

# Weekly Messenger

October 10, 2023

Thanksgiving weekend is always a turning point for me. Very noticeably at this time of year, we see the colours of the trees change and it is beautiful. The temperature decreases, we trade shorts for long pants, we find our Fall jackets, and maybe we begin to think about storing the lawn mower and tuning up the snow blower. It is a weekend when we notice that we put summer behind us and winter ahead of us. Seasonally, it is a shift.

In the school, we see a similar shift. The ideas of September are behind us. That means the start of school is over, we are now in the full swing of school. Ideally, we have our routines in place and our expectations set. We have adapted to where our students were in their learning in June to where they are now at the start of this year (the difference in the students at the end of Grade 2 compared to the beginning of Grade 2). We understand the different learning styles of our new students and we adapted. Many of us completed our introductory unit and we are getting deeper into our curriculum. There is a shift from just getting started to being in the thick of it.

Last week, Ken Rastorfer opened a meeting with devotions reading from 1 Thessalonians 5. There it says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". Whether September or October, Summer or Fall, student or teacher, God calls us to rejoice, pray, and give thanks.

I hope this past weekend, and every day moving forward, you are able to do just that: rejoice, pray and give thanks.

## October Events

12- Cross Country Meet-Drayton  
23- LCS Information Evening 7-9  
24- Picture Day  
26 & 27- Edvance Convention- No School



<b>Oct 11</b> Jacob S	<b>Oct 12</b> Addison E
<b>Oct 12</b> Karissa W	<b>Oct 15</b> Cameron W
<b>Oct 15</b> Jenna B	

## November Events

2- Parent Teacher Conferences (ev)  
3- Parent Teacher Conferences (day) No School  
17- PA Day- No school  
20- Fall Membership Meeting  
24- Christmas Bazaar  
27 Report Cards go home  
28- Volleyball Tournament

### Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving weekend and were able to celebrate the many blessings God gives to each one of us.

This week we will be learning about pumpkins. We will look at and compare different pumpkins and talk about what is inside a pumpkin.

In **language**, we will continue to play listening games and practice rhyming and sound isolation. Our mystery letter last week was letter S! This week we will have a new mystery letter to guess and learn about.

In **math**, we will have a simple lesson about probability called "Could it Happen?" and we will count our families.

In **Bible**, we will complete our first unit by learning about the flood and God's promise in a rainbow. We will begin our second unit about God's special family and learn about God's promise to Abraham.

Tuesday is always library day for JK. Please try to remember to send books back so students can bring home their new selection.

## Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving weekend. We will continue to give thanks by having show and tell this week. Students are encouraged to bring in a toy or a picture or a game of something they are thankful for. I can't wait to see all the blessings.

**Tuesday: Olivia, Adalie, Isaiah, Roman, Alec, Timothy**

**Thursday: Ruby, Jolene, Henri, Cameron, Wesley, Aria**

**Friday: Karissa, Michael, Josiah, Addison, Kaylee, Dominic**

If your child forgets on his or her day, they are welcome to bring it another day.

Everyone gets one show and tell opportunity each month.

### **LIBRARY BOOKS DUE TUESDAY!**

This week we will be focusing on using the letters that we have learned, m, s, a, t and use them to print words by listening to the placement of each letter sound. We will be rhyming with the ending "at". We are printing the starting corner capital letter H and K.

In **math**, we will review the concept of more and learn about the same and greater than using numbers 1 to 5

In **Bible**, we will focus on Noah's obedience to God when building the ark. Students will bring home their memory worksheet. Please practice it at home. We practice daily at school. Genesis 8:22.

A letter regarding the Search and Teach testing that will happen next Tuesday will be sent home today. It is for students who are already 5 years old and it determines reading readiness skills. For those who are not 5 years old, they will be tested in February 2024.

Since I am testing next Tuesday, there will be a supply teacher to cover the class as well as for Friday October 20, 2023.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca) or by texting 519-492-2981.

Have a great week!

## Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

I am hoping you had a wonderful Thanksgiving long weekend thanking God for all He has made and has given to us.

**Bible:** This week, we will be starting our new unit about the story of Abraham.

**Math:** We are starting our new Number Sense unit looking at comparing numbers. We will be working with the words "more or less" and talking about greater or fewer. Lots of counting practice is coming this week!

**Language:** This week we will be working on the short i and short o sounds in words. I sent home a review sheet from last week with the short a. Each week you will find a review sheet and decodable story that we worked on throughout the week. Please take time to reread it and/or talk about it with your child. In our printing book this week we will be practicing and reviewing all of our magic c letters.

**Creation studies:** This week in small groups and individually we will be putting our map skills to the test by using maps to bring us to different locations!

**French:** We will be learning a few colour words through song, rhyme, and lots of practice.

**Show and Tell Friday October 13:** Boston, Jazlyn, Melanie, Caleb. \*Starting now each month show and tell will be based on a theme. For the month of October our theme is to find and bring in something you are thankful for OR something that an Explorer might use!\*

Have a great week!

# Announcements

## Upcoming Pizza Day

Wed. Oct 18th- Dominos Pizza

## 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!

## Team Jerseys

Could all soccer players please return their jerseys, washed and folded.

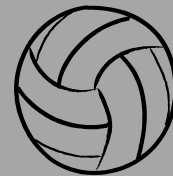
## Cross Country

This week is our second cross country meet in Drayton (Moorefield Park) on THURSDAY.

Students will take the bus to school, and we will leave at 9:30am, and will be back in time for students to take the buses home. Runners will need to dress for the weather, wearing their jersey from last week, bring proper footwear, and pack a lunch for the day. There will be NO concession stand this time. Races begin at 11am for those who would like to cheer us on!

## Volleyball

Girls & Boys Volleyball will be starting next week!



## Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

Remember to allow notifications on your device from Remind to stay up to date with our class pictures and announcements.

This week at a glance:

**Math** - 2D shapes. Students will be beginning a collaborative project with their reading buddies creating dream homes out of shapes. I'll share pictures as they get developed!

**Science** - God's Creatures Large & Small! All of the amphibians projects were so well done and the students loved learning from each other. Students are beginning an in class inquiry project on a reptile of their choice. At home, you can ask them what they have learned about their animals. Encourage discussion about the differences between reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Such as where they live, if they are cold or warm blooded, do they have live babies or eggs, and what their diets consist of!

**Health** - We will be learning about healthy food choices and creating healthy eating habits as a way to care for our bodies that God has created.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Here is an outline of the work we will be doing this week:

**Math** - Number Sense: We are working on word problems this week.

**Phonics, spelling and reading:** This week, we are reviewing digraphs. Please see the homework practice sheet and decodable text going home this week to help the students practice these phonics (the reading pages will go home on Thursday/Friday every week). If you have any questions regarding the home practice sheets, please reach out to me.

**Creation studies** - Social Science: This month we will finish our unit on "Mapping my neighbourhood".

**Bible:** We are focusing on the Old Testament.

**Socks:** Please send old or unused socks to school. We use them as white board erasers when we do some of our word work and word chains.

## Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend with family and friends. I just wanted to take a moment and give credit where credit is due. Those lovely turkeys that came home with your child was all thanks to Mrs. Jones. She is the carpenter and creator of those cool centre pieces. A HUGE thank you goes out to her!

**Bible:** We are continuing to learn about how to use our Bibles.

**Math:** We are learning about more patterns this week!

**Language:** We are continuing our journey with short vowels.

**Creation Studies:** We will be learning about how trees are used in this world, both by us and animals.

## Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**Math** - Students will have a math quiz on FRIDAY. They will need to know place value, addition, subtraction, rounding, estimation, and how to answer word problems. Students will be working on a review that they may take home to finish. Smartboard notes will be sent to parents the night before to help students study for the quiz.

**I Know It** - "Word Problems - Add or Subtract" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://iknowit.com) and sign in as a student. The username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is lcs12345.

**Memory Work** - due NEXT FRIDAY - Matthew 5:5,6 - "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

**Spelling Dictation** - Dictation will be on FRIDAY. Students should know what team they are on. The teams are listed below and are also on [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://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** - box, rode, road, chose, boat, love, goat, soap, knock, slope, foam, load, robe, one, goal, stop, toad, coat, float, drop, stone

**Spelling Rockets** - good, soon, cool, crook, fool, wood, could, noon, groom, hoof, root, stood, smooth, hook, troop, route, hoop, should, brook, stool, proof, shook, would, gloom, roost

**Spelling Scooters** - get, getting, rest, resting, swim, yell, swimming, skip, run, sit, yelling, skipping, stand, running, pass, sitting, pick, standing, jump, shut, picking, shutting, passing, jumping

**Grade 4/5/6 French (Madame Van Kampen):**

I am so very encouraged by the outcome of last week's assessments on numbers! In order to keep you abreast of your child's progress, the 'test' has been sent home in the KidMail envelope. As proof of your viewing, please sign it and have your son/daughter return this document to me yet this week.

Our current focus is on the weather and seasons, with a formal assessment for each grade planned for next week.

**Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle**

**Bible** - We will begin a unit called "The Setting of God". In this unit we will introduce key places and events in Bible history, analyze the organization of the books of the Bible, and discuss biblical languages. We will study maps and timelines, and will learn about the setting and chronological order of salvation history.

Our **memory work** is: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17" Due Fri. Oct. 13th.

**Language** - We will continue to look at nouns, specifically possessive, proper, and common nouns. We will look at choosing an appropriate topic for our audience in our written work. We will learn to state our main idea in a topic sentence and then provide interesting details that support the main idea. We will look at text features and visual information to help us with our reading comprehension. Our words of the week are: diplomatic, taunt, jester, and obsolete.

**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 look at what physical fitness is and how we know if we are fit and what we can do to be fit.

**Art** - We will continue to look at the element of line and will begin to tie in shape, form, and movement as we look at sculpture. We will also look at the work of Alexander Calder.

**Health** - We will conclude our anti-bullying unit.

**Spelling**- We will have our spelling dictation on **Fri. Oct. 13th.**

The Lightning Bolts	The Froggies	The Secret Spellers
Black Rash Flag Flash Space Mane Tale Place Blame Frame Rain Brain Train Paint Main Faint Chain Tail Said Want	Knife Knack Known Knot Knob Knee Kneel Knead Knit Knight Write Wrap Wreck Wrist Wreath Wring Wrong Wren Gnat Gnaw Gnome Gnash Ring Rap	Rebuild Recopy Recycle Refill Reuse Rewrite Retrace Retake Retell Review Remodel Unable Unkind Unfair Uneven Unequal Unhappy Unsteady Unusual Unbeaten Unselfish Uncertain Uncle Reptile

### Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

**Math:** Given Thanksgiving Day and Cross Country, we have limited math classes this week. Friday we will prepare for a test coming up next week.

**Gym:** We are trying to develop our skills in volleyball so we can have a good game.

### Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Unit -- *Water Systems*

This week we will: conclude the topic on *Testing of Water Quality Characteristics* and then begin looking at the reality of *Water Issues in Ontario* and Canada for various urban centres as well as some of our First Nations/Indigenous Peoples' communities. Students will be completing some independent research on these water issues by way of online articles and videos.

### Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

We in our second unit: ratios. This week we will learn about equivalent ratios, comparing ratios, and applying them to solve problems. Daily work is assigned. Unit one marked work should be coming home this week. Please review and sign them so students can return them to me.

### Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. I hope you were able to enjoy your long weekend with friends and family and looking at the many blessings we have been given.

I encourage you to keep checking the google classroom calendar with your child(ren) as I try to keep all the assignments and due dates up to date on there.

Scholastic orders are due Friday, October 20.

**Bible:** Bible worksheet pg. 15 was due today. The students have been working hard on a mural depicting the entire Exodus story from Moses and Aaron going to see pharaoh for the first time to the Israelites crossing the sea. Look for pictures to come hopefully this week as we finish it up and hang it up for all see and hopefully learn the story a little bit more.

**French:** Well done on the quiz this past week! You all did so well. We are going to continue verb and grammar review from grade 6 and will have another quiz on aller and faire on Friday, October 13.

**Art:** We have been working on our Bible mural in art as well.

**Music:** Our books have finally (almost) all arrived and we will be able to begin playing songs together and learning or relearning how to read the notes on the staff. Brass players learned how to use a ping pong ball and their mouthpieces to practice how much air is needed to maintain proper and consistent sound. Clarinet and Saxophone players are continuing to use their 2 tricks to practice how much mouthpiece should be in their mouth to maintain proper sounds, clarinet players are also practicing making sure their fingers fully cover the holes as missing even a sliver of the hole produces a nice squeaking sound. Flutes are working on mouth shape (embouchure) and blowing overtop of a small mouth bottle to make the sound there first and then transferring that feeling and knowledge to the flute. Percussion players are practicing their paradiddles (ask them if you want to know more!). All students have learned at least 3 notes and should be able to move smoothly between each note and play whole notes and rests, half notes, and quarter notes in various rhythmic patterns.

**Healthy Living:** We have moved to volleyball in Phys. Ed. class, and we are nearing the end of our digital citizenship unit in health class. We also have gone over how to use google classroom, how to use google docs for assignments, and especially how to spell/grammar check their work before printing and/or handing in. We also talked about how to address and word emails to teachers and appropriate amounts of times between emails on the same subject.

**History:** We began our New France research and presentation project this past week. Students will have class time on Thursday to finish their research and should be done the research by next Monday. Presentations will start on Thursday, October 19 and are to be approximately 10 min. long and include a handout/worksheet for the rest of the class. All groups have been made and have the instruction for their topic.

**Writing:** We will begin a grammar review this week in writing focusing on the rules of periods, commas, and capitals as that seems to be an area of weakness in our class. We will also be having regular printing and cursive assignments to continue to work on the legibility of the writing being handed in.

**W.W.W.:** We finished our first sort and will begin our second sort (week 2). We will work with the words throughout the week and have a quiz on 10 of the words on Friday, October 13. The test and the work for the sort will be due on Friday, October 19.

**Guided Reading:** We started reading the short story "The Rocket" last week and will continue reading this week as well as answering questions about the story.