

From the Principal's Desk

Auction - Thank You!!

First of all, a big thanks to the Auction Committee. I know they put a lot of work into this auction, worried about different things they were trying, and invested themselves into this event. What a wonderful event and evening! Thanks. You may have already heard that over \$50,000 was raised.

Secondly, thanks to everyone who supported LCS through the online auction and the live event. As staff and students, we feel your support. We hope you enjoy the goods and/or services you purchased as much as we appreciate your support. We give thanks often in our morning devotions for the great support from our LCS community.

Lastly, I want to personally thank someone. You know what you did, and I am humbled and overwhelmed by your support. Thanks!

Solar Eclipse

Many of you have heard about Monday April 8, 2024 - the day of the solar eclipse. Much has been said about the eclipse and therefore many schools have cancelled their school day by moving an April PD Day to April 8. We don't have an April PD day and so we plan on having school on April 8. The duration of the eclipse, complete start to finish will be between 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm with the peak of the eclipse scheduled for around the end of the school day and departure time for us in Listowel. If it is a bright sunny day, we will consider extending the day a little to avoid the peak of the eclipse. If it is cloudy, we will dismiss as usual. If you are concerned, feel free to pick up your child(ren) earlier.

Job Opportunities

We have several job openings, or possible openings, coming up at LCS.

- **Principal/COO:** If you know of anyone interested in this role, please encourage them to apply. If you want to let LCS know of the name of someone you think we should contact, please email Ken Rastorfer at HRAdmin@listowelchristianschool.ca
- **JK Teacher:** We are anticipating a large incoming JK class. As a result, we are considering a potential additional JK teacher.
- **Junior or Intermediate Teacher:** Again, as a result of potential growth and the larger classes hitting the upper end, we are considering the need to add an additional class.

If you know of potential teachers that might consider these positions, please encourage them to apply or contact me (Ed Boelens) at principal@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Calendar of Events

March

- 28 - Easter Assembly (2:15pm) led by Grade 2
- 29 - Good Friday - No School

April

- 1 - Easter Monday - No School
- 3 - Pizza Day - New Orleans
- 4 - Dental Screening - JK, SK, Gr 2, 4 & 7
- 8 - Solar Eclipse
- 10 - Grade 7 Immunizations
- 11 - Battle of the Books
- 12 - Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- 17 - Pizza Day - Domino's
- 19 - Badminton Tournament
- 22 - Spring Membership Meeting
- 26 - Kindergarten Registration
- 26 - Meat Fundraising orders due

May

- 6 - Christian Education Week Assembly
- 7 - Celebration of Learning Program
- 8 - Spirit Day
- 9 - Grandparents' & Grand Friends' Day
- 14 - Meat order delivery
- 20 - Victoria Da - No School
- 26 - LCS Track & Field Day
- 27 - 30 Gr 7/8 Ottawa Trip

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Assembly

The Grade 2 class will be leading us in our Easter Assembly on **Thursday, March 28th at 2:15pm** (please note the time). Please join us as we end our school week preparing for Easter



Prayers and Group Needed

The Principal Search Committee is requesting that families keep us and our school community in your prayers as we search for a new principal. If you would like to be part of an official prayer group, who would meet often to pray together, please contact *Melanie Meinen* (melanieleannameinen@gmail.com) so a group can be formed soon!

Weekly Messenger Printing

In an effort to be good stewards of the resources that we have at LCS, we will no longer be providing printed copies of the Weekly Messenger.

If you would like to receive a printed copy, please let the office know and we would be more than happy to continue to send one home in Kidmail.

We appreciate your understanding.

Spring Auction

Thank you to everyone who supported the online auction and came out to the Live auction on Friday evening. Both events were a huge success with the total funds raised being over \$50,000!

Thank you so much to the Auction Committee for all of the hours of organization and preparation. A great deal of time and energy goes into delivering an event like this and our community appreciates you all very much.

50th Anniversary

Save the date for our 50th Anniversary celebration!

Saturday, September 7th, 2024
more details to follow

Save the Date



In Sports News...

Track & Field:

Students will begin practicing for Track & Field which will take place on May 24th.

Choir

Mrs. Wright is forming a choir!

If you would like to join and are in **Grades 2 through Grade 6**, practices will be on

THURSDAY at Lunch
beginning on
April 4th.



Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

This week our focus will be on Easter. We will learn about Jesus' last days on earth and the sacrifice He made for each of us. We will read some Easter story books to help us remember the Easter story.

In **language** this week, we will continue to practice rhyme recognition, phoneme isolation, and blending. We will have a new focus letter this week as well. Our focus letter last week was letter J!

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook, we will print letters V, W, and X.

In **math**, we will be practicing counting and recognizing numbers in different forms using dot cards, finger flashes, and objects.

In **Bible**, we will read about and focus on Palm Sunday and the Lord's Supper.

In **Health**, we will learn about our sense of hearing, and add another page to our Five Senses Book.

I pray that you will all have special and meaningful Easter celebrations over the coming weekend as you remember our Lord's great love and sacrifice for us.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the sound of letter K and that it makes the same sound as C. It can be found at the beginning of a word like kit and at the end of the word like ask. We will continue to rhyme, blend and segment words.

We will be reading Yertle the Turtle by Dr. Seuss. Yertle thinks that everyone should serve him so that he is the most important turtle in the pond. He learns that by stepping on everyone else to be the most important turtle, he ends up with no friends in the end. It is better to listen to each other than be the tyrant who keeps everyone silent to work for his benefit.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will print the letter L, words and sentences with a special focus on where the letters belong on a line. We are learning important concepts of how to build a sentence such as spaces between our words, when to use uppercase letters, and punctuation.

In **math**, we are learning what numbers make up the number 5. We are using a five frame to help us visualize it using different coloured blocks. We will be adding numbers together using a variety of manipulatives and learning how to answer in our workbooks.

The **Bible** stories this week are about the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter's Denial, and the crowds shouting "crucify Him". We are learning John 3:16 for memory work and singing Shout Hosanna and Lord, we lift your name on High.

On **Thursday**, there will be an assembly led by Grade 2 that begins at **2:15pm**.

There is no school on Friday or Monday as we take time to celebrate our Lord's great sacrifice for us.

Please return **library books** on Monday or Tuesday.

I am wishing you a great time of remembrance and celebration this Easter weekend!

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Bible: Our **Memory work** for the month of March is "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" **John 14:6.** Please practice with your child every evening. We will practice in class too. It will be said to me on **Thursday March 28.** Our Bible stories will focus on the Easter story and how Jesus died and rose for us.

Language: In our UFLI lessons this week we will be learning about the role of the silent e after the letter a. Example words: cap/cape; tap/tape; mad/made. In our **Handwriting without tears** book, we will be practicing writing out small passages/poems.

Math: We have been working hard playing with different coins that we use in Canada. Specifically, the nickel. We also talked about the penny and that even though we don't use this coin anymore, it is still important when understanding money. This week, we will continue using coins and adding up different amounts. We will practice drawing different amounts this week using nickels and pennies.

Science: This past week, we talked about day and night and the promise that God made to us that as long as there is an earth, we will have night and day. This week we will look at the reason for seasons. We will discuss how each season is unique but also how the seasons create an amazing pattern and how our Creator takes care of every detail in our world. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Show and Tell Thursday March 28: Benjamin, Kyla, Esmee, Adalyn * The theme for March is either two items that are opposite (example: big/small, black/white ect) OR something you have recycled or reused.

Library: Remember library books are due on Tuesday!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

Thank you for all my birthday wishes, treats and the gift for my birthday last week. I truly appreciate it.

May we all be reminded this week of God's big sacrifice and His limitless love for us. May God bless us as we make this journey to Easter Sunday together. Praying for a blessed Easter weekend for your family!

This is our work for the week:

Math - Number sense: This week we continue working on different ways of adding numbers.

Phonics, spelling and reading:

Our focus for the next 2 weeks is:

- kn /n/, wr /r/, mb /m/
- -s/-es

Please see the homework practice sheet that went home today to help the students practice these phonic skills as well as the specific spelling words in Mrs Kuipers' message. Spelling test will be on Friday April 5th.

Creation studies - Social science: We continue our unit on Canadian Symbols. We will be doing a quiz on the 10 provinces, 3 territories and their Capital cities on Tuesday, April 2nd. The sheet they have to learn is in their envelopes. I will also send it out via email.

Bible: We continue our unit on Easter for this week.

Our bible memory verse for March is **Matthew 28:18-20:**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Library: We have library tomorrow. Please bring your library books to school, even if you would just like to renew it.

Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

We will be leading the assembly at **2:15 on Thursday** to end our week and go into the Easter weekend. Each student has a speaking part and is encouraged to practice their lines at home. The pages went home last week. If you would like a copy, please let me know.

Spelling- With 2 short weeks ahead of us, the test will be next week.

Green- Silent letters: **knee, write, thumb, knock.** Plural words: **sounds, grows, reaches, dresses**

Red- Silent letters: **knight, wrinkle, crumble, known.** Plural words: **matches, screams, classes, numbers.**

Math- Students need to be able to count by 2s, 5s, 10s, and 25s to 200 (not always starting at 0!). Please practice this at home. This skill will benefit students in our coins/ financial literacy unit.

Science- Exploring the wonders of creation through the study of water and air in the environment. * Supplies requested: 8-10 balloons, 1-4 Empty plastic water bottles (bottle that you can twist)"

Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

What a great weekend! I really enjoyed going to the live auction and participating in the online auction. It was so good to be social with our school community. Thank you so much for your participation and generosity to LCS.

Bible: We are continuing our unit on Isaac and Jacob. This week, we will learn about Isaac and the king of the Philistines, Abimelech.

Math: Our geometry unit is now focusing on parallel lines and special quadrilaterals.

Language: The Red and Green groups are now working on other vowel teams: oo, ew, ui, ue. The Blue group is working on homophones with the long "e" sound.

Science: As we continue our study of forces, students are asked to complete a scavenger hunt at home on forces. This will come home today and is due back on Thursday.

Mrs. Claus

I would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful birthday wishes! Thank you to Mrs Whytock for bringing in some treats so we could celebrate in Grade 3. I am truly blessed to be a part of LCS. Bonny Jones

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

Recorders - Mondays and Tuesdays students will need to bring their recorders to school.

I Know It / Memory Work - NO assignments or memory work this week.

Math - We are finishing up a unit on graphs and data management and will have a quiz on THURSDAY. Students will need to know how to read and draw bar graphs and one other types of graph (stem and leaf plots for Grade 4s, broken line graphs for Grade 5s). Smartboard notes will be sent home Wednesday night.

Spelling - We have new spelling teams! Dictation will be NEXT FRIDAY. 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 Pucks - form, more, board, your, four, thorn, store, roar, word, north, shore, soar, hour, court, fort, pork, wore, fourth, pour, storm, sore, tore, oar

Word Hunters - title, little, simple, middle, able, tremble, cable, single, settle, bottle, table, tickle, cradle, apple, puddle, giggle, jungle, maple, bugle, battle, handle, candle, sample, rifle

Spelling Geezers - rebuild, unable, recopy, unbeaten, recycle, uncertain, refill, unselfish, reuse, remodel, retrace, uncle, unhappy, unkind, retake, retell, review, unusual, unfair, uneven, rewrite, reptile, unequal, unsteady

Spelling Gummies - kinder, kindest, earlier, earliest, stranger, emptiest, cleaner, quieter, trickier, emptier, cleanest, strangest, harsher, trickiest, fancier, crummier, harshest, quietest, fanciest, shinier, shiniest, murkier, crummiest, murkiest

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

This week students will be writing their compositions about their immediate family [and pets] using the verb AVOIR and the unit vocabulary. Write-ups will be mounted on cardstock with the submitted family photo. The plan is to post these on the wall in the hallway between the French classroom and the [large] gym.

Classroom News



Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will continue our unit on Jesus' Death.

Memory Work - "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. 28th.

Language - In writing, we will work on elaborating our ideas, including details, and extending our writing. We will also work on including proper punctuation and adding paragraphs to our writing. In grammar, we are looking at pronouns. We will continue to practice our reading comprehension through our Wonder novel study by using a variety of strategies to answer questions related to the text. We will also look at how an author may use a compare-and-contrast text structure to write an informational text. 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, defective, giddy, horrific and syndrome. We will also finish up our blind date book review presentations this week.

Spelling - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. Our spelling tests will be on Thurs. Mar. 28th

Blue Taters - Sort 22 - might, high, night, bright, fight, sight, sigh, right, white, twice, quite, fine, write, live, why, cry, sky, try, shy, quick, quit, quiz, eye

Pizza Squad - Sort 16 - athlete, pilgrim, create, control, complete, children, poet, duet, pumpkin, monster, riot, mushroom, halfway, kitchen, trial, poem, English, hundred, cruel, giant, lion, kingdom, inspect, diet

Billy Bob Joe that Spells - Sort 34 - dancer, dreamer, driver, farmer, jogger, writer, shopper, swimmer, voter, actor, sailor, traitor, tutor, beggar, burglar, bigger, faster, longer, smaller, fresher, younger, older, smoother, brighter

Weird Weards - Sort 15 - hasten, bomb, fasten, haste, resignation, designate, design, moisten, solemn, soften, crumb, resign, column, soft, solemnity, columnist, fast, bombard, moist, muscular, signature, crumble, muscle, sign

Grade 5/6



Social Studies - We will continue our unit - From Far and Wide.

Science - We will continue our unit called Space Declares.

Art - We will be working on some 3-D word art that looks at elements/principles such as value, space, shape and colour. There is a video and reference chart posted on google classroom. Your child is encouraged to practice this element of the project prior to Wednesday.

Health - We dive deeper and extend our study on Mental Health.

Cursive Snack - Emmalyn Mar 27th; Logan Apr. 3rd; Gabriel - Apr. 9th

Chapel - there will be a chapel service led by grade 2 on **Thursday at 2:15** if you wish to join us.

Happy Easter - Happy Easter to all! May this day be filled with joy, love, and the blessings of renewal and hope brought by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Wishing you all a beautiful and blessed Easter celebration!

Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

This week, students will be writing their compositions about their immediate family [and pets] using the verb AVOIR and the unit vocabulary. Write-ups will be mounted on cardstock with the submitted family photo. The plan is to post these on the wall in the hallway between the French classroom and the [large] gym.

Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

Today, we are beginning the next unit on Geometry focusing on lines, line segments, rays, terms for angle sizes, identifying polygons, and measuring angles [Gr. 6 with a protractor].

Student assessments were sent home on Friday for parental signatures. Please return those to school this week.

Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Welcome to our first of 2 short weeks. We are at the end of our unit for a few subjects so watch for test dates below.

Bible: Unit review was handed out on Friday and is on the Bible Google Classroom as well. **Test is Thursday, March 28.**

Writing: The students have been doing well working through their grammar bootcamp. There is still some confusion with some students on the difference between common and proper nouns. See if they can tell you the difference and give you some examples. Proper Nouns and Adjectives papers are both due on Monday (today).

Guided Reading: We finished our final story and the questions for the story were due last week Friday. We will be doing an in-class summary and what we have learned assignment this week as our final assessment.

W.W.W.: Unit 8 work due and test this **Thursday, March 28.**

Geography: Invasive Species poster due on Thursday, March 30. Students should have been able to finish most of it last week and will have some class time tomorrow as well.

Healthy Living: We are finishing our health unit with a test on **Tuesday, March 26.** Students have all the sheets they need to be able to study and many of them are on Google classroom as well. We have started our skipping unit in Phys. Ed. Make sure to have gym clothes, non scented deodorant and water bottles as skipping tends to be a demanding sport.

Music: We continue to learn our instruments and learn to work together on phrasing and making the notes into a musical story together. It is so fun to listen to the songs come together and the way that each part is so integral to making the song sound complete.

French: We will have a test on our grammar unit next week **Wednesday, April 3.**

Art: Students started a grid sketch this past week. Some of them have a great start, others will need to take a second look and really follow the directions given while they make a second start on the project this week. Also, Mrs. Alfretta VanderHeyden finished quilting our class quilt for those that didn't want their quilt square to take home. The quilt appeared in our auction over the weekend and the other squares are on display in the lobby at this point. There also will be or is already a picture or two on the parent Facebook page if you'd like to take a look. They all did such a great job and look absolutely fantastic!

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

As we continue our unit on Systems in Action, we will be focusing on Efficiency [and inefficiencies] and Innovations. Time permitting, we will deal with Energy and Weight vs. Mass.

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

The **Grade 7** students will hand in their end of unit review on Wednesday. Their test will also be on Wednesday. Next week we will begin the next unit - Integers.

The **Grade 8** students are starting their unit on Integers. Daily homework will be assigned.

Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip:

The students are participating in their last fundraiser for their Ottawa trip. The trip is scheduled for **Monday May 27 - Thursday May 30.** Information about the fundraiser and the trip went home and was emailed last week. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.