

Weekly Messenger

February 5, 2024

From the Principals Desk

Today you will receive your re-enrolment information. There is a letter outlining the importance of this step in the process and a link to a form for you to re-enrol. Please prayerfully consider this commitment and opportunity for your child(ren).

While we are involved in our due diligence and planning (wondering how many students we will or could have for next year, the possible class arrangements, and ensuring we have the staff in place to host them all), we also know that God is a faithful God and He will continue to provide for LCS. We will celebrate our 50th year of serving God's children - what a blessing! Fifty years of educating children, nurturing their faith in Christ, and preparing students to interpret and impact God's world. Fifty years of graduates who have moved on from LCS with a Christian perspective on how they can and will serve God with their gifts, influencing their social and work worlds with the love of Christ.

We invite you to help continue the task. We encourage you to commit to LCS for next school year and roll the first fifty years into the next fifty years. With God's help, LCS will continue to fulfill its purpose.

Here is the link to the Google form for your re-enrolment. We ask that you please complete the form no later than Friday February 23.

<https://forms.gle/eSi32CBRRPjy6>

Calendar of Events

February

- 7 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 8 - Drum Fit Assembly - Mrs. Wright
- 15 - Assembly led by Mrs. Baarda with the help of the JK class
- 16 - PD Day - No School
- 19 - Family Day - No School
- 21 - Pizza Day - Domino's
- 22 - Basketball Clinic at Woodland

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 hadmin@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Class Group Photos

A pamphlet with is coming home with instructions to obtain a digital copy of your Class Group Photo. There is no charge for the download. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are being sent home today in Kidmail. If you have any questions regarding your receipt, please email finance@listowelchristianschool.ca

Drum Fit Club:

Our last rehearsal will be Tuesday at lunch recess

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to



Quilting Project

Grade 7/8 is working on a quilting project. If you or someone you know would be able to help us when we are ready to sew our quilt squares, we would really appreciate and welcome your help.

Please let Janelle Vogel know by calling the school or email at j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Music Mrs. Wright

We will be having a Drum Fit Showcase assembly this Thursday February 8 at 9:30 am. Please join us if you are able. Students in grades JK-Grade 6 and the Drum Fit Club will be presenting what they have been working on.

Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junion Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

This week we will begin a new theme, Love. We will talk about how God loves us and how we can show love by being kind to others.

In **language**, we will be practicing rhyme recognition, we will listen for the first sound we hear in a group of words or a sentence, and we will continue to practice blending parts of a word.

Our mystery letter last week was letter O! What will it be this week?

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook, we will be printing letters G and S.

In **math**, we will be exploring mass and talking about heavier and lighter. We have a new focus number this month, number 6. Our new focus shape is the heart and our focus colour is pink.

In **Bible**, we will continue to learn about the life of Jesus and read about when he healed a man who was deaf and a man who couldn't walk.

Have a wonderful week!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we are saying and listening for the letter **Bb** sound at the beginning and ending of a word. We are blending, segmenting and rhyming words. Some students will be sent home with a high frequency word reader focusing on the word "said" and other students are working on paragraphs in the classroom. If you want books for your child to read at home please let me know.

In **math**, we are learning about the concept of greater than, less than, and equal to with the numbers 1 to 10. Everyday we are looking for numbers that come before another number. This is a tricky concept for SK to learn and understand.

In **Bible**, we will be learning about Moses as a baby and Moses and the burning bush. Our new memory verse is **Exodus 15:2a** *"The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation."*

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are working on holding a pencil with a tripod grip, printing letters from the top line down to the bottom line and from left to right. We are looking to see if the lowercase letters are above the line(thumbs up), below the line (thumbs down) or between the lines (fist punch) as we learn to use lines in printing. This week we focus on magic "c", letter a, and d.

This week, we will learn about blue jays and cardinals. We are fortunate at LCS to have lots of cardinals around so we will spend some time outside listening and searching for them.

For **health**, we are talking about Friends, what kinds of activities friends do together and what activities do you do by yourself. We are also working on learning our left from our right side of the body and focusing on spatial awareness.

As we are getting ready to go outside, I will be taking some extra time to encourage your child to zip up their coat, or at least try. Once they have tried, I will assist them. Perhaps if you have time at home, you could encourage the same practice.

Have a great 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 to put it in your fridge to practice each day!

Language: In our UFLI lessons we will be working with the voiced ch sound.

In our **Handwriting without tears** book we will be practicing printing the letter Bb.

Math: This week we will finish up working on subtraction. We will also work on story problems with both addition and subtraction.

Science: We will start talking about matter and materials. We will learn that God's world is made up of matter and that we can study and use it to make many kinds of materials.

Show and Tell Friday February 2: Charity, Emily, Ruby, Blake* The theme for February will be either something that you love or your favourite story book.



Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

Here is our work for the week:

Math - Number sense: This week, we continue our unit on addition and subtraction.

Phonics, spelling and reading: This week, we are focusing on some vowel teams. Please see the homework practice sheet going home today to help the students practice these phonic skills. I will be assessing the two new phonics skills and heart words that they have learned this week 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: We continue unit on "Jesus's ministries".

Library: We 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.

Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

Science - We are enjoying exploring the wonder of God's world through liquids, solids, and gases. Thank you to everyone who chipped in with some supplies for our experiments.

Math - In math, we are studying patterns that are growing and shrinking by repeating addition and subtraction.

Art - We finished up some art inspired by Tedd Harrison which will be showcased in the next issue of the Communicator - keep an eye out for these! We are now exploring aerial views for our next winter themed project.

Spelling List - Our test will be next Wednesday: push, put, hook, good, took, food, room, soon, zoo, *floor, *poor, *won, *son, *again, *against

Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

This weekend was such a beautiful weekend. The sun came out on Saturday and lifted our spirits. And Sunday morning we were greeted with a gorgeous landscape of frost on the trees. God has created an amazing world.

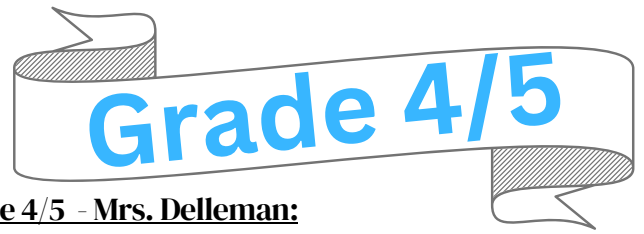
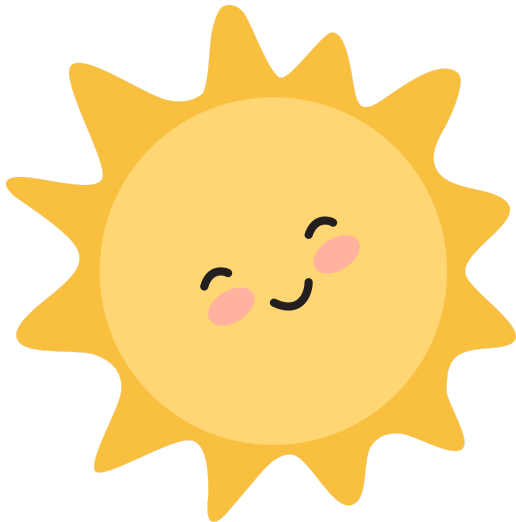
Bible: We are working on Abram and Sarai's journey right now.

Math: We have finished our adding and subtracting unit. We will review a bit and then have a test on Thursday.

Language: We are working on R-controlled vowels as a class this week.

Health: We will be finishing our unit on healthy eating with lessons on food disposal and dental health.

Mrs. Claus



Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

Memory Work - due FRIDAY - Psalm 103:4 - "Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion."

I Know It - "Multiple Step Word Problems (Multiply and Divide)" - 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.

Spelling - 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 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:

We will continue our study of the verb ALLER with sentence construction and translations. A unit project will hopefully get underway this week.

Classroom News

Grade 5/6



Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will continue our unit on the Triumphal Entry through Passover.

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

Language - We will continue to look at articles and pronouns in grammar. In writing, we will work on using topic sentences and paragraphs. We will 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 with choral, echo, and partner reads of five minute mysteries this week, where we will also work on our deductive reasoning and inferencing skills. 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 also work on completing our language-based MAP testing.

Spelling - Next test will be on Feb. 9th. Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments.

Social Studies - We will wrap up our unit looking at the fur trade in New France and will also look at language and what led to bilingualism.

Science -We will lead the grade ones in some physical activities this week to put our findings on body systems into practice. We will also take time to review the concepts and body systems covered in this unit. Unit test will be on Thursday. Watch for a study guide coming home on Tuesday.

Art - We will continue to look at texture as we create our own Eric Carle animal collage pictures.

Health - We will continue our unit on Mental Health and will be looking specifically of the stigma that is often attached to mental health and what we can do to end stigmas.

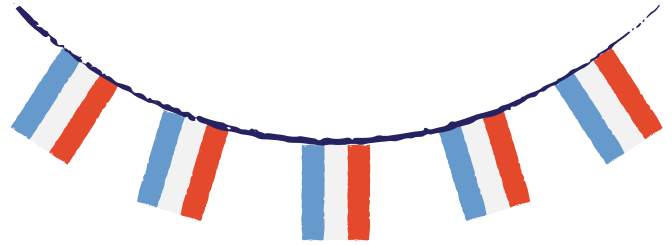
Cursive Snack - Jenna Feb. 7th; Damian Feb. 14th; Kenzie Feb 12th

Grade 5/6



Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

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Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

Grade 6 is writing a Number Sense unit test today focusing on multiplication and division.

MAP testing is planned for Thursday's class.

Both grades will also be starting the next unit on Measurement:

Grade 5 will be dealing with linear measurement including unit conversion (millimetres, centimetres, and metres) as well as telling time.

Grade 6 will be dealing with linear measurement including unit conversion (kilometres, decametres, metres, decimetres, centimetres, and millimetres), mass (kilograms & grams) and calculations of perimeter.



Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

Our unit on The Cell will be concluding this week. Tuesday's class will include a test on the microscope's parts, functions, proper care and use, and preparation & viewing of slides. Our last topic for this unit: "Tissues, Organs, and Organ Systems".

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

Both classes are working through their data management units.

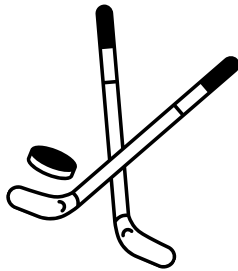
Grade 7 will complete their enrichment graphs and Lesson 5-5 on Monday and 5-6 on Friday.

Grade 8 will tackle circle graphs on Monday and a review worksheet on Friday.

We will do our math MAP test on Wednesday. We will target to complete these units with a test next week.

In Sports News...

Hockey: The Hockey Team travelled to Fergus to compete in their Tournament. With their brand new jerseys and lots of team spirit they were ready for a great day! The team played hard and worked well together. Thank you to their Coaches Derek Los and Ron Haanstra. A big thank also goes out to the drivers and fans for all of your support!



Basketball: Next up is Basketball. Sign up sheets are on the board for both girls and boys teams. Practice dates will be announced shortly.



Woodland is hosting a Basketball skills clinic on February 22nd and our teams are hoping to attend.

The Tournament will be held on March 5th. More details to follow.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Bible: We are continuing to learn about Job and his responses to his friends.

Writing: We are working through a grammar bootcamp over the next couple weeks. Students will be working intensely with different aspects of grammar like grammar rules and the different parts of speech.

Guided Reading: We are starting our next short story unit today with the theme of Serving Others appearing in each story.

W.W.W.: Unit 8 Quiz on Friday.

Geography: Quiz on Landforms and how they change on Tuesday, February 6.

Healthy Living/Phys. Ed.: We have finished our badminton unit, well done to all the teams, you worked and played hard! We are going to be starting basketball on Friday.

Music: Keep practicing the range of notes learned from the highest to the lowest. Some instruments are harder than others, keep with it! We may have a few performance opportunities coming up.

French: We have finished our hockey unit and will be moving into another grammar unit focusing on Grade 7 standards.

Art: We will be continuing on our quilt squares this week and adding the fabric designs and making pattern pieces this week. If you have a sewing machine and can help or know someone who can help with our quilting project, please let me know.