

Weekly Messenger

June 19, 2023

Transitions

We secured our teaching staff for next year's Grade 2. Mrs. Grundlingh has agreed to return and teach Grade 2 on Mondays and Tuesdays. To compliment her, we hired Mrs. Kuipers to teach on Wednesdays – Fridays. Mrs. Kuipers has seven years of teaching experience, some in the Christian school system and some in the public school system, and she is excited to begin at LCS. Both teachers share a passion for teaching, sharing their faith, and encouraging children to grow. I look forward to working with them both.

Unfortunately, we also say good-bye to a few staff members. Mrs. Dykstra will leave to teach at Laurention Hills Christian School in Kitchener. We have enjoyed her passion for reading and sharing faith, her energy, and ideas. We are sure Kitchener will be blessed with her talents. Mrs. Mulder is also moving out of the LCS boundaries and therefore leaving LCS. She has been a solid, committed staff member and colleague. She has been a great support, encourager, and motivator for Weston. She will be seeking similar employment in her new location, and they will be blessed by her. Mrs. Koersen has taught at LCS before and graciously helped us out again this year. We enjoyed her passion for each child, her positivity to students and among staff, and her love of Christian education. She is leaving in a hope to balance all the joys and demands of life. We will keep her close to LCS as a supply teacher and maybe she will return to teach at LCS again (third time is a charm!). Mrs. Bosman has also completed her work responsibilities, but we may be able to keep her close for new opportunities next year.

We also have a few families leaving: three families with their last child graduating are Jonathan and Janice Barnhoorn, Evert Nagel and Sharon Van Kampen, and Paul and Trish Kikkert. Also, moving out of our area and Mike and Mary Lee Follings. We have been blessed by them and their children. We wish each of these families God's blessings as they adjust to new education situations in the fall.

Last week, the Grade 8 students informed me that their math classes were coming to a quick end. That was my first realization that they were leaving, and I would miss them. I hear from the other teachers, as they reflect on and write report cards, that they are also going to miss their students. Every day we pour ourselves into them, get to know them, and build relationships with them. Now we celebrate their growth but will miss them as they each advance a grade level.

June Events

19- SK Graduation at 2pm 20- Student Leadership Presents: Crazy Hair Day! 21-Grade 8 Graduation, Ceremony starts at 8pm



June 20 William L

June 23 Damian R

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June 24

Fabian T

June Events

23-Water Activities 23-Final Assembly lead by Grade 2 class

23- Last day of School early dismissal at 2pm

23- Final Report Cards go home

<u>Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda</u>

It is hard to believe that it is the last week of school already; the year has flown by! I want to thank you for entrusting me with the task of teaching your children this year. I have been blessed by them and pray that they have been blessed by their time in the JK class as well. They sure have grown over the course of the year, and I have enjoyed getting to know each one of them.

This week, we will be finishing up some art for the Listowel Fair and completing some review printing pages. We will also read stories and play some review games.

Crazy Hair Day: Tuesday is the last spirit day/team event of the year: crazy hair day!

Library Books: Please remember to return any outstanding library books to the school this week so the librarians can reshelve them before the summer.

Extra bag: Please consider sending in an extra bag on Thursday for students to bring home items from school like their extra clothes, markers, workbooks, and indoor shoes as these items may not all fit into backpacks.

Summer Birthdays: Tuesday, we will be celebrating students with summer birthdays. If your child has a summer birthday, and you wish to send in something special to help celebrate you are welcome to do so.

Have a wonderful summer!

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

Yay!!! The final week for SK! How they have grown!!

Come celebrate all the students on Monday June 20th at 2pm! We are ready to share some songs, a KINDERGARTEN saying and a review of our school year together. If you want your child in different clothes than what they come to school in, please feel free to dress them up. We will be getting ready by 1:45pm. Please let the office know if you are taking them home. Please let me know if they are taking the bus home, so I don't forget to put them on the bus. Text me at 519-492-2981 or email me at the address below.

On Tuesday, we will celebrate Kyla, Emily, Delaney, Danika, and Seth because they have summer birthdays. It is also WACKY HAIR DAY and we will eat lunch outside in our school teams.

On Thursday, we will be making volcanoes outside and having special games with our Reading Buddies.

On Friday, we will have an assembly led by Grade 2 at 9:40 am. We will also have WATER DAY! Please send your child in a pair of shorts and a t-shirt that can get wet to school that day. In a separate bag please send a water gun, a set of dry clothes plus undergarments to change into, shoes that can get wet and a towel to dry off. The SKs go in earlier than the others to change into dry clothing. They also have the option of where they go for the water fight. No one has to do what they don't want too. Please ask if you have any questions m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca On Friday, we will have early dismissal at 2pm. Buses will be running.

We will also be keeping a regular schedule as far as day to day learning. We will review letter names and sounds as well as sight words. In math, we will review printing numbers, counting to 100 and adding numbers together. In Handwriting Without Tears, we will continue to label and copy sentences.

I want to say thank you for sharing your children with me this year. I felt very blessed to get to know everyone. Keep reading to them or with them! Have a fantastic summer!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

It is hard to believe it is the last week of school for students. I pray it will be a good week of endings and goodbyes. What an absolute pleasure to work with your child and partner with you this year. I pray your family will rest in God's peace and presence this summer. It is bittersweet to be saying good-bye to the LCS community; I have been well-loved and served by all the parents and staff. May you know that God is with you and for you as a collective community.

Bags! Students will need an extra bag for Thursday to take home the bulk of their desk supplies and books. Thank you!

In **Bible** class, we will wrap up our stories of Saul and David.

In **Creation Studies**, we will finish up our unit on plants in God's Garden. We will also be having a science class on Tuesday with Grades 7 and 8 who will lead us through some interactive activities.

In math, we continue on probability vocabulary and activities.

Water play: On Friday in the afternoon, we will have school team water events and at the end a water fight that is well regulated. Your child will be asked to wear a pair of shorts and t-shirts for the water events (no swimsuits allowed) and a pair of shoes/sandals/swim shoes. They will need to bring a towel, a dry set of clothing, and a water gun. Please label the water gun and all bags that come to school.

Announcements

Goodies for Grade 8 Grad

Students in Grade 1-6 are asked to please provide 1 dozen baked goods (nut free) for our Grade 8 graduation. Please bring them to the office by Tuesday June 20th!

Thank-you!

Library Books!

Please return all of your library books this week!

July Birthdays!



Amy B- 7th Emily K-8th Dayna W-8th Delaney O-22nd Jayna VK-25th Alec W-25th

August Birthdays!

Sam K-1st **Justin V-1st** Colin B-4th Pete H-5th Colton V-5th Kavlee V-5th Scotti V-6th Alyssa S-9th Kirsten H-9th Kiley H-9th Danika F-10th Bentley B-15th Nixon R-20th Jaxton B-24th Skylar F-26th Henri K-28th Seth S-28th Logan W-28th Pacey B-29th Blair H-31st

September Birthdays!

Bella D-2nd

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

WOW OUR LAST WEEK! There is a lot of information so please make sure you read it all. Your children have grown so much this year - physically, emotionally, and academically. I pray for a wonderful summer for you all and blessings on their futures.

Thursday - Unfortunately, I have to be away at a funeral but will come on Wednesday morning to practice for our assembly and celebrate our students with Mrs. G. Someone will cover Grade 2 on Thursday.

Friday - Our assembly is at 9:40 AM - please join us! Grade 2 will be leading the assembly. Depending on time we may watch a Veggie Tale movie - but we have work to do still. Also we have WATER DAY!! Please come to school in clothes that can get wet. Then in an extra bag pack a towel, watergun, and undergarments & change of clothes so students can get out of their wet clothes before dismissal. Should be a blast!

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

This is our last week of school. Thank you for a wonderful Grade 2 year at LCS. I truly enjoyed teaching your kids and getting to know you all. Thank you for all your support this year. I will be sending each of you a personal email within the next week.

This is our work for the last 3 days with me:

Math: This week, we are revising some of our math that we have done throughout the year.

Popcorn words & reading: Practice popcorn words with your children throughout the summer and encourage them to read a little bit every day!

Writing: We are working on end of the year writing projects that will be sent home on Wednesday, their last day with me.

Reading: We will try to finish our book we have been reading as a class this week. We will also be doing other fun reading activities.

Library: Please send all library books back to school if you still have any at home. **Preparing for Assembly**: The Grade 2 class and Mrs. Koersen are doing our last assembly for the year on Friday. The students have been practicing very hard. We will still be practicing for that every day this week. Please join us for our last assembly on Friday.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

Can you believe that we have arrived at the last week of school? I am blown away by the growth in this group. I am proud of these students and want to thank you all so much for entrusting them into my care. It has been an amazing privilege.

Bible: We will continue our study of the Early Church.

Language: We will be watching a little bit of the BFG each day this week as it's a 2 hour movie. If you have asked that your child be excluded, I will have them working on something else.

We will also be finishing up our cursive book and doing some writing.

Math: I am pushing through and we will complete our unit on fractions by Friday!

Have a blessed and safe summer! Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

It has been an awesome year in Grade 4/5! Thanks for all your hard work and enjoy your summer!!! - Mrs. Delleman

Crazy Hair Day - on TUESDAY is Crazy Hair Day!

I Know It - due WEDNESDAY - Area of Squares and Rectangles

Water Day Instructions- We have Water Day on Friday! Please come to school dressed in your water day clothes (shirt, shorts, shoes). After lunch students will participate in water activities where they will get very wet. Make sure to pack a towel, dry clothes, and extra shoes to change into at the end of the day. If students want to participate in the water gun fight, they can also bring their water guns to school that day.

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

French Gr. 4/5:

We will endeavour to complete our body outlines with labels as well as a brief write-up about oneself including hair colour & type, one's relative size, and eye colour. Thursday, we may have time to engage in some games -- outdoors if it isn't too hot. Thank you, dear parents, for your support through this school year. *Bonne vacances!*

French Gr. 5/6:

We will endeavour to conclude our unit on Les Sports and the verb faire. Au revoir à la sixième niveau. Je vais vous voir en science l'année prochaine!

Thank you, dear parents, for your support through this school year.

Bonne vacances!

Announcements

Early Dismissal

Friday is our last day of the school year. As is our custom, we will have a year end assembly (9:40 am) to celebrate accomplishments and also praise God for the school year. Our school day will end at 2:00. Please adjust your schedule accordingly to receive your children for the summer! Enjoy them!

Graduations

Today, we are celebrating the accomplishments of the Senior Kindergarten students. Their graduation is/was at 2:00 today (Monday).

Wednesday, we are celebrating the accomplishments of our Grade 8 students. You are all invited to this celebration on Wednesday evening, June 21. The graduation ceremony will begin at 8:00 pm. in the gym.

Job Opportunity

We are looking for an Educational Assistant to work one-on-one with a Grade 5 student. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who might be, please send your resume to Ed Boelens (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca)

LCS Jerseys:

Last week, many of our students participated in District Track and Field. Although I did not go, it sounds like they had a great time. For those who still have their LCS jersey at home, could you please wash it and return it as soon as possible? That would be much appreciated.

Tuition Forms

Just a reminder that tuition forms are due back to the office by Friday June 23rd. If you have any questions, please email Anita at finance@listowelchristianschool.ca

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

And just like that, the Lord has seen us through another school year! Blessed summer to you all!

From the classroom:

In Bible, we will do some "escape room" activities based on the story of Daniel. The last Bible test will be returned this week.

In math, Grade 5 and 6 will wrap up their last units on decimals and algebra, respectively.

Our media endeavour has finished. If you have not seen your child's groups video, below are "easier" to scan versions of their QR codes. Have a look, they are quite good. The group with the most UNIQUE views will win a Pizza Party on Thursday @ lunch. Please share these with family members, cousins, church friends, and neighbours. There are storyboards and written explanations associated with their Sustainable Development Goals linked to QR codes on their campaign posters. Over the next few days, if you are in the school building, take a look, and scan the codes!

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In PSPE, we finish the year off with Frolf/Ultimate Frisbee!

For spelling, like last year, we will be doing a Spelling See. This is like a spelling Bee, however the students have the opportunity to write and hold up their work instead of orally reciting the letters to the word. A more practical exercise. This will be based on their spelling groups, with prizes awarded to the winner from each levelled group. The students will be given lists to practise from today, and these lists are also up on the G classroom.

The students will be working through a **reflective** booklet this week of their work from the year. They will be choosing different pieces of work and thinking back on their learning. Reflection is such a vital part of learning, unlearning, and relearning. Graphic organizers for these reflections will be used, and these booklets will go home with the rest of their work later in the week. Please bring in plastic bags this week to take ALL of your students' belongings home before Friday.

**** If your student still needs to bring back a library book, please ensure that it is returned before the end of the week.

We will watch the Movie "Twister" to end the school year. There has been a great deal of interest and intrigue about weather, and systemic patterns from our students. Since we are in Listowel, and our sports teams are named after such events it almost seems fitting. If you do not wish to have your child watch this, other things can be worked out. If you have any questions, or issues about this, please email me.

In art, the students will wrap up the Fair art that they have yet to accomplish. This is due on Friday @ the end of the day.

*** Remember to bring in a water gun for the water battle on Friday!

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

As we conclude our current unit and this year of study, we will focus on paper chromatography for separation of colour mixtures and reactions within mixtures that result in the production of carbon dioxide. Some of our class time will be spent doing investigative activities with Mrs. Dykstra and the Grade 1 class. *Blessings for your summer, everyone!*

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Wow! The final week of the school year! Congratulations to grade 7/8 for making it this far and learning so much this year! Grade 7, I am looking forward to seeing you again next September for your grade 8 year! Grade 8, I am looking forward to celebrating your achievements at graduation on Wednesday. Well done everyone!

We have a couple things we are wrapping up this week.

W.W.W.: We will have our last test on Wednesday to finish our final spelling unit. If they know they will not be at school Wedensday (particularly the grade 8 students,) please let me know and they can write their test Tuesday.

Geography: Students will present their final projects tomorrow.

Guided Reading: The final chapters (22-24) and role for The Bronze Bow are due tomorrow (Tuesday).

Grade 7, we will be working together to clean up different areas of the school, our classroom, and prepare and run water day so be ready to work well together and take on more of a leadership role the last couple days of this week.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

The Grade 7 students will finish off the year with more work on relative frequency and probability. The Grade 8s will have a quiz on Monday and then prepare for graduation. Daily work will continue to be assigned.