

October 16, 2023

For those of you who have noticed the calendar, we moved our Parent Teacher conferences. In past years we hosted these conferences in the beginning of December shortly after our first term report cards. The intention was that the reports would provide some topics for discussion.

I have always thought the conferences were a great time for parents and teachers to discuss the child. That includes a lot of factors including the child's academic progress in all subject areas. There are many more factors that are worth discussing as well, such as their ability to fit in socially in the classroom, the playground, and on the bus. It also includes how they are adapting emotionally to the structure, routines, and expectations of the school day. We can discuss their spirituality, not only their beliefs but also how they express it verbally or through their actions. There are so many factors to each child!

We have always been impressed with the LCS parents. Each of you are very committed to supporting your child(ren) and being a partner with the teachers to encourage their development. We have learned so much during those conferences and, as a result, we decided that the earlier we can host them, the sooner we can implement the ideas shared.

So, you will notice that the conferences are scheduled for November 2 and 3. We are investigating an electronic process that will allow you to pick your own conference times with your teachers. We expect these Fall conferences are mandatory for all our families, and we are sure you will invest the time to meet with us.

Stay tuned for more information about scheduling to follow.

## Food Drive Announcement:

For the next week and a half we will be collecting food drive items for the Salvation Army. We ask that students bring in non-perishable items to help those in the Listowel community who struggle. This will also be part of a team event. The team with the greatest number of items will get a Super Mario Power Up (an advantage in the second part of the Team Event). The Food Drive will run from October 16-25

## October Events

- 23- LCS Information Evening 7-9
- 24- Picture Day
- 26- Edvance Convention  
No School
- 27- Edvance Convention  
No School



Oct 20  
Caleb D

Oct 22  
Marcus K

## 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

We are continuing to learn about the season of fall. This week we will be learning about, and tasting, some different apples. We will also do some apple stamp painting this week!

In language, we will continue to practice rhyming and we will be filling in rhyming words to familiar songs. We will be blending small words into new words and will begin to segment big words into smaller words. Our mystery letter last week was Aa! We learned about the sound letter a makes and some words, and names, that begin with letter A. What will our mystery letter be this week?

In **Bible**, we will read about Isaac's birth and learn about Jacob and Esau.

In **math**, we will be counting ourselves to find out which number we count most often. We will also practice counting up to 5.

Tuesday is **Library day**, please remember to send in last week's books!

Thursday we will have reading buddies.

As the weather changes, please keep an eye out for wet clothes that may come home in backpacks. The JK students find it very hard to resist the slides on the playground! If wet clothes do come home, please try to send extra clothes back into the school. Thanks!

## Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will learn the sound of the letter Pp and continue to build words using the “at” ending. We will identify the numbers of words per sentence as well as segment and blend compound words together. We will complete our high frequency word “and” project.

In **math**, we are looking at the concept of greater than and less than by matching objects and by counting the number of objects.

In **Bible**, we will hear about the story of Babel. We continue to learn our memory verse.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will focus on letters L and U.

We will be learning about pumpkins this week.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Bosman will be teaching the class as I do Search testing with the students who are 5 years old. If your child just turned 5, I will test them in a week or two. We will see how my time goes with each child to see how many children I will see that day. All children will be tested at some point. I will be in touch with you about that.

On Friday, Mrs. Bosman will be in to teach for me as I am away at a family wedding. On Thursday October 26 and Friday October 27, 2023 the staff will be attending the Edvance Convention. No school on those days.

Have a great week!

## Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

The weather is feeling colder and the Grade One class has been noticing things outside that are starting to change from our warm summer days to our colder autumn ones now. In all things God is good.

**Bible:** This week, we will continue on with our story of Abraham and Isaac, while talking about trusting God.

**Math:** We are working with the words more and less, before and after. We are also practicing counting on from 5. We are practicing holding up five fingers and adding a few more fingers from the other hand to count on from 5.

**Language:** This week, we will be doing a review on the short a, i, and o vowels that we have been working on the past couple weeks. Our decodable story is coming home for your child to practice with you. Please use this as a review from the previous week as a daily evening homework.

**Printing:** This week, we continue our Handwriting Without Tears with review of all our magic c letters and then continuing on with letters that don't use magic c. The next letter will be u.

**Creation studies:** This week, using our school, playground, and classroom as inspiration, we will work as a group to create our ending project for our map unit!

**Show and Tell Friday October 20: Hailey, Charity, Emily, Ruby.** \*This month our theme is to bring in something you are thankful for or something that an explorer might use!\*

## Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

**Math** - 2D shapes. Students have started a collaborative project with their reading buddies creating dream homes out of shapes. At home, keep practicing identifying shapes in everyday life.

**Science** - God's Creatures Large & Small! Students are continuing to work on their in class inquiry projects 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 are learning about healthy food choices and creating healthy eating habits as a way to care for our bodies that God has created.

**French**- This month, we are focusing on French colours.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

**Math** - Number sense: We are finishing word problems and moving onto ordinal numbers this week.

**Phonics, spelling and reading:** This week, we are reviewing more digraphs as well as reviewing long vowel sounds in words with silent E. Please see the homework practice sheet and decodable text going home this week to help the students practice these phonic skills (they will go home on Thursday/Friday every week).

**Creation studies - Social science:** This month, we will finish our unit on "Mapping my neighbourhood". This week, our focus is on our planet, the globe, maps and using a compass rose.

**Bible:** We are still focusing on the Old Testament this week. We are looking at God's special people.

**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.

# Announcements

## Upcoming Pizza Day

Wed. Oct 18th- Dominos Pizza

## Open House

Next week Monday (October 23) we will host our Fall Open House for enrolment for next year. If you know of a family who might be interested in sending their child(ren) to LCS next year, please encourage them to come to the Open House.

The Open House is from  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

## Toys for the Bazaar

We are now accepting new and gently used toys for our toy store! Please drop them off in the office!

### Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

Last week was a short week but an interesting week. I am thankful that God created the week in the way He has. We are able to start fresh every Monday morning.

**Bible:** This week, we will be looking at the maps at the back of the Bible and finishing off our unit.

**Math:** Our patterning unit is almost complete. We have worked a lot with number patterns. The last few lessons will be about attributes, repeating patterns and finding the core of a pattern, and writing a rule for it.

**Language:** The MAP tests revealed a lot of what we already suspected. Half of the class is struggling to read and understand language while the other half is above grade level. This is challenging for our class. My goal is to meet the students where they are at. With the help of our language program, we will do our best to help each student progress. Last week, we opened our phonics books. The students all did very well with applying their knowledge to the activities.

**Creation Studies:** We are wrapping up our unit on trees. This week, we will review what we've learned so far and our test will be on Thursday.

-Mrs. Claus

### Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**I Know It** - "Estimating Lengths" - 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 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 NEXT 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** - cube, food, fruit, crust, bloom, smooth, suit, from, dude, skunk, broom, mood, bump, juice, trust, build, moon, flute, spoon, tooth

**Spelling Rockets** - saw, cause, cross, caught, paws, straw, fault, law, claw, sauce, taught, draw, laugh, haul, pause, song, frost, hawk, crawl, dawn, lawn, vault, shawl, cloth

**Spelling Scooters** - write, writing, dream, dreaming, close, moan, wave, using, eating, looking, eat, skate, closing, trading, cleaning, clean, use, moaning, trade, skating, waving, look, mail, mailing

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

Thank you, parents, for your prompt return of signed assessments.

As we continue with and look to conclude our current unit on weather and seasons, please note that a formal assessment for each grade is planned for Thursday. Grade 4's will be given a 'study' page with the weather descriptors to aid with assessment preparation.

Time permitting, we will also be dealing with the verb FAIRE (= to do, to make) which should be somewhat familiar to Grade 5 and 6 students while likely 'new' for Grade 4.

### Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

**Math:** Today, we had a test on our first unit. Our next unit will be on number sense: addition and subtraction. Daily homework will be assigned.

**Gym:** Friday, we had our first short volleyball games. Maybe a little more practice and we can have better games.

# Announcements

## Cross Country

We had an amazing cross country season! We were blessed with wonderful weather at both of our meets. Last week the whole team was able to make it to our final meet at Moorefield Park. Lots of medals and ribbons were won, with everyone finishing their races well!

## Team Jerseys

Could all soccer players and cross country runners please return their jerseys, washed and folded. We will need them for volleyball!

## Volleyball

### Girls Volleyball

We will start practices this week. An information page went home on Friday, if you didn't get one, come see me! Our first practice will be after school on Wednesday immediately following dismissal. Pick up @ 4:15. Looking forward to a great season of volleyball together. -

Mrs. Kuipers

### Boys Volleyball

Our after school practices are on Tuesdays, beginning this Tuesday. Please provide permission notes to stay. Lunch practices are on

Thursdays.

Ed Boelens

## Musical News

A big thank you to all of the students who had the courage to audition.

The cast has been posted on the small bulletin board outside of the library. Our practices will be on Mondays from 3:30-4:30pm and a lunch period TBD. Please Note: Not every actor will need to be at every practice! Only the main actors: Jackson, Jasmine, Norman, and Gloria will need to be. I will post a schedule of which scenes we will be focusing on each Monday. This will be communicated once it is created.

From your Director,

Mrs. Claus

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

**Bible** - We will continue our unit, "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 also study maps and timelines, and will learn about the setting and chronological order of salvation history.

Our **memory work** is: The Books of the Bible and will be due on Nov. 3rd.

**Language** - We will conclude our work with nouns and will begin to look at adjectives. We will look at including details that support the main idea in our written work. We will continue to look at text features and visual information to help us with our reading comprehension. Our words of the week are: taunt, jester, and obsolete and exaggerate.

**Spelling:** We will have our spelling dictation on **Fri. Oct. 27th**.

**Lightning Bolts-** Box, Knock, Stop, Drop, Rode, Stone, Chose, Slope, Robe, Road, Float, Boat, Goat, Soap, Foam, Load, Goal, Toad, Coat, Love, One

**The Froggies-** Twin, Twig, Twist, Twirl, Tweet, Twelve, Swim, Swing, Swan, Swift, Sway, Swell, Swamp, Swipe, Quit, Quack, Quake, Quiet, Quart, Quilt, Quite, Quote, Sword, Two

**The Secret Spellers-** Disagree, Dislike, Disable, Disobey, Discover, Dishonest, Disloyal, Disappear, Discomfort, Misspell, Mistreat, Mismatch, Misplace, Misbehave, Misjudge, Preschool, Prefix, Premature, Preteen, Preview, Preheat, Pretest, Precaution, Precious

**Social Studies** - We will continue our unit - "Why is there French on my cereal box?" We will look at what does it mean to be created in the image of God, what can I begin to learn about the culture of New France and of my classroom and explore faith/religion as a determining aspect of culture.

**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. We will also look at how food and oxygen move to cells and how carbon dioxide and waste leave the body. Finally we will look at cellular metabolism and how materials move in and out of a cell.

**Art** - We will look at shape and form and will work on taking a 2-D image and making it 3-D.

**Health** - We will conclude our anti-bullying unit and will begin to look at Healthy Eating

**Recyclables** - We are look for a variety of sizes and shapes of cardboard boxes and recyclables for our upcoming art project. Please send in any clean packaging that you can. Ex. Granola bar boxes, toy packaging, cracker boxes etc. We will need a large quantity, so please send what you can. Thank you!

## Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen Unit -- Water Systems

Carrying over from last week, students will be undertaking some [in-class] independent research on Canadian water issues by way of online articles and videos. Ideally, this assignment is to be completed by end-of-class Wednesday.

## Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

**Math:** We continue to work through our unit on ratios. This week we will look at applications of ratios for both classes. The Grade 8s will also look at consumer math (discounts, sales tax, commission, and interest). Daily homework is regularly assigned. Students should also have brought home their unit 1 work for you to sign. If you haven't seen it yet, ask them for it.

## Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Reminder that scholastic orders are due this week Friday. Our class code is RC177130.

**Bible:** We are almost at the end of our first unit. Unit test will be Monday, October 23.

Our current Memory Work is Deuteronomy 26:17-18 - due on Tuesday, October 24.

**Writing:** We will be starting our Plagiarism unit this week. We will be learning what plagiarism is, how to avoid it, and how to properly write a works cited page for assignments.

**Guided Reading:** We are nearing the end of our Short Story Unit. We will be reading one final story this week and reviewing what we can learn from the stories studied. Word Detective and Rocket Worksheet are due today (Monday, October 16).

**W.W.W.:** The second sort work and test are due or happening this Friday, October 20.

**History:** We are working on a mid-unit project on New France. Students had a goal to be done their research by today so they can use today's class period to work on their presentations. They should be ready with their class handout to me so I can photocopy it for the class on Wednesday, October 18, and their presentation on Thursday, October 19.

**Healthy Living:** We are also nearing the end of our Health unit on Digital Citizenship. Students finished Rule posters showing how to behave in different tech and online spaces and will have a final test this week either on Wednesday, October 18, or Friday, October 20.

We also started a new unit in **Phys. Ed.** looking at volleyball and working to control the ball and work as a team, not individuals.

**Music:** All students now have a book to be practicing out of. We worked on the first few songs last week and will continue working through pages 6 and 7 this week together. It is really starting to sound good!

**French:** We have a French quiz on Tuesday, October 17 on faire, aller, -ir verbs, and -re verbs.

**Art:** The class "Exodus" mural is due Thursday, October 19.