

# Weekly Messenger

October 6, 2025

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

## From the Principal's Desk...

*Sweet like sugarcane on a summer day  
Ain't my Jesus better than the words I could ever say  
Promised that the great, the good,  
The bad would come  
'Cause if life is always easy  
Probably doin' something wrong  
He comforts in the sorrow, He's giving in the loss  
He's stored the shame I carried  
And wore it on the  
Provided me a future and manna for today  
Life tried to give me lemons, but my Jesus made me lemonade  
Lemonade  
My Jesus makin' lemonade, lemonade  
I watch my worries wash (away), lemonade  
It's gonna be okay  
Life gave me some lemons but my Jesus, He be makin' lemonade  
'Lemonade' by Forrest Frank and The Figs*

On Friday, the Grade 7/8s led our school in chapel, and they did a great job! One part of their chapel involved leading the school in the song "Lemonade" by Forrest Frank. They had been practicing actions to go along with it, and there were definitely some fun memories made!

This song was written after Frank had an accident in which he broke his back and was then healed much quicker than any doctors had anticipated. Through collaboration with other musicians, the song was written from his bed while he was forced to remain bedridden until healed. In the midst of a difficult situation, he was able to create a catchy song with some powerful lyrics.

The line that is most convicting to me is, "Cause if life is always easy, probably doin' something wrong," followed by, "Life gave me some lemons, but my Jesus, He be makin' lemonade." Listening to the students sing this in the foyer as they practiced, I prayed that these words would make an impact on their lives.

We are promised difficult times. In *John 16:33* it states: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Difficult times are never easy. Being in those dark seasons and choosing to rely on Jesus and the promises He has made for us is a choice. Hearing the Grade 7/8s sing this song just made my heart soar. Maybe when they do face the promised trials, a little tune will come to mind — "He be makin' lemonade..."

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 8 - Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
- 8 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 9 - Cross Country Meet - Drayton
- 10 - Thanksgiving Chapel - **9:15 am**
- 10 - Thanksgiving Lunch  
- see information below
- 13 - Thanksgiving - **NO SCHOOL**
- 15 - Hot Dog Day
- 17 - Spirit Day - Wear One **Colour**
- 17 - Bus Safety Presentation
- 22 - Pizza Day - Dominos
- 29 - Hot Dog Day
- 30 - Edvance Teachers Convention - **NO SCHOOL**
- 31 - Edvance Teachers Convention - **NO SCHOOL**

### November

- 5 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 6 - Picture Retake Day
- 7 - Theme Chapel - *Led by JK/SK-B*
- 10 - Progress Reports go home
- 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- 12 - Hot Dog Day
- 13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (*evening*)
- 14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
- **NO SCHOOL**
- 19 - Volleyball Tournament
- 19 - Pizza Day - Dominos
- 21 - Spirit Day - Multiples Day!!
- 22 - LCS Christmas Craft Market (Bazaar)  
from 10am - 2pm
- 24 - Fall Membership Meeting - 7:30pm



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

*shout outs to...*

Natalie K  
Oct 9

Bronwyn S  
Oct 9

Addison E  
Oct 12

Karissa W  
Oct 12

*Prayer &  
Thanksgiving*

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

- *Prayers of Thanksgiving as we look forward to Thanksgiving weekend. We have much to be thankful for.*

## Thanksgiving Lunch

On **Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** the school body will gather together at noon for lunch. The students are to bring their regular lunch to school and we will gather in the gym together to eat our lunches.

Following lunch, the students will get to enjoy a yummy ice cream sandwich!  
*For those with dairy or gluten allergies, popsicles will be provided.*

If you have any questions, or concerns, please reach out to the office.



## Christmas Musical

Audition sign-up is this week. Check out the various roles.

**Grades 6-8** may audition this year.

**Auditions will be on  
Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

at both recesses in Mrs. Claus' classroom.

Lines are to be memorized for the audition.

# Sports Corner

## Cross Country

This week ALL grades (3-8) will practice TUESDAY at SNACK.

We have our final cross country meet at **Moorefield Park** on **THURSDAY**. All runners can take the bus to and from school. Dress for the weather, pack a lunch, wear your assigned jersey, and bring proper footwear! A concession stand will be available if students would like to purchase items for AFTER their races! :) Please pray for good competition and a beautiful day for our meet! If you would like to cheer on our runners, races begin at 11am!

### Cambridge Meet Results:

**Novice Girls** - Jordyn Los - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Novice Boys** - Josh Jantzi - 8<sup>th</sup> Place

**Junior Girls** - Gracia Thomas - 13<sup>th</sup> Place

**Junior Boys** - Henrik Los - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Senior Boys** - William Los - 7<sup>th</sup> Place

**Novice Girls & Boys** - 4<sup>th</sup> overall

**Senior Boys** - 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

**Listowel Christian School  
5<sup>th</sup> Place Overall**



# Classroom News

## JK/SK - A

### JK/SK-A - Mrs. Baarda

This week as we lead up to Thanksgiving, we will be learning about being thankful. We will make "I'm Thankful for" trees to remember all of the wonderful things God has given us that we can be thankful for. **Friday** morning there will be a Thanksgiving assembly and we will also gather as a school to eat our lunches together.

In **language** we will be focusing on the letter **t** and learn about the sound letter **t** makes, and how we make that sound. We will practice "sky writing" letter **Tt** and find letter **Tt** in our classroom. We will be blending and segmenting short words and will also practice rhyming words.

**JK** will be printing the letter **Tt**.

**SK** will be printing letters **N** and **M**.

In **math** we will be taking a closer look at numbers **four** and **five**. The **SK** students will be printing these numbers in their workbooks. The **JKs** have started their own number books and will be printing, and finding numbers from **1-10**.

In **Bible** we will be reading about Babel and also about God's call to Abraham. Our memory verse for this month is Ephesians 4:3 **"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."**

In **health** we will learn more about the *Zones of Regulation* by looking at each colour zone over the next couple of weeks.

Last week on Friday we spent some extra time outside to enjoy the beautiful weather, we even had a picnic lunch! As the weather begins to change, and we get into more rainy days, please send in splash pants and jackets if it is wet.

**Tuesday is library day**, please remember to send in books from last week.

Have a great week!



## JK/SK - B

### JK/SK-B - Mrs. Heida

A special thank you to Mrs. Streicher, Mrs. Schuurmans and Mrs. Hordyk for assisting us on our Fall Nature Walk. It has been exciting to magnify the pinecones and apples and see the intricate details they have.

**This week we will be talking and exploring pumpkins.** First we will learn how a pumpkin can help us share the Good News of the gospel and then we will explore the length, width and the insides of a pumpkin.

We will label a pumpkin with all the things that we are thankful for. God is so good to us.

In **UFLI**, we will focus on the sound of the letter **Tt**, hear the letter **Tt** story and make a letter **T** tiger. With **Heggerty**, we will rhyme words, listen for beginning and ending sounds, sing the ABC song and count the number of words per sentence.

In **math**, we will review how to print numbers to **5** and use the strategy of moving objects so that we count accurately, giving each item just one number. We will begin a new unit on flat shapes such as a circle, rectangle, triangle and square.

In **Bible** we will wrap up Unit 2 with the story of the Tower of Babel and focus on passages from the Bible that talk about us being thankful and reminding ourselves of what God has done for us. Next week we will begin Unit 3 with the story of Abraham. **Our memory verse for October is "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in the heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." Deuteronomy 5:7-8** This is preparation for our assembly on November 7th, 2025. We will be doing actions with the verse. Have your child show you.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, SK will learn about frog jump letter **B** and **R**. JKs will focus on printing upper case **T**. The whole class is working on printing their name using lowercase letters.

In **Health**, we are learning about *Zones of Regulation*. Last week we explored the **Blue** Zone meaning you are feeling blue, sad, tired, and lack energy. This week we will practice some strategies to use to get out of the **blue** zone and back into the **Green** Zone. We will take a deeper dive into the **Yellow** Zone so that we have a better understanding of that zone.

On Friday, we will enjoy a **Thanksgiving Assembly at 9:15am**, then at lunch time we will all eat in the gym with our Reading Buddies. This is a time to be thankful and to enjoy conversation and community as a school. Your child will eat his/her own lunch and there is a surprise dessert.

Recently, I sent home **Scholastic order** forms. If you wish to order a book or books off the order form, remember to use our class code **RC208157** so that we receive some credits to purchase new books for our classroom. All orders are due by **Friday October 10, 2025**.

On **Friday October 17th, 2025**, we are having another Spirit Day. This time students and staff are asked to dress in all one colour. With Spirit Days, try your best to use what you have at home. Please do not feel like you have to purchase anything.

**There is NO SCHOOL on MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2025**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

I am thankful for an opportunity to get to know your child. Thank you for sharing them with me.

Have a great week!



# Classroom News

## Grade 1

### Grade 1 - Ms. den Hartog:

**Bible:** This week we will continue our unit on Abraham, looking next at the story of Hagar and Ishmael.

**Math:** In math this week we will start our patterning unit. We will be focusing on finding the core of patterns and deciding what comes next.

**Language:** In language this week we will be working with the *short i* sound.

**Spelling words:** *fit, him, dip, pig, kid, win.*

Practice writing these words with your child. We work on them throughout the week, but it is very beneficial for your child to practice at home as well.

**Heart words:** *to, do, of, see*

**Science:** We will continue our unit on Daily and Seasonal Changes. This week we will look at day and night cycles and daily and seasonal changes.

**Show and Tell:** For the month of October please bring *something you are thankful for or something that reminds you of fall.*

**Friday Oct 10: Violet, Norah, Ally, Bella**

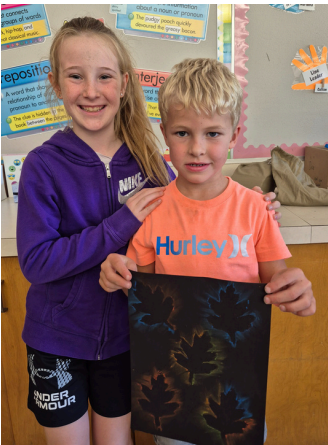
**French:** We started French last week with learning how to say "hello, my name is". This week we will continue with greetings and learn how to say "goodbye".

**Health:** In health we are learning about regulating our bodies. We are learning to notice when our bodies are hungry, cold, or maybe need to move. We are learning the word "regulation".

**Wednesday:** Library

**Friday:** Spelling test

Have a great week!



## Grade 2

### Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers & Mrs. O'Boyle:

*It would be super helpful if you could have your child practice opening their thermoses and snacks wrappers at home. There are many of them and only one of me. Some days kids are having to wait a long time to eat their cheese string or their lunch. Thanks so much! - Mrs. Kuipers*

**TUESDAY- Library** - Return all books in the Ziploc bags that they went home in.

**Friday-** Grade 2 will be helping lead the Thanksgiving assembly on Friday at 9:15.

**Spelling** - Don't forget to use the practice sheets coming home in your child's Kidmail to review these concepts throughout the week.

**VCe Review 3 exceptions; Making words plural with -es**

*have, come, done, give, ashes, inches, classes, dishes,*

**Heart Words**

*once, two, does, what (review)*

**Math** - We are finishing up our unit on nonstandard measurement this week. In **number sense** - numbers to ten we will conclude our unit. We will have a unit test on **Wednesday**. An optional review has been sent home.

**Penmanship** - This week, we will continue to work on lowercase letters. When students are writing at home please encourage them to think about whether letters are small, tall, or descending letters and to place their printing on the lines accordingly.

**Bible** - This week in Bible we will begin a new unit, Old Testament Review, where we will look at how God's mighty acts are illustrated in the story of his people from creation through King Solomon.

**Memory Work** - "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3 **Due: Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Studies** - This week in social studies, we will be talking about traditions in Canada. This past week we talked about how the passing down of recipes from generation to generation can be a tradition. We also talked about how recipes can be a reflection of our culture. A sheet will be sent home in Kidmail this week which encourages students to write down a recipe that has been passed down in their family for generations ex. Grandma/Grandpa made it, now Mom/Dad make it etc., or a recipe that represents their culture. Ex. Pierogies to show my Ukrainian heritage. We will compile the recipes into a class book that will be sent home with everyone in the weeks that follow.

**Health** - We will continue to work on regulation strategies and building our zones of regulation toolbox.

**Art** - This week we will continue to review the element of line as we finish up our Thanksgiving turkeys.



# Classroom News

## Grade 3

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

We are blessed! This weather has been phenomenal! Please send a sweater with your child, though, as our classroom is often very cold.

**Bible:** Oops! I mistakenly said we were learning about creation in our new unit and in fact, we are learning about the actual Bible and its structure.

**Math:** We are learning about patterns in numbers.

**Language:** We are reviewing the VCe rule. (*vowel consonant -e*)

**Science:** We will be researching a structure and reviewing for our test next **Tuesday**.

**Health:** We are still focusing on Oral Health.



## Grade 4

### Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman:

**Library/Hot Lunch** - Remember to bring in your library books for **WEDNESDAYS!** This week is **pizza** hot lunch.

**Memory Work** - This year we will be doing a memory work every month. For our next memory work, we will do the second verse from our theme - Ephesians 3:17 - *"...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love..."* We will be practicing actions to help us remember, but students should be able to recite their memory work to the teacher by **October 29th**.

**IKnowIt** - "Subtracting 3-Digit Numbers" due **FRIDAY**. To access the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://iknowit.com) and log in. The class code AND password are lcs12345, and their username is their first and last name (no capitals, no spaces). Please note that if students get below 50%, the assignment will reset and appear on their homepage again.

**Spelling Dictation** - Dictation for the list of words below will be **Friday!** Below are the team names and their list of words. Students are encouraged to study ALL the words, but only 10 will be chosen for dictation.

- **Shooting Spellers** - Logan, Haven, Eli, Jordyn, Theo, Joshua
  - long o (oe, o\_e, oa, ow)
  - froze, coach, show, toe, slow, globe, shoe, blow, grow, whose, snow, roast, doe, throw, hoe, foe, close, oat, mow, know, wrote, roam, loaf
- **Sporty Spellers** - Octavia, Ronella, Jesse, Kyle, Colton, Alex, Carina
  - r-influence "o" (or / ore)
  - morning, before, order, record, shorter, perform, forest, sorry, fourteen, horrid, corner, ashore, forty, report, northern, explore, border, stormy, orbit, chorus, ignore, adore, florist, inform
- **Green Spelling Masterminds** - Debbie, Amy, Maja, Liam, Zachary
  - adding -ion (drop e from -te, change to -tion OR drop -de, change to -sion)
  - operate, operation, explode, explosion, create, erosion, invade, conclusion, decorate, expand, creation, comprehend, allude, illustration, erode, decoration, invasion, imitation, conclude, comprehension, illustrate, imitate, expansion, allusion

# Classroom News

## Grade 5

### Grade 5 - Mrs. Neil:

**Bible:** We are continuing our study on covenants between God and His people.

**Science:** We are continuing to work through a science unit on matter, and enjoying the hands on learning that comes with performing science experiments.

**Health:** We will be working through "*The Young Peace Maker*."

**Math:** We are finishing up our unit on Adding and Subtracting Whole Numbers this week, and will have a unit test on **Wednesday**. We are also spending a few minutes at the start of each math period working on mental math strategies for adding.

**Art:** In art we are continuing to learn about the element of design of lines.

**Gym:** This week we will have some fun playing mat ball and soccer baseball.

**Library:** We will have a library period each **Tuesday**.

**Language Arts:** We are working on writing proper sentences, with a focus on run-on sentences. We are also reviewing nouns and verbs, and practicing our short and long vowel sounds.

### Grade 5 - Mrs. Vogel:

Students brought their spelling test home on Friday. They should have it signed and brought back to school. They will have a test on their next unit this **Friday**.

## Grade 6 & 7

### Grade 6 & 7 - Mr. VanDerWal:

<b>Math</b>	Students completed their MAP test for math last week. We will be continuing with our new units this week.
<b>Language</b>	In Language this week we will be starting our first novel study on "I am David". We will also have a spelling test on <b>Friday</b> .
<b>Science</b>	This week in Science we will focus on invasive species and protecting our environment.
<b>Bible</b>	The students did very well on their memory work quiz. We will continue to work through the Israelites journey and specifically their trust in God.
<b>Phys. Ed</b>	In Phys. Ed this week we will be starting our new unit on volleyball.

### Grade 6 & 7 - Mrs. Vogel:

**Geography** - Quiz on Landforms on Wednesday: 2nd half.

**Band** - Instruments are coming home! Please encourage your child to practice, to explore the instrument and its capabilities, and recognize that while the beginning sounds may be hard to listen to at times, it is all part of the learning process. Also, please do not try to fix the instrument yourself if something happens. Quite often it is a quick fix I'm able to do with my instrument repair kit and knowledge. More information to come. Band is on **Monday and Thursday**, students need to bring their instruments to school on those days.

# Classroom News



## FRENCH



Du bureau de Madame Van Kampen

### 4e Niveau:

This week we will continue our mini-unit which reviews [and maybe introduces] **Les Numéros** [= the numbers] 0 à 60 -- again, orally and in word/printed form. *Students are encouraged to practice counting – items in the home and outdoors – to improve number fluency and memorization!*

### 5e Niveau:

We will continue with our new unit **“La Maison / Chez Moi”** which deals with the house, one's home, living spaces, and furniture. This week, each student will be generating a personal set of vocabulary cards – each with a corresponding black-line image. Students are expected to learn the vocabulary (N.B. students with IEPs will have a reduced list) with a view to complete an assessment in the near future.

### 6e/7e/8e Niveaux:

This week we will conclude our examination of the short reading passage “L' Automne”. This will include review of some pronunciation patterns and answering comprehension questions as we break down and translate the components and use words within the question to provide full sentence answers.

We will begin a new unit **“La Maison / Chez Moi”** which deals with the house, one's home, living spaces, and furniture. Subsequently, we will be working with a fairly extensive vocabulary list, the conjugation of applicable verbs, and being capable of describing one's own house/home [in written and graphic forms as applicable] and/or where particular activities occur within the home.



**Merci to parents for having signed and returned your child(ren)'s assessment(s)!**



## Grade 7 & 8

### Grade 7 & 8 – Mrs. Vogel:

**Writing** - We are working on a cross curricular unit with geography.

**Guided Reading** - Test was postponed to this week **Thursday**. If students are away for cross country they will write the quiz on Friday.

**Spelling** - Quiz on **Friday**.

**Geography** - We continue to work on our Land Reclamation Articles. The details and due dates are on google classroom.

**Band** - Instruments are coming home! Please encourage your child to practice, to explore the instrument and its capabilities, and recognize that while the beginning sounds may be hard to listen to at times, it is all part of the learning process. Also, please do not try to fix the instrument yourself if something happens. Quite often it is a quick fix I'm able to do with my instrument repair kit and knowledge. More information to come. Band is on **Monday and Thursday**, students need to bring their instruments to school on those days.

**Health** - We will work on Lesson 4 this week. The lesson and the lesson test are due on **Monday**. These lessons are on [everfi.net](http://everfi.net) and students can sign in using google and use their school google account to access this work outside of school hours.

**Bible** - We are continuing in our unit on the introduction to the New Testament.

**Art** - We started learning about body proportions and how to draw people in movement. We will continue with this project for 2 weeks.

### Grade 7 & 8 Math – Mrs. Neil:

We will continue with our unit on Ratios, Rates and Percents, and will have a short quiz on **Wednesday**. We will also continue to spend a few minutes each class on our multiplication facts, and putting those to memory.

### Grade 7 & 8 Science– Mr. VanDerWal:

In Science this week we will be looking at the results from our plant transpiration experiment and study the flow of materials in a cell.



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# Photos

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**JK/SK-B**



**Nature Walk**



**Cross Country  
Cambridge**

