade 4 and Grade 7. A letter is being emailed home today with more details.

If you wish to have your child screened and they are **NOT** in the above classes, you may contact the Health Unit directly at oralhealth@hp-ph.ca.

School Hours

Over the last few weeks there has been an increase in "late" arrivals to the school. For those who are unsure, **the school day begins at 8:55am and the day ends at 3:15pm.**

A reminder to notify the office if your child will not be in attendance for a particular day. Also, notify the office, **before 3pm**, of any bus notes or pick up arrangements.

In Sports News...

Boys Basketball:

The boys will practice Tuesday after school from 3:30 – 4:30 and Thursday at lunch. Next week, Tuesday is our tournament. More information will be emailed to you soon.

Girls Basketball:

The girls team will practice Tuesday at lunch recess and Thursday at snack recess. Next week, Tuesday is our tournament. More information will be emailed to you soon.

On Thursday last week, the teams travelled to Woodland Christian High School for a basketball skills day. The teams worked hard at the drills and had fun too! We ended the afternoon with a mini tournament. It was a great experience to get us familiar with game play in anticipation of the Tournament on March 5th! Thank you to Mrs. Meinen for driving some of the players.



Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

February has flown by! We are nearing the end of our Love and Family theme and next week we will begin a theme all about Nursery Rhymes.

Our **mystery letter** last week was letter Bb. We learned that butterfly, bell, ball and bed all begin with the sound letter B makes.

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook, we will learn more about diagonal lines, and we will be printing letters K and A this week.

In **math**, we will begin a new unit and we will take a closer look at numbers and see that they are all around us!

In **Bible**, we will learn that Jesus helps people who do wrong. We will also begin a new unit about the Parables of Jesus and read about Jesus being the Good Shepherd.

In **Health**, we will be wrapping up our unit on families and will begin a new unit about the five senses.

Reminder: Tuesday is library day. Please send in any outstanding books so students can take home their new choices.

Extra Clothes: Many of the students have used their extra clothes, especially socks. If wet clothes have come home, please send in replacements. Thanks!



Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on VC (Vowel Consonant) and CVC (Consonant, Vowel, Consonant) words using the letters that we have learned with a special focus on the short vowel sounds. We will be learning The Vowel Song to help us to remember which letters are vowels. We just received enough cookie sheets with the magnetic alphabet letters so that everyone may participate during our word work.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will focus on the lowercase letter Uu and printing on a line or between the lines or above the lines while using a proper pencil grip.

In **math**, we will compare the length and width of objects. We will be measuring weight by using a pan balance to determine the heaviness or lightness of a variety of objects.

In **Bible**, we will learn how the Israelites are provided with food and drink in the desert as well as The 10 Commandments.

Our **memory verse** is Exodus 15:2a The Lord is my strength and my song; and he has become my salvation.

In our **Friendship unit**, we will review how we can use our toolbox when in conflict with a friend. We have been talking about apologizing, walking away, telling someone to STOP, asking a teacher for help, ignoring what your friend is doing, giving your friend space, offering to help, or asking what is wrong.

Being a good friend means caring and sharing. We will read and make The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister.

The March calendar has been sent home.

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Bible: Our **Memory work** for the month of February will be Romans 8:28. *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."* Practice at home. It will be said to me this Friday March 1st. In our Bible story, we will learn about the story of Samson and the plan that God had for him.

Language: In our UFLI lessons we will be working with the digraph "ng".

In our **Handwriting without tears** book, we will be practicing printing the letter Xx.

Math: This week we will work on our skip counting backwards. We will also use some 10s and 1s blocks to create numbers.

Science: We will continue to talk about recycling and that when we use the tools God gave us wisely it can bring God and us joy!

Show and Tell Friday March 1: Boston, Jazlyn, Melanie, Caleb, Hailey * The theme for March is either two items that are opposite (example: big/small, black/white ect) OR something you have recycled or reused.

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

Math - Number sense: This week we work on **estimating**.

Phonics, spelling and reading: We are focusing on reviewing some vowel teams as well as working on the graphemes AU, AW and AUGH. Please see the homework practice sheet that went home today to help the students practice these phonic skills. Mrs Kuipers will be assessing the two new phonics skills and heart words that they have learned and practiced in class and at home on Friday.

Creation studies - Social science: We focus on landforms and bodies of water this week.

Bible: Please remember our Bible test tomorrow! We also end our Bible unit on Jesus' ministries this week. I will be assessing the Bible memory verse below next week Monday. Our Bible memory verse for the month is **Matthew 5:43-44:** *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy. 'But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"*

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.

Grade 2

Continued...

Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

Our class will be leading the Easter assembly next month and are starting to prepare for it already! Mark your calendars to join us if you can on Thursday, March 28.

In **Math**, we are working on 3D shapes. At home, can you find world/life examples of 3D shapes? Look for Spheres, Cones, Pyramids, Rectangular Prisms, and Cylinders. We are exploring what 2D shapes make up 3D shapes and the differences between prisms (made of mostly rectangle faces) and pyramids (made of mostly triangle faces that come to a point).

Wed- Special Science Experiment. I sent out a Remind message looking for a few parent helpers for 2:15pm. Please send me a message if you can make it!

Thur- A very special happy birthday to Kyle who is celebrating today on Feb 29!

Fri- Phonics/ Spelling Test. /oo/ & /u/ sound review words and /aw/ sound words -- *football, textbook, classroom, toothbrush, suitcase, lawn, saw, fault, caught*. **Heart words**-- *hour, minute, month, Tuesday*

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Isn't this sunshine amazing? God is so good.

Bible: This week, we are learning more about Hagar and Ishmael, Abraham's testing, and reviewing for our test next week.

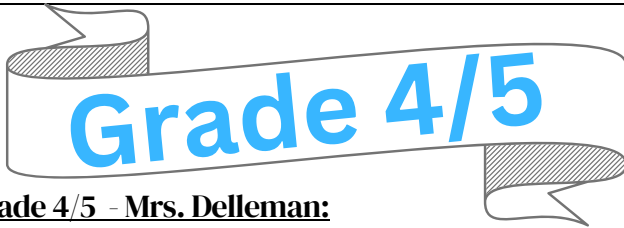
Math: Today, we had our math test on measurement. Our next unit is on geometry.

Language: The red and green groups are learning about long 'a' and long 'e'. The blue group will learn about final 'e': -se, -ce.

Science: We have started a new unit on force.

Mrs. Claus

Classroom News



Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

Elephant in the Garden - We are halfway through our novel and will have a small quiz on TUESDAY. Students have comprehension questions that have been marked and can be used to study for the quiz. Students will need to know characters, order of main events, and be able to answer questions about what they read.

Bible - We have finished a unit on "Psalms and Proverbs" and will have our quiz on WEDNESDAY. Smartboard notes will be sent home on Tuesday night to help students study and we will be reviewing in class.

Memory Work - NO Memory Work this week, since we have a Bible quiz.

I Know It - "Polygons" - 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 NEXT THURSDAY. 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 - cube, food, fruit, crust, bloom, smooth, suit, from, dude, skunk, broom, mood, bump, juice, trust, build, moon, flute, spoon, tooth

Spelling Tigers - her, heard, hear, deer, perch, earth, fear, peer, here, steer, spear, herd, fern, germ, search, learn, near, clear, dear, there, clerk, cheer, year

Spelling Minions - jacket, edit, climate, secret, private, unit, ballet, target, credit, pirate, racket, limit, senate, buffet, quiet, habit, comet, rocket, summit, planet, bandit, orbit, magnet, visit

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

Students will begin a new unit this week on The Family.



Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will begin a new unit on Jesus' Death.

Memory Work - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. John 14:1-4" Due Mar. 6th.

Language - In writing, we will work on writing personal precepts this week. We will practice our reading comprehension through our Wonder novel study by using a variety of strategies to answer questions related to the text. We will continue to work on fluency and expression, as well as comprehension with our five minute mysteries. Our words of the week will also be tied to our novel study Wonder, where we closely examine unknown or less common words, such as quivered, meticulously, and apparition.

Blind Date with a Book - Students are encouraged to have their books read by the end of March break. A book review template will be coming home in your kid mail today and should be completed once your child is done the book. Finished book reviews will be due on Mar. 22nd.

Spelling - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. I included a coloured copy of your child's spelling words in the kidmail. Spelling lists can also be found on google classroom. Our spelling tests will be on Fri. Mar. 8th.

Blue Taters - Sort 21 - bleed, dead, dream, swept, beach, sweet, break, bled, each, street, bread, great, deaf, steam, head, when, reach, queen, breath, lead, lead

Pizza Squad - Sort 15 - human, river, meeting, lemon, finish, leader, easy, sneaker, seven, pilot, wagon, eager, student, lazy, second, humour, reason, visit, planet, peanut, limit, present, music, minute

Billy Bob Joe that Spells - Sort 33 - other, colour, dollar, doctor, spider, sugar, brother, collar, favour, solar, sister, silver, weather, error, mother, flower, father, mirror, under, rumour, motor, tractor, grammar, harbour

Weird Weards - Sort 14 - operate, operation, explode, explosion, create, erosion, invade, conclusion, decorate, expand, creation, comprehend, allude, illustration, erode, decoration, invasion, imitation, conclude, comprehension, illustrate, imitate, expansion, allusion

Social Studies - We will begin a new unit called From Far and Wide, through which we will focus on Canada.

Science - We will continue our unit called Space Declares, which will help us in understanding space and Earth systems.

Art - We will be working on a collaborative piece for the auction and will be taking some time to review the art terms and history covered so far this term.

Health - We will begin to wrap up our unit on Mental Health.

Cursive Snack - Caleb Feb. 28th; Cassy Mar. 6th; Savannah W. Mar. 20th

Classroom News

Grade 5/6

Continued...

Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

Students will begin a new unit this week on The Family.

Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

We are continuing our unit on Measurement. An assessment will be coming home for parents review and signature. Please return this.

Grade 5 students will review telling Time.

Grade 6 students will begin work on Perimeter

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

The students this week will be completing some research as we begin our next unit on different types of Industry.

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

The **Grade 7** students are starting their unit on decimals, fractions and percents.

The **Grade 8** students are starting their unit on geometry and deductive reasoning.

A homework sheet was provided for these next units and daily work will be assigned.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

We have a very different week this week in grade 7/8. Because of the opportunities we have this week, we will not have a lot of our regular classes.

Monday: Regular classes. Band class will consist of getting ready for our performance next Friday for the Senior Lunch at Bethel CRC.

Tuesday: Geography Presentations.

Wednesday: Play "Pride and Prejudice" at Woodland High School. Thank you to the drivers. ***Students need to be at the school by 8:25 Wednesday*** morning but will be back before the end of the school day.

Thursday: We will be spending the day sewing our quilt squares. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help and to bring in their sewing machines. If you can help on Thursday or Friday this week or allow us to borrow a sewing machine, that would be very appreciated.

Friday: We will finish sewing our quilt squares and will also write our W.W.W. test, hand in our work for W.W.W. and recite or write our Memory Work (Ecclesiastes 3:1-14).

Upcoming: Guided reading questions for "The Necklace" are due on Monday, March 4.