

Weekly Messenger

March 20, 2023

This week we have our annual Spring auction. I remember my first LCS auction. The gym was packed with goods and buyers (aka LCS Supporters). There was food and there were people. It was loud, it was busy, and it was long. I remember not leaving until just shy of midnight. It was good!

This year we will experience another variety of our auction. For the last few years, we experimented with the online auction format. For many of us, we acknowledged that it was a successful way to run an auction and it was fun to bid against each other. However, we also recognized that it missed a component of the experience – interpersonal community. This year, we are experimenting again and running a combined event. There will be an online auction for those who chose to participate that way and enjoy the event from a distance. I enjoy that too. There will also be a gala dinner and a live auction for those who chose to participate in person. I enjoy this too.

I want to thank the Auction Committee for their work and creativity to provide something for everyone. Change is risky, but I applaud them for sorting through feedback and arriving at a compromise. I am also thankful for their time and efforts to build this event as a fundraiser and a fun-raiser – raising money and building community.

I look forward to this Thursday when the online auction begins. I have my eyes on a few things so please don't bid against me :)! I also look forward to the gala dinner and sharing food, fun, and festivities with others. Like the auction years ago, I expect this will also be good – very good.

March Events

20- Second Term Report Cards
21- Wear crazy socks for World Down Syndrome Day
23- Basketball Tournament
23-25 Online LCS Spring Auction
24- Spring Auction Gala Dinner



March 22
Weston V

March 24
Monique K

April Events

7-Good Friday~ No School
10-Easter Monday~ No School
24- Spring Membership Meeting
28-Kindergarten Registration
9:30-11:30am

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable week off. I am hopeful we can now have some uninterrupted weeks of school!

We are exploring nursery rhymes for the next couple of weeks. This week we will make a Hickory Dickory Dock Clock and some not so Itsy Bitsy spiders!

Our **focus letter** this week is S. We will learn the Jolly phonics song for s and practice recognizing the letter s through some hands-on activities.

In our **workbook**, we are going to print letter A and practice diagonal lines by tracing triangles and diamonds.

In **math**, we are continuing our unit on numbers and will also learn about ordinal numbers.

In **Bible**, we will read some parables; The Sower, and The Wise and Foolish Builders.

In **health**, we will continue to learn about our senses. This week we will talk about our sense of sight.

Tuesday is **Library day**, please remember to send in any outstanding books so students can bring home their new choices.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

Welcome back from March Break! I hope everyone enjoyed the change in routine. I am thankful to be back into routine and look forward to seeing my students.

This week we will focus on letters **Yy** and **Zz**, we will match uppercase and lowercase letters, and blend sounds to read words. The words we are working on this week are sat, map, tap and our heart words are like, see, the, and a. This week we will read the books One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish and Horton Hears A Who. We will guess how many fish are in the jar and discuss good characteristics to have, just like Horton.

In **math**, we will begin learning about addition by becoming familiar with the terms add, plus, more, and equals. We will learn what numbers make up 3,4, and 5.

In **Bible**, we begin with The Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and learn what it means to prepare for the Passover by becoming a servant like Jesus did for His disciples. Our **memory work** is “ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

In **health**, we will complete a science experiment with apples and learn to eat a rainbow of food.

Next week, we will finish our unit by making a healthy eating collage as a class. Report cards have been sent home. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions about the report card. My email is m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca
Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Welcome back! I hope and pray you had a wonderful break with family and friends.

Our new **devotions** for Lent and Easter began today. Ask your child where the mystery eggs were hidden and what was inside each egg. We will draw a small picture of each item found in the eggs to connect with the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Bible: God knew his people needed a place to worship him, so he gave Moses plans to build a tabernacle. It was built and dedicated to God. Because of Jesus’ death for our sins, we too can go into church and worship him. Our week is focused on the tabernacle. For memory words, we review Exodus 15:2 and show what we know.

Reading: We continue learning about vowel teams with a focus on the sounds of long a.

Spelling words: brain, chain, grain, mail, snail, hair, chair, train, hail, rain, jail, trail

Word study: Our heart words any and many. We will play a new favourite game called Wordo as a means of reviewing our heart words.

Reading and Writing: We are covering a media literacy unit over the next 2 weeks. Our first lesson introduces students to the idea that not all online content is reliable. We investigate “The House Hippo 2.0” commercial to see if we are fooled or not.

Math: Reading and writing number words to ten (and up to twenty for those who could use a challenge). We will play a game of Bump to practice our number words. We should be able to begin a new unit as well this week: skip counting. In this unit, students will skip count forwards by 2s, 5s, and 10s within 100 and backwards by 2s and 5s within 20.

Creation Studies: We will talk about fasteners, God-made and human-made materials, and materials sources. After that, it is time to create blueprints and use different materials to build based on our plans.

Chapter book read aloud: Students enjoyed the first book in the Heartwood Hotel series; we are now reading the second in the series, The Greatest Gift.

Please remember that every Tuesday is our library day.

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wed. March 22nd: Domino's Pizza

Basketball Practice:

The girls will practice Monday after school and Wednesday at lunch. The boys will practice Wednesday after school and Thursday lunch. The tournament is this Thursday. We are still looking for **drivers!!!**

Not Your Average Joe Spring Musical Update

Our play is well underway, thanks to all the students who auditioned for parts!

Our practices will be after school on Tuesday's from 3:30-4:30pm.

Please remember to give the office permission for your child to stay!

Thanks!



Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I hope you had a lovely March break. I had surgery during March break and will not be at school this week, but I will be back next week Monday. The Grade 2 students are in great hands for the week.

Here we go for the first week of the last school term for this year. May this be a blessed term for you and your family! I'm looking forward to see the Grade 2 students work hard, learn, and develop during the remainder of this school year :

Math: This week, we are working on number sense. We work with hundred charts, tens and units and the concept of more or less.

Writing: We work on narrative writing and focus on adding detail to our writing.

Spelling & phonics: We work with long vowel i sounds (i, igh, -y, ie) this week. Please see the letter attached for the word study practice and spelling homework for the week. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Spelling test on Monday.

Reading: In our decodable readers, we read a story focusing on the long vowel i sound.

Library: We have library on Tuesdays. Please return all library books tomorrow.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

Wow, it is cold here! I was kind of hoping the snow would be gone upon my return. Oh well, the sunshine is beautiful and I'm happy to be back with my students. I had a nice break reconnecting with my siblings and parents. I heard that many of you had busy March Breaks as well!

Bible: We are starting a new unit about Easter and the leading up to it.

Math: We are continuing our unit on shapes and sorting.

Language: I'd like to focus on compound words this week. Our list for Friday will be: teapot, sunshine, seagull, beehive, beanbag, pancake, airway, milkweed, peanuts, treetop, waterfall, overcoat

Social Studies: We will review what we know about Papua New Guinea and travel to our next destination this week.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Welcome back after March Break! I hope you had a restful time off and are ready for the week ahead!

This week, the students will be completing a painting with Mrs. Kikkert that will be placed in the auction! Tuesday is Crazy Sock Day. Wear some crazy socks to participate in Down Syndrome Awareness Day! Wednesday, we will have library - start looking for books that may have been misplaced over the break! ;)

We will be getting used to routines and procedures this week, so no assignments are due. Starting next week, new spelling teams will begin and students will be expected to write in cursive on school assignments!

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

We will continue to make use of the verb ETRE (to be). Incorporation of prepositions of place (dans, sous, sur, devant, derriere, etc.) will fit nicely with ETRE and our knowledge of classroom objects as we build sentences to identify location and answer the question of 'Where is _____?'.
_____?

Upcoming Events



Spring Online Auction

The auction is **this week!**
Bidding opens on March 23 and concludes on March 25

Click the link to register to bid
<https://event.auctria.com/cbc58ec4-c71c-41f7-8e46-fed33e1192d6/17e79e00ef7811e9a6d4d9143a192aa8>

Auction winners pick-up day is
Monday March 27th
2-4pm & 7-9pm

Battle of the Books

The JUNIOR team will be meeting every WEDNESDAY at SNACK RECESS. Students need to keep reading and studying questions for the books printed in their duotangs. The date for the tournament is April 13.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Hello,

I pray you were all able to stay busy, find time to rest, while reflecting on all the blessings that the Lord provides to us, during this March Break. As we jump back into the expectations and opportunities that this last stretch of the school year provides us, I hope for increased communication, collaboration, and creativity! Enjoy the process.

In **Bible**, we will jump back into the story of the return of Judah. We will be reading through Ezra, looking at the challenges of the people on their return, and the steps to reestablishing, rebuilding and reconnecting with those within the Kingdom.

In **math**, we will carry on with Fractions and Data Management. To get back up to speed, we will be having a quiz on Tuesday.

In **reading**, I am waiting for our new novel to arrive through amazon. The Tale of Despereaux. This will begin asap.

In **writing**, we will be looking at the procedural genre. This genre will link into the Scientific Method. To practice using this method, while learning about this process, we will be observing the “weight of our words.” Search Ikea Plant Experiment to learn more. But basically, we will use two plants. One will receive positive affirmations, the other negative. The results will provide our students with a visual as to how our words, actions, and feelings impact those around us.

Spelling lists are up on the G. Drive.

Memory Work: Psalm 96:1-3

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Our current unit is **Form and Function of Structures**. Upcoming topics = External and Internal Forces, a Card Pyramid Activity, and Symmetry in Structures.

For students who were absent on March 9th, my plan is that they will complete their test this Friday, March 24th at lunch recess.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

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

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

We continue working through our unit on percent and geometry. Grade 7 will be working through lots of examples of calculating percents, discounts, sales, tax, and getting a sense of commerce. Grade 8 will be looking at analyzing geometry diagrams and deducing what can be said about them (truth, not what it “looks like”). Daily homework is assigned and most of it will be handed in throughout the week.