

Today you will receive your child's report card. As always, some children will be coming home a little nervous; wondering what their teacher wrote about them, wondering what their marks will be, and wondering how their parents will react. Some will be excited; excited to show their progress and eager to hear what their teacher wrote about them. This is all natural. As significant as the reporting process is, we remember that these reports are indications of the educational journey of your child. The journey is not over. For many it is just beginning. These reports are mile markers and signposts that encourage them along their journey, maybe redirect them, but we also recognize that the journey has many unique paths and paces. Each child is uniquely created in God's image and their report should recognize them accordingly.

I hope you take some time to review your child's report with them one-on-one. Ask them how they feel about it. Ask them what they celebrate about it. Ask them where they could improve. Then let them know what you celebrate and see as areas of growth. Set some goals with them and renew the journey.

On another note, I also want to say thank you to everyone who had a part in organizing the Bazaar. What a lot of effort, planning, and organization! I know there was a smaller group of planners and a small army of volunteers, so we thank each of you. For those of us who just showed up, we enjoyed the atmosphere, the variety, and all the people. We were even able to enjoy the sunshine and "warm" weather. It was a good day. Thanks again for all your work.

November Events

29 - First Term Report Cards go home

Birthday Corner

December 1
Daniel V

December 3
Logan S

December Events

2 - Grade 8 Day @ Woodland
2 - Grade 7-8 fundraising deliveries
2-3 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
6 - Fall Membership Meeting
17 - Last day of school before Christmas Holidays

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we will transition into our Christmas theme. On Thursday we will do an experiment using candy canes! Our focus letter will be letter Ii, and we will practice finding upper and lowercase letter I and practice the sound letter Ii makes. In our workbooks we will begin printing letters, starting with letter L.

In **math**, we begin a new unit on patterns. We will look around us to see that patterns are everywhere. Our new focus number for December is 4, our focus colour is green, and our focus shape is the triangle.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the songs and Psalms of David. We will then begin a Christmas unit. We will be singing "Away in a Manger" this month. We also have a new **memory verse**: "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11.

Parent Teacher Interviews: I am looking forward to meeting with each of you via Zoom on Thursday to chat about and celebrate your child and the progress that has been made so far this year. I will send out an email with the Zoom meeting invitation today. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding interviews.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Our Pizza Day was so yummy and just the way SK liked it, pepperoni and cheese!

This week we will wrap up our Pete the Cat unit by baking cupcakes on Tuesday and reading Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcake. I hope our cupcakes don't go missing!?!?

Our **letter of the week** will be Hh. We will be sorting picture cards by the number of syllables in the word. We practice rhyming with words that end with "ot". Our sight word is "go". In **Handwriting Without Tears** we are practicing straight line letters that begin in the top left hand corner such as H, K, L, U, V and W.

In **math**, we are working on patterning and identifying the patterns using the letters of the alphabet.

In **Bible**, we are practicing our Christmas program poem and memory work. We are learning about Zechariah and Elizabeth and the birth of John. We will hear about the angel visit to Mary and Joseph.

Please send splash pants or snow pants everyday. Our playground is very muddy and wet.

A **December calendar** has been sent home electronically. Paper copies will be in your child's envelope on Monday.

I am looking forward to chatting with each of you during parent/teacher conferences.

Here is the link: Marlene Heida is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85418966462?pwd=c1M5WWZaN29mb0pLcFc4RElnUjJsUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 1896 6462

Passcode: MRJG6g

Any questions please let me know.

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

(Library Day is tomorrow!!)

I'm looking forward to our time spent in conferences this week.

Parent/teacher conferences are one more way for me to partner with parents. To optimize time spent together please:

-ask your child if there is anything they would like to share or ask on their behalf.

-share a bit about your child's interests, hobbies, and how they feel about school.

-ask me about your child's social interactions at school, their work habits, their behaviour, and their learning style.

-be open to hear about concerns I may have. It is better to address these concerns as a team and work together to help your child be successful.

-be sure to share with your child what we discussed together (at your discretion).

I will host all conferences in my **zoom room meeting ID is 614 181 4490, passcode: 3UCx9U**. Prior to your conference, please ensure that your device, including audio and video will work on Zoom. You will be placed in the "waiting room" prior to your interview. Please use your proper name when signing in; this will ensure that I recognize your name.

Bible: We are working hard to learn the actions of our Advent calendar contribution. We plan to record today, and if needed, tomorrow. The energy and joy displayed are heart-warming. In our lessons, we are working on putting the words of Malachi 3:1 in my hearts and minds. Our Seek and Find Advent devotions are the focus for the remainder of time until Christmas break, as well as the amazing story of the birth of Jesus.

Language Arts - Spelling words for testing this Thursday December 2.

School News

Pizza Days

Wed. December 1

Wed. Dec 15

Fall Membership Meeting

We trust you have all received your membership meeting materials and had time to read through them. The meeting is set for Monday December 6 starting at 7:00p.m.

Student Leadership

Team Event for November is a Remembrance Day colouring contest. Teachers have the colouring pages for their grade. Please have all entries hanging underneath your team name by November 30th, 2021.

December Gift Cards!

FundScrip and Oranje Grove Gift Card orders are due December 6th!

Battle of the Books

Students can continue to return their books to Mrs. Delleman when they are done and get new ones out! Our goal is to finish all 8 books before Christmas!

School Theme:

"Jesus - Anchor for the Soul."

Hebrews 6:19a

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Orange (pl, bl, sl)	Blue (-un, -ut, -ug)	Green (-at, -an)	Red
plug plum plus plop plan blob blog slop sled slid	run nut bug mug jug tug hut bun sun cut	cat pat hat rat sat bat can fan van pan	Focus on consonant sounds (beginning and end). Try to hear and write the beginning and ending sound in the green word list.

Book clubs (literature circles) have begun! New routines are being learned and appreciated. Pray that we will work with cooperation and good focus.

Writing - Last week we wrote some how-to books together, including how to make a pizza, how to lick a lollipop and how to make popcorn. Students are planning their individual pieces! The students are deciding on topics, spelling, making decisions about words, organizing their ideas, illustrating, using punctuation, and printing neatly. This is a lot of work, but it is worth it when we get to share our writing with the class!

Creation Studies - This week we focus on building a town to further our investigation of cardinal directions; rights and responsibilities; needs and wants; rural, urban, and suburban. We will also use decision making skills to name our town and determine who is making what.

Grade One Math - We discover how to count one more, one fewer, use a chart to count to 20 and introduce tens and ones blocks.

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

We have had a great time measuring this last week. This week we are moving on to learning more about shapes, being able to identify, describe, compare, and manipulate geometric 2-D shapes. It will be a good time to review some familiar shapes and explore some new ones.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Information will be sent out later this week.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

IKnowIt - "Multiplication Facts Drill (0-10)" - due NEXT FRIDAY.

Spelling - Below are the spelling teams and their words. Each team will need to study all these words in preparation for THURSDAY where 10 words from their list will be chosen for their dictation.

Word Wizards - jar, hard, hoarse, stir, poor, chore, boar, snore, sir, serve, yarn, worst, core, earn, bore, spur, fort, pour, pearl, horse, march, lurk, score, thorn

Spelling Squad - alone, sofa, compose, lower, approach, frozen, bowling, pony, suppose, owner, remote, loafer, soapy, erode, coaster, explode, lonely, decode, lonesome, awoke, Europe, robot

Super Spellers - sled, blouse, sleeve, blanket, slipper, sleep, plug, slide, plum, blade, blindfold, plate, block, pliers, plane

All spelling lists can be found on Spelling City, with games available to review words. Go to spellingcity.com/tdelleman to find links to all the spelling list words and activities.

Memory Work - Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - due December 17.

PT Conferences - For parent-teacher conferences on Thursday and Friday, please join my Zoom room at your scheduled time through the link I will send out by email on Wednesday.

Music - Mrs. Wright

A big thank you to the students who sang at the bazaar. We appreciate the gift of music you shared with us!

Tomorrow: What to wear for Advent Calendar Videos for music class. Please do not go and buy anything new.

Grades 2 and 3: any combination of blue, green or white as we take the video of our advent calendar performance.

Grades 4 and 5: any combination of black, silver, gold, white or grey

Grades 5 and 6: any combination of red, black and white

Grades 7 and 8: black top and blue jeans

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

After a full weekend, we give thanks for the upcoming new month of December. With all it's business, may we find the time to pause, notice the peace of the season, reflect on the year that was, and be mindful as we look forward to what He has in store for us. I look forward to talking with our Grade 5/6 community later in the week! In **Bible**, we continue to welcome the different ways the students show Random Acts of Kindness in and around our school community. I hope some of the talk from the Bazaar could have been centered around different acts of kindness. Upcoming, the students will be using these to write a final reflection on our unit. These will compare some of the things that Jesus expressed to us in His actions, and the feeling of giving, sharing and reaching out to others in need, from small to large. The unit ending test will be scheduled before the Christmas Break.

In **math**, our ongoing exploration of terms, constructions, and creation of angles relating to rudimentary Geometric shapes and measurements will be put to use in our Science Unit. The students will apply their angle constructions and use these concepts as their plan and design their flying machine. This will correspond with their daily math practice of geometry and the application of these ideas in our day to day lives.

In **science**, the students were paired up and worked to investigate historical flying machines. Now they will use these pairs to help one another create their unit ending Flying machine. I hear that these typically were kites in the past. However, other contraptions could be created, including gliders, hot air balloons, rockets, etc. I look forward to further discussing these possibilities with the students in order for them to share their understandings on the properties of flight, air, and how their creations can compare with natural fliers that we see while observing the wonders of God's creation. These will be worked on and flown before the Christmas vacation.

In **reading**, we have wrapped up our Novel Study on "The Mystery of Cranberry Farm," with the students sharing all of their hard work relating to the novel. These came in the form of children's stories, sculptures, dioramas, trading cards, brochures, etc... What tremendous creativity we have in Grade 5/6.

Now we begin our next novel, The Magician's Nephew! (Timing is always interesting in a first year, but hopefully the students can read a few chapters over the Christmas break.) We will work within reading groups, explore the worlds of C.S Lewis, discover characters, play with language, and have fun! I look forward to the possibilities.

In **spelling**, we are rejigging the groups. Bare with the shuffle, new lists will come next week.

In **personal, social and physical education** the students have performed their first Beep Test. Ask them of their results.

Last week got away from us with the V-ball tourney, and the Bazaar. This week **memory work**: Luke 19:7-10 on Thursday December 2.

Grade 5 and 6 French– Ms. Van Kampen

An email will be sent home with this week's information.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

An email will be sent home with this week's information.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Fundraising: This Thursday you need to pick up your flowers and pastries. Everything should be organized for you by 3:00. We will try to have everything in the small gym and lobby so we can access the parking lot easier. Please ensure you arrange for pick up as we have no place to store your orders.

Grade 8 Day at Woodland: Thursday the Grade 8s will go to Woodland for the day. If any parent wishes to join them and drive a few studnets, let me know. They will leave once they arrive off their own bus and return in time for their afternoon bus.

Math: We will finish up our unit on fractions this week for both grades. Worksheets are due Tuesday, reviews are due Wednesday, and Wednesday will be the unit test.

Science: We are introducing the idea of investigating and designing efficiencies to lessen the work required to accomplish a task. Experiments and testing to follow!