

Weekly Messenger

October 2, 2023

Wow, here we are already in October. This week is a full week as we head into Thanksgiving weekend. This week we will prepare ourselves for Thanksgiving. I am amazed at how many ways we are blessed. Just spend three minutes thinking about things you are thankful for and I am sure your time will run out quickly. You might just start scratching the surface. Amazing!

Here might be some starters that I am thankful for:

- We live in a safe country. Not only physically safe but also safe to express our faith. We are not threatened and can openly and freely worship in our churches and our schools. I enjoyed my Sunday morning worship today. What a blessing!
- Most of us, if not all of us, live in a place and at a time when all our needs, and many of our wants, are met. For one example, I think of our health care system, although it is highly overworked, what a gift that our health needs are taken care of. I think of our homes and workplaces and our dinner tables – every day they are in place for us. This list could go on and on.
- I am thankful for my family. We have parents and children whom we love and care about.
- I am thankful for LCS. We have an amazing staff team who are committed to morning devotions, excellent teaching, support each other, and caring for God's children. Amazing!

As a school we will prepare for thanksgiving in two ways. No doubt, our classroom teachers will make this a part of their daily routines and devotions throughout the week. Then, on Friday morning, we will have a Thanksgiving assembly at 9:30 am. You are welcome to join us.

Finally, at 12:00, we will have lunch together, just like a big family. We hope and pray that this week will lead into a life of recognizing the gifts of God that we should be thankful for throughout our lives.

October Events

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct 2 Blake L	Oct 4 Wesley M
Oct 8 Jacob W	Oct 9 Bronwyn S
Oct 9 Natalie K	

November Events

2- Parent Teacher Conferences (evening)
3- Parent Teacher Conferences (day) No School
17- PA Day- No school
20- Fall Membership Meeting
22- Volleyball Tournament
27 Report Cards go home

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

It is October! This month we will be exploring all things fall in JK. We will be painting with corn this week and seeing if we can sprout corn from a dried cob. We will also read some picture books about being thankful.

In **language**, we will continue to practice rhyme repetition, initial sound isolation, and blending words. We will also have our first Mystery Letter!

In **math**, we will be learning about graphs and how we can use them to sort information. Our new focus colour is orange, our shape is the rectangle and our focus number is 2.

In **Bible**, we have learned about how God created the world and then rested. Now, we will learn about the fall into sin and also about Noah and the Ark. We have a new memory verse this month, it is Genesis 28:15: "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go". We will also be singing the song "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

In **health**, we will begin to learn about feelings and emotions, focusing on four main emotions: happy, sad, angry and afraid.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we are focusing on the sound of the letters Ss and Tt. We will be introduced to the word "I" and will be making a class book using that word. We will continue to rhyme, blend words together, segment words and identify beginning and ending sounds.

In **math**, we will be learning about "Flat" shapes meaning the circle, triangle, rectangle and square. We will be printing numbers to 5 and counting to 20.

In **Bible**, we will begin a new unit about the Fall into sin and Adam and Eve being banished from the Garden of Eden. Our new memory work is Genesis 8:22, it can be found on the bottom of the October calendar.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will focus on frog jump letters M and N as well as continue to work on proper pencil grip

We will be learning about apples, stamping apples and tasting McIntosh, Granny Smith and Golden delicious apples.

LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK ON TUESDAY!! Students are welcome to bring them Monday.

On Friday, we will be participating in the **Thanksgiving Lunch**. This means that all the students from SK to Grade 8 will sit together in the gym and enjoy lunch together. We have so much to be thankful for. Your child will bring home a request in their envelope on Monday for a food item, if they are the oldest in the family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Your child will need a plate, and a napkin. **LABEL EVERYTHING**. We will be served buns, lunch meat (usually turkey or ham), cheese, pickles, carrots, cucumbers and enjoy a cookie for dessert. Your child will be offered food and eat what they can. **PLEASE** send snacks for morning recess and for the afternoon..

October calendars have been sent electronically. If you have requested a paper calendar, it will be in your child's envelope on Monday.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

I can't believe we are already in the month of October!

Bible: This week, we will be finishing up our look at creation and all the beauty He created. Our Memory work will be for the month of October. It is Psalm 105:1-2 "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts."

Math: This week, we will continue working with patterns. We will be looking at Pattern rules as well as finding and correcting mistakes in patterns.

Language: In printing, we are still working on our magic c letters. This week, specifically looking at the letters: d and g. We will be working on Short A review.

Creation studies: This week, we will be looking at globes and where we are on the map!

Gym: Our focus in Gym this week will be on balance. We will be testing our balance and learning a few new games to practice balancing.

Show and Tell- Friday October 6: Isaac, Faith, Benjamin, Kyla, Esmae

Library: Please help your child remember to bring back their library books on Tuesday so that they may pick out new books.

Have a great week!

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Day

Wed. Oct 4th- New Orleans

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!

Sports

Soccer is over and both teams did well at their tournament. All games were decided within one goal, sometimes by a shootout. The girls came home as the consolation champions and proudly view their plaque in the trophy case
Congratulations!

Our next sport is volleyball. If anyone is interested in coaching the boys' team, or even helping out, please let me (Ed Boelens) know.

Musical News!!

This year, we are doing a Christmas Musical! Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Claus will be directing **BACK TO THE MANGER**: A caroling adventure through time. Acting auditions are open to Grades 5-8. They will be held in the gym on Thursday, Oct. 5 at lunch recess (those involved in Cross Country can audition on the following Tuesday). A page of the script can be found on the small bulletin board outside the library. Take 1 sheet of paper. Practice the parts using expression. You may request to be a character, but the final say will be ours.

Singing auditions will be on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at lunch recess in the gym. Please see Mrs. Wright or the bulletin board for music. Some acting parts have singing parts, while others are just singing. Any questions please come see Mrs. Claus or Mrs. Wright



Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

An email was sent out last week about signing up for our class Remind account. Please sign up if you haven't yet as I will be sharing class pictures and announcements through it. If you didn't receive the email, let me know!

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. A mini amphibians project came home on Friday. The students will be using these to create a class book on Amphibians - the pages need to be in by Thursday, Oct.5.

Health - Understanding our emotions and how to communicate them.

Gym- We continue to focus on group cooperation games and building our soccer skills.

Writing - Students are working on personal narratives. To help build their literacy skills of retelling, encourage your child to give details when telling about their day! Who did they sit beside or play with? What was the weather like? How did they feel? What colour was the ball/slide/swing?

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I can't believe we are in October already. I hope you and your family will celebrate a wonderful thanksgiving weekend and be reminded of how much you have to be thankful for. Here is an outline of our work for this week:

Math - Number sense: We are working on reading and writing numbers up to 20 as well as word problems this week.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week, we will be working on the FLSZ spelling rule and the pronunciation of the vowels A, O, U followed by LL. Please see the homework practice sheet and decodable texts going home this week to help the students practice these phonics. 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: The next 2 weeks we will spend our time focusing on the Old Testament.

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

Welcome to a new month! The first month of school flew by! This month we look forward to Thanksgiving at the beginning and the Teacher's Convention at the end! This week, let's continue to focus on how we've been blessed so we can bless others.

Bible: We just learned about how Bible verses have an address. Challenge your child to look up the verse for your family devotions. We will be learning the books of the Bible for memory work for the next few weeks. This week will be Genesis - Job. We will be practicing every morning, but practice at home is also helpful.

Math: We are still working on patterns with numbers. This has proven to be an area that the majority of the class struggles with.

Creation Studies: We are reviewing what we've learned so far and will be doing a test on Friday.

Language: During our language block on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday we will be doing our MAP tests in math, language, and reading. Students are encouraged to try their best and not rush. The remainder of the week will be focused on short a.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Mrs. Claus

Announcements

Girl's Soccer News!!

Our girls played so well! At the end of the round robin we were tied for first with 2 other teams. It took the sports committee a bit to figure out which place we all would end up in going into the semi-finals. We ended up third out of the 3. This didn't matter. Our girls played their hearts out as we thought this was our last game! We ended up winning this in penalty shots against Cambridge. We then got word we had another game! The team mustered up what energy they had left and we beat Kitchener 1-0. For this we won the Consolation Plaque. In the end we won 4 games and lost 1. Thank you so much to the girls on the team: Olivia, Anna, Jayna, Tamara, Ryder, Michaela, Megan, Bella, Alexa, Jenna, Esther, Bronwyn, Nadine, Savannah, and Natalie. You were absolutely amazing. And a HUGE thank you to Mrs. Gerda Bakker for coaching us to victory! We couldn't have done it without you!
~Mrs. Claus

Cross Country

This week is our first cross country meet in Cambridge (Churchill Park) on THURSDAY. Students will need to be driven in to meet at school for 8:15am and we will be back in time for students to take the buses home. Runners will need to dress for the weather, bring proper footwear, and pack a lunch for the day. There will be a concession stand if students want to bring 1-2 dollars for snacks. We will have one practice this week, with all runners, on TUESDAY at snack. Our next meet will be in Drayton on the 12th - more details next week.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

I Know It - "Rounding" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to 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 5:3,4 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

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 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 French (Madame Van Kampen):

On Wednesday, students will be formally assessed on their number range. [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 on Tuesday. Please assist your child in their review by randomly stating numbers in English so that he/she can provide the French equivalent.*

Gr. 5 will be working on a few worksheets related to the reading "Quelle est ta saison préférée?" Gr. 4 will continue to focus on calendar components and composing the day's date statement as well as weather descriptors and pronunciation.

Grade 5/6 French (Madame Van Kampen):

On Wednesday, students will be formally assessed on their number range. [i.e. Grade 5 up to 70 or soixante-dix; Grade 6 up to 100 or cent]. *A study/reference page will be sent home on Tuesday. Please assist your child in their review by randomly stating numbers in English so that he/she can provide the French equivalent.*

We will continue with the reading of the "Quelle est ta saison préférée?" passage and [hopefully this week] 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 Wednesday.

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"

Language - We will continue to look at nouns. We will look at choosing an appropriate topic for our audience in our written work. We will look at text features and visual information to help us with our reading comprehension. Our words of the week are: fiasco, gritty, contemplate and moderate.

Spelling-

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

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 continue our anti-bullying unit.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

Math: This week we should be finishing up our first unit on number patterns. We will continue plugging along on number sense as our second unit. Daily homework may be coming home if unfinished in class.

Gym: This week we will start our volleyball unit. A reminder that a change of clothes is required for gym class.

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Unit -- *Water Systems*

This week we will be looking at the Testing of Water Quality Characteristics. The plan is to engage in some hands-on testing of various water samples. **Students are encouraged, requested to bring in a sample from home for Wednesday** -- whether living in a rural or urban setting -- and also from such sources as personal swimming pools, hot tubs, the local creek or pond, livestock sources, etc. The class will be advised of this request in Tuesday's class.

While the test strips that have been purchased cover a multitude of chemical components, we are most interested in pH and chlorine levels.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

Review sheets are due Wednesday. Our test is scheduled for Wednesday October 4. Our next unit is ratios.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Some students do not have to get their agendas signed and checked anymore based on their ability to do their homework well and on time. If you would prefer your student to still have their agenda signed and checked each day, just let me know.

Bible: We continue to look at the larger story of the Bible focusing in on how different characters in the Bible have contributed to this larger story starting in Genesis. Recently, we looked at Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and this week we will move on from there.

For devotions this week so far, Monday - Zander, Tuesday - blank, Wednesday - blank, Thursday - Michaela and Emilie, Friday - Jerry and James

W.W.W.: We will be finishing up our first sorts this week. Students should have the original sort, 2 activities, and complete sentences created. We will be doing our quiz today (Monday) and working with the words doing another activity today and a test on Friday.

Writing: We are nearing the end of our combined health and writing unit.

Guided Reading: We have read through 2 short stories and will continue to read through 3 more looking more into what makes a short story as well as the theme in each story.

French: We have a quiz on -re and -ir verbs Tuesday. Then we will look at other verb forms or specific verbs with unique rules. Students can study with their worksheets or online with Kahoot (links should be google classroom, if they are not, let me know and I'll try again).

History: We have looked at a map of New France in the early 1700's and will be looking at life in New France and how conflict changes it in the coming days and weeks.

Band: A reminder that band is every Monday and Thursday. Students have been given assignments verbally each class to work on at home for the next class. Hopefully our music will show up soon and we will begin learning some simple songs together.

Healthy Living: Phys. Ed. is on Tuesday and Friday. Students are reminded to bring their gym clothes and appropriate footwear for outdoor activities and sports each of those days. In **health**, we are nearing the end of our unit on Digital Citizenship. Look on the parent facebook page for 2 charts detailing our classes technology use for a week!

Art: Take a look on the parent facebook page for a couple pictures of our "bee-attitudes" assignment. The wings are supposed to depict what the beatitude written on the body of the bee says.