

From the Principal's Desk

Today you will receive the report card(s) for your child(ren). The teachers have put a lot of thought and discernment into these reports. I hope you take some time to review and reflect upon them.

As you read through the reports, celebrate the strengths and gifts noted about your child. What are they good at? Where are they excelling? What attributes are they exhibiting that make you proud? Highlight these and make sure your child knows you are noticing the positives in the report card. At the same time, there are always areas of growth. Don't dwell on these as negative: everyone has strengths and challenges. Note them as challenges and talk about why they are difficult. Spend some time with each of your children to discuss the details.

This is also a good time to set some goals for the rest of the year. How will your child finish strong? Are there suggestions from the teachers such as complete homework more often, focus in class, or contribute to discussions? Are there home changes that are possible such as delegate homework time, read more with or to your child, or simply remember to bring things back and forth from home to school. We have three and a half months left of school and there are still lots of lessons to learn. Now is a good time to refocus for a strong finish to the year.

Remember that report cards are meant to communicate learning progress at this time. These are opportunities to make changes and strive to do better. We hope and pray that these reports will be a tool for you to celebrate and nurture growth in your child.

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



Calendar of Events

March

- 18 - Report Cards go home
- 20 - Pizza Day - Domino's
- 21 - World Down Syndrome Day
Wear your Crazy Socks!
- 28 - Easter Assembly (2:15pm) led by Grade 2
- 29 - Good Friday - No School



www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

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



World Down Syndrome Day

••• **March 21** •••

Crazy Sock Day - March 21, 2024

Wear your crazy socks on Thursday in support of World Down Syndrome Day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Assembly

The Grade 2 class will be leading us in our Easter Assembly on **Thursday, March 28th at 2:15pm** (please note the time). Please join us as we end our school week preparing for Easter



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 will no longer be providing printed copies of the Weekly Messenger.

If you would like 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.



Spring Auction



The **Spring Auction** begins this Thursday!

The **Live Auction Event** will take place on **March 22nd at 7:30pm** 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 visit <http://charityauction.bid/ListowelChristianSchool> to view the bidding catalogue.



In Sports News...

Basketball:

On March 5th the teams travelled to RIM Park in Kitchener to compete in our tournament. It was a wonderful day of competition and fellowship with other Christian Schools. Congratulations to both teams on a wonderful finish in the tournament!

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

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable March Break and is feeling ready for the last few months of school!

We will continue to explore nursery rhymes for the remainder of the month of March. This week we will look at Humpty Dumpty and Hickory Dickory Dock.

We will have a new mystery letter this week that we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for as well as practice recognizing the upper and lowercase forms of that letter.

In our **workbooks**, we will be tracing the letter N, and we will be tracing more shapes as well.

In **math**, we will be printing numbers up to 5. We will also be finding and putting numbers in order from 1 - 12 to make a Hickory Dickory Dock Clock!

In **Bible**, we will learn about the Lord's Prayer and we will read the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

In **health**, we will continue to learn about our five senses and this week we will focus on our sense of smell. Each student is working on creating a Five Senses book to show what they have learned about the senses.

Tuesday is library day, please send in any library books so students can take home their new selections.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Welcome back!! I hope everyone had an enjoyable March Break!

Today, we welcome Rayah to our classroom as well as her parents Braeden and Brittany Heikamp.

Thank you to Mrs. Streicher, Mrs. Mulder, and Mr. Martin who accompanied us to the library on the Friday before March Break. Mrs. Berfelz complimented the children on their polite behaviour and invited us to come back in May or June. It was such a great time!

This week, we will focus on the letter s that represents the "z" sound when it follows a voiced sound. For example in the word cubs and fans.

We will continue to rhyme, blend, and segment words. We will read and taste Green Eggs and Ham! On Friday, we will enjoy the story of Horton Hears A Who.

It is a show and tell week! Students are asked to bring in their favourite storybook.

MONDAY: ARIA, JOSIAH, ADDISON, MICHAEL

TUESDAY:TIMOTHY, WESLEY, HENRI, KARISSA, OLIVIA

THURSDAY: RUBY, JOLENE, DOMINIC, CAMERON

FRIDAY: ISAIAH, ALEC, ROMAN, ADALIE, KAYLEE, RAYAH

If you forget on your day, please bring it another day this week.

In **math**, we will be learning how to add within the number 5. We will learn words such as adding, more, altogether, plus, and equals. We will be learning what numbers make up the number four and number 5. We will use lots of manipulatives and will complete some pages in our workbook.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Jesus's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem and our **Memory Verse will be John 3:16**. We will be learning some Easter songs as well.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will focus on lowercase i and e. We will be learning how to spell our last names.

On **Thursday**, it is World Down Syndrome Day-wear mismatched or coloured or crazy designed socks.

We have a great week ahead! Any questions please ask me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Have a great week!

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful March Break and are ready to get back to the routine of school.

Bible: Our **Memory work** for the month of March is *"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6*. 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 on reviewing all the digraphs we have learned. In our Handwriting Without Tears book, we will be reviewing all of our letters.

Math: Before March break we started looking at coins. We will continue to look at their values and compare which coins have higher and lower 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: Delaney, Bryer, Seth, Isaac, Faith * The theme for March is either two items that are opposite (example: big/small, black/white ect) OR something you have recycled or reused.

Library: Remember library books are due on Tuesday!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

I hope you had a blessed week with your family. I can't believe that this is the start to our last term of this school year. I look forward to a great last term. This is our work for the week:

Math - Number sense: This week, we work on different ways of adding numbers.

Phonics, spelling and reading:

Our focus for the week:

- graphemes OU and OW
- vowel team and diphthongs review

Please see the homework practice sheet that went home today to help the students practice these phonic skills as well as the specific spelling words in Mrs Kuipers' message. Spelling test will be on Friday.

Creation studies - Social science: Our unit for this term is Canadian Symbols.

Bible: We continue our unit on Easter for the month of March.

Our Bible memory verse for March is **Matthew 28:18-20:**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Library: We have library tomorrow. Please bring your library books to school, even if you would just like to renew it.

Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

I hope that your breaks were a wonderful time for rest, adventure, and family. As we head into third term, it's our prayer that we all put our best selves out there; that we can work as a class in order to accomplish our goals and learn about God and his creation.

Wed - March Break Narrative writing: Please make sure to have your completed jot-note page at school today. If you were away before the break, take time Monday and Tuesday to talk at home about some ideas to add in. We will also be completing some poetry!

Thurs - We will begin our science unit on Water and Air in the Environment. We will study how the earth declares the majesty of God!

Fri- Spelling Test

GREEN - out, south, down, crowd, cowboy, boiling, outside, downtown

RED - around, background, downtown, household, without, somehow, taught, crawl

** Next **Thursday, March 28** at 2:15pm will be our school Easter assembly. Our class will be leading the assembly. Please, if you know that your child will be away, tell me asap so we can plan accordingly.

Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Welcome back, everyone! It was so good to have a break. I enjoyed my time in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It was a shock to come home to snow! However, I am very happy to be back in the classroom with all of my kids.

Math: We are learning about angles, equal sides, and quadrilaterals this week.

Language: We are continuing our learning and review of long vowel teams.

Science: Forces are still at work in our room!

Bible: We are starting a new unit on Isaac and Jacob.

Mrs. Claus



Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

Welcome back! I hope you had an amazing March Break!

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

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

Spelling - We are forming new spelling teams for this final term. Students will be picking out team names and we will start our new spelling lists next week!

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

As we continue our unit on La Famille, we will focus on the verb AVOIR (= to have) -- another of our foundational verbs -- as knowing this verb will aid with the written component which will accompany your child's family photo(s). Like the verbs FAIRE and ALLER, the conjugations for AVOIR need to be committed to [long-term] memory:

j'ai	nous avons
tu as	vous avez
il a	ils ont
elle a	elles ont
qui a	

Grade 5/6

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[a]; 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. 28th.

Language - In writing, we will work on elaborating our ideas, including details, and extending our writing. 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 also look at how an author may use a compare-and-contrast text structure to write an informational 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 - Book review templates were sent home prior to the break and can also be found on Google classroom - language. Finished book reviews will be due on Mar. 22nd. Students will present their book reviews to the class on this date.

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. They can also be found on Google classroom - language. Our spelling tests will be on Thurs. Mar. 28th

Blue Taters - Sort 22 - *might, high, night, bright, fight, sight, sigh, right, white, twice, quite, fine, write, live, why, cry, sky, try, shy, quick, quit, quiz, eye*

Pizza Squad - Sort 16 - *athlete, pilgrim, create, control, complete, children, poet, duet, pumpkin, monster, riot, mushroom, halfway, kitchen, trial, poem, English, hundred, cruel, giant, lion, kingdom, inspect, diet*

Billy Bob Joe that Spells - Sort 34 - *dancer, dreamer, driver, farmer, jogger, writer, shopper, swimmer, voter, actor, sailor, traitor, tutor, beggar, burglar, bigger, faster, longer, smaller, fresher, younger, older, smoother, brighter*

Weird Weards - Sort 15 - *hasten, bomb, fasten, haste, resignation, designate, design, moisten, solemn, soften, crumb, resign, column, soft, solemnity, columnist, fast, bombard, moist, muscular, signature, crumble, muscle, sign*

Social Studies - We will continue our unit - From Far and Wide.

Science - We will continue our unit called Space Declares. This week we continue looking at the sun and will also look at terrestrial and gas giant planets.

Art - We will be working on some 3-D word art that looks at elements/principles such as value, space, shape, and colour.

Health - We dive deeper and extend our study on Mental Health.

Cursive Snack - Savannah W. Mar. 20th; Emmalyn Mar 27th; Logan Apr. 3rd

Rock Your Socks - Don't forget to wear your crazy, colourful, mismatched socks on Thursday in support of World Down Syndrome Day.

Classroom News

Grade 5/6

Continued...

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elle a	elles ont
qui a	

Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

As we continue our unit on *Measurement*, Grade 5 topics will be "Elapsed time to the Second" and "Periods of Time" (i.e. days, weeks, months, years, decade, century, millenium).

The Grade 6 topic will be "Mass" making use of milligrams, grams, kilograms, and the metric tonne. Our activities will include estimation as well as actual mass measurements, unit conversions, and word problems.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

The next topics in our unit of Systems in Action: System Components, Efficiency, Inefficiencies & Corrections, and Automation.

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

The **Grade 7** students are still applying their knowledge of percents to story problems and maybe some consumer applications. Daily homework is assigned. They are working toward a test next week Wednesday.

The **Grade 8** students will be finishing their unit on geometry and deductive reasoning, working toward a test on Friday.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Welcome back everyone! I'm happy to be back with grade 7/8 for our 3rd term! This term is very full of so many fun and exciting activities and I'm looking forward to the term.

Bible: We are continuing our unit on Job and Ecclesiastes. We will have a Bible test next week Thursday on the unit.

Writing: We are going to be doing a grammar boot camp these next couple weeks to get ready for a new routine for Monday mornings using Mentor Sentences. More on that to come.

Guided Reading: We will read our next story, "The Gift of the Magi" and doing our activities with it this week.

W.W.W.: We are working on our next sorts this week. Quiz on Friday (March 22) and work due and Test next week Thursday (March 28).

Geography: We will continue to learn about our world and the formations and processes that are changing either naturally or by human impact. We will be looking at some specific examples of human interaction this week.

Healthy Living: Reminder that Phys. Ed. is on Monday and Friday and students need to have their gym clothes with them. We will be starting a skipping unit this week. Health classes will also continue on substances and substance abuse.

Music: Well done on the 8th playing for the seniors lunch at Bethel CRC. It was very appreciated and even with our decreased numbers, sounded great! We will start learning some new music and hopefully getting it ready for more performance opportunities this term.

French: We are almost done our grammar unit and will be doing our last lessons and review this week and early next week. Test on Wednesday, March 27.

Art: We will be starting some Easter art (Pysanki) this week and hopefully finishing it by the end of class next week.