

Listowel Weekly Messenger

April 14, 2025

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

From the Principal's Desk...

We truly live in a beautiful part of the world as we experience four distinct seasons. I am captivated by the transformation of the leaves, watching them transition from tiny buds to vibrant greens to fiery reds and oranges. The trees that stood bare throughout the winter have slowly begun to sprout. It's truly awe-inspiring to witness the gradual shift from winter into spring. I step outside and feel the warmth of the sun, a familiar yet refreshing sensation. Yet, this transition into spring hasn't been without its challenges. The recent ice storm left a reminder of winter's power, with branches broken under the weight of the ice and many of us enduring power outages and the cold that seemed unwilling to let go. I left Barrie on April 2 grateful to be heading to Listowel where I could enjoy a hot shower and turn on a light switch only to be taken by surprise with a storm on Wednesday night that washed out the driveway where I am staying. But even in the aftermath, there's something hopeful in seeing the trees slowly recover and new buds begin to emerge. It's a stark reminder that even after harsh seasons, beauty can rise again.

Isaiah 43:19 NIV says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

As we step into a new season, looking ahead to a new principal and moving forward in faith, there are times when we must release the old season. Isaiah 43:18 NIV reminds us, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." One of the vital lessons life teaches is the importance of letting go. We can't carry the weight of past pain, struggles, or relationships with us forever. Sometimes, this requires giving ourselves space to grieve, to feel the loss, and to lean on others for support. But once we've taken the time to heal, we can pick ourselves up and turn our gaze toward the future.

As spring emerges and the trees begin to bloom, we're reminded of God's invitation to align our hearts with the new work He's doing in our lives. Let's take a moment to pray, asking Jesus to help us embrace the beauty of all the new things He has in store for us:

Dear Lord

Thank you for shaping me into the person You desire me to be. I admit that sometimes I struggle to release the old things, even when I know they are hindering my growth. Help me, Lord, to see this spring season as a beautiful reminder of how change can bring new life. Just as flowers grace the trees and fresh grass emerges from the earth, renew my spirit with the strength to let go of the past and move forward in my faith with You. May we at Listowel Christian School continue to embrace our calling as restorers of Your world, bringing hope, healing, and restoration to all we encounter. Amen.

(Some of the material for this article comes from devotional written for DaySpring.)

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THEME VERSE

The earth is the lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

.. Psalm 24:1 Amanda Vander Meer will be having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Tanya Slotegraaf will be filling in during her absence. Thank you for your patience and understanding for the next couple of weeks.

Calendar of Events

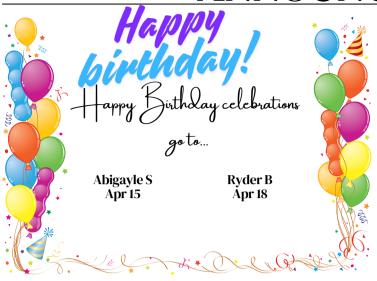
<u>April</u>

- **15** PI DAY!!!
- 16 Hot Dog Day
- **16 -** Musical Rehearsal **until 5pm** *Scenes Five to Eight*
- **17 -** Easter Chapel 9:15am
- 18 Good Friday No School
- 21 Easter Monday No School
- 23 Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- 23 Pizza Day Dominos
- **23 -** Musical Rehearsal **until 5pm** *Scenes ALL SCENES*
- 24 Spring Online Auction Opens 9am
- **24 -** Sip & See Auction Event 6 9 pm School Gym
- 25 Online Auction Bidding Closes 9pm
- **26** Auction pick up **10am 1pm**
- 30 Hot Dog Day
- **30 -** Spring Membership Meeting *Rescheduled 7:30pm*

<u>May</u>

- **4 -** Grade % Band Plays at Bethel CRC morning service *arrive at 9am*
- **5 9** CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK
- **5** Assembly beginning at 9:30am
- **6 -** Jonah's Druthers Musical Performance *7pm Showtime*
- **6 -** Celebration of Learning Artwork on display
- 7 Wear a hat to school
- 7 Pizza Day New Orleans
- **8 -** Grandparents & Grand Friends Day *Details to follow*
- **9 -** Carnival in support of EduDeo *Details to follow*
- 14 Hot Dog Day
- 19 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
- 23 Track & Field Day Dominos Pizza Day
- 27 Final Milk Day
- 28 Hot Dog Day
- 29 Community of Character Run

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer & Thanksgiving

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

- We are thankful for a large donation received to our Capital Reserve Fund;
- Please keep the Brubacher family in your prayers with the passing of Naomi's mom in Tennessee;
- Please keep the staff in your prayers as they prepare for Christian Education week, Grandparents Day and the Spring Musical - it's a busy time of year!
- Mrs. Vander Meer is heading in for knee replacement surgery please pray that all goes well and that the recovery is smooth;

LISTOWEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION

STARTING SOON

THURSDAY APRIL 24 9:00 AM-FRIDAY APRIL 25 9:00 PM

> CHARITYAUCTION.BID/ LISTOWELCHRISTIANSCHOOL

'SIP AND SEE' EVENT THURSDAY APRIL 24

6 - 9 P M

Join us for cake and coffee white you browse the auction items in person! If you need assistance with our online auction, we're here to help. Bring us your phone or laptop, and we'll guide you through the login process so you can participate with ease.



Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our senior team, Zander, Hudson and Jerry for a second place finish.

All our junior team members - Daniel, Nadine and Colton - attended this event for the first time and learned a lot about the process. They are looking forward to going back next year. Membership Meeting has been moved to April 30th.

Please watch your email for the Membership package information.



SPORTS





We had a number of teams make it to the semi-finals. We are proud of everyone's growth and development throughout the short season and the tournament.

Zander and Cohen placed first in the men's doubles.
Congratulations to all - the team included: Jenna & Emmalyn and Natalie & Nadine as Ladies Doubles; Ryder and Michaela as Ladies singles; Zander & Cohen and Jerry & Reid as Men's Doubles; Savannah & Carson and Megan & Zac S (as a substitute for Jaymin) as Mixed Doubles



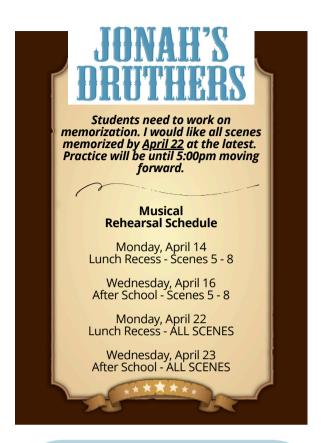
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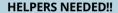
PJ DAY IS TUESDAY!!!

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On Tuesday, wear your favourite (school appropriate)
PJ's!

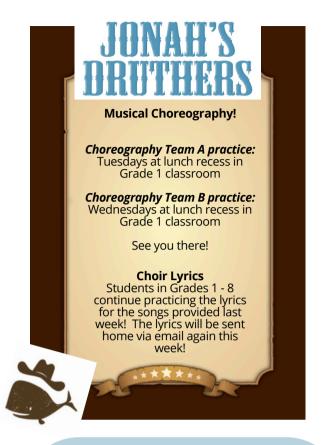
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We are looking for some helpers who are able to assist with the set for the play. We are in need of some construction help as well as some artistic help.

Please reach out to the office if you are able to use your gifts in this area.



Costumes for the Musical

If your child is in the choir they are required to wear jeans and a plaid shirt or jeans and a white shirt with a red or blue bandana to tie around his/her neck. Girls may wear long jean skirts or long calico dresses or skirts. If your child has cowboy boots they should wear them otherwise dark closed toed shoes are fine. If your child has a role in the play, Mrs. Veenstra will email you regarding his/her costume.

Thank you to Ken Rastorfer's employee Matt for building the frames for our stage design and to Will VanderMeer for finishing them up for us and getting them ready for painting.

JR Kindergarten

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

This week we will have a short week as Friday is Good Friday. I pray that you will all have a worshipful and blessed Easter weekend.

Tuesday is Pyjama day! Students can wear their favourite comfy pyjamas and bring a favourite stuffy to school. We will be having reading buddies this week on Tuesday as well. Thursday we will have an Easter assembly.

As we continue in our Spring theme, we will check in on our seeds and see if they have begun to sprout. We will also be making some Easter themed artwork.

In **language** we will continue to practice rhyming, blending and segmenting words, and listening for beginning and ending sounds. We will be practicing the letter names and sounds each day as well.

Our mystery letter last week was letter **V**. We learned that vest, van and violin all begin with the letter V. We had fun singing the Jolly Phonics song for letter V about driving Vic's van around the village. We only have 2 mystery letters left! Which one will it be this week?

In our **workbooks** we will be printing letters Bb, Ff and Qq. We will also learn about diver letters.

In **math** we will be revisiting position words as well as shapes and colours.

In **Bible** we will be reading some story books about Easter. We will also be practicing our Jonah song that we will sing at the beginning of the school musical program.

In **health** we will be learning about another of our five senses, our sense of sight.

Tuesday is library day. Please remember to send in any outstanding books.

Senior Kindergarten

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will be learning that when you add the letter " s " to a word you change it from singular to plural. We are also focusing on what letters are vowels.

During learning centers we are working on putting the alphabet in order, matching upper and lowercase letters, rhyming words, sorting by beginning sounds and matching ending sounds.

In **math**, we will finish adding numbers between 0 and 5. We have been taking time to print numbers to 20. If you are able, have your child practice numbers 1 to 9 on a blank piece of paper and correct any reversals. We have been counting to 80 and putting back the numbers that keep falling out of our number chart.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Jesus' crucifixion. We are practicing our song for the program.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are learning how to print the lowercase letter "y". It is a hang below the line letter and when you print it you begin with the little line and STOP, big line slide.

This week we will be focusing on the water cycle and experiment with making rain. We will also learn about pussy willows, learning a rhyme and making a craft.

On Tuesday we will have pyjama day! Please come to school dressed in appropriate pjs! Students are welcome to bring a stuffed animal and wear slippers.

There is NO SCHOOL on Friday!

I wish everyone a Happy Easter Weekend! May you enjoy time celebrating our greatest gift, our Saviour's greatest sacrifice. God Bless.



Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Math: This week in math we will be continuing using number lines to help with adding and subtracting. The Grade Ones are getting really good at adding and subtracting with numbers up to 10. See if you can ask them a few questions like 5+2, 7+3 or 7-1, 8-5.

Language: In our UFLI program this week we will work on words that end in "tch" and "dge"

Heart word practice: woman, women, move

Science: We will be starting our new science unit this week called Energy in our lives! This week we will look at different types of energy, like heat, light and sound energy.

Bible: This week we will continue looking at the Easter story. Last week we started creating our own Easter book that we will take home on Thursday. The Grade Ones are excited to read and share the story of Easter with their family.

Wednesday: Library- please try and search for those long-lost missing books! And don't forget to bring them back in the plastic bag- it helps to keep the books safe.

THURSDAY Show and Tell: For the month of April our show and tell is: something that reminds you of spring or an object that was recycled (or you made with recycled material). Thursday April 17: Roman, Wesley, Timothy, Michael Thursday: Spelling test

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

May God bless you with a steadfast hope and deep joy this Easter. May you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope Easter brings. Praying that you and your family will have a special Easter weekend.

Math - Number sense: We are still busy in our unit working on addition in different ways.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week we will look at graphemes that spell the oi sound (oi, oy) as well as the ow sound (ou, ow). Spelling test on Friday with Mrs. Kuipers.

Social studies: We will be looking at homes and recreation in Canada.

Bible: We continue our unit on Easter. Our Bible verse for April is: "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." - Psalm 24:1

Health: In health we continue our unit on Mental Health and this week we focus on negative feelings.

Library: We have library day on Tuesdays!! Please send back Library books in their ziplock bags.

PJ day: Tomorrow is PJ day!



Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

Important Dates for Grade 2:

April 17 - Easter Assembly - some students in our class will be helping read bible verses

May 9 - Mother's Day Tea @ 11. RSVP to Mrs. Kuipers

May 22 - Class Field trip to Saugeen Conservation Area Safety Village. We will need drivers, so please let Mrs. Kuipers know if you are interested in joining us for the afternoon (11-3).

Science - Test on Wednesday.

Math - Test on Wednesday on identifying and counting coins

Spelling Words -

Red/Yellow: soil point boy toys out south down crowd

Blue: choice noise enjoy destroy around background downtown

household

Heart: eye heart Easter our

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. This weekend is the defining weekend of our faith. I am blessed to be able to talk to the students about it openly. Being part of a Christian community that shares the joy of a risen Lord is so amazing.

Bible: Our journey with Joseph continues as he comes to power in Egypt.

Math: We have finished our tiny houses and thus, have finished our unit on area. Our next unit is on tally charts and line plots. It is only a few lessons long so we should be about to finish it this week.

Language: In phonics we are learning about adding the suffixes: -ness, -ment, -able and -ible.

Social Studies: We are beginning the last section of the unit. It is all about the 3 different landform regions in Ontario.



Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman:

I Know It - "Counting Dollars and Cents (Canadian)" - due NEXT FRIDAY. Student's username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is lcs12345.

Memory Work - This year we are working on memory work as a whole school. The following verse will need to be memorized by April 25th - "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it." - Psalm 24:1

Spelling - The final spelling teams and their lists are below and also on <u>spellingcity.com/tdelleman</u> 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. Dictation will be NEXT FRIDAY.

- Golden Pencils- day, trade, nail, glass, stay, snail, grain, brave, play, grave, stand, slave, they, tray, may, gray, gain, taste, fail, say, shape, past, trash
- Super Spellers get, getting, rest, resting, swim, yell, swimming, skip, run, sit, yelling, skipping, stand, running, pass, sitting, pick, standing, jump, shut, picking, shutting, passing, jumping
- Three Girls and Those Guys fictional, colonial, magnetic, poetic, comical, territorial, accidental, industrial, Islamic, tutorial, arrival, alphabetic, heroic, memorial, logical, patriotic, rhythmic, betrayal, musical, angelic, coastal, editorial, dramatic, global, burial



Grade 5 - Mrs. Tenorio:

As we look forward to Easter weekend, I hope that you enjoy your weekend with your family celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection! Bible - This week we are starting a new unit and will be learning about the continuation of Jesus' ministry. Our memory work will be due on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Memory Work: Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the World and all who live in it."

Language - This week, we are finishing our novel study on "The Magician's Nephew" by C.S. Lewis. We are working on comprehension questions for Chapter 15 this week, and will be working on a book report project next week. For spelling, we are working on a new sort and have a spelling test on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Additionally, please remember to bring your plastic bag for your library books to protect them from any potential damage, as we've had issues with leaking water bottles. Library day is on Wednesday!

The Final Spellers - EAR Review Owen, Gerrit

Ear, fear, hear, rear, near, dear, year, beard, spear, clear, tear, heard, earth, learn, search, yearn, earn, bear, pear, wear, swear, tear, heart, hearth

The Spelling Burger Bombs - Unaccented Final Syllables Blair, Kiley, Daniel, Ria, Jasmine, Henrik

Catcher, rancher, teacher, pitcher, stretcher, butcher, picture, nature, capture, future, mixture, creature, moisture, posture, torture, culture, injure, measure, treasure, pleasure, leisure, senior, figure, failure

The Spelling Legend Strawberries - More words with G Bella, Dayna, Peter

Guess, guard, guitar, guide, guilty, guest, tongue, vague, league, fatigue, plague, intrigue, ladybug, zigzag, shrug, iceberg, strong, catalog, gauge, language, argue

The Spelling Duo - Latin Roots: to Look, carry and shape (spect, port, form) Kirsten, Pacey

Inspection, respect, retrospect, spectator, inspector, prospect, spectacles, spectacular, perspective, portable, export, import, transport, reporter, important, formation, format, conform, transform, reform

Creation Studies - The students did a great job on their research projects last week! This week, we are working on a design project for protective equipment. We will brainstorm ideas of different protective equipment used in daily life, and they will plan how they will create their design. Then, they will bring recycled materials from home to work on and design their project in class. Finally, they will present their projects to the class on April 23-24th.

Grade 5 - Math - Mr. Tenorio:

We will have a test this Tuesday. After that, we'll begin a new unit on length, perimeter, and area. These are topics we've already covered in previous lessons, so now we're bringing everything together.

Students: Please review what we've learned about length and area to prepare for the week ahead.



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

*Unit: "Quelle Heure Est-il?" (What time is it?). →Plans: *students will continue to work on their assignment dealing with the different components of one's daily routine from getting up to going to bed and the approximate times associated with those activities.

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

- *Unit: Les Adjectifs. →Plans:
- *to conclude this unit with further focus on irregular adjectives.
- *students will complete a formal written assessment Wednesday on all adjective material covered to date. N.B. we are making use of the verb être (=to be).

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

- *****Unit: Les Adjectifs. →Plans:
- *to conclude our study of irregular adjectives and those that precede the noun which they modify.
- *Once again, students will complete a formal written assessment on Wednesday which this time will focus solely on the irregular verbs bon/bonne, vieux/vieille, and nouveau/nouvelle.























Grade 6 & 7

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Weekly Highlights:

Here are some of the highlights from last week...

- 1.STEM Students explored static electricity through handson experiments and dove into unplugged circuit coding building paper models to show how electricity flows through parallel circuits.
- 2. As we journeyed through The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, students analyzed character motives, practiced grammar through "magical sentences" and revised their emoji stories with rhyme and flair.
- 3. In Bible class, students reflected on what it means to love others with action and truth, applying 1 John 3:16–18 to real-life challenges in powerful, honest discussions.
- 4. Art class focused on value and shading techniques, with students practicing pencil and charcoal blending and applying what they learned to create images with highlights, midtones and shadows.
- 5. We had fun learning about the letter Yy and enjoying both "yummy" and "yucky" snacks.

Language - In reading, we will continue the Chronicles of Narnia. In writing, we will conclude our emoji-inspired rhyming stories and illustrations and share them with our reading buddies on Thursday. We will also complete some writing linked to our novel study writing journal entries as if we are a chapter in the novel. In grammar we will look at coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, verb tenses and subject-verb agreements. Watch for spelling activities coming home this week in your child's agenda.

Spelling Test - Apr. 28th

The Bills - Sort 35 - whole, cloak, spoil, stole, soy, oil, boy, choke, point, loan, choice, moist, foil, joint, coil, voice, toy, coin, broil, bowl, soil, joy, boil, join

Grimace Spellers - Sort 23 - lazy, moody, lighter, speaker, ruby, closely, visor, foolish, safety, bony, soda, waitress, slowly, freezer, zebra, eagle, contain, debate, stampede, delay, invade, salute, expose, provide

The Goats - Sort 53 - braver, bravest, calmer, calmest, closer, closest, stronger, strongest, cooler, coolest, weaker, weakest, hotter, hottest, hottest, happier, happiest, easier, easiest, crazier, craziest, prettier, prettiest, dirtier, dirtiest

The Doorknobz - Sort 58 - extraction, opposite, effort, excavate, exaggerate, opponent, erosion, evasion, occurred, expenditure, obstinate, ejection, obstruction, efficient, emoticon, excursion, objection, opportunity, occupy, obnoxious, occasion, excessive, election, effervescence, effusive, obsolete

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

Z - Natalie - Apr. 16th

Grade 6 & 7

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will continue our unit on Revelations.

Memory Work - The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1

Science - This week in Science, we'll learn about renewable and non-renewable energy sources and where our power comes from, and impacts of electrical energy generation.

Health - We will continue our unit on Personal Safety and Injury Prevention. We will look at emergency response, fire, hypothermia and allergic reactions this week.

Art – In art, we will be working with charcoal and working on the element of value. We will explore techniques to make realistic animals using lights and darks. Grade 6 will work on wolves and Grade 7 will work on rabbits.

Students are asked to pick one of the April sketch prompts or come up with their own idea to complete this week. They may complete it on any piece of paper. Their sketch is due Thursday. Sketch prompts are posted to Google classroom and are posted in the classroom. Art quiz on material covered on the April sketch prompt pages will be

on April 24th. Please take time to thoroughly review your notes so you are prepared.

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

Grade 6 & 7 - Mr. Tenorio:

A test is scheduled for this Tuesday. Once it's completed, we'll be starting a new unit on perimeter, area, and volume. Since these are familiar topics, we'll be combining what we've learned so far and building on that foundation.

Students: Be sure to review perimeter and area to get ready for the new unit.

<u>Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. Vogel:</u>

Geography: We are working through learning about the federal election taking place. We will continue to work through learning about democracy and the different parties and will be doing some research as well. Homework will be assigned as it comes up.

Band: We continue to practice and get ready for both the school musical by learning and memorizing the songs and actions (all students) as well as the band performances that will take place before the musical on Tuesday and Thursday of Christian Education Week.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

W.W.W.: All groups - no unit this week.

Writing/G.R.: We will work through our position papers this week. 1st copy should be ready for Wednesday's class, 2nd copy due on Tuesday. Final copy for the day of the debate to be determined by the end of this week.

Geography: We are working through learning about the federal election taking place. We will continue to work through learning about democracy and the different parties and will be doing some research as well. Homework will be assigned as it comes up.

Band: We continue to practice and get ready for both the school musical by learning and memorizing the songs and actions (all students) as well as the band performance on Sunday, May 4 at Bethel CRC. Those same songs will also be performed prior to the musical performances on Tuesday and Thursday of the same week.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7 & 8 - Mr. Tenorio:

Math: Our test will take place this Tuesday. We'll also continue our new unit on integers, which we introduced last week. Students have shown a good understanding so far, so we'll keep practicing and building on that progress throughout the week.

Science: We will continue working on our unit project focused on environmental restoration.

Bible: This week, we'll continue with *Literary Genres*. Get ready to explore the different types of writing found in the Bible.

Grade 7 & 8 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Health - There will be no health class this week. We will pick up again after Easter.

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