

Weekly Messenger

April 22, 2024

From the Principal's Desk

During the week of May 6-10, we will celebrate Christian Education Week. The opportunity to have a Christian school where students can learn curriculum and about God is such a wonderful gift – worth celebrating. Throughout the week, we will host some of our more traditional events.

On Monday May 6 there will be an assembly. Our speaker will be Pastor Ty Smith from Listowel Pentecostal Church. Later in the day, around 11:45, we will have a small carnival in the gym. Students can bring money (\$5.00 is sufficient) to play games and/or purchase baked goods. The money raised will be donated to EduDeo as they work to provide education in underdeveloped countries. This is an opportunity for our students to partner and provide the gift of a Christian education for others.

On Tuesday May 7 we will have our Celebration of Learning. The school will be open at 7:00 pm when children can show their parents their artwork. There will also be time for parents to view the artwork of other students as it is all displayed around the gyms and foyer. At 7:30 pm we will begin our Celebration of Learning program in the gym.

Wednesday May 8 will be some sort of spirit day.

Thursday May 9 will be our GrandParents and GrandFriends Day. Guests can join us at 9:00 am and tour the classrooms of their grandchildren. At 10:00 there will be refreshments in the gym and a social time for GrandParents. Around 10:45 am we will begin our program. Finally, immediately after the program, the students will share their lunch with their grandparents. Parents, please pack extra food!!

It will be a busy and exciting week.

Calendar of Events

April

- 22 - Spring Membership Meeting
- 26 - Meat Fundraising orders due
- 26 - Team Event

May

- 1 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 6 - Christian Education Week Assembly
- 7 - Celebration of Learning Program
- 8 - Spirit Day
- 9 - Grandparents' & Grand Friends' Day
- 13 - Track & Field Pizza orders Due
- 14 - Meat order delivery
- 15 - Pizza Day - Dominos
- 17 - Track & Field Sign Up Deadline
- 20 - Victoria Day - No School
- 24 - LCS Track & Field Day -
No afternoon bus - dismissal at 2pm
- 27 - 30 Gr 7/8 Ottawa Trip



Principal/COO
Position

We are accepting applications for a Principal/COO. Interested applicants can contact Ken Rastorfer at hadmin@listowelchristianschool.ca with their resume.

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to



April 23
Zion S

April 27
Gracia T

TRACK & FIELD DAY

Friday, May 24th is Track & Field Day and we need your help.

Please follow the link <https://signup.com/go/GWMgkHe> to sign up to run an event or lead a group.

We need many volunteers to help the day to run smoothly. No experience is necessary! Come and enjoy a day outside with the students!

It will be an early dismissal from school that day and there will be **NO AFTERNOON BUS**, parents will be required to pick up their students at 2pm. It will also be a regular SK school day as they do not participate in Track & Field Day.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANDPARENTS DAY INVITATIONS

Today in Kidmail you will receive 2 Invitations to be filled in and shared with your Grandparents or Grandfriends.

An electronic copy will also be sent home for you to share with Grandparents who are not close by.

**Grandparents & Grandfriends Day is
Thursday, May 9th
9am - 1pm.**

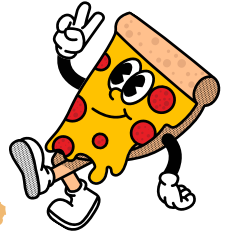


**Listowel Christian School
is
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!**

Save the date of September 7th to join us in this celebration.

PIZZA ORDER FORMS

Pizza order forms for **Track & Field** are being emailed home today. Please return these to the school office, with payment, no later than May 13th. **NO LATER ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, June 8th is the
GOLF TOURNAMENT!**

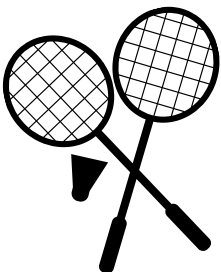
Save the date! Start planning your foursome for this fabulous event hosted at Pike Lake Golf Course between Harriston & Mount Forest. More details to follow.

If you'd like to part of the organizing committee, please contact Brooklyn Thomas at (519) 277-8683 or b.vmills@yahoo.ca



IN SPORTS NEWS...

Badminton Last Friday, a small but confident team of 11 badminton players participated in the first ever badminton tournament hosted by Laurention Hills Christian School at Woodland Christian High. It was a great day of competition and every player did well. Specific acknowledgments go to Olivia Vander Klippe for a second place in her division of girls singles and to Cohen Dykstra and Zander Slotegraaf for their second place in their division of boys doubles. We look forward to the tournament again next year.



Baseball - Baseball is just around the corner and sign up sheets will be coming out shortly. Take some time at home to dig out those ball gloves and a softball and start tossing a ball around with your siblings. Practices will begin in early May.



Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

This week, we will be making art with a bird theme. We will continue to watch our seeds growing and talk about the different parts of the plant.

In **language**, we will have our last mystery letter. That means we have learned about all of the letters! We will also be coming up with rhyming words and practicing blending and segmenting words.

In our **Handwriting without Tears** workbook, we will continue to review uppercase letters.

In **math**, we will be printing the numbers 5, 6, and 7 in our Handwriting Without Tears workbook.

In **Bible**, we will continue in our Parables of Jesus unit and learn about "The Good Samaritan", and "The Greatest Commandment".

In **health**, we will begin a new unit called "Being Safe". This unit covers different types of safety rules and we learn about playground safety, street safety, and fire safety.

Tuesday is **library day**, please remember to send in any outstanding books.

Looking forward to a good week!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the letter "r" when a consonant sound comes first for example, br, cr, dr, gr, and tr. We continue to segment and blend sounds as well as identifying rhyming words and short vowel sounds.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will focus on lowercase letters 'n' and 'm'. These are known as diver letters which means you start at the top line and diver down and bump the lower line, swim up and over, bump the line.

In **math**, we continue with adding within 10. Last week we focused on the two numbers that make up 10. Now we will be introduced to counting on using a number line.

In **Bible**, we will hear stories of Jesus and Nicodemus and Jesus and Zacchaeus. Our Memory verse 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 are going on a nature hike on Monday at 1pm. We are going whether it is raining or the sun is shining. DRESS FOR THE WEATHER. We are leaving the school at 1pm and are excited to have Mr. and Mrs. Keating and Mrs. Wilting coming with us. I wonder what signs of spring we will see???

We will learn how pussy willows are one of the first signs of spring and we will be looking for birds such as robins, sparrows, and chickadees.

We will also be practicing for the Celebration of Learning week! We are excited to share what we know.

Have a great week!

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." Memory will be tested on Friday April 26. In our **Bible** classes this week, we will read and learn about how the Philistines captured the Ark.

Language: In our UFLI lessons this week, we will continue learning about the role of the silent e after the letter e. In our Handwriting without tears book, we will continue to practice copying small paragraphs.

Math: In math this week, we will continue on with adding, and we will practice writing adding sentences. Keep practicing adding up to 20!

Science: This week in our Sky Declares unit, we will finish up by talking about rainbows. We will then move on to our next unit "Behold the works of God: The earth, God's Garden". We will examine plant life, by investigating parts of plants, looking at different kinds of plants and talking about the lifecycle of a plant. They will practice caring for a plant and be challenged to understand how plants reach out in praise with all creation, to the glory of God.

Show and Tell Friday April 19- Benjamin, Kyla, Esmee, Adalyn * The theme for April is something that reminds you of spring and growth or something that can change (think changing colour, shape, size ect).

Library: Remember library books are due on Tuesday!

**Please help your child dress for the weather. Mitts and hats are good to keep in backpacks for the month of April. The weather changes quickly and recess can be cold at times. Also, if your child has taken home wet clothes, especially socks, can you please send extra pairs back to school! Thank you!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

This is our work with me for the week:

Math - Number sense: This week we look at working with doubles when adding.

Phonics, spelling and reading:

This week we focus on the following:

- Prefixes: pre-, re-
- Prefix: dis-

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 19th.

Creation studies - Social science: This week we spend time on Canadian nature.

Bible: This week we are looking some more at how Jesus revealed Himself as God's Son through his ministry and miracles and how he loved children and spent time with them.

Our Bible verse for the next 2 weeks is still **Matthew 16:24-25**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

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:

Wed- In math, we are working on telling time. Our focus in science continues to be on water in God's creation.

Thurs- Students have been working on coding during our computer time. Last week we worked with a reading buddy from Grade 5/6 to program a soccer game. It was really neat watching them explore the assignment together.

Fri- We will have a school team event today. Spelling test prefix words.

Green - preheat, preset, retell, restart, dislike, distrust, discount, replay

Red - preview, prepay, reread, remove, disrespect, disadvantage, disappoint, rejoined

Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Welcome to another amazing week that the Lord has made. I am so proud of our class and how well they did at the assembly. I received lots of positive comments. Being a peacemaker is hard work and we are continuing to work on this in class.

Bible: We will be learning about Jacob and his marriages to Leah and Rachel.

Math: We are getting into multiplication! Very exciting stuff. Drill your kids on multiplication of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10.

Language: Blue group is learning about plural endings. Red and Green are learning about the /ow/ sound made by 'ow' and 'ou'. We will then be doing review of vowel teams and diphthongs.

Health: Mental health remains our focus. We will be finishing off our unit before our quiz next week. Ask your child about what they've been learning. It's important that kids are in tune with their emotions and how to cope with stress.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

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

I Know It - "Fractions and Decimals: Tenths and Hundredths" - 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 16:24 - due FRIDAY - "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

Spelling - We have new spelling teams! Dictation will be 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 - jar, sir, fort, hard, serve, pour, hoarse, yarn, pearl, stir, worst, horse, poor, core, march, chore, earn, lurk, boar, bore, score, snore, spur, thorn

Word Hunters - other, color, dollar, doctor, spider, sugar, brother, collar, favor, solar, sister, silver, weather, error, mother, flower, father, mirror, under, rumor, motor, tractor, grammar, harbor

Spelling Geezers - foresee, nonsense, incomplete, infield, nonprofit, incorrect, forearm, nonfiction, foretell, inactive, forehead, indecent, forecast, nonstick, foreshadow, insane, foremost, nonstop, insight, income, nonviolent, nonfat, insincere, indoor

Spelling Gummies - payment, breathless, laziness, powerlessness, replacement, priceless, blindness, flawless, employment, punishment, dizziness, thoughtless, tactless, agreement, friendliness, politeness, fruitless, amusement, government, emptiness, saltiness, colorless, fearlessness, recklessness

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

Mademoiselle Klumpenhower will be leading this class on Tuesday and Thursday of this week and next. Her unit is anticipated to be connected with Le Printemps (Spring). We welcome Mlle K to our French learning space!

On Wednesday, students will be completing the rough draft of their writeups on descriptions of oneself, parents, friends, a pet, and one's home using the verb ETRE and various adjectives.

Classroom News



Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will conclude our unit on Jesus' Resurrection. Watch for a study guide coming home on Friday. We will plan for our unit test to be on Tues. Apr. 30th.

Memory Work - 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. Matthew 28:18-20 Due: Fri. **May 10th**

Language - In writing, we are working on paragraph writing, responding to questions with complete sentences, and editing. In grammar, we continue to looking at parts of speech. 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. We will also continue our children's literature battle of the books. Watch our class Facebook page for bracket updates. We begin round two this week.

Spelling - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. Our spelling tests will be on **Friday Apr. 26th**

Blue Taters - Sort 24 - brief, weigh, shield, neigh, lie, piece, pie, thief, tie, sleigh, grief, die, eight, chief, veil, friend, weird, beige

Pizza Squad - Sort 18 - baby, painter, raisin, crayon, mayor, maybe, basic, bracelet, grateful, payment, flavour, again, awake, waiter, obey, complain, decay, fable, parade, escape, amaze, today, explain, remain, mistake

Billy Bob Joe that Spells - Sort 36 - broken, eleven, hidden, chosen, stolen, heaven, mitten, rotten, mountain, captain, bargain, human, slogan, dragon, cotton, carton, ribbon, prison, bacon, cousin, cabin, napkin, penguin, muffin

Weird Weards - Sort 17 -revision, ignite, cavity, ignition, please, breath, precise, nature, athletic, criminal, humane, breathe, athlete, pleasant, mineral, type, crime, revise, mine, precision, natural, cave, humanity, typical

Social Studies - We will continue our unit - From Far and Wide. This week we will look at the climate of various places in Canada, as well as look at transportation and communication systems across Canada.

Science - We will continue our unit called Space Declares. This week, we will complete another STEM challenge on crater formation using a variety of objects and flour. We will also look at comets, asteroids, satellites and meteorites and the pros and cons of space exploration.

Grade 5/6



Art - We will be working with a new medium - plasticine to create textured landscape postcards.

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 be looking at the benefits of journaling and breathing this week.

Cursive Snack -Malakai - Apr. 24th; Weston - May 1st; Wesley - May 14th

Flipped Classroom - We continue to do some flipped classroom teaching this week, specifically in the area of science, so please be sure to check your child's agenda for videos/readings that they need to review at home.

Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

Students will be completing the final draft [in ink] of their descriptive writeups using the verb ETRE and various adjectives.

We will then proceed to a review of the 4 irregular verbs learned to date [FAIRE, ALLER, AVOIR, ETRE] and see how well we can keep them "straight".

Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

This week there will be some divergence of topics within our Geometry unit: **Gr. 6** will be dealing with Symmetry and the Sum of the Angles in Triangles and Quadrilaterals. **Gr. 5** will be dealing with the balance of Friday's focus on Parallel, Perpendicular, and Intersecting Lines in addition to Rectangles and Rhombuses. Both grades will focus on Classifying Triangles.

Grade 5/6 Ottawa Trip Fundraising:

The meat sales end this Friday. Please review your order and make sure everything balances - the order to the money. If you already have your sales and order complete, you can hand it in early! Delivery date for the meat is **Tuesday May 14.**

Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Bible: We finished our large project and will continue to look at the wisdom offered in the book of Proverbs this week. Look for memory work coming soon!

Writing: We started a unit on newspaper writing and have started with some simple grammar work as we prepare to write larger pieces.

Guided Reading: We will be reading chapters 5 and 6 this week from *The Secret Garden*. The questions for each chapter will be due on Friday.

W.W.W.: Test and work due on Friday in their new groups. We took time last week to work through moving students around to just the right space for them to learn the next concepts they need to learn. This week's work will be slightly decreased in volume because of the decreased amount of time to complete the work.

History: We are studying the War of 1812 this week and next. We will be working on a collaborative project for this study.

Healthy Living: We continue our study of technology and communication this week.

Music: Overall well done on your playing test last week. A few students will finish their test today and we will look forward to the next performance opportunity at Grandparents Day!

French: Test on *Passe Compose* with *avoir* and *etre* on Thursday.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

This week's topics: Owner's Manual Exploration and the Rube Goldberg Machine. The latter topic will lead to students building their own machine for some "hands-on" science application of *Simple Machines in Our Lives*.

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

Students should bring their green folders of marked work home for you to sign. Please ask to see them. Both classes are working on their algebra units. Mid units will be completed this week. As always, daily homework will be assigned.

Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip:

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