



From the Principal's Desk

Right after I graduated from college, I took my first teaching job in British Columbia. Janet and I moved to Surrey BC and lived there for twelve years. We had our three children in British Columbia. Eventually, as they grew older, we realized that they were missing out on developing a great relationship with their grandparents. That was one of the reasons that prompted us to move back to Ontario. Even though we didn't live close, we at least lived closer and that allowed more regular visits with their grandparents. We never regretted that move.

The generational relationship of grandparent – grandchild is a unique one. I hear from my friends about the times they spend with their grandchildren. I hear about sleepovers, dinners out, playing games, taking them to sporting events, simply spending time with them, and keeping up with their energy levels. I hear about the joy of grandchildren. When I am at school I hear the other side of the story. I hear about the same sleepovers, staying up late and watching a movie, about going to restaurants, and about being loved and spoiled by their grandparents. They love the times they spend with their grandparents. From both sides, I hear about the special relationship between the generations. What a gift.

This Thursday, the grandchildren will host their grandparents at LCS. As teachers and principal, there is nothing we need to do beside facilitate this relationship and enjoy it in action. We look forward to Thursday – it is often one of the best days of our school year. Grandparents, see you Thursday morning at 9:00 am!

Calendar of Events

May

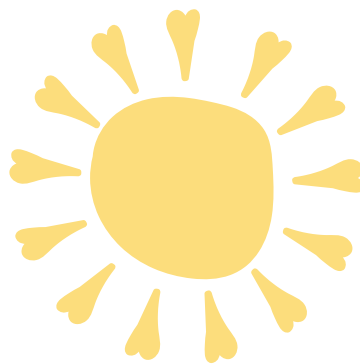
- 6 - Christian Education Week Assembly - 9:30 - Guest Speaker Ty Smith
- 6- 11:45 -Carnival in support of EduDeo
- 7 - 7pm - Celebration of Learning Program
- 8 - Spirit Day - Hats & Sunglasses
- 9 - Grandparents & Grand Friends Day
- 13 - Track & Field Pizza orders Due
- 14 - Meat order delivery
- 15 - Pizza Day - Dominos
- 20 - Victoria Day - No School
- 22 - Kindergarten Visiting morning
- 24 - LCS Track & Field Day - **No afternoon bus - dismissal at 2pm**
Regular School Day for SK with dismissal at 2pm
- 27 - 30 Gr 7/8 Ottawa Trip
- 30 - JK Field Trip to North Perth Fire Department and Listowel Park

June

- 3 - District Track & Field Day - Brantford
- 3 - REGULAR SCHOOL DAY FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING DISTRICT
- 5 - Pizza Day - Domino's
- 6 - Spring Piano Recital - Bethel CRC
7pm - Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Vogel's Piano Students
- 7 - PA Day - NO SCHOOL
- 8 - LCS Golf Tournament - Pike Lake Golf Course, Minto
- 11 - Baseball Tournament - Kitchener
- 14 - SK & Gr 1 Field Trip to Mapleton Organics
- 17 - SK Graduation at 2:30pm
Everyone is welcome to join
- 19 - Grade 8 Graduation
- 21 - Last Day of School -
Early dismissal at 2pm

Principal/COO Position

We are accepting applications for a Principal/COO. Interested applicants can contact Ken Rastorfer at hadmin@listowelchristianschool.ca with their resume.



Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to



May 7 Savannah W

May 10 Jaelyn S



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 7th 7:00pm Celebration of Learning - Join us for an evening of viewing your children's art displayed throughout the school in an Art Gallery like setting. Then join us in the gym for our Celebration of Learning Program.

Students should be in their classrooms and ready to present the program by 7:20pm. The band is to be in the Library and warming up no later than 7:15pm

Wednesday, May 8th Spirit Day - Hats & Sunglasses! Wear your hats and sunglasses to school!

Thursday, May 9th 9:00am Grandparents Day - Students, please bring some lunch to share with your Grandparents. Coffee and goodies will be provided.

TRACK & FIELD PIZZA ORDERS

A reminder that Track & Field pizza **orders are due on May 13th.**

A copy of the order form will be emailed home with the Messenger again today.

SK also has the opportunity to participate in Pizza Day although it is a regularly scheduled school day for the class. An order form was sent home in Kidmail last week.

Payments can be made by cash or e-transfer. Please submit forms and payment to the office.

BAKED GOODS

Grade 5/6 students are to provide 1 dozen nut-free baked goods to the school by Tuesday, May 7th for Grandparents Day. They can be homemade or store bought, however they **MUST** be nut-free.

REMINDER

If your child will **NOT** be on the bus in the **morning** please contact Newry Coachlines so they can notify the bus driver.

The phone number for **Newry is (519) 356-2611.**

Please provide your Route and students name.

IN SPORTS NEWS...

Track & Field - There will be NO practice this week due to Christian Education week.

This year the SK students will come to school on Friday May 24th for a regular school day of school.

District Track & Field - June 3rd is District Track & Field Day in Brantford. There are some changes to the District meet this year:

1. Grades 1 & 2 will **NOT** be participating in District Tract & Field
2. It will be a **REGULAR SCHOOL DAY** for those who do not qualify to attend District.



Baseball - Baseball sign up sheets are posted. Please sign up if you are interested in joining the team. Practice times will be announced shortly. The Tournament is June 11th in Kitchener.

Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

It is Christian Education week! There are some exciting things happening this week.

On **Tuesday**, we will have our **Celebration of Learning** evening. Beginning at 7pm, students have the opportunity to show parents their artwork that will be displayed around the school. Afterward, students are to come to the classroom to prepare for the program. Please have students use the washroom and come to the classroom by 7:20. We will be singing a song about the five senses that we have learned as well as reciting a Bible verse. Then JK will also sing a song with the SK class. After the SK performance, parents will be asked to come and get the JK students, and they will sit with their parents for the rest of the program.

On **Thursday**, it is Grandparents and Grand Friends day. There will be a time of classroom visiting for the Grandparents and friends, and then the Grandparents and Grand Friends will have a chance to view the program from Tuesday evening. JK students will eat lunch with their guests. Please send in enough food for your child and their Grandparents or Grand Friends to share.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding either of these special events. My email is p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca.

In **language**, this week we will be reviewing letters E-H and continuing to practice rhyming, blending, and segmenting. This week we will begin learning about lowercase letters in "My First Lowercase Book". We will begin by adding lines and curves to complete pictures, and by practicing small, tall, and hanging lines.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about Peter and some of the things that happened to him after Pentecost.

In **math**, we will review all of the numbers we learned to print and we will play number bingo.

Field Trip: I have been notified that we will unfortunately be unable to visit the Listowel Fire Station as planned for May 30th. I am working on planning an alternative trip and will provide details when I have things organized.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This is one of the best weeks in the school calendar, **CELEBRATING** Christian Education.

We will begin with an assembly on **Monday** at 9:30 am. Mr. Ty Smith is our guest speaker.

After recess, SK will be learning about the letter "Ww" as a beginning sound, that is a continuous sound you can stretch out in words such as wag and watermelon.

Then before lunch, we will participate in a Carnival to raise money for the Edu Deo international schools. Each student should bring \$5 for 10 tickets. It is up to your family, if you wish to donate more money.

On **Tuesday**, we will have a normal day of school. In math, we will be learning how to make picture graphs and concrete graphs. We will talk about how to read a graph.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are learning diver letters y and x. These can be tricky letters as they cross the midline of our bodies.

We will be working on our Mother's Day surprises throughout the week.

On **Tuesday** evening, you are welcome to attend with your family, **NO GRANDPARENTS** to view our art gallery. Your child will have 2 pieces of art to show you. Students should be dressed in their Sunday best for this event. Please come around 7PM. We will be performing on stage, so if all students could be in our classroom by 7:20pm, that would be greatly appreciated. Students will sit with their parents after their performance.

On **Thursday**, we will be ready to host our Grandparents and Grand Friends. We will also perform for them before lunch and then eat lunch with them. Your child will need to bring lunch for their grandparents. If you need more information please feel free to contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca or through texting at 519-492-2981 or call Mrs. Vander Meer at 519-291-3086 or email office@listowelchristianschool.ca

IF YOUR CHILD IS LEAVING WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS THE OFFICE NEEDS TO BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

On **Friday**, we will have a regular school day. We will wrap up our Mother Day surprises and send them home.

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

We are looking forward to a very fun-filled and busy Christian Education week!

Bible: Our next unit in Bible is all about King David. We will talk about how David learned to depend on God as Saul pursued and tried to kill him. David also learned to humbly wait for God's direction.

Language: In our UFLI lessons this week there will be a review of a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e and u_e words.

Math: In math this week, we will look at patterns in the hundreds chart as well as switching over to our Geometry unit and work with location words. We will also continue with our Coding unit on Chromebooks.

Science: Last week, we started our new unit God's Garden. We created a greenhouse bag to start sprouting bean seeds and, by the end of last week, most of our seeds had sprouted! We will continue to watch them grow and then do some investigating looking closer at a seed as well as plant the other seeds in some soil to watch them grow! In our unit this week we will start looking at parts of plants starting way down in the dirt with the roots and how roots support the growth of a plant.

Show and Tell Friday May 10* Charity, Emily, Ruby, Blake: The theme for May is something special that your mom or a special woman in your life owned when they were younger or something that has at least 5 different colours on it!

Library: Remember library books are due on Tuesday!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

This is a week filled with a lot of fun and excitement. Please join us tomorrow **Tuesday, May 7th @ 7:00pm** for our Celebration of Learning! You can view your children's art displayed throughout the school in an Art Gallery like setting. Then join us in the gym for our Celebration of Learning Program.

This is the work we are planning to do for the week:

Math - Number sense: We continue our unit on subtraction.

Phonics, spelling and reading:

Our focus for this week is:

- The doubling rule for **-er, -est**.

Please see the homework practice sheet that went home in their envelopes or via email today to help the students practice these phonic skills as well as the specific spelling words in Mrs Kuipers' message. The spelling test will only be on **Friday May 17th** along with next week's spelling words due to the busy week we have this week.

Creation studies - Social studies: Tomorrow, **Tuesday May 7th** we will write a Social studies test on the page that went home last week in their envelopes and via email.

Bible: This week we continue our unit on prayer.

Our Bible verse for the next 3 weeks is **Matthew 6:9-13:**

"Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."

Library: Library books are due on Tuesday. Please bring your library books to school, even if you would just like to renew it.

Grade 2 - Mrs. Kuipers:

Wow, we sure have a busy week this week as we celebrate Christian Education Week! Please read through all of the announcements so no details are missed.

For both performances Tuesday night and Thursday (grandparents day) students are asked to wear a colour that will go with their role. Below is a list of what each student is encouraged to wear. Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Liam, Kyle, Alex, Eli: **Orange & Brown/Black**

Debbie, Theo, Haven, Scotti, Octavia, Amy - **Blues**

Jordyn & Ronella: **Blue & Pink**

Logan & Colton: **Greys**

Carina & Jesse: **Greens**

Malcom: **Red & Blue**

Judah: **Blue & Yellow**

Josh: **Blue**

Zach: **Red & Blue**

Wednesday: Spirit Dress up Day -- Sunglasses & Hat Day (We will have a slow morning to give the students some restful time after a late Tuesday.)

Thursday: Grandparents Day

Friday: Morning Tea. No phonics quiz this week. This week's list will be tested next week.

Friday: Mother's Day Tea. 11-12. If you arrive early, please wait in the lobby until 11 as students will be coming in from recess and the halls get busy. Once classes are in their rooms, you can make your way down to our end of the school. Please wait in the hallway for your child to come get you and bring you to your seat. We are looking forward to celebrating you

Classroom News

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

It's the most wonderful time of the year! (Did you sing that while you read it?) It's Christian Education Week. We are thrilled to celebrate the privilege we have of learning in a Christian environment where we are free to pray, read the Bible, and talk about Jesus. We are so blessed.

On Friday, I will be away and Mrs. Koersen will be in to cover the class.

Bible: Our test will be on Friday. This unit covers Isaac and Jacob. Review will be done in class on Wednesday and Thursday.

Math: We are getting into the nitty gritty of multiplication. Quiz your kids!

Language: Red and Green are continuing their study of suffixes: -er/ -est/ -ly. The Blue group is working on their novel study: The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary.

Creation Studies: We are doing MAP testing for the next few weeks. This week, we will be doing our tests during this period.

Today: We had carnival. Each student was asked to donate \$5 for EduDeo and received tickets to spend on games and treats. If your child forgot, they still received tickets and money can be brought in tomorrow.

Tuesday: We are excited to show you our art and perform our song and skit for you. Be at school at 7pm.

Wednesday is Hat and Sunglasses Spirit Day!

Thursday is Grandparents and Grand Friends Day. Don't forget to bring a lunch for your grandparents!

Friday is a regular day minus my absence.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

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

Grandparents Poem - Our class will be presenting a poem for the Celebration of Learning and Grandparents Day. They will have a copy of their lines to take home and practice for next week.

I Know It - NO Assignment this week.

Novel Quiz - Students will have a short quiz on WEDNESDAY on the second half of our novel - Ring of Steel and Ring of Bells.

Memory Work - Isaiah 43:10 - due May 31 - "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, 'and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me'"

Spelling - 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 - work, wore, war, warn, word, worn, worm, warm, swear, swore, worse, sword, wart, world, swarm, wear, warp, worth, dwarf

Word Hunters - dancer, bigger, actor, beggar, dreamer, faster, longer, smaller, driver, farmer, burglar, traitor, fresher, jogger, younger, writer, older, sailor, smoother, swimmer, brighter, tutor, shopper, voter

Spelling Geezers - unicycle, bicycle, tricycle, octopus, united, biweekly, trilogy, union, unicorn, bisect, unique, triangle, pentagon, octagon, universe, quadrangle, unison, triple, uniform, triplet, October, tripod, bilingual, trio

Spelling Gummies - uneasy, insincere, dishonest, misspell, unaware, informal, disbelief, misfortune, unknown, infrequent, disorder, mistrust, undress, invisible, disconnect, misleading, unfasten, inexpensive, disease, misbehave, untidy, indirect, disrespect, discouragement

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

As we were blessed with Mademoiselle Klumpenhower's teaching in the past two weeks, this week we will finish our Adjectives & Etre unit. Students will be reading their descriptive compositions to me; these compositions will be assessed for writing and reading. We will also spend some time on review of the four irregular verbs learned this year: AVOIR, ETRE, FAIRE, and ALLER.

Classroom News



Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

Bible - We will continue our unit on the Pentecost. We will focus on Acts 1-6 this week.

Memory Work - 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. Matthew 28:18-20 Due: Fri. May 10th

Language - In writing, we are working on creative story writing and editing, using the CUPS acronym. In grammar, we are continuing to review pronouns. To work on our reading comprehension we will look at how an author may use a compare-and-contrast text structure to write an informational text. We will also answer literally comprehension questions about the text we are reading. We will have our children's literature battle of the books finals.

Spelling - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. Our spelling tests will be on Friday May 10th.

Blue Taters - Sort 24 - brief, weigh, shield, neigh, lie, piece, pie, thief, tie, sleigh, grief, die, eight, chief, veil, friend, weird, beige (not a misprint - this group will spend some time reviewing last week's sort)

Pizza Squad - Sort 19 - frighten, Friday, slightly, ninety, lightning, rival, delight, idol, brightly, highway, machine, city, divide, surprise, decide, advice, survive, combine, crisis, invite, describe, polite, minus, tonight

Billy Bob Joe that Spells - Sort 37 - jacket, secret, target, racket, quiet, comet, rocket, planet, magnet, climate, private, pirate, senate, edit, unit, credit, limit, habit, orbit, summit, bandit, visit, ballet, buffet

Weird Weards - Sort 18 - volcano, custody, define, divinity, composition, invite, serenity, conspiracy, definition, oppose, admiration, reside, custodian, serene, conspire, resident, admire, compete, volcanic, competition, divine, opposition, invitation, compose

Social Studies - We will continue our unit - From Far and Wide. This week we will continue to look at transportation and communication systems across Canada, as well as natural resources and manufacturing industries of Canada.

Science - We will continue our unit called Space Declares. This week, we will participate in a STEM project: a planet model (choosing a planet to research and designing a model of the planet). We will also do some research on Canadian astronauts.

Grade 5/6



Art - We will conclude our work with plasticine to create textured landscapes. We will also begin our Mother's Day creations.

Health - We will continue to work on Mindfulness. Looking specifically at developing compassion, setting positive intentions, and taking care of ourselves.

Cursive Snack - Wesley - May 14th

Clothing for Celebration of Learning/Grandparents' Day: Please have your child wear or bring white or dark colours depending on what side they are on for our skit.

Cookies: Just a reminder that you are to send one dozen cookies, squares or treats that are nut free to school by Wed. May 8th.

Sunglasses and Hats: Please send your child with sunglasses and hats for our spirit day on Wednesday.

Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

We will proceed with a unit on the season of Spring [Le Printemps] which includes some new vocabulary and verbs that allow us to describe some typical seasonal activities and events.

Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

Today, our Geometry unit will conclude with each grade receiving its respective final assessment. On Friday afternoon, we will begin the next unit on Number Sense dealing with fractions and decimals.

Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Bible: We are working through our unit on Proverbs. Memory Work: Proverbs 3:1-6 is due on May 17.

Writing: Students are currently learning about feature articles and will be trying their hand at writing them over the next few weeks.

Guided Reading: We will be working on chapters 9 and 10 this week.

W.W.W.: Week 11 work due and test on Friday.

History: Projects will be presented this week on The Major Battles of The War of 1812. They need to have their handouts for the class ready on Monday so they can be photocopied on time for the presentations on Tuesday.

Healthy Living: We are finishing up our current unit. All unit work is due on Friday. Unit Test on May 14.

Music: We continue to work on our performance pieces for the Celebration of Learning on Tuesday evening and Grandparents' Day on Thursday. Please have your child(ren) at the school and in the library at 7:00 to warm up and tune their instruments. Once that is done they can show you their display pieces.

French: We are doing a mini unit on numbers quickly and will then be working on a cafe unit.

Art: Finch art is due on Friday, May 10.

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:

We will conclude our unit on Systems in Action this week. Students have been working steadily on their Rube Goldberg machines, altering and adjusting components so as to [hopefully] achieve their selected end task. It is a time of experimentation and while frustrations may occur along the way, students are encouraged to persevere and recognize the challenges of design and acquiring the skills of hands-on problem solving.

Tuesday's double-period will be the final work block and demonstrations will also occur for final assessment.

Our next and final unit will be Fluids.

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

This Friday, we will take our math MAP test. Next week Wednesday, many of our Grade 7-8 students will participate in the Gauss Contest. This is offered as a math challenge through the University of Waterloo. Thanks to Woodland Christian High School who pays for our participation fees.

This week, the **Grade 7s** will continue algebra by simplifying expressions and solving equations. **Grade 8s** will be finishing up their algebra unit with solving algebraic equations.

There is a test scheduled for next week Friday. As always, there is lots of daily work assigned.