

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

February 11, 2019

As valentines approaches let's remember what it was like for us as a child. Remember carefully picking out which card would go to each person in class. Excitedly handing them out in class to each person, being careful not to miss anyone. Then after getting home, finding a spot to lay out every card. Then basking the the feelings of affirmation that people in class appreciated you. It can be such an exciting time as a child to celebrate Valentine's Day. Unfortunately these feelings of appreciation fade over time. If we teach our students to rely on God's love, during Valentines, we will build a security of His goodness. 1 John 3:1a *"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"* And that is what we are! Let's use this week show love to those we care about and remember the great love the father has for you.

Mrs. K. Poort

God's Valentine gift of love to us  
Was not a bunch of flowers;  
It wasn't candy, or a book  
To while away the hours.

He gave us sweet salvation, and  
Instruction, good and true--  
To love our friends and enemies  
And love our Savior, too.

His gift was to become a man,  
So He could freely give  
His sacrificial love for us,  
So you and I could live.

So as we give our Valentines,  
Let's thank our Lord and King;  
The reason we have love to give  
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs



- Monday - Luke K., Gr.3A
- Tuesday - Ken R., Gr.7
- Friday - Malachi B., Gr.8
- Next Mon. - Aubrie H., JK
- Alieda St., Gr.4

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health and well-being. Condolences to Mrs. Westerveld and family with the loss in their extended family.

**Staff Appreciation Week:** February 11-14 is Staff Appreciation Week here at Woodstock Christian School. During the week we celebrate the staff by providing them with a lunch each day as well as covering some yard duty. A huge thank you to all who signed up for this, it is very much appreciated! This year we will also be having theme days to enhance our appreciation for the staff. If you wish, please consider one of these theme days to celebrate our staff, of course your own way of appreciation is welcome as well! Any questions please email Cara Renkema [crenkema@hotmail.com](mailto:crenkema@hotmail.com) or 519-535-8969.

**Jr. Basketball:** Thank you to everyone who participated in Jr. Basketball this year - your hard work and dedication was great to watch, as was your skill development. Thank you also goes to Grades 7 & 8 who organized a game for our end of season event to replace the tournament. It was great fun to watch!

**Sr. Girls Basketball:** Practices this week will take place on Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:45. Please arrange to have your child picked up by then. An orange paper was given to the girls today with information regarding our tournament. Please be at the school by 7:20am so that we can board a bus to LDCSS. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

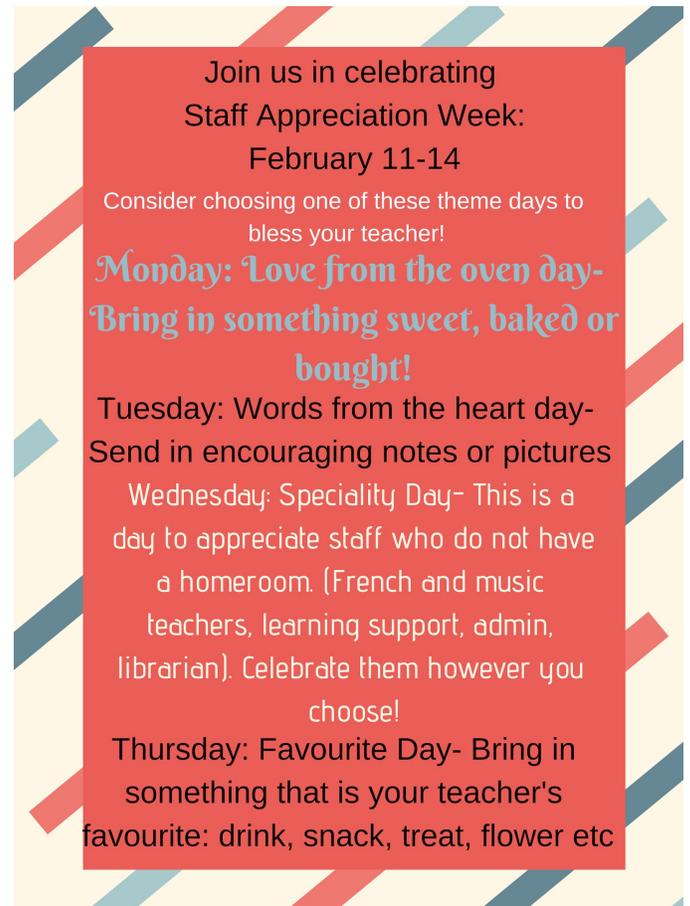
**Senior Boys Basketball:** Boys will have both a Monday and Wednesday after-school practice this week (Feb 11 & 13). Please note that the Bluewater Christian Schools basketball tournament is on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>, which is also a PD day. We will be taking a bus to the tournament on Friday morning - departure from WCS is 7:20 am. Tournament schedule and details, as well as regular season schedule will go home with basketball players today.

**Chicken:** You will find the order form attached to today's parent link email. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, no later than next Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Orders received without payment will not be placed. We are only able to accept cash, cheques or debit. No credit cards. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame, as we will not be storing any orders at the school. We ask that you do not come for your order before 3, as we are often sorting orders right up until that time. This ensures accuracy for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or [jmsol@rogers.com](mailto:jmsol@rogers.com).

**Registration Day:** Do you have a child that is planning to attend WCS for the first time in September 2019? February 13 is registration day! To book a time please call, stop in at the office or email Joleen Mulder ([admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca))

**100s Day:** The Primary Division (Grades 1-3) will soon be celebrating 100 days of School!! If you are one of our volunteers, we ask that you arrive at the school for 8:15-8:20, and report to Mrs. Schuster, to receive instructions as to what you are responsible for completing. We are also collecting donations to be brought to Operation Sharing. We are looking to collect 100 items to give. Please check out the following list, and choose from there what you would like to send in: Toilet Paper, Paper towel, Kleenex, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Razors, Body Wash, Soap, Cleaning supplies, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, garbage bags. All items are due the morning of February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**WCS Electives:** Electives will begin this Wednesday, February 11, and run for four weeks until March 6, 2019 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 for our junior and intermediate students. Those in skiing, it doesn't hurt to pack a bathing suit and towel, just in case we have to cancel at the last minute and do the swimming elective instead, except for the four grade 8 boys who would participate in indoor soccer. It looks like though there may be freezing rain on Tuesday. Wednesday



will have a high of -2, which will be conducive to skiing. Check our website on Wednesday if you think skiing may be cancelled. Those in skiing should plan to be back at 6:00 p.m. Those in woodworking, this is a reminder to get your woodworking forms into Mr. Schaafsma. Those in taekwon-do, this is a reminder that a letter was sent home last week and the payment is to go to Mrs. Verbeek or Mr. Hiemstra. Those in dance, soccer, and taekwon-do are to bring shorts, tshirt, and indoor shoes with them to the venues. Those in Creative Art will need to bring in a medium size glass vase for the craft on Wednesday. It will be transformed and will not look like the original. The dollar store is a good place to find an inexpensive vase. If we have any snow days on Wednesdays, please note that the elective program will be cancelled for that day, and there will be no make-up day. Any questions, let me know. (g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca)

**MS Read-A-Thon:** The readathon is in its final week and runs to February 15<sup>th</sup>. Think about making some family reading time! Encourage your child to connect with friends and family who will sponsor their reading minutes, and provide support for families who are living with MS. Supporters can make online donations or students can collect cash and/or cheque pledges from sponsors for all the minutes they read.

**Long Weekend:** Please note that Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> is a PD day and that there will be no regular school. The one event that is happening on Friday for some senior students is the basketball tournament in London (details have been shared with teams). Teachers will be meeting for professional development on Friday, to discuss curriculum matters and to make plans for our spring Celebration of Learning. Monday is FAMILY DAY in Ontario. Blessings for this holiday and the opportunity to celebrate God's blessing of family!

**Pancake Breakfast:** Students, wear your pajamas and bring your appetite and your favourite 'stuff' to our annual pancake breakfast on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Donations will be gladly received for the work of Edu-Deo. Edu-Deo Ministries (formerly Worldwide Christian Schools) is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries with quality education rooted in a Biblical worldview. Education is one of the most powerful tools for reducing poverty. Edu-Deo Ministries promotes sustainable schools by partnering long-term with existing school associations and mission organizations. Their goal is to take the effective tool of education and combine it with the transforming message of the Gospel. Get comfy, get ready for pancakes, and help us support Edu-Deo!

**No Science Fair this year @ WCS:** This year winter science learning in the senior grades is taking the form of a Project Based Learning unit, not the traditional science fair. Students are beginning a Sustainability project which will be showcased, along with other work from JK through to grade 8, during our Celebration of Learning to be held at the beginning of May. Please disregard the "Science Fair" date on your school calendar.

**Welcome:** We welcome Carlisha, a student from Conestoga College, who is doing her final practicum at WCS. Carlisha will be working with us until April. It is good to have you with us!

**School Skating:** On Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>, we once again will have a school skate. Students in SK-gr3 will skate from 1:15-2:10 pm, while older students will skate from 2:15-3:10 pm. A reminder that all those on the ice must be wearing skates, helmets and gloves. Come join us!

**Lost & Found:** Please check our lost and found zone. It is filling up with gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters, and other apparel.

**Grad Photos:** Grade 8 students will have their formal graduation photos taken on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a photographer present on graduation day in June.

**Springfest plans are well underway** and we are starting to look for vendors for Marketplace. If you are interested in being a vendor please email Cara Renkema for an application form. We have room for 20 vendors. The vendor spots will be open to school community for the first few weeks and then will be open to the greater community come February 13. First come, first serve and only one vendor per type of product sold. Any questions please call Cara 519-535-8969 or email [ccrenkema@hotmail.com](mailto:carenkema@hotmail.com).

**Learning Support - Mrs. Bulthuis:** There are many special events happening around the school week! Due to the 100s Day celebration and field trips planned for this week, the grade 2s will update their book bags tomorrow (Tuesday), and the grade 3s on Thursday. No spelling test for the grade 2 Learning Place students this week.

Tuesday - Gr. 2 book bags  
 Wednesday - Gr. 1 book bags  
 Thursday - Gr. 3 book bags

**J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld:** Welcome to a new week. Sub day is on Thursday. Thanks to those who volunteered to help us bake (Wednesday) and deliver (Thursday). We will begin delivering at 11:30 and probably do shifts. Please remember to bring in extra socks for wet/cold weather. Show and share will be showing something about love. We will celebrate Valentines Day on Thursday afternoon. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library Day  
 - Baking Day  
 Thursday - Valentines Day celebration  
 - Sub Day  
 - Baked goods delivery  
 - Show and Share: something about Love

**S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort:** Glad to see everyone back after some icy days. On pink day bring something pink for show and share, and wear something pink. In literacy this week we will be practicing making a letters. (To:... a picture, From....) In art we will be making a valentines day craft. We will be having a valentines party on Thursday. Please remember to bring sound books and message bags every day. Thank you

Wednesday - Pink Day  
 - Sound book check  
 Thursday - Library  
 - Sub Day  
 - Valentines Day

**JK2/SK2 - Miss Body:** Welcome back to school. Looking forward to a great week. Since we were off 2 days last week, this weeks information will be similar to the email I sent. Letters: y, x and ch; Sight words: review; Bible: 10 Plagues con't; Math: patterns con't; Theme: Snowmen  
 Wednesday - Library  
 Thursday - Valentine Party (and baking)

**Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster:** Welcome to a busy week! This week we will be celebrating 100 days of school as well as Valentines Day. Due to the special events that will be taking place this week, there will be no spelling test. With the snow days last week, we have done some rescheduling of various things: MAP testing will take place this week. Sub Day will be taking place this week Thursday. Please check your email tonight for more detailed information.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Library  
 Wednesday - 100s Day Celebration  
 Thursday - Valentines Day  
 - Sub Day (rescheduled)  
 Friday - P.D. Day

**Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg:** Welcome to a 4-day week! Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

Monday - Finishing up MAP testing  
 Tuesday - Phys. Ed  
 Wednesday - Library  
 - 100s day!! {Donations for Operation Sharing are due}  
 Thursday - Valentines Day party in Grade 2!! {Treats are welcome, but not expected!}  
 - Sub Lunch (rescheduled because of last week's snow day)  
 Friday - PD Day: NO School  
 next Mon. - Family Day: NO School {Enjoy a day with family & friends!}

**Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga:** Lots of exciting events this week! This is the last week for practising your poems. We will be presenting Tuesday and Wednesday (Thursday if needed) next week. Keep reading and collecting for the MS readathon - money should be brought in to school next week Tuesday.

Monday - Library  
 Wednesday - 100 day celebrations: bring in items for Operation Sharing  
 - Valentines celebrations  
 - Sub lunch (just for our class since we are away tomorrow)  
 - Spelling test: irregular past tense  
 Thursday - Field study at Westfield Heritage Village.  
 Dress for outdoor activities and remember to pack a pioneer lunch.

**Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra:** A few more days to Wednesday, and we will have our 100ish day (or more like 97th day if we have school the next two days). We will finish our map testing this week, and will be concentrating on 3x and the 4x table. Students will need some review for our 2's, 3's, and 4's at home. We will also be reciting our chosen poem this week. Students will need to work on being expressive with their selected poem. Our MS Read-a-thon is drawing to a close this week.

Thursday - Spelling Test: Contractions  
 - Memory work: Psalm 135:3  
 - MW: entire poem  
 Feb. 22 - Poetry Meet  
 March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Primary Choir at Maranatha Church

**Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel:** Welcome to a short week of school grade 4!

- Monday - Devotions: Julia  
- Library
- Tuesday - Devotions: Julie
- Wednesday - Electives  
- Music: bring your recorders
- Thursday - Devotions: Junbeom  
- Sub lunch  
- Spelling test  
- Valentine's Day celebration  
- Memory work: Psalm 27:1
- Friday - No School: PD Day for teachers
- next Mon. - Family Day: no school
- next Tues. - Devotions: Keaghan  
- Library: bring your books

**Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra:** I hope you've enjoyed your weekend and are feeling refreshed for a new week. This week, students will finish writing their speeches and begin practising! Rough drafts are due tomorrow and the final copy is due on Thursday evening. Students will not be required to complete their spelling workbook lesson 21 this week as there are many assignments on the go. Electives are happening on Wednesday, please ensure your child has all the necessary clothing/equipment to participate.

- Monday - Swimming at Southside Aquatic Centre from 2-3 pm bring swimsuit each week.
- Tuesday - Speech Rough draft due (share with Mr. H via Google Docs)  
- Health Project due (share with Mr. H via Google docs)  
- Social Studies quiz based on highlighted notes  
- Phys Ed: bring gym clothes  
- Music
- Wednesday - Language Arts quiz based on what we've learned in our Communicating Skills workbook so far
- Thursday - Memory Work: Romans 8:28 (NIV)
- Friday - P.D. Day: No School

**Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey:** Welcome to a new week. Students are welcome to share Valentines on Thursday. Be sure to include everyone. MAP testing continues this week. Remember to collect donations for MS Read-a-thon. The February book needs to be completed by Feb. 22 so that we can work on the book report for the end of the month. Remember to save a cereal box for this book report. Speeches are coming along nicely. Everyone needs to be ready to present their speech on Wednesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. The speech meet at the legion is on Sat. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Tuesday - Library  
- Music (instrument)
- Wednesday - Math Test: Unit 8 Fractions  
- Phys. Ed. (dress for outdoors)

- Electives
- Thursday - Spelling Review Unit 18 test  
- Music (instrument)  
- Final Draft of Speech due  
- Sub lunch  
- Share Valentines

**Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:** Speeches will be given in the classroom on February 20 and 21. Students have 2 venues for presenting their speeches to (other) audiences: Legion Feb. 23 and Oasis Mar 7.

- Monday - 1<sup>st</sup> draft of speech  
- BMW: Nicene Creed
- Tuesday - 1<sup>st</sup> edit of speech  
- math quiz
- Wednesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> edit of speech  
- math test
- Thursday - science test  
- sub day  
- Friendship Party
- Friday - P.D. Day  
- memorize speech over the weekend

**Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma:** Welcome to a new week! This is short week because of the PD Day on Friday, we will be finishing up our MAP Testing this week.

- Monday - Phys. Ed.  
- Map Test
- Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
- Wednesday - Math Quiz  
- Electives
- Thursday - Music (bring instruments)  
- Sub Lunch
- Friday - PD Day (no school)

#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| February | 11-14 | Staff Appreciation Week                        |
|          | 12    | Chicken Order Deadline                         |
|          | 13    | Electives Continue<br>100 Day                  |
|          | 14    | Sub Day  |
|          | 15    | Sr. Basketball Tournament<br>P.D. Day*         |
|          | 18    | Family Day*                                    |
|          | 19    | Board of Directors Meeting                     |
|          | 20    | Pancake Breakfast<br>Prayer Group<br>Electives |
|          | 21    | Pizza Day                                      |
|          | 23    | Speech Competition @ Legion                    |
|          | 27    | Electives                                      |
|          | 28    | Poetry Meet (Gr. 1-4)<br>Chicken Order are in  |
| March    | 1     | P.A. Day*                                      |
|          | 3     | Primary Choir visit at Maranatha               |