

Weekly Messenger

September 25, 2023

This week I am thinking specifically of two things.

1. I have been working with Mrs. Weishar in the front office for the past year and a half. Throughout that time, Mrs. Weishar has grown to be an incredible asset for our school. I appreciate her ability to care for and about people. I appreciate her ability to accomplish her work effectively and efficiently. She has been a great support to my work, and I always feel confident about delegating tasks to her. I know that the same is true for many volunteers as she helps them with committee work.

2. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month. For many of us at LCS, this is close to home. We had two students, Georgia Thalen and Katherine VanDonkersgoed, battle cancer but eventually lose to the disease. During the battle, both families relied on support to manage travel and accommodations while they stayed with their daughters. So this day is not just another fundraiser, not just another cause to highlight, but we attach real people to this cause which helps bring real meaning to the need.

What are we doing as a result?

1. We are accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. A full job description is available upon request. Applications can be sent to Ed Boelens at principal@listowelchristianschool.ca. The application deadline is Friday October 27 with an expected starting date of November 25.

2. We are hosting a Gold Day on Tuesday. Students and staff are encouraged to wear gold or yellow to show our unified support for the battle against cancer. We also ask that each student bring at least a Loonie so we can donate to ChildCan, an organization that supports the families. Every little bit counts. A Loonie per student and we can raise \$200 collectively.

September Events

26- Childhood Cancer Awareness Day: Wear Gold or Yellow
28-Soccer Tournament



Sept 25 Olivia B	Sept 27 Zachary S
Sept 29 Aria F	Oct 1 Malcolm W
Oct 2 Blake L	

October Events

5-Cross Country Meet-Cambridge
9-Thanksgiving Day- No school
10-Grade 7 Immunizations
12- Cross Country Meet-Drayton
23- LCS Information Evening 7-9
24- Picture Day
26 & 27- Edvance Convention- No School

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week we will read some fun farm themed storybooks and do some farm themed fine motor activities. We will create art using straw this week.

In **language**, we will continue to practice rhyming repetition, listening for initial sounds in words, and blending small words to make bigger words.

In **Bible**, this week we will continue to learn about Creation. Our lessons will be on days 6 and 7 when God created animals and people and then he rested.

In **math**, we will continue to practice sorting, this time we will sort ourselves using our answers to different questions.

In **health**, we will learn that even though God has created us unique, as we learned in our last lesson, we are all alike, and all different, in some ways.

Tuesday our school is having a dress in yellow or gold day for childhood cancer awareness. Students are encouraged to dress in those colours if they can. Students are also encouraged to bring in a loonie to help support ChildCan an organization that helps families who have children with cancer. There will also be a team event Tuesday morning where students will get to search the playground for yellow ribbons.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will be learning the sounds of the letters “Ss” and “Tt”. The letter “Ss” is a continuous, voiceless sound that you can drag out of your mouth and the letter “Tt” is a voice off, quick stop sound. Ask your child what that all means? We will be rhyming words and learning the words “the” and “I”.

In **math**, we will wrap up our unit about numbers 1 to 5. If you have time at home, take a moment to practice printing numbers and counting out objects.

In **Bible**, we will finish up the creation story with God creating Adam and Eve as well as a day of rest to enjoy all that He has made and it was very good.

We are reviewing uppercase letters in our Handwriting Without Tears book. This week, we continue with “frog, jump” letters B and R. We will also be engaging in some hand strengthening tasks.

We will begin a unit about “Fall” by going for a nature walk to see how God’s creation is changing.

On Tuesday September 26, 2023, we will have our first team event and raise awareness for Childhood Cancer. This means the whole school shows support by wearing yellow or gold or sparkly or glittery pieces of clothing. Please do not purchase something new instead look for a yellow stripe on a shirt or pair of socks. This year, we are asking for the students to bring a dollar to raise money in memory of Georgia Thalen who passed away 5 years ago and Katherine Van Donkersgoed who passed away just a year ago from childhood cancer. The money collected will be sent to Childcan in honour of these two students. Your child will receive a token of thanks from Childcan. Please wear yellow and send a dollar \$1. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

Another great week was had, and we are looking forward to a wonderful brand-new week.

Bible: This week we are continuing on with looking at the world God made, specifically looking at how God created the world and what happened on each day of creation. Our **memory work** is from Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Math: This week, we are focusing on patterns. We will be looking at patterns in our math books, pattern games and looking around us in the world God made for patterns we can find.

Language: We will be looking at how our mouths move differently for different sounds! We will also be working in our printing book looking at letters t,a,d and g.

Creation Studies: This week we will be looking at our neighbourhood, as well as what it means to be a neighbour.

French: We will continue working with simple greeting words.

Health: At the end of last week, we started talking about anti-bullying awareness and started on some posters. This week we will continue with that.

Gym: We are learning about safety in the Gym as well as working with starts/stops and tag games.

Show and Tell Friday September 29: Blake, Delaney, Bryer, Seth

Library: Our Library day is Tuesday this year. Please help your child remember to bring back their library books on Monday or Tuesday so that they may pick out new books

****Reminder:** Tuesday is GOLD DAY- wear gold or yellow and bring in a Loonie to help support Childhood Cancer

Have a great week!

Announcements

Christmas Bazaar

Mark your calendars for
November 25th 10am-2pm

Toys for the Bazaar

If you have any gently used or new toys that you can donate to the **bazaar toy store** please drop them off at the school!

Gold Day

Childhood Cancer Awareness Day is this Tuesday! Come to school wearing GOLD or YELLOW to show your support! Please also bring a dollar for Childcan and receive a pin or surprise item.

Soccer Schedule

The boys team will practice after school on Tuesday and the girls will practice after school on Wednesday.

The tournament is Thursday Sept 28. Please be at the school at 7:00am so we can leave on time.

Bring along your lunch, snacks, water, your jersey and equipment, and anything else the weather may require. We will contact parents as to when we will be back. The latest would be between 5:30 and 6pm.

Girls Soccer

Our last after school practice is on Wednesday until 4:30pm. The tournament is on Thursday. You need to be at the school at 7:00am!

Bring along your lunch, snacks, water, your jersey and equipment, and anything else the weather may require. We will contact parents as to when we will be back. The latest would be between 5:30 and 6pm.

Cross Country

This week are final tryouts for the team. On WEDNESDAY students on the team will be sent home with a permission form to fill in and return. We are also looking for drivers for our meets on October 5th and 12th. If you can drive, there is information to fill in on the permission form.

Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

Math - 2D Geometry! Encourage your child to look for and identify shapes that are everywhere in our daily life. Your pizza? Sandwich? The road signs? Fences? Art or pictures frames on your wall?

Science - Continuing with God's Creatures Large & Small. We will be focusing on the uniqueness of reptiles, amphibians, and fish.

Health - Understanding our emotions and how to communicate them.

Gym- We have been focusing on group cooperation games and building our soccer skills.

Art- On Friday, we will be doing a painting project and could use some of those black foam brushes if you have any laying around at home you could send in, we would love to put them to good use!

I would like to be able to continue sharing pictures of what we do throughout the week, but email is proving to be hard as it limits what I can upload to each email. Please stay tuned as I set up another way for sharing in the next week or so, hopefully using the Remind app.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

Gold day: Tomorrow we are celebrating Gold day, an annual initiative to raise awareness and support for children facing cancer. At LCS we have been affected by Childhood Cancer and probably many of your families as well. Please encourage your child to wear gold or yellow to school tomorrow and bring in a loonie (or donation).

Math - Number sense: We are working on subtraction this week.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week, we will be working on reviewing the short A, I and O sounds as well as short vowels in CVC words. Please see attached phonics homework sheets.

Creation studies - Social science: This week we continue our unit on "Mapping my neighbourhood" and our focus is more on our province and our country.

Bible: This week, we are starting our unit on the Old Testament. For this month our memory verse is James 1:19-20:

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." Please help your child to memorize this verse on the bible bookmark they received last week.

Library: We have library tomorrow. They are allowed to borrow 2 library books at a time. If they return their books tomorrow, they can either renew it or get 2 new books. Please encourage them to develop the habit of bringing their books to school every Tuesday, even if they would just like to renew it.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

We have been so blessed with such nice weather! I am looking forward to another great week with your children. This week Thursday, however, I will be away with the Girl's Soccer team at their tournament in Kitchener. Mrs. VandenHoven will be in for me. Please remind your children to try their best in my absence.

Bible: We finished our unit on the Ephesians last week. This week, we start a new unit on becoming a Bible explorer. Students will learn how to use their Bible and look up verses, footnotes, maps, and the concordance.

Math: We are continuing our studies of patterns. Homework is sent when the student has not finished the work in class while others were able to finish it. I often reduce the workload for home. Homework should not take more than 20 minutes each night.

Creation Studies: We are continuing our study of trees. Ask your child why leaves change colour in the fall!

Language: We have gone through all of the sounds on our Sound Wall. This week, we are adding the graphemes (letters) that go with the sound. We are also plugging away on our handwriting.

MAP testing season is upon us. MAP testing, for those who are unfamiliar, is a test that our students do on the computer 3 times each year. It is done by a third party and allows us to see where our students are successful, where our students need help, and what our students are ready to learn. At LCS, we start this testing in Grade 3. The results carry over through their learning career at LCS and we can track their progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

I Know It - Students were introduced to iknowit.com at school last week. If you go to iknowit.com and sign in as a student, their username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is lcs12345. Students will have an assignment assigned every Monday and due every Friday. They will need to complete it for homework at home each week. This week's assignment is called, "Addition and Subtracting 3-Digit Numbers" and is due FRIDAY.

Spelling Dictation - We will have our first spelling dictation on FRIDAY. Students should know what team they are on. The teams are listed below and are also on spellingcity.com/tdelleman if students would like to practice their words online. Students will need to know all their spelling words, but only 10 are chosen for dictation.

Spelling Lizards - space, rain, black, mane, tale, brain, paint, place, rash, blame, train, main, faint, want, chain, flag, tail, said, frame, flash

Spelling Rockets - boy, point, whole, soil, bowl, soy, spoil, join, coil, joy, foil, moist, joint, boil, toy, voice, coin, broil, cloak, choke, oil, stole, choice, loan

Spelling Scooters - chief, wrap, smell, whine, fruit, twig, sharp, theme, brief, when, thank, brave, scout, plot, front, scale, groan, clog, climb, phone, stain, quit, trust, quote

Dress Days - This week there are two dress days. On TUESDAY is Child Cancer Awareness Day where students are encouraged to wear yellow / gold and bring in a dollar donation for a gold ribbon. There will also be a team event that day. On FRIDAY, since we have been studying Aboriginal people in Canada, our class is encouraged to wear orange for Truth and Reconciliation Day. We will be talking about reconciliation during our Creation Studies classes and will be researching different Aboriginal groups this week in preparation for an end of unit project.

Memory Work - due NEXT Friday - Matthew 5:3,4 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Grade 4/5 French (Madame Van Kampen):

In preparation for an upcoming assessment, we will continue to review and learn numbers [i.e. Grade 5 up to 70 or soixante-dix; Grade 4 up to 40 or quarante]. *A study/reference page will be sent home/provided for each student for practice.*

On Wednesday, Gr. 5 will be led by Mrs. Anita Dykstra, as they continue to work with the reading "Quelle est ta saison préférée?" and some accompanying activities or worksheets. Gr. 4 will remain with me for continued number review and learning an array of weather descriptors.

Grade 5/6 French (Madame Van Kampen):

We have been reviewing numbers [i.e. Grade 5 up to 70 or soixante-dix; Grade 6 up to 100 or cent] and experienced varying levels of success with a Mad-Minute dealing with the numbers up to 60 [soixante]. *A study/reference page will be sent home/provided for each student for practice.* We will continue with the reading of the "Quelle est ta saison préférée?" passage and incorporate some worksheets/activities.

Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

Bible - We will conclude our unit on Colossians. We will have our evaluation for the unit on Friday.

Our **memory work** is: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14"

Please have your child practice daily. We will also be practicing at school.

Due: Friday Sept. 29th

Language - We will be continue to look at nouns. We will also look at choosing an appropriate topic for our audience in our written work, and work on picking out the main idea and important details when reading non-fiction text. Our words of the week are: petty, venture, whim and quizzical.

Spelling - Please watch for an email coming home with more information about this this week.

Social Studies - We will continue our unit - "Why is there French on my cereal box?" We will continue to review the terms culture, worldview and choices this week.

Science - We will continue our unit - "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" where we will be looking at human organ systems. This week we will explore microscope use and look at a variety of cells under magnification.

Art - We will continue to look at the element of line, and will begin to tie in shape, contrast and colour.

Health - We will continue our anti-bullying unit.

Large Juice Cartons - If you have any empty large juice cartons (cardboard kind) please send them in. (Ex. Five Alive, Fruitopia, Minute Maid)

Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

Math: We keep plugging along. We continue to learn about number patterns and extending them. So far, we have been doing all our work in class, but some will have to complete their work at home to keep up.

Gym: One more week of soccer as we match our gym activities to our sports seasons. Next week we will start volleyball.

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Students were assigned the task of creating 6-8 true & false questions pertaining to our reading on *Glaciers and Polar Ice Caps* and for a 'bonus', creating one for the video we had viewed. *A half-page assignment outline was given to students and the link for the video was provided by email in the event one wished to view it again.* HARD COPY submission due at the start of Tuesday's class.

This week we will be focusing on *Atmospheric Conditions & Bodies of Water, Water, Weather, & Climate, and Wastewater Treatment*. A quiz is planned for Wednesday on the topics covered to date.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

This week we will finish our first unit. Then we will spend some time reviewing our month long learning. Our test is scheduled for Wednesday October 4.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Week 4 already! Welcome to the swing of things :).

Reminder that agendas are to be signed and returned each day. You will know if they do not have to continue this if there is a note in the agenda stating that.

Homework folders are to be brought home on Fridays (or the last day of the week) and brought back, with the items signed, on Monday. This will go all year.

Bible: We are finishing looking at the meaning of names and how they impact how you look at yourself, how others look at you, and how you may act.

Writing: We continue to work through the Digital Citizenship unit in conjunction with Health.

W.W.W.: We started our first unit last week and will have a test on this unit on Friday.

Guided Reading: We continue to read and analyze short stories.

History: We are finishing our map of New France in 1713 which is due this Friday. The questions about the differences between 1713 and today are due with the map.

French: Quiz on -re and -ir verbs this Wednesday.

Band: We were able to produce and maintain the first 2 notes for each instrument! It was very exciting to hear all the instruments come together. I continue to encourage the students to continue practicing between band classes on Monday and Thursday.

Art: Art portfolio is due on Wednesday for soccer players and Thursday for non-soccer players.

Healthy Living: We continue to work through our Digital Citizenship unit with Writing. The tech audit is due on Wednesday. In Phys. Ed. we will be continuing our units in cross country running and soccer.