

October 31, 2022

Last Thursday and Friday was our annual Christian Teacher's Conference. Given that this was the first post-COVID annual gathering at Redeemer University again and the growth of many Christian schools this year, Edvance had to limit the attendees. LCS was in that limited group, so we participated virtually again at our school for the Thursday sessions.

A highlight for me is always the devotions. Thursday morning, we were blessed to be led by a wonderful worship band (sorry, I forget their name). It is always amazing to be a part of voices from around the province and around the world praising God. At times, I didn't sing myself but listened to the amazing voices from within our own staff. There is something about that setting that is beautiful, meaningful, and powerful.

On Thursday, we were led through three keynote sessions on the concept of flourishing. They, Lynn Swaner and Andy Wolfe, talked about what it would look like to have students who flourish, teachers who flourish, and school communities who flourish. Unfortunately, many of our day-to-day interactions are about "where is the chart paper?", or "is it going to be another indoor recess?", but rarely do we take time to reflect on what flourishing even looks like. These days are great for reflecting on the bigger questions.

There was also some time on Thursday to meet with our grade level colleagues and then time on Friday to meet in groups to discuss specific topics. Overall, the conference days had good variety, words of encouragement, challenges to strive for flourishing, and times of rest.

We would like to thank Joanne DeVries, Karen Stolte, Helen Greydanus, and Janet Boelens for supplying our staff with goodies and lunch on Thursday. What a treat!

I hope you enjoyed your children at home last Thursday and Friday as well.

November Events

7-1pm Grade 7/8 Woodland Visit
8 - Volleyball clinic at Woodland
18- PA Day, No School
21- Fall Membership Meeting
23- Volleyball Tournament
26- LCS Annual Christmas Bazaar
28- First Term Report Cards go home

Birthday Corner

Nov 1
Melanie D

Nov 2
Jerry G

Nov 3
Jaxson T

Nov 4
Gabriel H

December Events

1- Grade 8 Day at Woodland
1- Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening) No School
2- Parent-Teacher Conferences continued, No School
20- LCS Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm
22- Last Day before Christmas



Christmas Bazaar News: Saturday November 26th, 10am-1pm



The fundraising committee is looking for the following donations:

- surprise jars
- craft items: knitting, crocheting, wooden signs etc
- baking (dropped of the day before the bazaar)
- new or gently used toys

All donations can be dropped off at the school office, thank-you!

Volunteer Sign up link: <https://signup.com/go/LvpzOfy>

Donation Sign up link: <http://signup.com/go/ggmRDRw>

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

As November begins, JK will start a new theme on **transportation**. This week we will be doing a sort to decide which vehicles travel by land, by air, and by water. For our art project we will be using shapes to make a vehicle.

Our focus letter this week is letter **Ee**. We will be learning to recognize upper and lowercase E and learning the sound letter E makes by doing some fun activities.

In **math**, we will be counting down from 10 and beginning to print numbers 1-5.

In **Bible**, we will read about Joseph and his coat and what happened to him when he was in Egypt. We will also begin a new unit and learn about Miriam and baby Moses.

In **health**, we will look at two more feelings: afraid and sad.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

I hope that you all had a great few days off. This week we will continue to focus on the letter **Cc**, rhyming words, and listening activities. Students will be introduced to Pete the Cat and his coloured shoes and we will focus on the sequence of how Pete's shoes changed from one colour to another.

In **math**, we will explore using the concept of more, less, and the same using shapes.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Jacob and Esau and the conflict of the birthright.

November calendars have been sent electronically and if you have requested a paper copy, it will be in your envelope.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Welcome back to a full week of learning. It was an inspiring teachers' convention; I was reminded again why I chose to teach in Christian education. I valued both the learning and connections with staff. I hope you enjoyed the days with your family.

Bible: New memory words are the words of God to Abram in Genesis 12:2. This is God's covenant (a super promise from God): "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." We continue studying the promises of God made to Abraham.

In **math**, students will determine how many more and how many fewer by pairing objects up and counting the extras. Students will also understand how much more or fewer one number is than another.

Language Arts - Phonics focus: words, books, games to practice our learnings on the short vowels. We will read in small groups rotating with Mrs. Dykstra to practice using all the skills. Our lessons on blends begin next week (2 letters together that make 2 sounds). We also practice our phonemic awareness daily. While phonics is visual, phonemic awareness is auditory. Both are effective tools for helping children understand the symbols and sounds that create our alphabet and the words those letters build.

Heart words: one, has

Spelling words for dictation on Friday, November 11: (l-blends) flag, slim, plan, sled, slam, plum, flop, flat, club, glad, plug, clap

Chapter book read aloud: We begin a new series - Mercy Watson. This hilarious series introduces a new hero for early chapter book readers. Mercy isn't just a pig, she's a porcine (por-seen) wonder! Our writing tasks, comprehension, and vocabulary activities all connect with these books.

Handwriting: We are on high alert for letter and number reversals! Can we spot our own mistakes and turn our letters and numbers the correct direction without reminders from Officer Dykstra? We will also continue learning to form lowercase letters.

Creation Studies: Show what you know about our mapping unit along with a few more play sessions in our Grade One Town.

Health: God gives us good food; our mini-unit allows us to ask questions about food proportions, hunger, thirst, and Canada's Food Guide.

Mrs. Grundlingh

Math skills: This week we will be focusing on ordinal numbers.

Handwriting: This week we review writing capitals and numbers. **Writing:** We continue to work on our writing folders and finish our sequential writing pieces this week. **Spelling:** Our spelling words for the week: add, ask, came, name, ride, bone, save, kite, cute, mine. Please remember to practice your sight words at home and let me know how you are doing.

Phonics: This week we continue working with some more initial blends and syllables.

Reading: In reading this week, we are reading and discussing the book "Preston's Positive Thoughts by Jenelle French". We will be discussing why positive thoughts are important and how it affects us. I will also continue doing running records with the children in my class.

Library: Please remember to send your child's library books back.

Announcements

November Pizza Days

Wednesday 2nd: New Orleans
& Wednesday 16th: Dominos

Gr 7/8 Almond & Poinsettia Fundraiser

Students in grade 6 & 7 are starting to fundraise for their Ottawa trip. If you would like to order pastries or poinsettias, please speak with one of the students or send the office an email at
office@listowelchristianschool.ca

Croquette & Soup Fundraiser

This year we are once again doing our croquette fundraiser with *Oranje Grove* and trying something new a soup fundraiser with *Mitchell's Soup Company*. Both orders are due by Friday November 11th.

For more information, please contact Tanya at

ltslotegraaf@gmail.com

Or visit

<https://bit.ly/ListowelOnlineOrderForm>

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Here we come November! Looking forward to seeing all the grade twos this week! We will be tested on our memory work and start a new unit on the Old Testament in **Bible**. In **creation studies**, we will continue to learn and share about our families and our communities. In **French**, we will continue to learn basic greetings and begin our first play. In **gym** class, we will continue to work on basketball and some cooperative games. Finally, in **art** we will have a special guest helping us make something for our Bazaar. See you Thursday!

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

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

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - Our new memory work is Hebrews 11:1, 2 - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for." - due Friday.

Spelling - We will be working on different spelling teams this year. Below are the team names and their spelling lists:

Team Word Power - cheese, shed, hose, cart, ham, sheep, chain, shave, chop, house, chest, shower, chimney, cherry, hat

Spelling Stars - cube, food, fruit, crust, bloom, smooth, suit, from, dude, skunk, broom, mood, bump, juice, trust, build, moon, flute, spoon, tooth

Spelling Champions - human, seven, reason, river, pilot, visit, meeting, wagon, planet, lemon, eager, peanut, finish, student, limit, leader, lazy, present, easy, second, music, sneaker, humor, minute

Friday we will have a dictation where 10 words from each lists will be chosen. If you go to spellingcity.com/tdelleman, students will be able to access their lists and play games online using their words.

IKnowIt - Students will need to complete the assignment, "Length Conversions" by Friday. Their username is their first and last name , and lcs12345 is the class code and password.

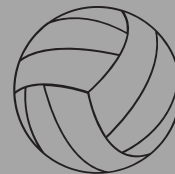
Grade 4/5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

This week, I will be undertaking **one-on-one oral French assessments** with **Grade 4 and 5** students. Last week, I sent home a purple sheet with the vocabulary from our current unit on "The Calendar" for purposes of review and study at home. While each assessment occurs, the balance of the class will have worksheets to complete [independently and quietly] that deal with the season of l'automne (autumn) and le Jour de Souvenir (Remembrance Day). Everyone's patience with this process is appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Volleyball!

The girls practice Monday after school and the boys Tuesday after school and Thursday lunch.



Volleyball Drivers

Next Tuesday November 8, Woodland Christian High School is hosting a volleyball clinic. We are looking for drivers to transport students to Woodland. If you can help, please let your coaches know (Mrs. Claus, Mr. Boelens). Also think about November 23, we also need drivers for our tournaments.

Battle of the Books

Keep on reading!!! Save the Date - April 13th is our tournament! Any questions, please email t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca OR j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Hello,

After a great few days of teacher's convening, it's time to implement what was gleaned. Phew, let's get to work!

The assembly is on Tuesday, and the students have put together a great skit showing the strength, and tremendous faith and truth of Daniel. Make sure to attend if you can, it should be fun! The students will be creating a booklet of their new understandings from the book of Daniel and sharing a unique point of view from one of the bystanders to such incredible Biblical events.

There were a number of pages assigned over the weekend from their JUMP maths work books. This was for them to practise time management, and autonomy, while also pushing them with their maths work. Grade 5 will move forward with Number Sense and Grade 6 with Data management. Tests for these units will be upcoming.

In Reading the students were assigned a Google Form quiz on Friday. Some were able to access these, others did not. However, they spent some time with that today. As we near the end of this novel, these quizzes will create the backdrop to a final culminating activity. It will provide the students the opportunity to show what they learned from this story, the Biblical connections, while also reflecting on the character, setting and plot developments.

We will be wrapping up this lengthy unit on Biodiversity. This will come after our A.P.E presentations. The Hannah Property will provide the setting for a role play town hall, and the students will use what they have learned to decide what should happen to this property.

It's November 1st tomorrow! This means pay day, rent day, and auction day! The classroom auction house is in search of some unique items to spur the students on. Reach out if you wish to help out!

Memory Work: *[For] this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. —2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

Grade 7-8

Woodland Presentation: Next week Monday afternoon, a few representatives from Woodland Christian High School will speak to the Grade 7-8 class about high school in general and then Woodland more specifically. It is good for students in both grades to be thinking and preparing themselves for school after LCS.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

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

Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

This week we will continue with our look at **Environmental Strategies: Recycling**. As our unit on Interactions in the Environment draws to a close, students will be assigned a **concluding group project** on composting and recycling; this will entail an oral presentation with a slide show due Thursday, November 10th.

Grade 7/8 Math – Mr. Boelens

We are nearing the end of our unit on ratios. Daily homework will be assigned. Our unit test should be early next week (likely Wednesday).