

W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R

April 3, 2017

"Love is untidy." These were the words I heard in Church yesterday as that was yesterday's message during the Lenten sermon series entitled "You Are Loved". "God turns the world upside down" are the words I heard in staff devotions two week's ago, a message echoed with the following video that was watched:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTQT99k8LUg>. And a few weeks back, I read a devotion that God calls us to love others even if they irritate us, if they get on our nerves, if our personalities clash, even if our intentions get misunderstood. There is nothing easy about that. It can get rather messy sometimes.

"There is no 'Christ' without the cross" are the words I heard today during the morning's staff devotions. God sent his Son into the world to be sacrificed because of His great love for us. Jesus was taunted, he was mocked, he was nailed to a cross, his blood was shed, and he died. There is nothing tidy about that, and yet that was God's plan. At WCS we serve the same God as the God who promised a Saviour during the time the world turned upside down in the Garden of Eden; we serve a God who sacrificed his Son on the cross so the messiness of sin would be paid.

As we approach Good Friday and Easter let us remember the words of John 3:16-17 that God's Son is the answer to a world that is messy.

G. Hiemstra

**God is Greater!**

This past Saturday, WCS hosted its annual Springfest. The bare concrete auditorium transformed into a busy, bustling building of activity! Breakfast, bouncy castles, bunnies, books, buyers, bidders, boerenkole, Bazaar bottles, BLESSINGS! Just a fun alliteration of words to describe the atmosphere!

We find alliteration in our school theme as well - GOD IS GREATER! This was a great reminder throughout the planning stages of Springfest. Yes, there were times of fear, worry, and doubt - would it all come together? But God was there - reminding us He held WCS in His hands and we can trust Him.

Trust we did and the blessings were abundant! From donations of pies, Tim Horton's cookies, and animals to trampolines, plasma cars, pool parties, and handcrafted coffee tables (just to name a few!) As we shut the lights off Saturday afternoon, we said it again - God is Greater! He is greater than our fears and worries. The day was amazing - so many people came! We are so thankful to the small army of volunteers that served, supervised, swept, and smiled and made this day a success! Together, we were able to bring (an unofficial total of) \$22,000 to the bank.

Thank you to our WCS community for your help and donations. Join us as we thank and praise God for His blessings!

Sincerely, Pauline Markus and Heather De Boer



Wednesday - Mr. Schaafsma, Gr.8 Teacher

Thursday - Noah R., JK

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** Please continue to hold our families up in prayer as they cope with health challenges - both the minor contagious kind, and the chronic and serious illnesses among extended family. Praise God for spring and new life and the blessings He provides.

**Badminton:** Gr. 7 & 8 boys' practice is today after school; Gr. 7 & 8 girls will practice after school on Wednesday. Thank you for picking up your child at 4:45. Grade 6 students will practice this Wednesday and Thursday during recess. All students received a player's contract last week. Please ensure it is signed and returned to Mrs. Schuster or Mrs. Bulthuis. Thank you!

**Prayer Group:** We are on the look out for someone to help organize behind the scenes. If you are highly organized and love the ministry of prayer please connect with Dawn Streutker. It would be great if you could meet with us while we pray, but it can also work if you are unable to. More information available upon request. Thank you for considering this much needed program.

**Lawn Signs:** April is the month that lawn signs advertising WCS will pop up all over town! If you did not take one home at Springfest please stop by the office to pick up your sign! The signs are intended to bring awareness about Woodstock Christian School to our community. If you have questions contact Dawn Streutker! Thank you.

**K is for Kindergarten** will be taking place for the 4 Tuesday mornings in April. Parents of Kindergarten children will be dropping off and picking up their children for the program. We are excited that 22 children will be participating. Thank you to the parents that have committed to helping with snacks, and to Mrs. Westerveld and Mrs. Horinga for leading this program.

**Chix with Stix:** have been low on Chix for our Friday evening games. The next game time is Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm. Please join us. We would love to have a few more people on our team!

**VIDEO:** Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> we have a local videographer coming in to take footage of the school. Please note this in your calendar and choose clothing that represents the school well that day. Matt Power will be capturing footage of "everyday" school activities, as well as testimonials. He will be attending several of our upcoming events, for example, Grand Friends Day, Easter Chapel and Track and Field. The video will be used to promote WCS and the Forward Drive. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Track & Field Update:** Please note the date change for WCS's track & field day. It will be held WEDNESDAY MAY 17<sup>th</sup>, (raindate Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>.) Due to a reschedule for the District Field Day, we moved our date a little earlier. Please note this on your planners and calendars. It is on a Wednesday - very unusual for WCS.

**Chicken:** Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. An order form was attached to last week's parent link email. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, by Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Orders without payment will not be placed. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame. Please keep in mind that the school no longer has a large deep freezer so it is very important to make arrangements to have your orders picked up. Please note that we will not be responsible for orders that are not picked up without prior arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or [jmsol@rogers.com](mailto:jmsol@rogers.com).

**Wee Creations Christian Preschool** is now accepting registrations for September 2017. We offer a licensed half day preschool program for children aged 2 - 4 years. We are located within the Woodstock Christian School. Registration packages are available in our door pocket or call us at 519-421-9755 for a tour.

**J.K. / S.K. - A:** It was great to see many of you at Springfest on Saturday! Please keep practising your child's lines that were sent home for the Easter Assembly, you might have also heard some new songs they are learning! JK is working on printing their numbers 1-10 while SK is working on numbers to 100!

Wednesday - Library Day

Thursday - Sub day

**J.K. / S.K. - B:** Welcome to a new week! It was great to see so many of you at the Springfest on Saturday! We want to wish Noah a Happy Birthday this Thursday. May God bless you in the coming year, Noah! Keep practising your parts for the chapel. Let me know if you have any questions about this. Keep practising and sending in your sound books as well as your writing books. Watch for a an April calendar and tracker coming home this week. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Show and Share: something about Spring

- Sub Day

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to a new week! Thank you to all those who came out to SpringFest!! Your support is greatly appreciated. Check your emails for an update on what is happening this week in Grade One! Spelling Words: day, may, stay, play, away, boat, coat, toad.

Monday - Canada Celebration

Tuesday - Rotary Music Festival (dark bottom, Primary colour top)  
- Library  
- Gym

Wednesday - Show & Share: Annelies & Kathryn

Friday - Gym  
- Spelling & New List

**Grade 1B:** WOW! These past two weeks have flown by so fast! Today is our last day for our Canada unit! There were so many great costumes! Thank you for taking the time to prepare for this day. We look forward to seeing you this afternoon at our celebration. A HUGE thank you goes to all those who helped supervise for bowling! What a great time we had! Please remember to dress in dark pants and a red, blue, or yellow shirt Tuesday for our Festival Performance.

Monday - Canada Celebration 2:30-3:30  
- See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Festival Performance 1:00  
- Library & Reading Folders

Thursday - Sub Day

Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 2:** I hope that anyone who was able to come to our Canada Celebration wrap-up enjoyed their time and their cupcakes. This week we will begin our Easter Bible Unit, wrap-up our unit on double digit addition and subtraction, and learn our second pattern for 'r' controlled vowels. Our VIP folder did not get sent home today, but will come home with your child tomorrow.

Monday - Gym  
- Canada Celebration

Tuesday - Library  
- Return Reading Calendars

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Sub Day

Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. Today the students received their Citizenship Awards at the Canada Party. Congratulations!

Wednesday - Library  
- Phys. Ed.

Friday - Mem. Work: Nehemiah 9:9-10  
- Spelling Test: List 23

**Grade 4:** Welcome to a new month of learning grade 4!

Monday - Danika  
- Junior choir sings at the Music Festival

Tuesday - Duncan  
- Phys. Ed.  
- Library: remember your books

Wednesday - Eden  
- Music: bring your recorders  
- Math test: Data Management

Thursday - Erin  
- Bible test: The Divided Kingdom  
- Phys. Ed.  
- Sub lunch

Friday - Esther  
- Spelling test  
- Memory work: 2 Kings 17:15b  
- Buddy activities

Monday - Evyn  
- Music: bring your recorders

**Grade 5:** Welcome to the first week of April! Thank you to everyone who helped out with Springfest and donated bazaar bottles!

Tuesday - Music: bring recorder

Wednesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes

Thursday - Music: bring recorder

Friday - Spelling: Lesson 26 Test and Workbook lesson

**Grade 6:** Thank you to all those who made bizarre bottles; again this year they were very popular. Thank you also to those who donated books for the grade 7 CODE fundraiser. On Wednesday test envelopes will be coming home with quizzes and tests from March. Please sign the envelope and return this week.

Today - Math puzzle due

Tuesday - Literature packet due

Thursday - Math Quiz: fraction work

Friday - Spelling Unit 25 due: book and test  
- Final copy due of play report

**Grade 7:**

Monday - BMW Isa 40:28-29

Wednesday - Science test lesson 1&2

Thursday - After school senior Battle of the Books practice; please arrange to be picked up at 5

Friday - BM test  
- Spelling test #28

**Grade 8:** It was good to see so many of you at Springfest on Saturday! Thank-you for your ongoing support of WCS. VanStraten Order forms went home on Thursday last week, please make sure they are returned by tomorrow. Orders will be ready for pick-up at school on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Monday - Faith and Works Bible Assignment Due
- Tuesday - Gym (bring gym clothes)  
- Music (bring instrument)  
- VanStraten Orders Due
- Wednesday - Math Quiz
- Thursday - Gym (bring gym clothes)  
- Music (bring instrument)  
- After school senior Battle of the Books practice; please arrange to be picked up at 5
- Friday - Memory Work Quiz (Galatians 5:13-18)

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- April 4 K is for Kindergarten
- 5 Staff Meeting  
Prayer Group
- 6 Sub Day
- 7 Chix w Stix
- 11 K is for Kindergarten
- 13 Easter Chapel
- 14 Good Friday\*
- 17 Easter Monday\*
- 18 K is for Kindergarten  
Board Meeting
- 19 Prayer Group
- 20 Pizza Day

**SONG OF THE MONTH: One True God**

1. One voice in the dark; a song that lights up the stars  
One breath that gives life, one sov'reign in pow'r  
Who speaks with thunder and fire  
One Lord one King  
There is no other that can compare to You

Chorus You are the One alone in greatness  
The One who never changes; Jesus  
You are the One who rose in power  
The One who reigns forever  
Jesus (You're) the one true God  
(You're the one true God)

2. One man on a cross, one light of the world  
One name one word, one way to be saved  
One Lamb that was slain, one love above all  
There is no other that can compare to You

Bridge And we have seen the glory of the one and only Son of  
God  
Yes we have seen the glory of the one and only Son of  
God

Ending You're the one true God, You are the one true God

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