

From the Principal's Desk...

Relationships: Jesus' Invitation to "Abiding" and Finding the Courage to Accept that Invitation

Read John 15:1-17 (English Standard Version)

Abbreviated excerpt from *Flourishing Together* (p. 76): The word *meno*, used extensively in John's gospel, exemplifies the kind of relationships that we should pursue and live out. *Meno* is usually translated with a quite old-fashioned but very meaningful word: to abide. This Greek verb has beautiful implications for our relationships, carrying the sense of "to remain, to stay, to endure." . . . *Meno* is . . . also used with much deeper meaning, most intensely throughout John 15, where the long-term relationship between Jesus and his disciples is explained through the metaphor of the branches (the disciples) abiding in the vine (Jesus).

In order for us in our schools to embody Jesus' invitation "to abide" we need courage.

Courage is the choice to do something that seems uncertain, sometimes unwise—at least untested—in the pursuit of a bigger picture, a future that cannot yet be seen. Courage is only really ever known in action, never just on paper. Brené Brown, author of *Dare to Lead*, is right when she asserts, "Courage is contagious."

We can give each other courage through the celebration of one another's stories. Courageous stories often tend to highlight sustenance through adversity. Remembering and celebrating them gives courage to those who hear them, whether they were part of those stories or not.

These stories confirm our calling together. This sense of shared narrative is thus often underpinned by clear habits of gratitude and rhythms of prayer.

In fact, courage is often associated with passion, a word whose meaning goes beyond high energy, activity, and pace, drawing from its Latin root *passio*—to suffer. While we may not seek suffering for ourselves, we know that flourishing will involve suffering. In fact if we extend this to the thought of "com-passion"—literally, "suffering together." Fill in the blanks

We are _____ but not _____.

How did you answer this question?

To expect nothing to go wrong in a school would be like seeking to cultivate a great garden without expecting storm, drought, pestilence, or weeds. In fact, the greater the challenges we face, the greater the opportunities for unearthing resources to help the community move forward. Flourishing in schools is not a solo performance, but an ensemble held together by mutual investment, care, and value. When a speaker at one of the teacher conventions shared the video of the cellist (after saying how famous he was becoming) I was struck by the fact that he was not playing alone but with others in order to make beautiful music. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2on4IS8flcc>)

To the flourishing school, each educator, student, parent, board member and volunteer is precious and inherently valued. This is rarely shown through policies, mission statements, or motivational posters; rather, it is given definition in sustained, abiding relationships characterized by the normalization of acts of loving-kindness.

Thank you for letting me be part of your community for this season. For allowing me to celebrate, grieve, rejoice, give thanks, struggle, triumph, ache, and be a part of your story. It is wonderful to see God at work in Listowel and in the lives of the families at Listowel Christian School. I am praying that the second 50 years of Christian education in this community will be even better than the first 50 years.

Calendar of Events

June

- 16 - Kindergarten Graduation
- 2pm - everyone welcome to join us
- 18 - Grade Eight Graduation - 7:30pm
- 20 - Final Day of School Chapel- 9:15am
- 20 - Last Day of School - early dismissal -
buses depart at 2pm

Looking Ahead ...

AUGUST

- 28 - Back to School Social Evening
- more details to follow

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - First day of School for 2025/2026

Thank you to everyone
who supported the
various fundraisers this
weekend -

Oranje Grove Shopping
Days
&
Fly In BBQ at the
Goderich Airport

A special thank you to
the Allin family for the
opportunity to enjoy
lunch and check out the
airplanes!

A special thank you to
Oranje Grove Dutch
Shope for hosting the
shopping days event!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy
birthday!**

Happy Birthday celebrations

Kentyn K
June 16

Abigail M
June 16

William L
June 20

Henrik L
June 23

go to...

Serena E
June 18

Damian R
June 23

Kyla W
June 25

Adriana V
June 16

Rosalie S
June 19

Debbie W
June 28

*Prayer &
Thanksgiving*

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

- Prayers for Mrs. Grundlingh and her family on the passing of her father-in-law in South Africa
- Congratulations to Leah & Tyler Pronk on the safe arrival of a new baby Boy!

REMINDER:

Please return ALL library books to school



To those celebrating a Summer Birthday!

July

Marlie A - July 3
Amelia S - July 5
Amy B - July 7
Emily K - July 8
Dayna W - July 8
Eden V - July 14
Raquel S - July 21
Delaney O - July 22

August

Samuel K - August 1
Justin V - August 1
Colin B - August 4
Peter H - August 5
Colton V - August 5
Kaylee V - August 5
Atlas H - August 8
Kiley H - August 9
Kirsten H - August 9
Alyssa S - August 9
Zachary K - August 13
Bentley B - August 15
Nixon R - August 20
Jaxton B - August 24
Derik W - August 27
Henri K - August 28
Seth S - August 28
Pacey B - August 29
Adelaide O - August 29
Blair G - August 31

A fond farewell...

Dear parents, students, staff and school community,

It is with mixed feelings that I move on from LCS. I have enjoyed teaching students at Listowel Christian school since 2011. I started teaching 4 classes of music (they were all split grades) and some private music lessons. The school has grown since then!

Listowel Christian School is a special community, and I will miss seeing all of you and teaching music to your precious kids. Thank you for your encouragement and kindness over the years. LCS will always hold a special place in my heart. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you and may he give you peace.

*See you later alligator, in a while crocodile
Blow a kiss jellyfish, give a hug ladybug
See you soon big baboon, out the door dinosaur
Take care polar bear, wave good-bye butterfly
(Ask your kids to sing it for you!)*

Sincerely,
Mrs. Anita Wright

WATER DAY this Friday

Please have your child come with a full change of clothes and a water gun if they would like to participate in the water fight after the water games are done.

Please make sure to label your water gun and clothes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



District Track & Field Results

On June 11th our track athletes travelled to Brantford and competed in our District Track & Field meet. It was a beautiful day and we everyone did a wonderful job, competing to the best of their abilities! Thank you to the parent volunteers who joined us!

Here are some of our ribbon winners:

9/10 - Shuttle Boys - Colin B, Colton K, Derek N & Kasey M - *1st Place*
9/10 - Standing Long Jump Girls - Gracia T - *5th Place*
9/10 - Standing Long Jump Boys - Colin B - *3rd Place*
9/10 - Running Long Jump Boys - Colin B - *1st Place*
9/10 - Running Long Jump Boys - Drew - *5th Place*
11/12 - 400m Girls - Savannah W - *4th Place*
11/12 - 400m Boys - Wes D - *5th Place*
11/12 - 1500m Boys - Henrik L - *5th Place*
11/12 - High Jump Girls - Savannah W - *2nd Place*
11/12 - Running Long Jump Girls - Savannah W - *3rd Place*
11/12 - Shot Put Girls - Emmalyn G - *3rd Place*
11/12 - Shot Put Boys - Trey V - *2nd Place*
13+ - 400m Boys - Jerry G - *4th Place*
13+ - High Jump Boys - James T & Jerry G - *2nd Place Tie*

Way to go!



Classroom News

JR Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

We have made it to the last week of school for this year! The time has flown by and we have learned a lot and had lots of fun this year too. I want to thank you for the privilege of teaching your children this year. It has been a joy to watch them learn and grow over the last ten months. I pray that you will all have a safe and blessed summer vacation.

Thank you to the parents who came along to help on our field trip. It was a great morning and the kids really enjoyed their time at the fire station and the park, as well as the pizza lunch!

Library Books: Please send in any books that are still outstanding from our school library so the librarians can reshelve them before the summer.

In **language** this week we will be printing letters **Pp** and **Qq** using printing worksheets.

In **math** we will finish our number printing book by printing numbers **6,7,8,9 and 10**.

We will also be working on some paper plate animals for the Listowel fair.

On **Tuesday** we will celebrate Kentyn and Abigail's birthdays. On **Thursday** we will celebrate Rosalie and Sybil's June birthdays and all of the summer birthdays: Eden, Raquel, Zachary and Derik.

Thursday will be our last reading buddies for this year. We have planned some outdoor activity time with our Grade 4 buddies.

Friday there will be an end of year assembly that will begin at 9:15. The JK class will also be doing some fun activities later in the morning that may include water (depending on the weather) but the JK students will not be participating in the school water fight. In the afternoon we will watch a movie and have a special snack.

Looking forward to a busy and fun week!

Senior Kindergarten

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Wow! Our last week of school!!

Here is what is happening each day:

MONDAY : SK Graduation at 2pm. Please come and join us for a time of celebration. The whole school is invited to attend and celebrate with us.

TUESDAY: Outside Chalk Art: SK will be using chalk outside to create beautiful pictures.

WEDNESDAY: HOME DAY

THURSDAY: Blowing Bubbles: We will be spending some time outside blowing bubbles.

EXTRA BAG PLEASE: I will be sending home everything they have at school. This will include indoor shoes, headphones, extra clothes, pencil cases and the last envelope of the year.

FRIDAY: We will be having a Chapel in the morning. Later in the day, we will have the school team water events first. It will be followed by a water fight. Your child should wear a pair of shorts and t-shirts for the water events and a pair of shoes/sandals/swim shoes. They will need to bring a towel, a dry set of clothing and a water gun. Each child will need dry shoes to go home in. Please label as many items as possible with your last name. For the water fight the older students have a zone to spray water in and the younger children may choose to go into that zone however they will be sprayed with a water gun. The older students are not allowed to spray water in the SK to Grade 3 zone and no one is allowed to spray you with water in the filling up area.

Early Dismissal 2pm. The buses ARE running.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca or text me at 519-492-2981.

Thank you for all your words of encouragement and for allowing me the opportunity to teach your child. I wish you a fantastic summer!

See you later!

Mrs. Heida

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Wow! I cannot believe the end of the school year is here! It has been a wonderful year and I thank you for your part in making it successful.

Thank you to the parents that joined us on our field trip to the Splash Pad and Park- we were glad the sun came out and we had a wonderful day outside in God's creation.

This week we will finish up our units and do some review on what we have learned over this past year.

Show and Tell: For the month of June our theme for show and tell will be: *something special your dad had as a child or your favourite book.*

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

Tuesday/Wednesday- Please send a bag (in your child's backpack) that they can use to start taking things home. We will be cleaning out the classroom on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thursday- We will celebrate Summer Birthdays! If your child has a birthday over the summer holidays and would like to share a treat with the class, please send it to school on Thursday! (If you want to bring something in send me an email and we can choose a time).

Friday: Please send your child to school in clothes they can get wet in (for water games). Please also send a complete set of dry clothes (t-shirt, shorts, socks and underwear.) They will also need a towel and a water gun and an extra bag for their wet clothes. Please label everything!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

Thank you for a wonderful 2024-2025 school year. I have enjoyed getting to know and teach this year's Grade 2 students. I hope they enjoyed Grade 2 and that they are looking forward to Grade 3. I pray that they will always know that they are loved, that God has created them in His image and that He has good plans for them. May your summer and your time with your children be filled with joy, love, lots of opportunities to create special memories and the Lord's abundant blessings on your family.

We have a fun-filled last week of school planned. This week I will be in on Monday and Wednesday. Monday we will have a 'Popcorn and Movie' theme day. On Wednesday our theme will be 'Summer fun'!

Math - Number sense: We are doing our last work on subtraction

Bible: We finish our unit on parables. We are also going to recap all our memory verses we have done throughout the year.

Social studies: We will be looking at a few more countries around the world and end our social studies unit.

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

Here we are, in our final week of Grade 2! We had such a wonderful year together and I have loved getting to know everyone in our class. Here is a bit of an overview for the week with me.

TUESDAY - To celebrate our year of learning, hard work, and cooperation, we will be heading to the splash pad tomorrow. Thank you to Melissa S., Naomi B., and Melissa L., for offering to join us. Everyone is welcome. We will be walking over at 10. Please have your child come to school with their bathing suit under their clothes - we will change back into our regular underclothes when we come back at lunch.

We will celebrate July birthdays today!

THURSDAY- Camping Themed Day! We will have fun camping themed activities and games. Today will also be a clean up and emptying our desks day. Send in an extra bag for your child's books and school supplies.

We will celebrate end of June & August birthdays.

FRIDAY- Bubble Themed Day & afternoon School Wide Water gun Fight. We will have fun bubble themed activities today. Students need to bring a change of clothes to wear home after the water fight. Early dismissal today.

Thank you for your prayers, support and your encouragement. Thank you for a great year. - Mrs. Kuipers.

Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

This morning, the kids and I were talking about how fast this year has gone. Many made a correlation between how fun it was and how fast the year went. It was great to hear that so many of them had a good year. I was truly blessed by this group this year. I pray that you all have a safe summer. Remember to continue reading! Many public libraries have fun summer programs to get kids reading. May God bless each of you as you transition into Grade 4.

Math: We will finish the year off with fractions. As an aside, if you are out shopping with your child, I would encourage you to use cash and ask for their help.

Bible: We are focusing on the Exodus this week. Fitting, as we will have our own exodus from school on Friday!

Language: We've been learning about nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs using Mad Libs.

Science: We are exploring the soil.

End of year request: Could you please send a bag to school this week. We need it to put our books and stuff into to bring home for the year.

Tuesday: We are heading to the splash pad. If you are able to join us, we'd love to have you. Send me an email.

Friday: Water day- students are asked to wear shorts and a t-shirt that will get wet. They will need a towel and a change of clothes. For the water fight, they will need a water gun.

Grade 4

Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman:

Quizzes - There are three quizzes going home to be signed - a Bible quiz on King Saul, a math quiz on Data Management, and an open book science quiz on Machines and Mechanisms. Please sign them and return them to school.

I Know It - NO Assignment this week.

Memory Work - Matthew 5:16 - "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." - due Wednesday

Water Day - On our last day of school (Friday) is our water day activities! Students need bring a complete change of clothes, a water gun, and a towel.

Grade 5

Grade 5 - Mrs. Tenorio:

Happy Last week of school! I am so proud of and thankful for this class and all of the work that they have done this past year! Students will bring home artwork, books, binders and other materials throughout this week. Please remember to bring a change of clothes on Friday and that we have an early dismissal, after the water activities!

Bible - Last week, we wrapped up our unit on Parables with a test. I hope that the lessons we learned about will be remembered long after this school year ends. On Friday, we will have our last chapel of the year. Students can practice all the mission memory verses that we have done through this year to prepare for chapel!

Language - This week, we are going to do a short persuasive paragraph activity to work on our persuasive writing skills. We will also have reading buddies and end the year with a reflective activity book, to look back on this past year. In addition, we will watch the movie, "Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" to conclude our discussion on "the Magician's Nephew".

Creation Studies - The students did an awesome job on their Public Service Announcement Projects last week! We enjoyed watching those videos and learning more about how we can take better care of our bodies. If you would like to watch some of the video submissions, they have been uploaded on the Drive folder. This week, we have a Unit Quiz on Human Body systems on Tuesday!

Summer Birthday Party - There are a number of students in our class who have birthdays in the summer months, and we would like to celebrate them! On Thursday afternoon, we will have a class party. Pizza lunch will be provided for the students on that day. Students who have summer birthdays will each bring an item to share with the class. We will play some games and celebrate the end of this school year as well!

Grade 5 - Math - Mr. Tenorio:

We are in the final week of school! Last week, the students completed a math test. This week, we will go over the test in class, and students will take it home so they know what areas to review over the summer.

Classroom News

Grade 6 & 7

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Weekly Highlights:

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

1. **Faith in Action: Surfboard Challenge** - Inspired by the story of Soul Surfer Bethany Hamilton, students explored what it means to be an Image Reflector – someone who mirrors God's character in difficult circumstances. Through a hands-on art and writing reflection called the "Surfboard Challenge," and they created visual and literary reminders of how they want to respond with courage, faith, and love when life gets hard.
2. **Biodiversity & Living Things** - In science, we explored biodiversity and what makes organisms unique. Students learned about the interdependence of living things and then put their understanding into action through a creative STEM activity—camouflaging paper butterflies around the school to demonstrate how animals use disguise to survive in their environments. See if you can find them all next time you are at the school.
3. **Celebrating Growth and Grit** - Whether preparing for District Track and Field or supporting classmates in the classroom, students have been reminded that showing up, cheering others on, and finishing well are marks of true strength. We are so proud of how they are choosing to close the chapter with kindness, grace, and intention.

Language - This month, our class is enjoying a "Book Buffet" reading celebration, where students sample a variety of short texts and genres to spark curiosity, build fluency, and discover new favourites before summer break! In writing, we will work on report writing/reflection writing as we write a final report titled "The Year That Was: A Personal Year-in-Review". Through this we will write a structured report reflecting on the school year, highlighting academic growth, memorable moments, challenges, and personal goals. In grammar we will review concepts covered this year. Watch for spelling activities coming home this week in your child's agenda.

Spelling Test - Jun. 19th

The Bills - Sort 39 - how, down, count, growl, shout, brown, through, found, owl, cloud, crow, out, clown, plow, show, south, mouth, rough, round, glow, frown, ground, gown, town

Grimace Spellers - Sort 27 - morning, shorter, order, forest, corner, orbit, forty, northern, border, horrid, chorus, florist, stormy, before, record, perform, ashore, report, explore, ignore, adore, inform, sorry, fourteen

The Goats - Sort 57 - present, desert, record, permit, rebel, object, subject, reject, produce, conduct, export, contact

The Doorknobz - Sort 62 (*cognates*) - fabulous, bicycle, artist, office, bicicleta, electricity, pharmacy, artists, electricidad, oficina, farmacia, geography, gymnasium, initial, exasperated, fabuloso, geographia, gimnasio, inicial, exasperado

Grade 6 & 7

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will conclude our unit on Old Testament Themes.

Memory Work - In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Science - We will continue our unit on Biodiversity. We will look at food chains and webs, and biodiversity issues.

Health - We will continue our Substance Abuse, Addictions, and Related Behaviours unit.

Art - We will be working on self-portraits and fair art this week. We will also participate in an activity that will double as our year-end gift.

Library books - Please return all outstanding library books.

Water Day - Friday we will have a water day. Please remember to send your child with a full change of clothes, a towel, and a bag for wet items. Please no bathing suits.

Early Dismissal - Just a reminder that Friday there is an early dismissal at 2:00

Chapel - Feel free to join us for our end of the year chapel on Friday at 9:15.

Summer Birthdays - We will celebrate all summer birthdays on Tuesday.

Grade 6 & 7 - Mr. Tenorio:

As we wrap up the school year, we will review the math test the students completed last week. They will bring it home to help them identify topics they can review during the summer break.

Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. Vogel:

History: We will finish the movie "Luther" this week and a worksheet about Martin Luther.

Band: Students will be learning how to clean their instruments for storage for the summer. Please ensure all instruments, books, music, etc. are at school for class Wednesday.

Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

We have had a great year this year. Thank you for the opportunity to teach your children this year and trusting LCS with their education. I look forward to teaching the grade 7 class again next year in grade 8! May God bless you all this summer and give you a summer where you can enjoy his creation, friends, and family. - Mrs. Vogel

GRADE 8: I consider myself blessed to have been able to teach you over the past year. I have really enjoyed the year and there are so many good memories from the year. God's richest blessings to you all as you look forward to new beginnings and experiences next fall. - Mrs. Vogel

Writing: We are finishing with a lesson looking at a podcast and analyzing the information presented on the podcast.

Guided Reading: Tests will be handed back this week.

W.W.W.: No unit work or test this week.

History: We will finish the movie "Luther" this week and a worksheet about Martin Luther.

Band: Students will be learning how to clean their instruments for storage for the summer. Please ensure all instruments, books, music, etc. are at school for class Tuesday.

Grade 7 & 8 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

To Grade 7/8,

Even though I won't be with you in class this week, please know I'm thinking of you and praying for you as you finish this chapter and prepare to step into the next.

Each of you carries a story that matters. You were made on purpose and for a purpose—created in God's image to reflect Him in the way you live, learn, and love others. Over this year, I've seen glimpses of you stepping into your throughlines: moments of compassion, courage, curiosity, and creativity. Continue to be image-reflectors, even when it's been hard.

As you walk toward graduation, I want to leave you with this blessing:

May you go forward as God-worshippers, grounded in the truth that you are deeply loved and never alone.

May you become Idolatry-discerners, brave enough to notice what pulls your heart away from what matters most.

May you live as Earth-keepers, caring for creation with respect and purpose.

May you rise as Justice-seekers, standing up for others and choosing what is right—even when it's hard.

May you delight as Creation-enjoyers, finding joy in beauty, wonder, and the goodness of the world God made.

May you remember you are Image-reflectors, created to show God's love, mercy, and truth in how you live.

May you keep growing as Order-discoverers, noticing patterns, solving problems, and bringing about peace.

May you serve as Servant-workers, ready to meet needs and make a difference, big or small.

May you lead as Community-builders, offering kindness, creating belonging, and lifting others up.

And may you shine as Beauty-creators, using your gifts to bring hope, healing, and light into the world.

Finish well. You are loved, and I'm so proud of you.

With care and love,

Mrs. O'Boyle

Grade 7 & 8 - Mr. Tenorio:

Math: This week, we will focus on preparing for graduation and practicing for the ceremony. We won't have new math content, but it's a time to celebrate and reflect on the year's learning.

Science: We will review key topics from this year and introduce a few concepts that will help them be ready for next year's science curriculum.

Bible: We will have a final test covering basic biblical knowledge that every Christian should know. This will help reinforce the foundational truths we've studied throughout the year.



4e Niveau: Madame Van Kampen:

→ Plans: * We will conclude this school year with a short unit entitled "Formidable! C'est les vacances d'été!" along with some French games/activities.

5e Niveau: Madame Van Kampen:

→ Plans: * We will conclude this school year with a short unit entitled "Formidable! C'est les vacances d'été!" along with some French games/activities.

6e/7e Niveaux: Madame Van Kampen:

→ Plans: * **pronunciation** focus: **AY sound** as occurs with the spellings **-er, -ez, and é.** * We will tuck in some French games/activities.

7e/8e Niveaux: Madame Van Kampen:

→ Plans: * **Grammar:** we will complete our review of the irregular verbs AVOIR, ETRE, ALLER, FAIRE. * **pronunciation** focus: 1) **AY sound** as occurs with the spelling **É** or **é.** 2) **the silent -ent** (i.e. as with the plural conjugations of verbs).

