

From the Principal's Desk

As the leadership of LCS, both Board and administration, we are always trying to look to the future. Whether that is strategic planning or just mapping out the next six - twelve months, planning ahead is what makes the present work out.

Normally it is not that difficult. However, as we enter this time of year, we are spanning two different school years. I call it "the time of two years". We are trying to stay focused on this current school year and make sure we take care of everything including covering curriculum as well as planning for field trips, athletic days, Christian Education Week, and graduations. There is still a lot to do for this school year.

We are also planning for the next school year. That includes recruitment of new families and students and planning out a class structure. Our current staff are deciding on their new contracts and we are recruiting potential new staff members.

In their planning, the Board is creating a budget for next year. With potentially increased enrolment, potential increase in staffing, and changes all around, there are more variables in the planning and the budget. They are also proposing some names to be new board members.

Monday April 22 is our annual Spring Membership Meeting. We have a final Membership report and budget to approve at tonight's Board meeting. The report will be emailed to the membership on Tuesday April 9. We ask that you read through it carefully to capture all the activity at LCS and also that you attend the Membership Meeting on April 22.

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.

Calendar of Events

April

- 8 - Solar Eclipse
- 10 - Grade 7 Immunizations
- 11 - Battle of the Books
- 12 - Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- 16 - TWIN DAY!
- 17 - Pizza Day - Domino's
- 19 - Assembly at 9:30am led by Grade 3
- 19 - Badminton Tournament
- 22 - Spring Membership Meeting
- 26 - Kindergarten Registration
- 26 - Meat Fundraising orders due

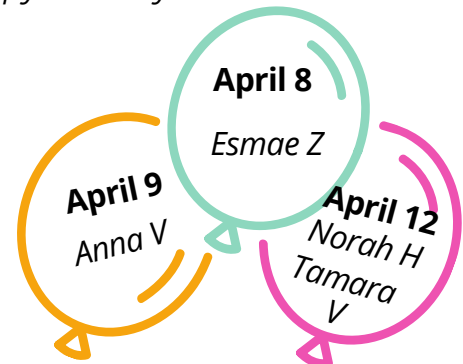
May

- 1 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 6 - Christian Education Week Assembly
- 7 - Celebration of Learning Program
- 8 - Spirit Day
- 9 - Grandparents' & Grand Friends' Day
- 14 - Meat order delivery
- 15 - Pizza Day - Dominos
- 20 - Victoria Day - No School
- 24 - LCS Track & Field Day
- 27 - 30 Gr 7/8 Ottawa Trip

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to

Happy Birthday



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

We are in need of some parents who are willing to come into the school to do some matting of student artwork for the Celebration of Learning evening.

If you can spare even an hour of time, please reach out to the office.

No special skills required!

SPIRIT DAY

Tuesday, April 16th is **TWIN DAY!**

Find a friend and dress the same!
Let's see how many sets of twins we can have at LCS!

Grade 7 Immunizations

A reminder that Grade 7 Immunizations are taking place, beginning at 1pm on **April 10th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Huron Perth Public Health at 1-888-221-2133 ext 3558**

Spring Cleaning???

If you're looking for a place to donate some of those good used toys, books, and miscellaneous items, the Bazaar committee will gladly accept them for the Bazaar Toy Store. The items can be delivered to the school office at any time.

The Bazaar committee would also gladly accept any of your birch branches and miscellaneous planter items to be re-used again for next years planters. These items can also be brought into the school.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

A reminder of Graduation Photos on **Friday, April 12th**.

A Graduation Gown will be provided for the photos by the photographer, however please ensure you have a dress shirt for under the gown.

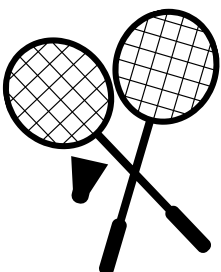
Contact the school office with any questions.

IN SPORTS NEWS...

Badminton - This is a new event that has been added to our athletics roster! We will be participating in a one day tournament event held at Woodland Christian Highschool on **Thursday, April 19th**. We will be sending 10 players to participate and we look forward to growing the Badminton Team in the future.

Track & Field - Our Track & Field Day will take place on **Friday, May 24th**. Thank you to those who noticed the previous date error! The students will begin practicing with their gym class as well as having an opportunity to practice various events during recess periods.

We will require the help of **many** volunteers on that day, so please keep a look out for an upcoming sign up sheet! It is always a great day to be outside with the students.



Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be planting seeds! We will plant bean and flower seeds to watch them sprout and learn about how they grow.

In **language**, we will continue to work on rhyming, blending, and listening for initial and final sounds. We will have a new Mystery Letter!

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook, we will be spending a few days reviewing how to print the uppercase letters.

In **Bible**, we will read about the appearances of Jesus and about his ascension.

In **math**, we will be doing some scoop estimating where we take a small handful of items and guess how many there are before counting.

In **health**, we will be learning about our sense of touch, and adding another page to our Five Senses book.

Tuesday is **library day**. Please remember to send in books from last week so students can bring home their new choices.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week, we will focus on the sound of the letter Hh, which is an unvoiced sound and is a breath that you can feel on your hand. We will be blending and segmenting words that begin with letter Hh and using magnetic letters to make word chains on our cookie sheets.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will focus on the lowercase letters y and j. These letters hang below the line. We will also be printing a sentence using these letters and a proper sentence structure.

In **math**, we will begin a new unit of adding numbers up to 10. We are really focusing on the concept of how many altogether and printing our numbers in the correct orientation.

In **Bible**, we will begin a new unit about Jesus's Ministry. Our memory work is **John 14:6**, "*Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'*" We will be singing Jesus Loves Me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm3MyG2Zht0> and I Have Decided to Follow Jesus <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=560746875278182>.

We will be learning about spring weather. Our first stop will be to learn about the total solar eclipse on Monday. We will focus on what happens during an eclipse and why it only happens every 100 years. Then we will focus on the sun, what it is made of, how to protect ourselves and why we need the sun. Later in the week, we will be learning about clouds and making our own clouds with shaving cream.

I have attached the link for the digital flyers for ordering books on Scholastic. I have seen some nice looking books for a good price. When ordering use our **class code RC208157**, this will give us some coupons to use to purchase some new books for our classroom.

Dress for the weather. I would rather tell the kids to not wear a clothing item than have them freezing outside at recess.

Have a great week!

<https://www.qgdigitalpublishing.com/publication/?i=814356>

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Bible: Our **Memory work** for the month of April is **Genesis 1: 24**. *"And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind. And it was so."* Our Bible stories this week will focus on Naomi's story.

Language: In our UFLI lessons this week, we will continue learning about the role of the silent e after the letter i. Example words: bike, kite, mile etc. In our Handwriting without tears book, we will continue to practice writing out small passages/poems.

Math: In math this week, we will be working estimating. We will practice guessing objects and estimating which is closer to 0, 5, 10 or 20.

Science: This week in our Sky Declares unit we will be talking about clouds! We will cloud watch and learn about the different clouds that God designed and placed in the sky.

Show and Tell Friday April 12- Charity, Emily, Ruby, Blake *
The theme for April is something that reminds you of spring and growth or something that can change (think changing colour, shape, size etc.)

Library: Remember library books are due on Tuesday!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

I'm looking forward to a busy week of learning.

This is our work with me for the week:

Math - Number sense: This week we look at more addition strategies.

Phonics, spelling and reading:

This week we focus on the following suffixes:

- -er, -est
- -ly

Please see the homework practice sheet that went home in their envelopes or via email 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 April 12th.

Creation studies - Social science: We continue our unit on Canadian symbols and take a look at special Canadian celebrations.

Bible: We will be writing a Bible test tomorrow, Tuesday April 9th. Please see the Easter unit summary that went home in their envelopes and via email last week Tuesday.

I will also be testing them on their Bible memory verse this week. Our Bible memory verse for March was **Matthew 28:18-20**. Because it was a long verse this month, I will help them by giving them the memory verse with a few missing words that they need to complete, instead of having to recite the whole verse to me.

"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:

Wednesday: We will be wrapping up learning about the properties of air in order to move onto the properties of water as we continue to explore the wonder of God's world in science.

Thursday: Math Test on identifying coins, adding money amounts, and making change

Friday: Spelling test and French oral quiz (matching the names of body parts in English to French)

Spelling List:

green list: louder, newer, fastest, tallest, sadly, quickly, widely, slowly

red list: quickest, brightest, greater, clearer, instantly, strangely, wrongly, humbly

heart words: something, somebody, answer, honour, honest.

Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

What a wonderful gift this past weekend was. The spring air, the birds chirping, and the wonderful sun shining down. God has created such an amazing and intricate world for us to live in. Today is a special day for His creation with the solar eclipse. Our focus in science will be about God's amazing solar system.

Math: We have a test today on geometry. We will then start a new unit in number sense on multiplication and division.

Bible: Our class is continuing to learn about Jacob.

Language: Red and Green are reviewing and learning the /aw/ sound made with au, aw, augh. They will also learn about the /ě/ sound made with ea, and the /ǒ/ sound made with a. The blue group will learn about homographs (words with the same spelling but different sounding) dove, dōve.

Health: We will be fitting in a health unit before we start our next social studies unit.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

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

Creation Studies - We have finished a unit on Conservation of Energy and will have a quiz on THURSDAY. Smartboard notes will be sent home on Wednesday night. Students will need to know the different types of energy, the law of conservation of energy, how to conserve energy, and the difference between renewable and nonrenewable energy.

I Know It - "Equivalent Fractions" - 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.

Memory Work - 1 Chronicles 16:23 - due NEXT FRIDAY - "Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day."

Spelling - We have new spelling teams! Dictation will be NEXT FRIDAY. 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 Pucks - turn, sure, curve, pure, burn, hurt, curl, church, were, nurse, cure, purse, hurl, burst, churn, curse, surf, purr, curb, blurt, lure, urge, our

Word Hunters - cattle, model, final, pencil, level, April, total, marble, angel, novel, fossil, metal, pebble, nickel, oval, travel, special, vowel, signal, journal, angle, evil, until, local

Spelling Geezers - disagree, misspell, preschool, mistreat, dislike, prefix, disable, premature, mismatch, preteen, misplace, discover, preview, dishonest, preheat, disloyal, misbehave, precious, discomfort, pretest, disobey, disappear, misjudge, precaution

Spelling Gummies - swampy, silently, merrily, squirmy, velvety, rapidly, secretly, greedily, squeaky, seriously, fluently, hastily, wealthy, skinny, eagerly, readily, scratchy, generously, shaggy, politely, silvery, briefly, spotty, bravely

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

This week we will learn the verb ETRE (= to be) so that we can create sentences -- along with the adjectives learned last week -- about our family members and friends.

Classroom News



Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will conclude our unit on Jesus' Death. Unit test will be on Tuesday. We will then begin a new unit on Jesus' Resurrection.

Memory Work - But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Language - In writing, we are working on informal email writing. We will also work on including proper punctuation and adding paragraphs to our writing. In grammar, we are continuing to look at pronouns. To work on our reading comprehension we will look at how an author may use a compare-and-contrast text structure to write an informational text. Our words of the week are: horrific, syndrome, illuminate, sympathetic, potential, retrospect, stringent, protocol, hypocrite and tic. We will also continue our children's literature battle of the books. Watch our class Facebook page for bracket updates.

Spelling - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. Our spelling tests will be on Friday Apr. 12th.

Blue Taters - Sort 23 - film, fist, wind, find, wild, child, kind, mind, blind, wind, lost, moth, soft, cost, most, told, cold, roll, scold, gold, post, ghost, both

Pizza Squad - Sort 17 - hoping, quoted, joking, racing, skated, pasted, chatted, greeted, shouting, floated, leaking, needed, hopping, skipped, plotting, wrapping, telling, winning, hunted, dusted, panting

Billy Bob Joe that Spells - Sort 35 - catcher, rancher, teacher, pitcher, butcher, stretcher, measure, pleasure, treasure, figure, failure, picture, nature, capture, future, mixture, creature, moisture, posture, torture, culture, injure, senior, leisure

Weird Weards - Sort 16 - 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. We will continue to look at a variety of different aspects of the Canadian provinces including populations, when they joined confederation, where they are located, their size, and their flags. Students are working on group presentations and will teach their peers about each aspect listed above.

Grade 5/6



Science - We will continue our unit called Space Declares. This week we will be looking at the solar eclipse, how the planets are arranged in our solar system, what the role of the Sun in the solar system is, and the distances between the planets using about 5 metres of wall space to display the solar system. We will also complete a STEM challenge using cookies to display the different phases of the moon.

Art - We will continue working on our 3-D word art. We will be making both a colour and black and white version to compare and contrast how that affects the mood of a piece. We are focusing on F.A.I.L. with this piece, knowing that FAIL stands for the first attempt in learning, and that multiple attempts means we are constantly learning and progressing.

Health - We dive deeper and extend our study on Mental Health. We are looking specifically at emotions and strategies to use when experiencing different emotions. We will also continue to explore the zone of regulation and become familiar with figuring out what zone our emotions fit in at different times throughout the day.

Cursive Snack - Gabriel - Apr. 10th, William - Apr. 17th, Malakai - Apr. 24th

Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

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Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

This week's topics for our Geometry unit: yet measuring and constructing angles as protractor can be challenging, estimating angle measurements, Venn diagrams, and classifying polygons.

Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Bible: We are working on some short Bible project posters about someone whose skills they admire and look up to. Encourage them to stay on top of this assignment. It is due on Friday and we will have class time on Monday and Tuesday to work on it. Tests from last unit were sent home in the homework folders. Please sign and return them.

Writing: We just finished our Grammar Bootcamp and will have a quiz on the aspects of grammar that were covered on **Wednesday**. (Common and Proper Nouns, Adjectives, Verbs, Adverbs, Conjunctions, Pronouns, and Prepositions.)

Guided Reading: We did not get to start our novel study last week so we will start it this week.

W.W.W.: Quiz on Friday on Week 10 words.

Geography: We are right at the end of our unit. Students all received a study sheet last week. It has also been posted on Google classroom. The test is on **Thursday**.

Healthy Living: We will continue learning about technology and how to use it safely.

Music: Because I am away this Thursday, we are going to move the playing test to next week Thursday.

French: We wrapped up our grade 7 grammar unit this past week. Tests were sent home on Friday in the Homework Folders. Please be sure you take a look, sign, and return the test.

Art: We will spend one more week on our grid draw. Many students did not follow the step by step instructions and had to start their work over again. Encourage your child(ren) to fully follow the instructions given as they appear. This usually helps achieve the desired result.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

We will continue to learn about Simple Machines and then move on to calculating Mechanical Advantage, and Energy in Mechanical Systems.

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

Since both grades finished their previous units, marked work should be coming home for you to sign. The **Grade 7** students are now working through integers and will complete their mid unit review on Monday. We are working through this quickly so their test will be next week Wednesday. The **Grade 8** students will finish up their unit on Integers and the Cartesian Coordinates. They will have their test possibly on Friday but otherwise early next week. As always, daily homework will be assigned.

Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip:

The students are participating in their last fundraiser for their Ottawa trip. The trip is scheduled for Monday May 27 - Thursday May 30. Information about the fundraiser and the trip went home earlier. We are still looking for parent volunteers to join us as chaperones. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.