

February 12, 2024

From the Principals Desk

I don't know if you follow football or not, if you watched the Superbowl or not, or if you simply didn't care enough, but I am intrigued with the whole Superbowl phenomenon. What is it that connects a large group of people to one event? They predicted that over 200 million people will watch the game. Amazing! There were hours upon hours of pre-game analysis, hype, predictions, and building excitement. I didn't get too involved, but I will admit that, although I am a rare football watcher, I did watch the Superbowl. Sometimes you just cannot let these events pass you by.

It makes me wonder how we decide something is so important to celebrate at such a high level. In our church on Sunday, we celebrated the boys club we call Cadets. What a wonderful opportunity to have young boys getting together to grow in their understanding of God and how a loving God impacts their lives. They participated in our worship service by leading different parts of it and showed their commitment to their spiritual growth.

In our church there were no commentators talking for hours before the service, no big national anthems sung by stars, no anticipated half-time show, no overpaid advertisements, and no awards handed out afterward. Yet, the importance of an event such as young boys engaged in learning about God far outweighs the Superbowl. And that is what we do every day at LCS as well.

Calendar of Events

February

- 13 - SPIRIT DAY!
Red, White or Pink
- 15 - Singing Assembly led by
Mrs. Baarda and the JK Class
- 15 - Team Event
- 16 - PD Day - No School
- 19 - Family Day - No School
- 21 - Pizza Day - Domino's
- 22 - Basketball Clinic at Woodland
- 23 - Last day to order Promo Clothing
- 23 - Re-Enrolment forms due

March

- 5 - Basketball Tournament
- 6 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 11-15 - MARCH BREAK
- 18 - Report Cards go home
- 20 - Pizza Day - Domino's

Announcements

Job Opportunity:

LCS will be looking to fill the role of Principal/COO for the new school year. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who is, please send your interest and/or inquiries to Ken Rastorfer at hradmin@listowelchristianschool.ca.

LCS Clothing

Promotional Clothing is available through Creative Casuals. You can access the items through their website at www.creativecasuals.com. **Hover over the "Custom Clothing Program", click Listowel Christian School.**

The username and password information will be noted on the screen. Orders can be placed until **February 23, 2024**

Re-Enrolment Form

The link for the re-enrolment form was sent home last week. If you have completed your form, thank you. If you have not yet completed it, please have that submitted before February 23rd.

The link is <https://forms.gle/eSi32CBRRPyjcNiy6>

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to

Feb 14
Colton K

Feb 18
Mirah Z

Happy
Birthday

Spirit Day & Team Event

Tuesday will be a Spirit Day. Students are asked to wear Red, Pink or White! Thursday will be a Team Event. Students in JK to Grade 3 will participate in a Heart Hunt. Students in Grades 4 through 8 will participate in a Rock, Paper, Scissors competition.

Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junion Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

We have a busy week in JK this week! Here are the extras that are happening.

Tuesday is a dress up spirit day where students can wear pink, red and or white to earn points for their school teams.

Tuesday we will be celebrating Valentine's Day in JK. Students may bring in cards or treats for their classmates if they wish.

Tuesday is library day. Please try to remember to send in books to return.

Thursday JK will be hosting a singing assembly that will begin at 9:30. The JK students will be reciting a memory verse and lead the singing of "Jesus Loves Me". You are welcome to attend.

Thursday will also be a team event where students will hunt for paper hearts that will be hidden around the school. They will earn points for their school team by finding hearts.

We will also try to fit in some curriculum this week!

In **language**, we will have a new mystery letter. We will also learn to print letters J and D.

In **math**, we will practice sequencing and putting events in the order that they occur in a story or rhyme.

In **Bible**, we will read about Jesus healing a man with leprosy, and Jesus feeding hungry people.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week and next week will be short weeks as there will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday** due to a PD Day for teachers and staff and Monday February 19, 2024 is Family Day.

This week is a very exciting week as we celebrate God's Love for us through various activities and we share God's love by giving and receiving Valentine Day cards.

We are having our Valentine's Party on Tuesday February 13, 2024. Students are welcome to bring Valentine cards for their classmates. The easiest way is for your child to sign the card and then they can go to any of their classmates. It also works to have them labeled, just be sure each child gets one. Here are the class names: *Olivia, Addison, Aria, Josiah, Michael, Cameron, Dominic, Jolene, Ruby, Isaiah, Roman, Alec, Adalie, Kaylee, Karissa, Timothy, Wesley, Henri*. Treats are fun just be sure they are PEANUT FREE! It will be a great time!!

We will be focusing on the sound of the short vowel Ee for the next two weeks. Letter Ee is part of our vowel valley and we will listen and spell words with short vowel Ee as a middle sound.

We read various comprehension passages. Please keep reading to your child. It is so so good when you do.

We are finishing our first **math** workbook. There are many pages of review in the book. Feel free to use them up as a review for your child now or in the summer. When I introduce a new math topic such as patterning, we do lots of hands-on work and not as much paperwork. Use the rest of the pages as you need too.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Moses and the Plagues.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will focus on lowercase g as a below the line letter. We are working hard on noticing the lines and printing on them or going up higher or going lower.

On Tuesday students are asked to wear the colour red, white or pink as a team Spirit day.

On Thursday we will participate in a Heart Hunt with our school teams.

It is going to be a fun week!

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Bible: Our **Memory work** for the month of February will be Romans 8:28. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." While we do practice our memory work in class. Please help your child by reviewing this verse each evening with them. The colouring page that we do in class is also sent home to help remind your child to practice. If you have room put it on your fridge to practice each day! It will be said to me Friday March 1st. Our Bible story this week will focus on how God calls Gideon to be the next Judge.

Language: In our UFLI lessons, we will be reviewing the digraphs we have been working on (ck, sh, th, ch). In our **Handwriting without tears** book, we will be practicing printing the letter Ff.

Math: This past week we finished working in our first math book! We are on to book number 2. The first book is coming home this week! Our new book continues on with number sense and we will be working on counting by 5s.

Science: In science this week, we will look at recognizing safe and harmful materials.

Show and Tell Thursday February 15 : Delaney, Bryer, Seth, Isaac, Faith * The theme for February will be either something that you love or your favourite story book.

*On Friday information about our valentine's party was sent home. We plan on celebrating God's love to us on Wednesday as a class. If you want to share a treat with the class, we will be having a little celebration Wednesday afternoon.

*Wear red, white or pink on Tuesday to earn team points. Wear more red, white and pink on Wednesday!

Have a great week!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

I am looking forward to spending 3 days of this week with our Grade 2 class. While we are surrounded by hearts and Valentine's decorations this week, may we be reminded of God's incredible, comforting love for us every single day. May we show God's love through our daily actions to all those around us.

Here is our work for the week:

Valentine's day: The students are welcome to bring cards and candy to share on Wednesday if they would like to. Please see attached note for the list of names and other information.

Spirit day: Tomorrow is Spirit day. Please wear pink, red or white to earn points for your team. The team event will take place on Thursday.

Math - Number sense: This week we finish our unit on addition and subtraction and start a new unit on skip counting and estimating.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week we are still focusing on the vowel teams we started last week. Please see the homework practice sheet that went home last week to help the students practice these phonic skills. I will be assessing the two new phonics skills and heart words that they have learned and practiced in class and at home on Wednesday February 14th.

Creation studies - Social science: We continue our unit on Communities around the world this week.

Bible: This week, we focus on the Sermon on the Mount. Our Bible verse for the month is **Matthew 5:43-44: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy. 'But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"**

Library: We will have library tomorrow. Please encourage them to develop the habit of bringing their books to school every Tuesday, even if they would just like to renew it.

100th school day: Next week Tuesday, we will most likely celebrate our 100th school day. I will send out a class email regarding our 100th school day celebrations later this week.

Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

Wed- Mrs. G will be in today. Phonics/spelling test with /oo/ words.

Thurs- Today students will have a patterning quiz. We have been studying growing and shrinking patterns. At home, have students practice identifying pattern rules with examples like below. Come up with your own patterns and name the rules together.

Examples:

4 8 12 16 18 -- start at 4. Add 4 each time

100 95 90 85 -- start at 100. Subtract 5 each time.

//+ ///+ ////+ -- start with //+. Add one / each time.

Fri- PD Day

Mon- Family Day, no school

Enjoy your long weekend together!

Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

By the sound of it, many of us had a busy weekend! A lot of excitement and fun was had. I am thankful that we are so blessed to have family and friends to spend our time with.

This week we have a couple of special activities happening. On **Tuesday**, we are dressing in red, white, or pink for Valentines.

On **Wednesday**, we will be sharing the love with valentines for our friends. (My advice would be to only write who the valentine is from to avoid frustration and speed up the process of handing them out.)

And on **Thursday**, we will be participating in a team event: the heart hunt.

Next **Wednesday marks 100 days of school!** The Grade 3 students have the option of dressing up as a 100 year old. They do not need to bring anything in. Our day will revolve around activities to do with 100.

Bible: This week, we will learn about the story of Hagar and Ishmael. We will also hear the story of when Abram changed to Abraham.

Math: We have started a new unit on measurement. Students did a pretest to see what they know already so we will be fast-tracking through this unit.

Language: We are continuing our work on R-controlled vowels as a whole class.

Health: This week we will have our test on healthy eating.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

Valentine's Day - If students would like to bring valentines to share, they may bring them to school on Wednesday, as long as there is enough for everyone. There are 23 students in our class.

Math - We have finished a unit on division and will have our quiz on WEDNESDAY. Smartboard notes will be sent home on Tuesday night to help students study and we will be working on a review throughout the week. Students will need to know basic division facts (related to multiplication tables), how to divide with zeros, long division steps, and word problems.

I Know It - NO I Know It this week, since we have a Math quiz instead.

Memory Work - due NEXT FRIDAY - Proverbs 2:6 - "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding."

Spelling - 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 Trio - box, rode, road, chose, boat, love, goat, soap, knock, slope, foam, load, robe, one, goal, stop, toad, coat, float, drop, stone

Spelling Tigers - care, hair, part, fair, start, harm, rare, chair, spare, sharp, par, stare, chart, dark, square, hare, pear, heart, shark, fare, bear, bare, stair

Spelling Minions - broken, dragon, mountain, cousin, human, cotton, carton, captain, hidden, heaven, cabin, ribbon, bargain, chosen, napkin, eleven, muffin, slogan, stolen, bacon, mitten, prison, rotten, penguin

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

This week, students will focus on their end-of-unit project in which 8 sentences will need to be written and illustrated using the verb ALLER (to go) and including a suitable place or building to which one can go. Overall assessment will include the written component, overall visual presentation, and reading of the created sentences.

Classroom News

Grade 5/6



Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will conclude our unit on the Triumphal Entry through Passover. Watch for study guides and updates to our progress coming home in your child's agenda this week.

Memory Work - "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26" Due: Wed. Feb. 14th

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. John 14:1-4" Due Mar. 6th.

Language - We will continue to look at articles and pronouns in grammar. In writing, we will work on writing paragraphs and using wow spelling. We will continue to specifically work on writing pieces related to our Wonder novel study. We will practice our reading comprehension through our Wonder novel study by using a variety of strategies to answer questions related to the text. We will continue to work on fluency and expression and comprehension with our five minute mysteries this week. Our words of the week will also be tied to our novel study Wonder, where we closely examine unknown or less common words, such as, precept, stampede, mortality, fashionista, catastrophe and flaky. We will be beginning a special surprise assignment on Wed. Feb. 14th. Watch for details coming home on Wednesday in your child's agenda.

Spelling - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. I have included a coloured copy our your child's spelling words in their kidmail. Please keep this in a safe spot for home practice. I have included a reference guide in our class Facebook group if you are unsure about what certain spelling activities entail.

Blue Taters - Sort 20 - *show, globe, grow, roast, row, oat, wrote, froze, stock, coach, lose, flow, long, mow, roam, coal, slow, blow, Rome, throw, close, know, loaf*

Grade 5/6

continued...

Pizza Squad - Sort 14 - *silent, funny, female, after, sister, chapter, blanket, only, happen, winter, better, moment, finger, duty, pillow, yellow, number, follow, problem, pattern, bottom, member, never, window*

Billy Bob Joe that Spells - Sort 32 - *cattle, pencil, total, novel, pebble, travel, signal, evil, model, level, marble, fossil, nickel, special, journal, until, final, April, angel, metal, oval, vowel, angle, local*

Weird Weards - Sort 13 - *invent, magician, adoption, electric, digestion, music, distort, insert, invention, digest, insertion, suggestion, musician, adopt, electrician, clinician, magic, suggest, desert, prevention, clinic, desertion, prevent, distortion*

Social Studies - We will spend this week completing a review guide and will have our unit test on Friday.

Science - We will begin a new unit called God Speaks Through the Wind.

Art - We will finish our Eric Carle animal collage pictures and begin working on a collaborative piece for the auction.

Health - We will continue our unit on Mental Health. On Tuesday we will watch Inside Out. Please feel free to reach out if you have any concerns. I have attached a Christian review of the movie in our class Facebook group.

Cursive Snack - Damian Feb. 14th; Kenzie Feb 12th; Caleb Feb. 27th

Spirit Day - Wear red, white, or pink on Tuesday

Valentine's Day - Please have your child dress in whatever they consider a "dapper/dashing" outfit. We will practice putting our vocabulary into practice.

Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

This week, students will focus on their end-of-unit project in which 8 sentences will need to be written and illustrated using the verb ALLER (to go) and including a suitable place or building to which one can go. Overall assessment will include the written component, overall visual presentation, and reading of the created sentences.

Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

We will continue with the unit on Measurement which we began last week. Metric unit conversion will continue with millimetres, centimetres, and metres with inclusion of kilometres this week. Grade 6 will extend that to include decimetres and decametres.

The test written last week by Grade 6 for the Number Sense unit will be coming home today.

Parents, please take a few minutes to review your child's assessment outcome, apply your signature or initials, and have your son/daughter return it to me yet this week.

Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

As we have concluded our unit on The Cell, this week we will begin our third unit Systems in Action. This unit deals with the physical and social systems in our lives and will include some physics as we eventually deal with calculations and determinations of force, work, and mechanical advantage.

Tests (on The Cell unit) written last week will be sent home for parental signing.

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

Both classes are working through their data management units. This week, we will work on our review work, completing both a worksheet and some textbook work.

Given the PD Day and Family Day, our test will be next week Wednesday.

In Sports News...

Boys Basketball:

The boys will practice this week on **Tuesday after school** (3:30-4:30) and **Thursday** at lunch.

Girls Basketball:

The girls will practice **Tuesday at lunch** and **Thursday at snack**.

Both teams will attend the Woodland Basketball Clinic on Thursday, February 22nd. More details will be provided shortly.



Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Bible: We are finishing up looking at Job - how does the story end? And will begin looking at Ecclesiastes this week.

Memory Work is Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. The due dates are February 23 and March 1.

Writing: We have been working on basic grammar review and cursive writing.

Guided Reading: We will continue our short story unit with another short story and analysis this week.

W.W.W.: Work due and test this Thursday, February 15. Students should have the original sort completed, 2 activities, and sentences complete for Thursday.

Geography: We are looking at water systems and the natural and human impacts on water systems.

Healthy Living: Continuing current unit.

Music: We will be playing for the seniors lunch at Bethel CRC on March 8. Over the next few weeks we will be getting some songs ready to play for that performance.

French: We are continuing our short grammar unit. We are halfway through already and students should expect a quiz early next week depending how the work goes this week.

Art: We will be taking a week off of art this week as we will be spending a large amount of time in the coming couple weeks to work on our quilt project.