

Weekly Messenger

October 23, 2023

This week, I am writing about a variety of things to keep you updated on things happening at LCS.

Last week I wrote about our Parent Teacher conferences, the fact that we moved them up in our calendar and the value they are to us as teachers. We have been testing a scheduling option and this year we are trying one out. Rather than us assigning you a time, you can sign up for your own time. Here is a link to a website [signup.com https://signup.com/go/vCzYzGr](https://signup.com/go/vCzYzGr), and we hope it works well for you.

We are always looking for volunteers to support us in different ways. Of course, the best scenario is to have you commit your time in ways that you enjoy and/or have special gifts. As a result, we are requesting you to complete this volunteer survey so we can call on people to help in their interest areas. Please complete the form and return it back to the office. Maybe we will be calling you back based on your input.

Every day we transport 160 students to school and back home again. Making sure everyone comes and goes on the right bus and is safe is no easy task. Thanks to all the parents who continue to inform Michelle of the days they are picking up their children. Also, just a reminder that your child may only ride their bus. If they are going to someone else's house and it requires a bus change, you must provide your own transportation.

Food Drive Announcement:

We are continuing our food drive this week. Remember that you only have until Wednesday to bring food in for our community. Some of the team tables are looking pretty full! Thank you so much for your participation in this great cause.

October Events

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



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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

Tuesday is picture day! Students will all have their individual picture taken as well as a class photo. Information regarding ordering will be sent out from the office.

Thursday is the teacher's convention and there will be no school! JK will have a very short week!

We will be wrapping up our fall theme by looking at leaves and talking about why they change colours.

Our mystery letter last week was letter T. We learned that tree, turtle, truck, tent, train and tub begin with the letter T. This week, we will have a new mystery letter. We will continue to practice rhyming and word segmenting and word blending.

In **math**, we will be doing some more counting. We will count down from 5 and count up to 10 using some songs and poems.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about Jacob and his special dream.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week is a very short week. We have school on Monday and Tuesday. The staff will be at the Edvance Conference for Thursday and Friday.

We will be rhyming words with “at” and “ap”, making word chains and reviewing the sound of letter Pp.

In **math**, we will focus on the concept of less than, printing numbers to 6 and counting to 20.

In **Bible**, we will have a unit review on Unit 2 Our Need For God’s Love which includes the story of the fall into sin, Noah and the Ark, God’s rainbow promise, and the Tower of Babel.

We will be watching for squirrels on Monday and Tuesday and see what they are busy doing around the school.

TUESDAY is LIBRARY DAY! Books can be returned on Monday.

TUESDAY is Picture Day!

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for our team event to help the people of Listowel through the Salvation Army.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

Bible: This week we are continuing on with our story of Abraham. Please keep practicing our Memory work for this month at home. We practice it at school, but extra practice every day at home helps too! Reminder that our memory work 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: We are continuing to work on how many more and how many less.

Language: This week, we are looking at words that have the short u sound. Please keep practicing the decodable page that comes home each Monday. In our printing book this week we will work on the u.

Creation studies: Last Friday, we took our maps that we created and put them to use actually hiding treasure and using another map to find where the treasure was hidden. We learned value lessons and had lots of fun searching. This week we will start our new unit One Body, Many Parts: Our Home and School Communities. This unit will challenge us to make a difference in both their family and school communities. We will start by looking at how God calls us to be a unit and how we have one body with many parts.

Show and Tell WEDNESDAY October 25. Blake, Delaney, Bryer, Seth *This month our theme is to bring in something you are thankful for or something that an explorer might use!*

Have a great short week!

Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

A link is being shared today for parent -teacher conference sign up. (If you do not receive the link from the school Remind account, let me know). Please note that Mrs. G will only be available to join us on Thursday evening. If you’re able to attend Thursday, that would be preferable. Looking forward to meeting with you all.

Math - Students finished designing their dream homes by using 2D shape tracers last week and are working on adding primary and secondary colours before passing their designs onto the grade 5&6 class where they will be built into a 3D model! This week we are starting non standard measurements. Students will be encouraged to compare length and heights or various items and will explore how to select appropriate units and utilize them effectively to measure.

Science - A review will come home this week Wednesday for a end of unit assessment next week on creatures large and small with an emphasis on Reptiles, Amphibians, and Fish. Please spend a few minutes each night going over the information with your child to prepare for their assessment.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I hope you had a lovely weekend. This is a short school week for our students.

Math - Number sense: We are starting a new unit on addition and subtraction with numbers up to 100.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week, we are still reviewing long vowel sounds in words with silent E. Please see the homework practice (only 1 this week) going home today to help the students practice this phonic skill. The decodable text we are working on in class this week will only be going home tomorrow.

Creation studies - Social science: Our focus is on legends and creating our own maps this week.

Bible: We are looking at God’s people the next 2 weeks.

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.

Picture day: Please remember that it is picture day tomorrow!

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Day

Wed. Nov 1st- Dominos Pizza

Toys for the Bazaar

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

Team Jerseys

There are still a few LCS jerseys out there. Please return them as we will need them for our next sport.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

We have a short week this week. Tomorrow is Picture Day! I am looking forward to connecting with other teachers and learning more at the Teacher's Convention on Thursday and Friday. It is always such a blessing to be with other Christian educators. I will also be assessing **language skills** this week. Also, be sure to sign up quickly for your Parent-Teacher interviews with Sign Up Genius.

Bible: Test on Wednesday.

Math: Test on Tuesday or Wednesday- Patterns

Language: Assessments on reading. Continued work with short vowels.

Creation Studies: New unit! We will be starting our new unit on pioneers and the settlement of Canada.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Nothing is due this week. Here's a heads up on what is coming up soon.

Spelling Dictation - Dictation will be NEXT THURSDAY. 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 - 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

Bible - We will be finishing our unit on King David this week and will be having a quiz NEXT THURSDAY.

I Know It - "Length Conversions" - due NEXT THURSDAY. 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 - Matthew 5:7,8 - due November 10 - "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

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

Last week's assessments on La Météo will be coming home in today's Kidmail. **Parents:** *please sign/initial the assessment – as proof that you have reviewed the pertinent document -- and have it returned to the school yet this week.*

This week, we will be learning or re-learning the verb FAIRE (=to do or to make). Please encourage and/or help your son/daughter in committing this verb to memory as it will be used throughout their French 'career'. Grade 4 is expected to learn, minimally, the left column; Grades 5 & 6, all.

je fais = I do / I make	nous faisons = we do / we make
tu fais = you do / you make	vous faites = you do / you make
il fait = he does / he makes	ils font = they do / they make
elle fait = she does / she makes	elles font = they do / they make

Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

Math: We are working on place value which will lead to adding and subtracting larger numbers.

Gym: Monday we will practice our serves.

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.

Announcements

Volleyball

Girls Volleyball

What a great first week- there is lots of potential and I'm excited to see what we can accomplish this year! Only one practice this week after school on Wednesday until 4:15.

Mrs. Kuipers

Boys Volleyball

Our after school practices are on Tuesdays until 4:30. Please provide permission notes to stay. Lunch practices are on Thursdays.

Ed Boelens

Musical News

We are having our first practice for the musical after school today in the library. Actors in scenes 1&2 are asked to join. An email went out to all parents and grade 7/8 students with the practice schedule. It is also posted on the little bulletin board outside the library. We will also be practicing on Wednesdays at lunch.

-Mrs. Claus

Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

Language - We will begin to look at adjectives. We will look at including details that support the main idea in our written work. We will look at descriptions to help us with our reading comprehension. When an author writes a text with a description structure, the author uses descriptive details, examples, and reasons to support the main idea.

Our words of the week are: exaggerate and tendency.

Spelling- We will have our spelling dictation on Mon. Oct. 30th.

The 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 continue 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 begin our Healthy Eating unit. We will be looking specifically at how to read nutritional labels this week.

Recyclables - We are looking 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!

Grocery Shopping Scavenger Hunt - Please watch for this assignment coming home today. Due: Mon. Nov. 6th

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen: Water Systems

Students, in groups, will be generating presentations on last week's research on a *Canadian water crisis*. We will then proceed to the next topic: *Human Impact on Water Consumption*.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

The Grade 7s will look at unit rates and complete another worksheet. The Grade 8s will look at consumer math (discounts, sales tax, commission, and interest). Daily homework is regularly assigned.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Short week this week! Just a heads up, we had a couple changes from our schedule last week that will impact this week and going forward to next week. Due/test dates are as written here this week.

Bible: We will be having our unit test on Monday, October 30. Students will receive a study guide this week to help them study. **Memory work due tomorrow - Deuteronomy 26:17-18**

Devotions this week: Monday - Baylen, Tuesday - Reid and Bentley, Wednesday - Megan and Jordie.

Writing: We start our plagiarism unit this week. We are ready to learn a lot of things about citing work, and how to avoid plagiarizing; to give credit where credit is due.

Guided Reading: We are finishing up our final story read this week and will do an in class unit review. We will be starting our class novel study at the end of this short week or next week.

W.W.W.: Work from this past week is due and the test will take place on Wednesday, October 25.

History: Mid unit test on New France is this Wednesday, October 25. Students have what they need to study in their notes already. They did a good job on their presentations and some of that information will also be on the test so they do need to study the handouts that they were given for other group presentations.

Healthy Living: We will not have health class this week due to the short week.

Music: We are going to be working on the musical for part of our music classes as well as continuing to learn to play our instruments together. We are making some great progress. I will be having some sectionals at lunch times over the next couple weeks. Today is flutes, Wednesday is clarinets, next week Wednesday will be saxophones, and Thursday will be trumpets. The following week will be French horns, low brass, and percussion.

French: We will be starting a unit on hockey this week.

Art: We have finished our mural on Exodus. Look for it to be hung up sometime soon...once I figure out how to hang up such a large piece. We started working on making our own moveable manikin to be able to study how the human body moves and what proportions the human body generally has.