

From the Principal's Desk

This is the end of another school year. Just as teachers reflect on the progress of their students as they write report cards, it is good for us as teachers to reflect on our year as well. As I do this, the criteria I use is our LCS purpose statement: We are here to educate children, while nurturing their faith in Christ, to interpret and impact God's world. So how did we do?

The answer to this is, of course, very personal. It will vary from person to person, from teacher to teacher, and from day to day. Sometimes we feel we really made an impact on a student and sometimes we feel like we completely missed the mark. For this reason, I am thankful that I am working on a great staff team so that the ones I miss other teachers have had great experiences with and it goes both ways. Given the variety among our staff, I believe every student can name at least one staff member who has positively influenced them in life.

That brings me to last week Thursday evening. First of all, thanks to the LCS Board for hosting such a wonderful evening. It was truly appreciated. Also, thanks to everyone just for showing up. I was in awe as I looked around and saw so many people. It was good to talk with former students, former colleagues, former LCS parents, and current friends. I often speak of the LCS community, and it was on display Thursday evening.

When I listened to people tell me stories or engage with me in conversation, I listened for clues that indicated I (we as in all LCS staff) had accomplished our purpose. Some parents and students talked positively about the education they or their children received and how that had prepared them for the next stages of their lives. Educating Children - check. Some talked about the influence I (we) have had on students in encouraging them and challenging them to live a Christian lifestyle. Nurturing Faith in Christ - check. And yet others talked about how they are living out their faith, either in their careers or their current educational setting or among their friends. Interpreting and Impacting God's world - check. Thursday night was an affirmation that LCS was meeting its purpose.

You have heard me quote this purpose statement many times because it is very meaningful to me. I pray that LCS will continue to live out its purpose and grow in its impact as an influential Christian school. So let it be, amen and amen!

Calendar of Events

June

- 17 - SK Graduation at 2:00pm
Everyone is welcome to join
- 19 - Grade 8 Graduation - doors open at 7:30pm with the ceremony beginning at 8pm
- 21 - Last Day of School
WATER DAY - details in Announcements Section
Early dismissal with the buses departing at 2pm

Looking Ahead...

August

- 27 - New Family Orientation
- more details to follow
- 29 - LCS Re-Opening Evening
- more details to follow -

September

- 3 - FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL
9:30 - Opening Assembly
- 7 - 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 24 - Picture Day

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to



Happy Birthday

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this SUMMER go to



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leaving Staff

As our school year draws to a close, we have some transitions on our staff. As you know, we hired several staff for next year, but there are also some that are leaving our LCS staff team. Mrs. Angela Bosman joined our staff several years ago and worked one-on-one with a student. More recently she has been a more general EA, working in a variety of classes and with a variety of students, as well as filling in as a supply teacher periodically. I appreciated Mrs. Bosman's flexibility and willingness to serve in a variety of capacities. Mrs. Bosman will take some time away to consider her next steps of service. Mrs. Ashley VandenHoven will also be leaving. Mrs. VandenHoven joined our staff last year as an EA mostly in our upper grades. She also filled in as a supply teacher when needed. Again, I appreciated her willingness to help and serve no matter the job assignment. Mrs. VandenHoven will be joining the Stratford District Christian School as one of their JK teachers next year.

Job Opportunity

We are looking for an Educational Assistant. Requirements for this position are either an Educational Assistant diploma or an Early Childhood Education degree. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who might be, please send your resume to Ed Boelens principal@listowelchristianschool.ca

Graduations

Today we are celebrating the accomplishments of the Senior Kindergarten students. Their graduation is/was at 2:00 today (Monday).

Wednesday we are celebrating the accomplishments of our Grade 8 students. You are all invited to this celebration on Wednesday evening, June 21.

The graduation ceremony will begin at 8:00 pm. in the gym.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday is our last day of the school year. As is our custom, we will have a year end assembly (9:30 am) to celebrate accomplishments and also praise God for the school year. Our school day will end at 2:00. Please adjust your schedule accordingly to receive your children for the summer! Enjoy them!

WATER DAY

Friday, June 21st - the last day of school - we will have an afternoon of water activities for all of the students. Bathing suits are **NOT** permitted. Students should wear a t-shirt, shorts and shoes and should bring a towel and a dry change of clothes (*including undergarments*) for the bus ride home. Water guns are permitted and should be clearly labelled with the student's name. There will be two zones, one for the older grades and one for the younger grades. This is a fun afternoon and a great way to wrap up the school year!

Tuition Forms for 2024-2025

A reminder to return your Tuition forms to the office by Friday, June 21st. If you have any questions about your forms, please contact the Treasurer at finance@listowelchristianschool.ca

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2024-2025

Today with the Messenger you will receive a copy of the School Supply List for 2024-2025. Keep this list for reference as you begin to look forward to school shopping for next school year!

LIBRARY BOOKS

Reminder: All library books need to be returned by Tuesday. After Tuesday the librarians will inform you of the cost to replace unreturned books.

Bus Drivers Needed:

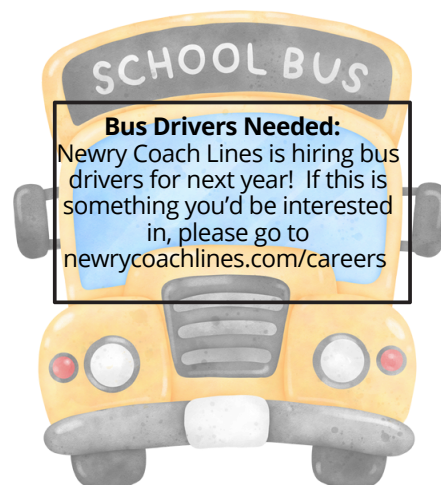
Newry Coach Lines is hiring bus drivers for next year! If this is something you'd be interested in, please go to newrycoachlines.com/careers



Listowel Christian School
is
Celebrating our
50th Anniversary
Join us on
Saturday, September 7th
3pm until 8pm

for a time of socializing, games, food truck dinner, sundae dessert and sparklers at 8pm while we join our voices in singing Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow


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Classroom News

Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

The year has flown by and we are down to only two JK days! I want to thank you all for the privilege of teaching your children this year. I have loved watching them learn and grow this year and we had lots of fun! I pray that you will all have a safe and wonderful summer.

This week we will be making some paper plate animals for the Listowel fair and we will play some games together as a class. We will also work in our printing book and print letters **k, y, j,** and **p.**

On **Tuesday**, please send in any books or magazines that have been borrowed from the school library. The library volunteers would like to have them all checked in and shelved before the summer.

Also on **Tuesday**, we will celebrate the students who have summer birthdays; **Marlie, Amelia, Atlas and Adelaide.**

Thursday will be our last day of school. If it is not too hot, we will have our gym class outside. In the afternoon we will watch VeggieTales, and share some popcorn.

Please send in an extra bag this week so I can send home extra clothes and indoor shoes and any other belongings that students may have at school.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

God is so good! Thank you for sharing your children with me! We had a great year of learning and exploring. The growth your children have experienced is amazing. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Here is what is happening this last week in SK!

Monday: Graduation at 2pm. Please feel free to join us to celebrate your child moving from their early childhood years to attending full time school in the fall.

Dress nicely, Sunday best however it is also supposed to be very hot. Be comfortable too. Feel free to come to the classroom if you want your child to change their clothes.

Tuesday: Birthday Party Day: We will celebrate summer birthdays for Alec, Kaylee, Henri and we will celebrate Rayah because we didn't have an opportunity to on her November birthday.

Thursday: Blowing Bubbles Day - Bubbles will be supplied. **BRING AN EXTRA BAG TO TAKE HOME ALL YOUR BELONGINGS SUCH AS EXTRA SHOES, PENCIL CASES, WORKBOOKS ETC.**

Friday: End of Year Assembly at 9:30am . Everyone is invited to attend.

WATER DAY: We end the school year with water games that we do in our school teams. Students may **NOT** wear swimsuits, all adults and students will wear a pair of shorts, t-shirt and footwear to school that can get wet. **BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES INCLUDING UNDERGARMENTS, A TOWEL, A WATER GUN** that your child can handle when loaded with water. LABEL EVERYTHING even undergarments and water guns.

The school wide water fight is set up so that SK to Grade 3 may choose where or who they want to squirt with water and the older kids squirt each other and any younger child who wants to go into their area. There are fill up stations for water and spots where kids who do not want to be squirted can go.

It is a fun way to end the school year. I will be participating and the children know only if they want I will get them wet.

Have a fantastic summer! May God bless you with a time of rest and relaxation.

Mrs. Heida

Classroom News

Grade 1

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

I can't believe this is the last week of school already! Where has the time gone?!

Thank you to the parent volunteers that came along to Mapleton Organics- we had a wonderful trip!

This last week we will finish up the last of our units!

Wednesday: Please send your child to school with an extra bag or two (we are hoping to start taking things home on Wednesday and Thursday.)

Thursday June 20 Show and Tell- Isaac, Faith, Benjamin, Kyla, Esmae, Adalyn. The month of June our show and tell is either something that your dad had as a child or something that reminds you of summer!

Friday: Please send your child to school in clothes they can get wet (for water games). Please also send a complete set of dry clothes (t-shirt, shorts, socks, underwear and shoes.) They will also need a towel. Please label everything!

Library: Please try and look for any lost library books around the house and bring them in before Wednesday.

Have an amazing summer!

Grade 2

Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh & Mrs. Kuipers:

Thank you to all of the volunteers who joined us at the Splash pad! It was a great day to be outside!

Tuesday, June 18 is Fort Day with Mrs. Grundlingh!

Wednesday, June 19 is Gum Day with Mrs. Kuipers! Students should come with gum to chew throughout the day. For this special day, I will allow students to share with their friends. We will also have a bubble blowing contest!

Thursday, June 20 is Movie and Clean up Day with Mrs. Kuipers! We will also have an end of year party with our Reading Buddies.

Friday, June 21 is our LAST DAY! Please send an extra bag or two for items such as school supplies, books, shows, and extra clothes to come home in. There will also be a school wide water gun fight at the end of the day. It is an early pick up day. More details to come.

Grade 3

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Today marks our last Monday of our last week together. I am so proud of my students this year. They have worked so hard in so many ways. It has been a joy teaching this group. They each are so wonderfully and uniquely made by our Creator. Thank you so much for entrusting them to me.

This week starts off with our field trip to the splash pad. We will be attending the SK graduation in the afternoon.

The rest of the week we will be finishing up language, Bible, creation studies, art, etc. I plan to keep our days as routine as possible. The last day will be clean up and water day.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

We have reached the end of the year! Thanks for an amazing year together, Grade 4/5! Enjoy your summer! Mrs. Delleman

Grade 4/5 French - Madame Van Kampen:

We will close our year and unit with a Cafe activity. Students in these classes will be customers and the grade 7s will be servers & kitchen staff. In class, as prep, we will focus on needed phrases and the choices [or not] that they will make with respect to food and beverage choices.

Bonne vacances à tout le monde!

Classroom News



Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

As the school year draws to a close, I find myself filled with a mix of emotions. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by, and yet here we are, preparing to bid farewell to another wonderful year.

What a blessing it has been to teach and get to know your children. Each day has been a gift, filled with learning, laughter, and growth. Watching them explore new concepts, overcome challenges, and develop their unique talents has been incredibly rewarding. Your children have brought so much joy and inspiration to our classroom, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be a part of their educational journey.

As we approach the summer break, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, dear parents, for your unwavering support and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement and encouragement have been invaluable, and I am truly thankful for the trust you have placed in me.

I wish you and your families a very safe and fun-filled summer. May it be a time of rest, relaxation, and cherished moments together. May God's blessings be upon you, guiding and protecting you in all your endeavours.

Bible - We will conclude a unit on Paul's Missionary Journey.

Memory Work - "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Acts 13:38" Due: Jun. 20th.

Language - We will be working on a variety of language/art based activities for the fair. We will also conclude our novel study and have an end of the year celebration with our reading buddies.

Spelling - Please watch your child's agenda for nightly review assignments. Our spelling tests will be on Thursday June 20th.
Blue Taters - Sort 27 - hair, hare, hear, dark, care, bare, bear, stare, stair, pair, pear, pare, fare, fair, fear, harm, square, sharp, heart, part, chair, shark, chart, start, rare, rear, spare, spear

Pizza Squad - Sort 28 - warmth, wardrobe, warning, warden, warrior, quarter, quarrel, swarm, dwarf, backward, toward, worker, worse, world, worry, worthy, worship, watch, water, wander, swallow, squash, wallet, squad

Billy Bob Joe that Spells - Sort 40 - away, another, awhile, along, beneath, among, against, afraid, aloud, agreed, divide, direct, upon, debate, degree, depend, desire, develop, defend, because, believe, between, beyond, begun

Weird Words - Sort 21 - photographer, symphony, television, headphones, telegram, calligraphy, telephone, phonics, photosynthesis, photograph, microphone, photocopier, telephoto, autograph, graphic, phonograph, homophone, telegraph

Social Studies - We will wrap up a mini unit on the Canadian government.

Grade 5/6



Science - We will wrap up our mini unit An Intro to Flight.

Art - We will continue our art submissions for the Listowel Fair. We will also partake in a special end of the year activity.

Health - We will conclude our unit called Character Playbook: Building Healthy Relationships.

Field Trip - A special thank you to those that drove and chaperoned the trip. Crock-a-doodle creations will be sent home today.

Library Books - Please return all library books if you have not already done so.

Water Day - We will end our school year with a water day (weather permitting.) Please send your child with a labeled water gun, a towel, a plastic or reusable bag for wet things and a full change of clothes.

Grade 5/6 French - Madame Van Kampen:

We will close our year and unit with a Cafe activity. Students in these classes will be customers and the grade 7s will be servers & kitchen staff. In class, as prep, we will focus on needed phrases and the choices [or not] that they will make with respect to food and beverage choices.

Bonne vacances à tout le monde!

Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

We've made it! I am very thankful for the efforts put forth by all students to work through the Jump Math materials as well as the daily 5-minute Math Frenzies intended to strengthen some base skills. We will be finishing our unit on Fractions this week and a special fractions treat will be given out today!

Blessings to all for the upcoming summer break!

Classroom News

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:

Wow! It is hard to believe it is the last week of school for this school year already! I have really enjoyed teaching grade 7/8 this year and the grade 8's will certainly be missed next year. The following is a day by day for this week instead of by subject.

Just to curb any questions this week, grade 8 is expected at school Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Thursday and Friday are days off for them but they are welcome back on Friday should they wish to be there for the day or for water day.

Monday:

G.R. Secret Garden Questions for chapters 25-27 are due.

Art: We will try to finish up our Manga art between classes today and tomorrow.

French: We will be getting ready for the French Cafe on Thursday

Writing: We will be working on typing and editing our articles today. They should be done by Tuesday for grade 8, Wednesday for grade 7.

Band: Last day of band. All instruments and books should be left at school. If you were asked to replace a book, it should come in by this week Friday.

Last day of Phys. Ed. - Phys. Ed. bags can now come home and be washed.

Tuesday:

G.R. Secret Garden Test

French: We will be getting ready for the French Cafe on Thursday.

Writing: Between today and tomorrow we will try to finish up our articles.

Wednesday:

Grade 8 Graduation!

French: We will be getting ready for the French Cafe on Thursday.

Thursday:

Preparing for water day.

French: Cafe with grade 4/5 and 5/6.

Games afternoon - bring a game or two (and a treat if you wish) to share. Games must be at least 2 player games and able to be completed in 1.5 hours max.

Friday:

Final Assembly and Water day. Early dismissal at 2:00.

I pray that you all have a blessed summer!

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. Van Kampen:

We will close out the year with a look at Fluids Under Pressure, specifically pneumatics and hydraulics. Tuesday and Wednesday will be opportunities for some hands-on construction of both types of fluid pressure systems.

Blessings to all for the upcoming summer break and additionally to the Grade 8s as they enter a new chapter in their science careers!

Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:

The **Grade 7** class moved on to Probability last week. This week, we will continue to work through our last unit in the textbook. The **Grade 8** class will complete as much of their algebra workbook as possible and challenge themselves for high school math. They will graduate on Wednesday.