

December 16, 2024

Educating children while nurturing faith in Christ to interpret and impact God's world

From the Principal's Desk...



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Please keep the following items in your prayers over the next week

- For those struggling with colds, coughs and fevers
- Wisdom for the Board as they work through the business of the school

Battle of the Books (Junior)

For those in Battle of the Books, come see Mrs. Delleman to receive some more books to read over the Christmas holidays!

<u>Calendar of Events</u>

December

- 17 Christmas Program 1pm & 7pm
- 18 Pizza Day Dominos
- **18** Grade 4 & 5 Visiting the Seniors at the Listowel Pentecostal Church
- **19** Cindy Lou Who Festive Hair Day
- **20** Christmas Assembly 9:30am
- **20** Hockey Team Practice noon 1pm
- **20** School skating:
 - Gr 5-8 from 1pm to 2pm
 - SK to Gr 4 from 2pm to 3pm
- 20 Last day of school before Christmas Break
- 20 CHRISTMAS BREAK

Jan 6 -

<u>January</u>

- **6** Back to School for 2025
- **9** Grade 8 Day at Woodland Christian High School *Rescheduled from December*
- **10 -** School Skating:
 - Hockey Practice: noon 1pm Gr 5 - 8: 1pm - 2pm
 - SK Gr 4: 2pm 3pm
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 - SK Gr 4: 2pm 3pm
- **21 -** Team Event TBD
- 24 PA DAY NO SCHOOL
- **30 -** Hockey Tournament Fergus

THEME VERSE



This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16

Servant Working

ANNOUNCEMENTS







We will be having a hockey team again this year and we are grateful to Derek Los and Ron Haanstra for their willingness to coach the team.

Tryouts/Practices will take place December 20, January 10, January 17 from 12:00-1:00PM.

The tournament is currently scheduled for *January 30 in Fergus*. Depending on the number of students who try out for the team, we may not be able to take all the students to the tournament. A separate notice will go home regarding drivers for the January 30th tournament.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Skating Reminder

ALL skaters <u>MUST</u> wear a helmet and gloves when on the ice.

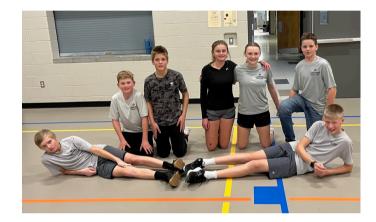
DO YOU HAVE A SNOWMAN???

Do you have any large snowmen (the blowup ones or firm plastic) that we can borrow in February for our Kindergarten Registration "Snowmen at NIght" event? Please let the office know.



STUDENTS VS. TEACHERS

The teachers played the winning intramural volleyball team last week and the game was so close but in the end the teachers were the victors. The second game on Wednesday was the Grade 8 class versus the teachers and although the teachers had quite a crowd of supporters, the grade 8 students won. Congratulations to both teams who played well and showed excellent sportsmanship.







JR Kindergarten

<u> Junior Kindergarten A - Mrs. Baarda</u>

This week we will be finishing up Christmas art projects and practicing and performing in the Christmas program!

Tuesday is the Christmas program. JK will be involved in both the 1pm and 7 pm performances. Our song and verse will be at the beginning of the program. In the afternoon we will return to our classrooms after our part. In the evening, please bring your child to their classroom for 6:45pm. I ask that you please have them use the washroom before you bring them to the class. During the program you will be asked to come and collect your child after the JKs and the SKs have performed. They can then watch the remainder of the program with you. Students can dress in their "Sunday Best" for the performances. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the program.

In **language** this week we will continue to rhyme, blend and segment. We have begun to count words in sentences, and are also listening for and repeating initial sounds in words. Our mystery letter last week was letter **H**. We practiced the letter **Hh** sound by learning the Jolly Phonics song for **H**. What will our mystery letter be this week?

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook, we will trace letters **V**, **W**, **X**, **Y** and **Z**. Then in the new year we will begin to review the uppercase letters.

In **Bible** we will read some of my favourite stories about Jesus' birth.

In **Math** we will continue to explore patterns. Students have been noticing patterns around the classroom and in the school!

In **health** we will learn how our families are part of the family of God.

Tuesday we will have library. Please remember to send in last week's books.

Friday morning we will have an assembly and will sing lots of Christmas songs! It should be lots of fun.

JK is NOT going skating on Friday. We will remain at the school and do some fun activities there.

I want to wish you all a wonderful and blessed Christmas. I pray that you are able to celebrate with family and friends the birth of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Junior Kindergarten B-Mrs. Casadio:

Our student helpers last week were Eden and Zach!

In **language**, we have continued to learn how to split up words into how many syllables they have and our letter of the week was **N**.

In our "**Learning without Tears**" handwriting books we learned how to trace and write the letter A and started to learn how to draw a triangle and a rhombus.

In **math** we continued our time and measurement unit. This week we took turns building towers, guessing who's tower would be the longest and who's would be the shortest.

In **Bible** we continued our advent book, learning about the angel Gabriel and the town of Bethlehem.

We also learned about the legend of the candy cane.

We read a story that taught us the candy cane's 'J' shape symbolizes Jesus, the shepherd's staff, and the stripes represent his suffering and purity.

In **art** we made candy canes as well as some art to display at the Christmas Program!

Our Christmas program is this **Tuesday at 1 pm & 7 pm**! We can't wait to see you there, the students have been practicing and are super excited.

Remember to please bring your library books back to school on Tuesday, and please send them back in the Ziploc bags as well!

Thank you to everyone who donated some baby items to give to the Pregnancy Centre. The students had fun going through all the items. I will be donating them next week.

Thursday is "Cindy Lou Who" Hair Day. I can't wait to see all the fun hairstyles!

See you all next week :)

Senior Kindergarten

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Our last week of school 2024! Wow!

This week we will be busy finishing some art projects, wrapping up our Candy Cane Christmas unit as well as enjoying some fun together with a crazy hair day on Thursday.

If you did not get to bring a show and tell item last week, please feel free to bring one on any day except Tuesday. In **math**, we will be learning about patterning. For **printing** we will be learning how to print the uppercase **J**. In January, we will begin with learning how to print lowercase letters.

On **Tuesday** the students will be performing at 1pm and 7pm. Please come dressed nicely for the performances. In the evening, the students can meet me in the classroom at 6:45pm, after they have used the washroom with you, the parents. After we have completed our part of the performance the SK students will go and sit with their parents. So save them a spot. You will be asked to pick up your child from the stage area.

On **Thursday**, we will have "Cindy Lou Who Festive Hair" Day! So come with festive decorations in your hair and enjoy the Christmas Spirit throughout LCS!

On **Friday**, we will go skating at Steve Kerr's arena. We will go by bus to the area around 1:45 pm. All parents are welcome to come and assist with tying skates and getting the skate assists out for the younger crowd. We will skate from 2:00-2:40 pm.

Students need their skates, helmets and dry mittens or gloves in a bag that is not their backpack. They have to wear a helmet (hockey or bike helmet), snow pants and mittens. Many students get hot while skating so a long sleeve sweater is often enough for them.

STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE SCHOOL. The LCS OFFICE (office@listowelchristianschool.ca) needs to be informed if you are picking up your child so that the bus drivers have an accurate idea of who is riding the bus. Please send an easy snack like a granola bar and drinking box or water that we can have quickly before we reload the buses for home time.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and many blessings throughout the New Year!! It has been a pleasure to celebrate our Saviour's birth all month with your child and candy canes.

Have a great Christmas break.



Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

I can't believe that we are onto the last week of school before the holidays. We have a very busy but fun week ahead of us!

Bible: This week in Bible, we will focus on the Christmas story of Jesus' birth.

Language: This week we will focus on review of the words and lessons from previous units.

Show and Tell: For the month of December our show and tell theme is either: *An item that reminds you of Jesus' birth OR a holiday decoration that is special to you.*

Thursday, Dec 19: Timothy Michael, Ruby, Isaiah, Kaylee, Karissa, Serena

Tuesday- Christmas concert: Please wear your Sunday best. Girls in **Reds** and Boys in **Greens**.

Wednesday- Library: please return books in the Ziploc bags. Wear anything snowman related (blues and snowflakes work too!)

Thursday- Cindy Lou Who Crazy Hair Day!

Friday- Christmas sweater/shirt day! Skating- Students must have a helmet and gloves on, to be able to skate on the ice!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous new year! See you in 2025!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

I can hardly believe that this is the last week of our first school term. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas concert. I will be there for Tuesday morning's performance and Mrs. Kuipers will be there for Tuesday evening's performance. If I don't see you in person before the Christmas break, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas Season. May your Christmas be filled with joy and peace and may you feel blessed by God's love and grace in your life. I will not be at school for the first 2 weeks in January. I have a supply covering for me on January 6th & 7th and Mrs Kuipers will be in the whole week of January 13th to 17th. We are traveling to South Africa to spend Christmas with our family. This will be the 3rd time we have the privilege of seeing them in 7 years and we can hardly wait to hug everyone.

Here is an outline of Grade 2's work with me for this week:

Christmas Concert: Our Christmas Concert performances are on Tuesday December 17th @ 1pm & 7pm. Grade 2 students are reminded to wear their Sunday bests: girls dressed in **red** and boys in **green**.

Math - Number sense: We will have a math quiz and will practice addition and subtraction with numbers to 100 a little more.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week we will be looking at the "soft" sound for the letters **C** & **G** when followed by E. Please see the homework practice sheets and spelling words going home today to help the students practice these phonics. They write their spelling words in their agendas, but please check their spelling words on Mrs. Kuipers' weekly message as well.

Social studies: This week we look at how Christmas is celebrated in Canada.

Bible: We continue our unit on Jesus' birth and childhood. Our verse for the month of December is: *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters" - 1 John 3:16-*

Library: We have library day tomorrow. Please bring back your library books for the Christmas break. Please remember to send their library books **back in their Ziplock bag** to keep our library books from getting wet.

Health: In health we continue our unit on safety with the focus on weather safety.

Grade 2

<u>Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:</u>

Wow! It is hard to believe this is already the last week before Christmas break. There is lots happening at school this week, so please read through all of the information.

Tuesday - School Concert - Wear your Sunday Best - Girls in **Reds**, Boys in **Greens**. Please let the office and Mrs. Grundlingh know if your child will be an early pick up after the afternoon performance. There is also a performance in the evening at 7pm. Mrs. Kuipers will be attending. Students are asked to be in the classroom between 6:30 and 6:45 while they wait for the performance to begin. Grade 2 will be heading back to our classroom after our performance for some Christmas activities, but we will return to the gym at the end of the for pick up.

Wednesday - Wear anything snowman related (blues and snowflakes work too)!

Thursday - Whole School Cindy Lou Who Crazy Hair Day

Friday - Christmas sweater (or shirt) day! Skating Day - Grade 2 will be going skating with the school in the afternoon from 2pm - 3pm. Parents are welcome to join us! Students and adults are required to have gloves, skates, and a helmet to be on the ice. Helmets can be bike helmets. Anyone not wearing these items will be asked to sit on the side to watch and will not be permitted to skate. All students will be returning to school on the shuttle bus - if you are picking up early, it has to be done at school through the office.

Spelling Test on Friday

Red/Yellow - Ice, face, space, age, huge, stage, nice, page, price, Christmas

Blue - ice, chance, dance, place, spice, strange, change, plunge, stage, Christmas



<u> Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus</u>

I always love this time of year. As a teacher, juggling all the Christmas stuff we do at school and the Christmas stuff I do with my family is super busy. But, the joy that I see in the children is awesome. I love celebrating Jesus' birth with my class each year. I'd like to wish you all a blessed Christmas season and a happy new year.

Bible: We just started our new unit on Abraham. **Math**: Our measurement unit is moving along nicely. **Language**: We are reviewing vowel teams.

Social Studies: We are still working on the indigenous groups. All of the days off have interfered with our progress.

Merry Christmas from, Mrs. Claus (the real one)



Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman:

We have an exciting week ahead before our Christmas break!

Christmas Program - We have our Christmas program on TUESDAY at 1pm and 7pm. Students need to be dressed in their "Sunday best". If students would like to bring a change of clothes with them that day, there will be time to change before the performance. For the evening performance, students need to come to our classroom first and we will go into the gym together as a class.

Servant Working Mission - The grade 4 and 5 class will be going to serve seniors at Listowel Pentecostal Church on WEDNESDAY. They will be joining them for their "Carols, Coffee and Cookies" event at 1pm that day, where they will present some Christmas songs, join the seniors in singing carols, and share some cookies. We will be taking a bus and will be out of the school between 12:30-2pm that day.

Spelling - Below are the spelling team lists. They are also available to practice with online at <u>www.spellingcity.com/tdelleman</u>. Students will need to know all their spelling words, but only 10 are chosen for dictation. Dictation will be WEDNESDAY.

- The Spellers smell, spool, skateboard, ski, smock, skull, spoon, spear, skirt, skeleton, spill, skip, sponge, skunk, smoke
- Dynamite Rulers kick, take, took, bike, sick, tock, shook, shake, duck, flake, spoke, pack, strike, cook, lick, sock, smoke, look, struck, like, book
- Perfect Pencils wife, wives, sheep, foot, feet, loaf, lives, women, leaves, leaf, geese, women, mouse, loaves, life, wolves, mice, goose, knives, knife, wolf, tooth, deer, teeth
- **Team ACMD** braver, bravest, happier, happiest, calmer, easier, calmest, prettiest, closer, closest, easiest, craziest, stronger, strongest, cooler, crazier, hotter, prettiest, coolest, weakest, hottest, dirtier, weaker, dirtiest

Bible - We have finished a unit on Judges! Students will have a short quiz on WEDNESDAY, with Smartboard notes sent home Tuesday so students can review.

Memory Work - 1 John 3:16 - "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." - due THURSDAY

Multiplication Movie Celebration - On FRIDAY this week we will be watching "The Grinch" (2018, Illumination Media version) and enjoying our multiplication rewards - popcorn, KoolAid and candy! The last day for our mad minutes will be on TUESDAY and then those on our VIP student list will also be able to bring a stuffy with them that day!



Grade 5 - Mrs. Tenorio:

Can't believe that we are already in our last week of school before Christmas break! I am so proud of our class and the progress we have made, and I am so thankful to be their teacher! We have a fun week ahead with the Christmas program, finishing projects and doing Christmas activities, and skating before Christmas break. I hope you all enjoy the time to spend with family and friends and hopefully rest as well!

Bible - Our Memory work is due on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Please continue to practice the memory work at home. We are learning about Jesus' birth! For our Servant Working mission, we will be going to Listowel Pentecostal Church and singing carols to Seniors on Wednesday, December 18 at 1-2 pm.

Memory Work: 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:8-12

Language - Last week we finished our letters and they have been sent to Mexico! We are doing some Christmas related writing and reading activities this week. Please remember your plastic bag for your library books when you take them home, as there has been book damage due to leaking water bottles, etc. Library days are on Wednesdays. Our spelling test was on Monday this week.

Creation Studies - Because of the snow day, our presentations of our final projects were postponed to Monday. We are going to do a mini project with partners on Christmas around the world this week.

Miscellaneous: We will be doing a small gift exchange in our class on Thursday, December 19th. Make sure to bring a small gift (either handmade or bought) and a card or note that says Merry Christmas, and keep it a secret until we give our gifts! Here is a link to the details, in case you missed it! <u>Gift Exchange</u>. Also, it's a good idea to bring a pair of extra socks to school, in case their feet get soaked from the snow at recess. We will also watch a movie on Friday afternoon, after skating, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" which is rated PG. Please let me know if you have any concerns about this.

Grade 5 - Math - Mr. Tenorio:

We are learning about decimals and fractions. During this last week, we will continue working on these topics, and the test will take place in January.



<u>4e Niveau: Madame Van Kampen:</u>

* Plans: * a <u>second assessment</u> on the 12 weather descriptors that we have been using. * review of material learned to date + French activities/games.

<u>5e Niveau: Madame Van Kampen:</u>

*Unit: *La Salle de Classe* (The Classroom) and its objects and school spaces. Plans: * written assessment (focus on un/une/des vs le/la/l'/les): students must identify the French match to the English that has been stated orally. * French activities/games.

<u>6e/7e Niveaux: Madame Van Kampen:</u>

Plans: *** final copy** of full-page clothing ad; to be presented to the class by each pair/trio. *****pronunciation focus: part 1 of liaison avec "s" (i.e words that end in "s" followed by a word starting with a vowel). *****French activities/games.

<u>7e/8e Niveaux: Madame Van Kampen:</u>

*groups will present their school-themed dialogues. *reading passage "L'arbre de Noel" with written & oral questions. *French activities/games.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année





Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Last Week's Weekly Highlights -

- 1. **Cursive Snacks**: A double dose of creativity! We enjoyed two opportunities this past week to practice cursive skills in a fun and delicious way.
- 2. **Realistic 3-D Bows**: Students honed their artistic talents, crafting realistic, shaded bows that will serve as decorations for the Christmas program. Smooth value transitions made them truly pop! Be sure to check them out!
- 3. **Christmas Program Run-Through**: Despite the snow day interruptions, students showed resilience and enthusiasm during our practice. Their hard work, memorization, and talents are shining brightly! We can't wait to share it with you tomorrow!

Language - In reading, we will continue to work on our reading comprehension and vocabulary expansion skills through Anne of Green Gables. We are also working on our reading fluency, vocabulary expansion, and letter writing through our Gleeful Givers project. In phonics, we will use a series of games and activities to review concepts such as phonemes, syllables, prefixes, suffixes. In spelling, we will be doing our spelling inventory again to reassess where we are at.

Cursive Snack - Remember to practice your letter and bring your snack on the following dates.

M - Jadon - Jan. 8th

N -Trey - Jan. 15th

Bible - We're continuing to learn about Journey Two.

Our memory work for this month is: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16

Due :Dec. 20th

Science - This week we will continue our unit on Flight.

Health - We will have a quiz about bullying on Wed.

Art – Sketches Dec. 1-5 are due Dec. 19th. Dec. art vocabulary and art history quiz will be on Dec. 19th. We will conclude our cityscapes and modern houses.

Library - We will have library every week on Wednesdays. Please remind your child to pack their books.

Christmas Program - Narrators are asked to come dressed in all black. The general dress code for the evening is Sunday best, but please do not stress if you do not have Sunday best that is all black. Everyone else will be wearing a costume during our class presentation, so please be mindful of this. Ladies, please remember you will need to be able to quickly get things on and off over your head, when choosing a hairstyle for the night.

Spirit Day - Just a reminder that Thursday is Cindy-Lou Who inspired crazy hair day.

Gleeful Giver - Just a reminder that your child should come with their stocking (aka socks) filled (max. 9 items) on Thursday. Please reach out to Mrs. Vogel or myself if you for any reason cannot participate.

Skating - Just a reminder that we will be skating on Friday from 1:00-2:00. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a sweater, gloves, a helmet and skates all in a separate bag to ensure they can participate in this activity. (Also, just a note that if you are wanting to pick up your children on skating days they will need to be picked up at the school rather than arena.)

Bookmarks - The Grade 6/7 class has created a selection of beautiful bookmarks, some digitally designed and others hand-coloured. You may have had the opportunity to see these at the bazaar. They will once again be available at the Christmas program to help raise funds for our class mission of creating Blessing Bags to support vulnerable individuals in our community. We invite you to consider making a small donation to this meaningful mission and, in return, pick up some wonderful bookmarks—perfect as easy stocking stuffers this holiday season! Thank you for your support.



<u>Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. O'Boyle:</u>

Blessing Bags: Another wonderful way to support our mission is by donating items to include in our Blessing Bags. The Grade 6/7 class has brainstormed a list of items they hope to include, such as:

- Granola bars
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Feminine products
- Gloves
- Socks
- Scarves or hats
- Hairbrushes or combs

Your generosity will help us create these bags and bring comfort to vulnerable individuals in our community. Thank you for considering this meaningful way to contribute! We hope to assemble these in early Jan.

Grade 6 & 7 - Mr. Tenorio:

We are focusing on decimals and fractions. This week, we will continue practicing these concepts, and the test is scheduled for January.

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. Vogel:

Band: Please make sure all instruments are here tomorrow! There are very few, if any for some instruments, spare instruments so not having them here tomorrow means the student will be unable to play for our concert.

Students that have instruments home right now should be practicing their concert pieces. We will not have band on Friday. Students may keep their instruments home over the holiday, just remember proper instrument care and that if anything happens to the instruments over the holiday to just leave it and let me know what happened when we return in January. Those that share will have to communicate with their sharing partner who is going to take the instrument home over the holiday.

History: We will have a unit test on Thursday. Students can read through their notes and make sure they know the main impact each group had on Canada's development as a country and the main events of discrimination that each group experienced if they experienced any at all.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe we are at Christmas break already at the end of this week! I'm excited to spend time with family and friends over the holiday and I hope you are all able to do the same.

Band: Please make sure all instruments are here tomorrow! There are very few, if any for some instruments, spare instruments so not having them here tomorrow means the student will be unable to play for our concert.

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W.W.W.: Unit work is due and the spelling test will be on Thursday this week. Students should have the sort, 2 activities, and sentences done. Regiford should be studying their words for a spelling bee on Wednesday.

Guided Reading: We will focus on our novel study in January. Make sure that the articles that were due last week are turned in on Google Classroom.

Writing: We also finished our voice assignment and they should be turned in on Google classroom as well. They were due over a week ago. We also are working on our last few days of the Gleeful Giver assignment. Make sure, even on snow days, that students are completing their assignments on Google Classroom so that each student can read their messages each day. Also remember that the sock exchange will be this week Thursday.

Grade 7 & 8 - Mr. Tenorio:

Math: We are studying decimals and fractions. We will use this last week to further solidify our understanding, with the test planned for January.

Science: We have finished our unit for this month, so we will spend the week completing the piñatas we created for every grade in the school.

Bible: We have started a new unit on prayer. I encourage all students to pray daily at home and apply what we are learning in class to their personal lives.

Grade 7 & 8 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Health - We will have a quiz on bullying on Friday.

Art - Sketches Dec. 1-5 are due Dec. 19th. Dec. art vocabulary and art history quiz will be on Dec. 19th. We will conclude our learning on perspective and wrap up our cityscapes.