

## From the Principal's Desk

I frequently receive emails from organizations requesting we run a fundraiser with our students to support their cause. I understand their motivation because if we do, they immediately engage 160 people fundraising for them. The challenge is to decide what or who to support.

Several years ago, we agreed to focus our student fundraising support on two causes. In the Fall, we support Cancer research, initially through the Terry Fox Foundation and more recently through Childcan who seek to provide personalized, responsive, and compassionate programs and services to families facing the childhood cancer journey. We feel that cancer has probably affected most of our students and, therefore, they would have some understanding and meaning of this cause.

Our Spring fundraiser will be next week Monday when we have our Carnival during Christian Education Week. All the funds raised will go to EduDeo in their efforts to provide education to students in under developed countries. Each student is encouraged to bring money to spend at the carnival. We want to share the gift of a Christian education, something maybe we take for granted, with those who don't have this gift but long for it.

On Friday, Laurie Koning will speak at an assembly to help our students understand the work of EduDeo. Please ask your child about it and discuss how they might support this work through the carnival. The carnival will be fun for our students, but we don't want to lose the real reason we are hosting it – celebrating our gift of a Christian education and sharing that gift with others.

## Calendar of Events

### May

- 1 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 3 - 11:45 - Presentation by Laurie Koning from EduDeo
- 6 - Christian Education Week Assembly - 9:30 - Guest Speaker Ty Smith
- 6 - 11:45 - Carnival in support of EduDeo
- 7 - 7pm - Celebration of Learning Program
- 8 - Spirit Day - Hats & Sunglasses
- 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
- 22 - Kindergarten Visiting morning
- 24 - LCS Track & Field Day - No afternoon bus - dismissal at 2pm Regular School Day for SK with dismissal at 2pm
- 27 - 30 Gr 7/8 Ottawa Trip
- 30 - JK Field Trip to North Perth Fire Department and Listowel Park

### June

- 3 - District Track & Field Day - Brampton
- 3 - REGULAR SCHOOL DAY FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING DISTRICT
- 5 - Pizza Day - Domino's
- 6 - Spring Piano Recital - Bethel CRC 7pm - Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Vogel's Piano Students
- 7 - PA Day - NO SCHOOL
- 8 - LCS Golf Tournament - Pike Lake Golf Course, Minto
- 11 - Baseball Tournament - Kitchener
- 14 - SK & Gr 1 Field Trip to Mapleton Organics
- 17 - SK Graduation at 2:30pm Everyone is welcome to join
- 19 - Grade 8 Graduation
- 21 - Last Day of School - Early dismissal at 2pm



**Principal/COO Position**

We are accepting applications for a Principal/COO. Interested applicants can contact Ken Rastorfer at [hradmin@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:hradmin@listowelchristianschool.ca) with their resume.

**REMINDER**

If your child will NOT be on the bus in the **morning** please contact Newry Coachlines so they can notify the bus driver.  
The phone number for **Newry is (519) 356-2611**.  
Please provide your Route and students name.

## Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to



**Happy Birthday**

- April 29 Cohen D
- April 30 Keenan S
- May 5 Roman M

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, May 6th** 9:30am Assembly with Guest Speaker Ty Smith from Listowel Pentecostal Church
- 11:45am Carnival in support of EduDeo Games include Bean Bag Toss, Putting Challenge, Bowling, Spinning Wheel, Bake Sale & Candy Cups. Students can bring in \$5 and participate in events to win prizes and treats!
- Tuesday, May 7th** 7:00pm Celebration of Learning - Join us for an evening of viewing your children's art displayed throughout the school in an Art Gallery like setting. Then join us in the gym for our Celebration of Learning Program.
- Wednesday, May 8th** Spirit Day - Hats & Sunglasses! Wear your hats and sunglasses to school!
- Thursday, May 9th** 9:00am Grandparents Day - Students, please bring some lunch to share with your Grandparents. Coffee and goodies will be provided.

### Reminder:

Grade 7/8 is a scent free classroom as much as possible. That is for parents/volunteers in our class or volunteering with us as well as for students. Thank you for understanding. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

## IN SPORTS NEWS...

**Track & Field** - We will be offering the Intermediate students (Grades 5-8) the opportunity to practice some Track & Field events after school. Due to the quick turn around between our school track meet and the district track meet, combined with the Ottawa Trip, there is not a great deal of time for the students to practice outside of their gym classes. With that said, beginning Wednesday, May 1st, after school, we will hold practice for high jump, triple jump and long jump (running & standing) from 3:30 - 4:30. Please sign up in the office if you would like to participate in this after school practice time. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Claus at [c.claus@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:c.claus@listowelchristianschool.ca)



**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.

### 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.

### **SPRING RECITAL** *From the Studios of* **Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Vogel**

**Thursday June 6th at 7pm**

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church,**  
**Listowel**

Come out and celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of the students! It is always a wonderful evening.

Refreshments to follow in the fellowship hall.

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# Classroom News

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## Kindergarten

### Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

**Tuesday** is **Red Day** in JK. Students are encouraged to wear something red if they have it.

In **language**, we will be rhyming, blending and segmenting words, and practicing letter names and sounds to review the letters we have learned this year.

We will complete our **Handwriting Without Tears** book this week by matching upper and lowercase letters. We will then begin a new book called "My First Lowercase Book".

In **Math**, this week we will finish printing numbers 1-10 in our workbooks.

In **Bible**, we begin a new unit called "The Church: God's New Testament Family".

During the month of May we will be learning about community helpers; people who do different jobs in our community. We will conclude our month with a field trip to the Listowel fire hall and the park on **Thursday, May 30th**. We will have a pizza lunch when we get back to school. I will be looking for a couple of parents to accompany us for the morning.

**Tuesday is library day**, please remember to return last week's books so students can take home their new choices.

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the letter **l** at the beginning of words such as left, leaf, let, lap and let. We will also learn that **l** can be part of a cluster such as **pl, bl, cl, and fl**.

We will continue to rhyme, blend and segment words as well as spell words with magnetic letters.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will focus on diver letter **m** and printing words and sentences on lines.

In **math**, we will continue to practice addition, however we are moving on to a new unit about sorting items by colour, shape, and size.

In **Bible**, we will wrap up our unit on Jesus' Ministry by learning about His encounter with the Samaritan Woman and His visit with Mary and Martha. Our **memory work is John 14:6**.

It is one more week till we are ready to celebrate Christian Education Week.

**Monday May 6th, 2024:** 9:30 am A Kickoff Assembly with Ty Smith as the guest speaker

11:45-12:15 am Carnival to raise money for EduDeo

**Tuesday May 7th, 2024:** 7pm Art Gallery Viewing, 7:30pm Student's will share part of the program for Grandparents/Grandfriends Day. Students should be dressed up for this program.

**Thursday May 9th, 2024:** Grandparents/Grandfriends Day - Grandparents/grandfriends are welcome to join us at school for the morning. Students will provide lunch for their guests and eat lunch with them. If your child does not have a grandparent that can come, perhaps there is a neighbor or a special someone from your church community. Students should be dressed up for this very special day.

We are well prepared for Celebration of Learning and Grandparents/Grandfriends Day. The students are very excited. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca).

I am sending home calendars for May and June. Please look over them carefully as they tell of some pretty important dates.

Have a great week!

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# Classroom News

## Grade 1

### Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

**Bible:** Our **Memory work** for the rest of April and the first week of May will be practicing our lines for Christian Education week. We have been practicing many times in class, but look in Kid Mail for the part your child is learning. Practice for homework each evening.

In our **Bible** classes this week, we will continue talking about Samuel and we will learn how Saul became King and how Saul lost the kingdom because he disobeyed God.

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

**Math:** In math this week, we will be looking at subtraction.

**Science:** This week in our unit God's Garden we will start examining different parts of plants. We will start by talking about roots and, by the end of the week, we will look at the stem. We are excited to dig deep into investigating the beautiful creation God created in His garden!

**Show and Tell Friday May 3\* Boston, Jazlyn, Melanie, Caleb, Hailey:** The theme for May is something special that your mom or a special woman in your life owned when they were younger or something that has at least 5 different colours on it!

**Library:** Remember library books are due on Tuesday!

## Grade 2

### Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

This is our work with me for the week:

**Math - Number sense:** This week we are starting a new unit on subtraction.

#### **Phonics, spelling and reading:**

This week we focus on the following:

- Review of prefixes (-un, pre-,re-, dis-) & suffixes (-er, -est, -ly, -less, -ful)
- Double consonant for -ed and -ing

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.

**Creation studies - Social studies:** This week, we finish with Canadian nature and take a look at the Bluenose Schooner and Canadian waters. Next week, Tuesday May 7th we will write a Social studies test. Please see attachment to the email or the sheet that went home in their envelopes.

**Bible:** This week, we are reviewing our unit on Jesus' preaching and starting our new unit on prayer. Next week, Monday May 6th we will be writing a Bible test. Please see attachment to the email or the sheet that went home in their envelopes. I will also be testing them on their Bible memory verse next week.

Our **Bible** verse is **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:

We have been blessed to have a student teacher with us for some classes these last two weeks. This is the last week she will be here. We wish her all the best in her next step of her teaching career.

**Wed:** In science, we will be looking at condensation and evaporation - Let's pray for a sunny Wednesday for our outdoor evaporation activity.

**Thurs:** nothing new to note today :) Practice for the spelling test!

**Fri:** Spelling test. A presentation assembly from EduDeo.

#### **Spelling:**

**Green** - swimming, clapping, sitting, shopping, harmful, replay, hopeless, taller

**Red** - swimming, clapping, sitting, shopping, disrespectful, untruthful, unfinished, returning

**Heart** - truth, truly, quarter, half, earth, goes

# Classroom News

## Grade 3

### **Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus**

I am really hoping the warmer weather is here to stay! I believe that Spring is finally here. With that comes a number of exciting events! Next week we have our annual Celebration of Learning. Included in next week, we have an art gallery, Grandparents Day, a spirit day, and a carnival!

**Bible:** We are finishing up our unit on Isaac and Jacob with a lesson on Jacob wrestling with God and a family reunion between Jacob and Esau.

**Math:** We are getting really good at multiplication. We are continuing to learn different ways of figuring out this concept.

**Language:** Red and Green groups are learning about silent letters: k, w, b  
Blue group is starting a novel study!

**Health:** Tomorrow, Tuesday, we will be having our quiz. Following this our health period will be used to practice our Grandparents Day presentation.

Mrs. Claus

## Grade 4/5

### **Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:**

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

**Math** - We have finished a unit on decimals and will have our quiz on FRIDAY. Students will need to know how to switch between fractions and decimals, as well as name, compare, order, add and subtract decimals!

**I Know It** - "Ordering Decimals to Hundredths" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://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." \*Note: we didn't get to this last week, so it is the same verse this week.\*

**Spelling** - Dictation will be FRIDAY. The teams are listed below and are also on [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://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

**Grandparents Poem** - Our class will be presenting a poem for the Celebration of Learning and Grandparents Day. They have a copy of their lines to take home and practice for next week.

### **Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:**

As with last week, Mademoiselle Klumpenhower will be leading this class on Tuesday and Thursday. Her unit on Le Printemps (Spring) has been well received and will continue to engage this class.

On Wednesday, students will be completing the final draft of their descriptive writeups 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. Study guides were sent home on Friday. We will plan for our unit test to be on **Wed. May 1st**. We will begin a new unit on the Pentecost.

**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 creative story writing and editing. In grammar, we are continuing to review 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. We will also answer literally comprehension questions about the text we are reading. We will begin the next round of our children's literature battle of the books. This round will include live readings rather than recorded readings.

**Spelling** - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. Our spelling tests will be on **Friday May 10th**.

**Blue Taters** - Sort 24 - brief, weigh, shield, neigh, lie, piece, pie, thief, tie, sleigh, grief, die, eight, chief, veil, friend, weird, beige (not a misprint - this group will spend some time reviewing last week's sort)

**Pizza Squad** - Sort 19 - frighten, Friday, slightly, ninety, lightning, rival, delight, idol, brightly, highway, machine, city, divide, surprise, decide, advice, survive, combine, crisis, invite, describe, polite, minus, tonight

**Billy Bob Joe that Spells** - Sort 37 - jacket, secret, target, racket, quiet, comet, rocket, planet, magnet, climate, private, pirate, senate, edit, unit, credit, limit, habit, orbit, summit, bandit, visit, ballet, buffet

**Weird Weards** - Sort 18 - volcano, custody, define, divinity, composition, invite, serenity, conspiracy, definition, oppose, admiration, reside, custodian, serene, conspire, resident, admire, compete, volcanic, competition, divine, opposition, invitation, compose

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

## Grade 5/6



**Science** - We will continue our unit called Space Declares. This week, we will participate in a debate on the pros and cons of space exploration. We will also look at what makes each planet unique and how scientists study planets without visiting them. Finally, we will participate in two STEM projects: a balloon rocket (exploring how alterations affect speed and distance, discussing propulsion and Newton's third law) and a planet model (choosing a planet to research and designing a model of the planet)

**Art** - We will be working with plasticine to create textured landscapes. We will also begin to plan our Mother's Day creations.

**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 working on visualizing and becoming self-aware this week.

**Cursive Snack** - Weston - May 1st; Wesley - May 14th

**Candy Cups** - Please send your child with one-two bags/types of candy by **Fri. May 3rd**. Grade 5/6 will be combining these candies and creating candy cups to sell at the carnival to raise money for Edu Deo. Please ensure that all candy is nut free.

### Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

Students will be reading their descriptive write-ups aloud [for assessment], and hopefully, we will then pursue our review of the four irregular verbs learned to date -- deferred from last week.

### Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

This week we will deal with the topics of Trapezoids & Parallelograms and Classifying Quadrilaterals. Some formal assessment will occur this week time permitting and/or if students are deemed to be 'ready'. We continue to complete our daily 5-minute math frenzies to strengthen foundational math skills.

### Grade 5/6 Ottawa Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who sold meat. The meat will be delivered to LCS on **Tuesday May 14**. Make sure you reserve that afternoon to pick up your meat and make your deliveries. There was lots of meat sold, and we do not have room to store it.

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# Classroom News

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## Grade 7/8

### Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

**Bible:** We continue to study the book of proverbs and looking at the different literary devices used to get the point across yet keep the proverb memorable.

**Writing:** We are continuing in our newspaper writing unit by looking at the proper use of commas this week.

**Guided Reading:** We will be working through chapters 7 and 8 of "The Secret Garden". Questions are due on **Friday, May 3**.

**W.W.W.:** New unit this week. Quiz on **Friday, May 3**. Work due and test on **Friday, May 10**.

**History:** We are working on a project this week. By the end of Tuesday, all the research should be done and the works cited started. By the end of Thursday, the presentation should be ready and they should be practicing it to be ready for their in class presentations on **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7-8**.

**Healthy Living:** We are continuing in our health unit. We finished our skipping unit, well done on your routines, grade 7/8!! Next is track and field!

**Music:** We are getting ready for Grandparents Day. Please encourage your student(s) to practice around 3 times or more a week at home to help with our progress in class.

**French:** We had a test last week on passe compose. They should have those tests in their folders this Friday to be seen and signed. We will be starting a unit on serving, ordering, and enjoying food. This unit will have a practical piece at the end.

**Art:** Students are working on a pencil, pencil crayon, and watercolour picture of a finch on a branch through the next week and a bit. This week, we will be working on the colour so students should have the drawing and shading done by Thursday. The final product is **due May 10**.

For **Christian Education Week EduDeo Carnival** on Monday, grade 7/8 is in charge of the Bake Sale Table. For that, each student is asked to **bring in 1 dozen baked treats** to sell. We will price them at school on Monday morning and sell them during the carnival later on Monday. Please have baked goods at school first thing Monday morning and ensure they are nut free. If there are any gluten free treats, be sure to label them as such and have them packaged separately.

## Grade 7/8

### Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

Students [in pairs] will be building and experimenting with their Rube Goldberg Machine designs. Most, to all, materials are to be brought to Tuesday's class; some are available at school. For those "ready", an opportunity will be given in Wednesday's class to present. Otherwise next **Tuesday, May 7th** is the due date.

### Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

The **grade 7s** will continue to get used to algebra - having letters mixed in with our numbers in our math. It's a new thing so we go slowly!

**Grade 8** will be finishing up their algebra unit this week. There is a test scheduled for next week Wednesday. As always, there is lots of daily work assigned.

### Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip:

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