

## From the Principal's Desk

Here we are in the post-Easter season.

We worked through the difficulties of Good Friday: the pain of betrayal, beating, ridicule, sacrifice, and separation from God. Three days later we celebrated on Easter Sunday in the joy of the resurrection, victory over death, and new life. Easter weekend was filled with a range of thoughts, reflections, and emotions.

Easter is not just a weekend. It is a belief and a lifestyle that flows day after day. Because we believe in Easter, the death and resurrection, the sacrifice and victory, we now live our daily lives in the resurrection. As we freely accept the gift of Easter from God, we are renewed through daily forgiveness. We are also called to freely offer forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. Easter changes our perspective and our living.

From a devotional I read this morning, "I pray that you feel the joy as you remember Christ died for you. As His arms were stretched out on the cross, He embraces you with the endurance of love that would stop at nothing." (An Apple a Day by Kathy Branzell).

I pray that you feel His embrace and it comforts and encourages you.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:principal@listowelchristianschool.ca).

### 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**.



### Spring Cleaning???

If you're looking for a place to donate some of those good used toys, books, and miscellaneous items, the Bazaar committee will gladly accept them for the Bazaar Toy Store. The items can be delivered to the school office at any time.

The Bazaar committee would also gladly accept any of your birch branches and miscellaneous planter items to be re-used again for next years planters. These items can also be brought into the school.

## Calendar of Events

### April

- 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

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

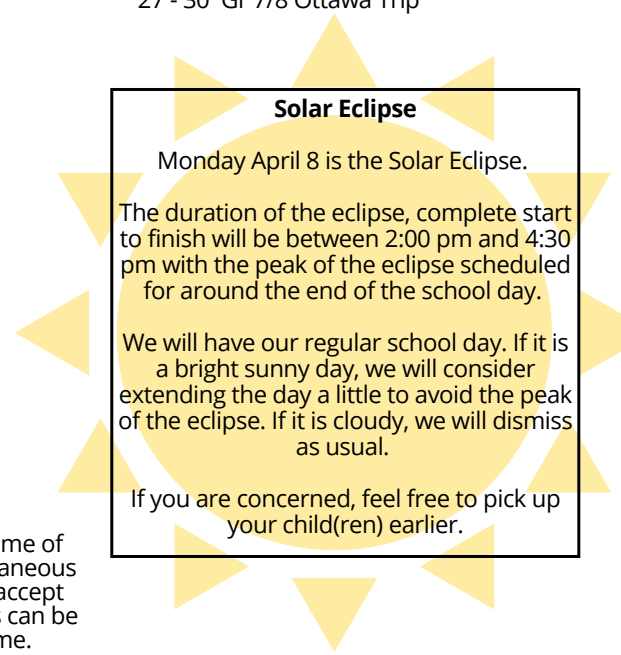
### Solar Eclipse

Monday April 8 is the Solar Eclipse.

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.

We will have our regular school day. 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.



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# Classroom News

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## Kindergarten

### Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

Happy Easter everyone! Our art project in JK this week will help us remember that Jesus is risen!

For the month of April the JK class will have a spring theme. We will be learning about flowers and seeds and caterpillars and butterflies.

This week we will have some fine motor activities that are all about flowers.

In **language**, we will be practicing rhyme recognition, blending, and phoneme isolation. Our mystery letter last week was letter Z. What will our letter be this week?

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook, we will be tracing our last letters Y and Z, and then we will be reviewing all of the uppercase letters.

In **Math**, we will be talking about helpful numbers 5 and 10 and look at what those numbers look like on five and ten frames. Our new focus number is 8, our shape is the star, and our colours are purple and brown.

In **Bible**, we will continue to follow the Easter story and read about Jesus' arrest, Peter's denial, the cross, and the resurrection. Our new memory verse for April is **Luke 24:6** "*He is not here; he has risen!*" Our new song for April is "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart".

In **Health**, we will learn more about our sense of taste. We will taste some items that are sweet, salty, sour, and bitter.

Please remember to send in **library books every Tuesday**. Students can choose new books but can only take them home if they have returned their books from the previous week. Otherwise, they will remain in their cubbies.

As the temperature and weather conditions continue to change, please remember to send in splash pants and also to return any extra clothes that have come home. Thanks!

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Happy Easter! My prayer is that you have had a wonderful weekend celebrating our risen Saviour!

We will begin Tuesday morning with our own celebration by making Resurrection Rolls. Ask your child how they tasted and why they were called Resurrection Rolls.

This week, we will wrap up our lesson on the letter Kk which sounds like a "C" by highlighting K's in a comprehension passage, blending and segmenting words and spelling words that begin or end with the "C" sound.

In our **Handwriting Without Tears** book, we will focus on how to print a lowercase "k" and copy words in a sentence. We are focused on where the letter is on a line.

In **math**, we will wrap up our addition to 5 unit and will continue on with addition to 10. Students are encouraged to print the numbers in the correct orientation.

In **Bible**, we will celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and learn that 40 days later he ascended into heaven. We will discuss what that means for us as believers. This is our last week for **John 3:16**.

We will begin talking about the season of Spring and how it differs from the Winter season.

On **Thursday**, SK will participate in the Dental Screening. The public health dental hygienists usually count the students' teeth, reward our brave students with a sticker and card with the number of teeth they have. If there are any dental concerns, they will be in touch with you. If you have any concerns about them looking at your child's teeth please let me or the office know.

The **April calendar** will be attached to the email or sent home.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MUD!!!! Mud can be fun when wearing the proper clothing. Please continue to provide a variety of outdoor clothing so that we have choices depending on the weather.

Have a great week!

# Classroom News

## Grade 1

### Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

I hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend remembering what Jesus did for us. I hope you had time to stop and reflect on the amazing thing He did for us!

**Bible:** Our **Memory work** for the month of April is **Genesis 1: 24**. *“And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind. And it was so.”* Our Bible stories this week will focus on Naomi’s story.

**Language:** In our UFLI lessons this week, we will continue 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 continuing to practice writing out small passages/poems.

**Math:** In math this week, we will be working with subtraction using a number line.

**Science:** This week in our Sky Declares unit, we will be talking about the sun! Without the sun life on earth would not be possible. The sun gives energy to plants, animals, and people to live and grow. God shows wisdom and power through the sun.

**Health:** In our health unit, we have been talking about ways to keep us healthy and how amazing our body really is. We have talked about making good choices, staying fit and active, and this week we will look at how important sleep is for our bodies.

**Show and Tell Friday 5-Boston, Jazlyn, Melanie, Caleb, Hailey** \* The theme for April is something that reminds you of spring and growth or something that can change (think changing colour, shape, size etc).

**Library:** Remember library books are due on Tuesday!

## Grade 2

### Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

I hope you had a blessed Easter weekend!

This is our work for the week:

**Math - Number sense:** Today we looked at “using the nearest 10 when adding”.

### **Phonics, spelling and reading:**

This week we continue our focus on the following phonics:

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

Please see the homework practice sheet that went home last Monday 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:** Today we wrote our test on the Capital cities of our Canadian provinces and territories.

**Bible:** We reviewed our Easter unit today. We will be writing a Bible test next week Tuesday April 9th. Please see the Easter unit summary that went home in their envelopes today. I will send the page via email this week as well.

I will also be testing them on their Bible memory verse next week. Our Bible **memory verse** for March was **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.”*

### Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Easter assembly last week. I can not say enough how impressed I was by our class and the amazing job they did sharing the Easter story. What a blessing to have worked as a class and let our voices sing God’s praise.

**Wed** - We will continue to learn how the earth declares God’s power through air and water in science and building our financial literacy in math.

**Thur** - Dental Screening

**Fri** - Spelling Test

# Classroom News

## Grade 3

### **Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus**

He is risen! Easter weekend is such a special weekend. Not for the family time, or yummy meals, mind you that's amazing too, but for the promise we are given of eternal life with our Lord and Saviour. I hope you felt blessed this weekend.

**Math:** We are finishing up our geometry unit with lessons on congruent shapes and symmetry. Next Monday, we will have a test.

**Language:** Red and Green groups are continuing their lessons on the long 'u' sound made with ew, ui, and ue. The Blue group is continuing their work with homophones.

**Science:** We are finishing our unit on force. Students will be doing an in-class research project on movement, review, and have their test on Thursday or Friday this week.

**Bible:** We will be learning about Jacob and Esau and Isaac's blessing. We will also learn more about Jacob and his journey.

Mrs. Claus

## Grade 4/5

### **Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:**

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

**I Know It** - "Fraction of Shapes" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://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** - NO memory work this week.

**Spelling** - We have new spelling teams! Dictation will be FRIDAY. The teams are listed below and are also on [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://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:**

As we continue our unit on La Famille, we will be learning about Les Adjectifs [adjectives] and their use to describe oneself and the members of one's family.

# Classroom News



## Grade 5/6

### Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

**Bible** - We will conclude our unit on Jesus' Death. Unit test will be on Friday. Please watch for a study guide coming home later this week.

**Memory Work** - "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6" Due: Friday Apr. 5th

**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 begin a children's literature battle of the books to work on our fluency and oral communication.

**Spelling** - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. Our spelling tests will be on Friday Apr. 12th.

**Blue Taters** - Sort 23 - film, fist, wind, find, wild, child, kind, mind, blind, wind, lost, moth, soft, cost, most, told, cold, roll, scold, gold, post, ghost, both

**Pizza Squad** - Sort 17 - hoping, quoted, joking, racing, skated, pasted, chatted, greeted, shouting, floated, leaking, needed, hopping, skipped, plotting, wrapping, telling, winning, hunted, dusted, panting

**Billy Bob Joe that Spells** - Sort 35 - catcher, rancher, teacher, pitcher, butcher, stretcher, measure, pleasure, treasure, figure, failure, picture, nature, capture, future, mixture, creature, moisture, posture, torture, culture, injure, senior, leisure

**Weird Weards** - Sort 16 - hasten, bomb, fasten, haste, resignation, designate, design, moisten, solemn, soften, crumb, resign, column, soft, solemnity, columnist, fast, bombard, moist, muscular, signature, crumble, muscle, sign

**Social Studies** - We will continue our unit - From Far and Wide. We will look at a variety of different aspects of the Canadian provinces including populations, when they joined confederation, where they are located, their size, and their flags. Students are working on group presentations and will teach their peers about each aspect listed above.

## Grade 5/6



**Science** - We will continue our unit called Space Declares. This week we will be looking at Terrestrial and Gas Giant Planets, as well as, how are the planets arranged in our solar system, what is the role of the Sun in the solar system is, and the distances between the planets using about 5 metres of wall space to display the solar system. We will also conclude our look into the Challenger disaster.

**Art** - We will continue working on our 3-D word art. We will be making both a colour and black and white version to compare and contrast how that affects the mood of a piece.

**Health** - We dive deeper and extend our study on Mental Health. We are looking specifically at emotions and strategies to use when experiencing different emotions. We will also continue to explore the zone of regulation and become familiar with figuring out what zone our emotions fit in at different times throughout the day.

**Cursive Snack** - Logan Apr. 3rd, Gabriel - Apr. 10th, William - Apr. 17th

### Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

As we continue our unit on La Famille, we will be learning about Les Adjectifs [adjectives] and their use to describe oneself and the members of one's family.

### Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

In our Geometry unit, we will be focusing on measuring [using protractors] and drawing angles.

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# Classroom News

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## Grade 7/8

### Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

**Bible:** We started our new unit on Proverbs this week. Students will be taking their test home in their homework folder on Friday.

**Writing:** We are finishing up our grammar bootcamp either this week or next week.

**Guided Reading:** We will be starting a new novel study this week.

**W.W.W.:** No W.W.W. this week.

**Geography:** Good job on the Wanted posters. We will keep looking at how to work with the constantly changing world and how to care for it.

**Healthy Living:** We are doing a skipping unit in Phys. Ed. We are starting a new unit on Personal Safety and Injury Prevention with a focus on Technology.

**Music:** Keep practicing! Try for about 30 minutes a week, 10 minutes at a time. Playing **test next week Thursday**.

**French:** Unit test **tomorrow, Tuesday, April 3**.

**Art:** We will be working our grid drawings this week.

## Grade 7/8

### Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

Unit: *Systems in Action*

We will be focusing on Work, Force, Energy, and Efficiency. Then we will move on to Simple Machines.

### Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

Both grades finished up their last units. Marked work should be coming home for you to sign.

The **Grade 7** students will begin their next unit - Integers.

The **Grade 8** students are working through operations with integers and will start the Cartesian Coordinates on Friday.

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 earlier. We are still looking for parent volunteers to join us as chaperones. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.