

Calendar of Events

March

- 4 - FundScrip orders due
- 5 - Basketball Tournament in Kitchener at RIM Park
- 6 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 8 - PJ Day
- 8 - Assembly at 9:30am led by Gr 5/6
- 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

April

- 3 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 4 - Dental Screening - JK, SK, Gr 2, 4 & 7
- 10 - Grade 7 Immunizations
- 11 - Battle of the Books
- 12 - Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- 17 - Pizza Day - Domino's
- 22 - Spring Membership Meeting
- 26 - Kindergarten Registration

From the Principals Desk

Several years ago, the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (now called Edvance Christian Schools) wrote Christian curriculum for our schools. They took the Ontario curriculum and integrated Christian perspective. The primary grades have social studies and science units called "The Sky Declares the Glory of God" and "The Seas Declare the Glory of God". As we teach our students information, we also teach them that everything was created by God with a purpose to glorify God. Within the lessons are also times of reflection for students to stand in awe of creation and the Creator. Bringing all our knowledge and experiences back to God is a powerful practice.

It seems March break is a time of travel for many of our families. So, being a true teacher, I am giving each of you homework. As you travel or as you find yourself in different surroundings, stand back and be in awe of the Creator. Maybe you are at the foot of some amazing mountains, or on the shore of an expansive ocean, or in the depths of an old growth forest, or in the prairies noticing a sky that never ends, or maybe you are close to home simply experiencing the wonders of creation right next door, regardless of where you are do you recognize God? Does what you see declare the glory of God?

Just because we are heading into March break doesn't mean the learning has to stop. It just means the setting changes. It is my prayer that you are able to see God in His creation and marvel at his Glory.

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.

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to

Happy Birthday celebrations for March Break



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation Photos

On **April 12th**, our Grade 8 Graduates will have their graduation photos taken. A cap and gown will be provided. An email with the details and order information will be sent home today.



Prayers and Group Needed

The Principal Search Committee is requesting that families keep us and our school community in your prayers as we search for a new principal. If you would like to be part of an official prayer group, who would meet often to pray together, please contact *Melanie Meinen (melanieleannameinen@gmail.com)* so a group can be formed soon!

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.



PJ Day

On **Friday, March 8th**, wear your favourite PJ's or comfy clothes, bring your favourite "stuffie" and a book to read together with your friends.



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.



In Sports News...

Basketball:

Tournament location: RIM Park in Kitchener
2001 University Ave E, Waterloo, ON N2K 4K4

Date: Tuesday March 5, 2024

Departure Time: We will leave LCS at 7:30 am.
Return Time: Dependent on game play results

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 has been emailed home 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@hpph.ca.

Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

During the month of March we will be learning about and exploring nursery rhymes. This week we will make Itsy Bitsy Spiders!

In **language**, we will have a new mystery letter. Last week's letter was Qq. We practiced making the sound letter Q makes and worked on a letter find page to help us recognize the upper and lowercase forms of the letter.

In our workbooks this week, we will be tracing triangle and diamond shapes as well as the letter M.

In **Math**, we will be learning about ordinal numbers. We have a new focus shape this month, the diamond, and our focus colour is white. Our number for the month is 7.

In **Bible**, we will read two more parables: "The Sower" and "The Wise and Foolish Builders". **Luke 10:27** is our new memory verse *"He answered "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself"*.

In **Health**, we will begin to explore our five senses by identifying what those five senses are.

Thursday is Pyjama Day in JK! We don't want to miss the fun, so JK students are welcome to come in their pyjamas on Thursday since we are not here on Friday when the rest of the school will dress in their comfy pj's.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the suffix "s", added to a singular noun (cat) which makes it a plural noun (cats). We will blend and segment words and copy a sentence remembering where to have spaces and punctuation.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will practice printing letter u and words with the short vowel u on the lines provided.

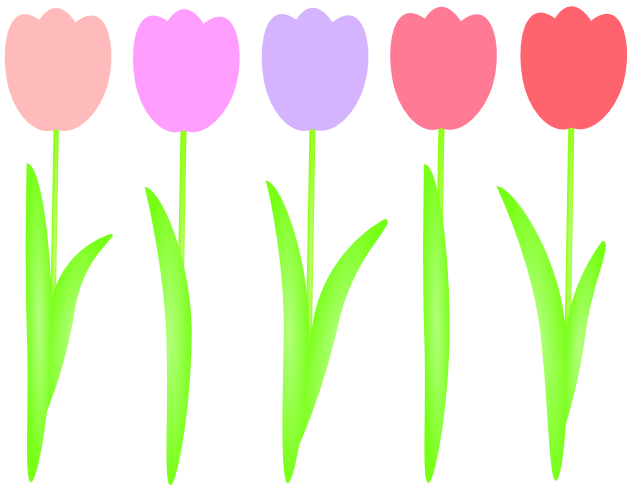
In **math**, we will complete our measurement unit learning about weight and money. Students will have a hands on experience with a pan balance and with sorting money by the picture on the front. They will hear the coin names of dime, nickel, quarter, loonie and toonie.

In **Bible**, we will learn about The Golden Calf and the Tabernacle. We will be reciting Exodus 15:2a with actions and singing My God Is So Big.

The **March calendar** has been sent home. We will be reading Dr, Suess books so that we can hear lots of rhyming and nonsense words.

On **Friday March 8, 2024**, we will have pajama day and bring a stuffy to school day. Please wear pjs that are easy to manage in the bathroom and a stuffy that your child can manage. At the end of the day we will gather as school teams to read books. If your child has a favourite storybook they would like someone to read to them please send it along.

Have a great week! Enjoy your March Break! See you Monday March 18, 2024.



Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Bible: Our **Memory work** for the month of March will be "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6. A colouring page with this verse will be coming home. Please practice with your child every evening. We will practice in class too. It will be said to me on Friday March 29.

Language: In our UFLI lessons, we will be working with the digraph "ng" (as in nk). In our Handwriting without tears book, we will be practicing printing the letter Zz.

Math: This week we will finish up ordering numbers. Then we change over and look at coins and their values.

Science: We are starting our new unit titled: "The Sky declares". In this unit we will explore concepts of the earth and weather. Students will become "sky watchers" as they explore day and night, the seasons and the conditions of our weather. Students will come to an understanding and appreciation of God as Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Show and Tell Friday March 8: Charity, Emily, Ruby, Blake
* 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:

We have had a busy, but blessed second term in Grade 2. Enjoy your March break!! Here is our work for the last week of this term :

Math - Number sense: This week we continue working on estimating.

Phonics, spelling and reading: We are focusing on the graphemes EA and A as well as the graphemes OI and OY. 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.

Bible: We start a new unit on Easter.

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:

A big thank you to the 4 brave parents who helped make Ooblik with us last week. I do hope the enjoyment at home outweighed the mess! The students definitely loved experimenting with it at school.

We continue to learn about 3D shapes in **math**. Students have really been enjoying the hands on learning with our school set of wooden and plastic shapes. In **writing**, we wrapped up our book reports last week and will be exploring concrete poems this week. In **French**, we are going to begin a unit on the parts of the body. Students will learn the song Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes in French.

Wed - Reviewing for our Science test in class.

Thurs- Science Test

Fri- Spelling test. Assembly. It's also Pajama day! Time to get cozy in a fresh set of PJs for our last day before the break.

GREEN Spelling List - head, bread, wash, watch, spoil, point, boy, enjoy

RED Spelling List - breath, feather, swallow, waffle, choice, noise, enjoy, destroy.

Heart words: Monday, Tuesday, February, March, minute, hour

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Well, we have arrived at the week before March Break. I am looking forward to spending time with my family down south next week. I will not be teaching on Friday. Mrs. Koersen will be covering my class. It is pajama day on Friday and students are allowed to bring 1 comfort item along. It must be able to fit in their backpack. I pray you all have a wonderful break as well.

Bible: We will review on Wednesday for our test on Thursday.

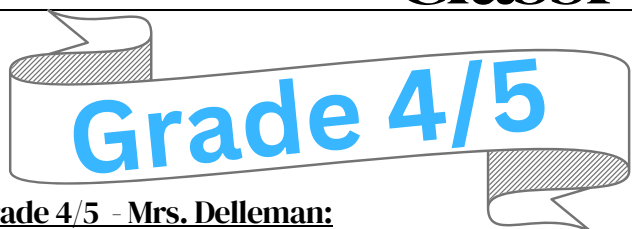
Math: We are learning about shapes this week- sides, vertices, angles.

Language: The red and green groups are learning about the graphemes: OA, OW, and OE that make the long "o" sound. The blue group is working on homophones.

Science: We will continue to learn about force.

Mrs. Claus

Classroom News



Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

Recorders - Mondays and Tuesdays students will need to bring their recorders to school.

Family Picture - For French class, and our novel study, students will need to bring in a picture of their immediate family (parents, siblings, themselves). Please have students either bring an actual picture, or send their family picture to Mrs. Delleman to print, by TUESDAY.

Spelling - Dictation will be WEDNESDAY. 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

Math - We have finished a unit on geometry and will have our quiz on THURSDAY. Smartboard notes and a review will be sent home on Wednesday night to help students study and prepare for the quiz. Students will need to know the name of different polygons, especially quadrilaterals (and triangles for Grade 5s), how to measure angles and find congruent shapes.

I Know It / Memory Work - NO assignments or memory work this week.

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

We will continue with our unit on La Famille.

Parents: *in preparation for your son's/daughter's family project in the near future, please assist him/her to secure a group photo or individual photos of the members of your immediate family. This may also include photos of house pets as applicable.*



Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will continue our 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 continue to work on writing personal precepts and reflect on ways to show kindness to one another. We will practice our reading comprehension through our Wonder novel study by using a variety of strategies to answer questions related to the text. 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, exasperated, babushka, defective, and giddy.

Blind Date with a Book - Students are encouraged to have their books read by the end of March break. Book review templates were sent home last week and can also be found on Google classroom - language. 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 last week. They can also be found on Google classroom - language. 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 continue our unit - From Far and Wide. This week, we will be looking at the provinces and territories and will be delighting in diversity.

Science - We will continue our unit called Space Declares. This week, we will be looking at Light in Space and the Sun.

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 wrap up our unit on Mental Health.

Cursive Snack - Cassy Mar. 6th; Savannah W. Mar. 20th; Emmalyn Mar 27th

Chapel - We will be leading chapel on Friday at 9:30 on being pure of heart. We hope to see you there!

Pyjama Day - Friday will be pyjama day

Classroom News

Grade 5/6

Continued...

Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

We will continue with our unit on La Famille.

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Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

As our unit on Measurement continues, **Grade 5** will continue to focus on the topic of Time, looking at time elapsed/intervals and the 24-hour clock. **Grade 6** will continue to focus on the topic of Perimeter and then Mass (using grams and kilograms).

Parents: *please continue to encourage your child to fully read instructions and to take their time and do their best work. "First done" should not be equated with 'first' or top mark.*

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

On Wednesday, students will be [orally] presenting their findings on the type of industry [and its component systems] assigned to their group. I hope it will be an effective time of sharing and learning by all of us. Please note that each group's [Google-based] slide show is to be submitted ["shared"] electronically with me. Assessment of the assignment will include both the oral and written presentation. Peer and self-assessment in regards to group-work involvement will also be completed.

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

The **Grade 7** students will be applying their knowledge of percents to story problems and maybe some consumer knowledge. Daily homework is assigned.

The **Grade 8** students are working quickly through their unit on geometry and deductive reasoning.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

It's almost March Break! I'm surprised how quickly this has come up and with it usually comes a lot of excitement for the last section of the school year. I encourage you to continue to encourage and support your child(ren) as they move through the third term. Encourage them to do their best, to ask questions when needed, and to do their best to be a positive member of our classroom environment. I really look forward to seeing what we are able to do this coming term together!

Bible: We will continue working through the book of Ecclesiastes. We will likely be looking at a test in the week or two after March Break.

Writing: We are starting our grammar bootcamp right after March Break and will be doing some prep work for that this week.

Guided Reading: We will continue our short story unit. "The Necklace" questions due today.

W.W.W.: No W.W.W. this week.

Geography: Great job on the presentations this past week. They were the best done presentations overall I have seen this year. The students were confident, the slides and infographics created were well thought out, and the speaking was done without reading off the screen and having their back to the class. Well done!

Healthy Living: We will be finishing our basketball unit this week with a mini tournament. They have been working on skill building and attacking/defending with purpose. We have also been working on always being ready for the rebound after a shot.

Music: This week Friday, the band will be performing at Bethel CRC for their seniors lunch. We will walk from the school and this will take place within the school day. Because of this performance, students are asked to either wear appropriate clothing or take a change of clothing with them as it is pajama day but performing in pajamas would not be appropriate.

French: We will start working on futur proche this week.

Art: Quilting went so well last week! We were blessed with a number of volunteers and a huge number of sewing machines. Thank you so much to everyone that helped out and made our sewing day a huge success! Our class finished sewing all the squares in one day. Look for pictures to show up soon! No art class this week.

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing March break whether you are staying near or going far away or anywhere in between. May God bless you next week and allow you all to join the class again after March Break.