

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

February 21, 2017

**Science & Creation Studies Learning: Means by Which We Know God**

On Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, the teaching staff met to discuss science learning at Woodstock Christian School. We enjoyed time spent in devotions, reading relevant articles, discussing current curriculum and Ministry guidelines. In the afternoon, one of the science teachers from London District Christian School led us through an interactive workshop of science learning, providing more ideas to make science come alive in our classrooms.

God makes himself known to humanity through his general revelation - creation. General revelation does not reveal Jesus Christ or His work of redemption for sinners. Thus there is a need for what is called "special revelation." Article 2 of an old but 'rich' document written in 1561, the Belgic Confession (on the means by which we know God), states the distinction in the following words:

*We know Him by two means: First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe; which is before our eyes as a most elegant book, wherein all creatures, great and small, are as so many characters leading us to see clearly the invisible things of God, even his everlasting power and divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All which things are sufficient to convince men and leave them without excuse. Second, He makes Himself more clearly and fully known to us by His holy and divine Word, that is to say, as far as is necessary for us to know in this life, to His glory and our salvation.*

As educators, we are grateful for the many means by which we can share the wonders of God's creation with our students. Brian Doerksen's song "Creation Calls" speaks into the beauty and majesty of what God has created.

*Lying down beneath the stars, I feel your presence there  
I love to stand at ocean shore and feel the thundering breakers roar  
How could I say there is no God when all around creation calls...*

C. Verbeek, Principal

Sources: [youtube.com/watch?v=LwGvfdt12c0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwGvfdt12c0), [crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/belgic-confession](http://crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/belgic-confession), [ligonier.org/blog](http://ligonier.org/blog), [lyricsmode.com/lyrics/b/brian\\_doerksen/creation\\_calls](http://lyricsmode.com/lyrics/b/brian_doerksen/creation_calls)



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| Monday   | - Alex S., JK                           |
|          | - Mrs. P. Reyneveld, Bus Driver         |
| Tuesday  | - Duncan V., Gr.4                       |
| Thursday | - Justin V., Gr.3                       |
| Sunday   | - Miss Hendriks-VanWorby, Ed. Assistant |

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Requests:** We thank God for families and the blessing and support that they provide. We pray for families who are struggling with hurt and loss. We also pray for ongoing healing for students and families in our school that are experiencing the nasty colds and flu. For those with chronic disease, cancer, and other conditions we pray for daily strength and hope.

**Skating:** It was good to see so many parents and friends of WCS at our last skating event. Thank you for your help with tying laces and assisting young skaters.

**THANK YOU** to all the parents that sent in meals and treats to show appreciation to our staff. A special shout out to Cara Renkema for coordinating the week long event. Blessings to all our staff as they continue to care for our children!

**Sr. Girls Basketball:** Today we play our first playoff game against St. Mark's in London. Good luck today girls!

**Registration:** If your child is joining WCS for the first time (Kindergarten) please book a registration appointment with Dawn Streutker as more information is required than the re-commitment form allows. The office requires a copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization record and health card. If you have questions contact [admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca) or 519 539 1492. Enrollment forms can be downloaded and completed ahead of time from the website: <http://woodstockchristian.ca/admissions-s57.php>.

**Electives:** Our third elective session is this Wednesday, February 22. Students going to venues other than at WCS will be leaving earlier, either 1:30, 1:45 or 1:55 depending on the elective; otherwise electives run from 2:10 to 3:30. Please ensure that your child has the items required for his/her participation in the elective session. Thank you to those volunteering to drive skiers. Skiers should be back at WCS on Wednesday at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**Photography Elective:** Please take along device for our elective time on Wednesday. If you do not have one available we have some from the school! See you Wednesday.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Students, wear your pajamas and bring your appetite and your favourite 'stuffie' to our annual pancake breakfast on Thursday February 23<sup>rd</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!

**MS Read-A-Thon:** The WCS campaign has finished. By reading and fundraising, you have helped with MS research and helped people who live with MS. Please bring your funds to your classroom teacher by February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Check out the prizes for the various levels of funds you raise!

**School Health:** We have been experiencing a serious outbreak of flu and colds at WCS. I encourage you to keep your feverish and ill children at home so as not to keep this cycle of illness going. It is best for children to return to school when they are feeling better. Oxford County Health and Emergency Services recommends keeping students home for at least 24 hours following sickness and fever to ensure that they are not infectious and are well enough to participate in classroom activities. Thank you for your help in keeping our students and staff well!



**K is for Kindergarten**

We would like to invite you to visit our Kindergarten classroom as a way to get ready for the new school year! Any child who is turning four in 2017 is welcome to join. **K is for Kindergarten!**

**When: Tuesday Mornings 9-11, April 4, 11, 18, 25**  
**Where: Kindergarten Classroom at WCS**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and the deadline to register is March 9th, 2017. To reserve your spot register now at:  
<http://woodstockchristian.ca/kisforkindergarten.php>

**SCIENCE FAIR OPEN HOUSE:** On Tuesday, February 28th, the gym will be full of scientific exhibitions as senior students and entire classes display their Science learning. A highlight of the year, the projects designed by the students cover a variety of topics, and are always interesting and creative. The projects will be on display starting at noon. Students will be viewing the Science Fair during the school day. You are invited to view the Science Fair as part of an Open house running during the day and after hours from 4-7 p.m. Come and see an exhibition of science and creation studies learning!

**Primary Choir** (our grades 1, 2 and 3) is visiting Maranatha CRC on March 5<sup>th</sup> to sing for and worship with their congregation. Students are asked to arrive at Maranatha by 9:50 am. Students are asked to wear their "Sunday best" and will sit with their parents after we are done singing.



**SPRINGFEST NEWS:** Yes! In FIVE weeks the annual Springfest Bazaar is happening at the Oxford Auditorium again! We are excited to bring you another day of food, fun, and fundraising for WCS on APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars! But we can't do it without you! Here's some ways you can help:

**Springfest Marketplace Vendors:** It is that time of year again and we are looking to fill our Marketplace with various vendors this year! If you are an artisan crafter or have a home-based business and are interested in being a part of our Springfest please contact Kristin Markus at [stampwithkristin1@gmail.com](mailto:stampwithkristin1@gmail.com) within the week! Spaces are on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Kristin soon to claim your spot!

**Kitchen Committee:** Our committee is planning all the yummy food you will be eating that day! They would love new members for their committee to help with planning, set up and clean up. If you have a food handlers certificate - please let us know! If you are interested, please contact Selia Koops at 519-425-7511 or [selia@live.net](mailto:selia@live.net)

**Games Committee:** Another committee that would love a few new members! Bouncy castles, petting zoo, face painting! Lots of fun for the kids! All of this has been booked - we just need a few extra people to help with the set up and clean up on our big day! Please contact Sara Verkuyl @ [verkuylm@execulink.com](mailto:verkuylm@execulink.com) or 519-469-8283.

**Bazaar Bottles:** Start saving your 2L bottles and finding great treats to store inside of them! This is always a hit with the kids - and a great way to earn \$500 for our school when each bottle sells for \$5 that day! Please remember what your child would love to find in a bottle and buy accordingly. Stay tuned for more info on how to put them together!

**Volunteer Signup:** Stayed tuned for the volunteer sign up sheet to come home soon. We will also be doing an online sign up similar to what was used to Teacher Appreciation week. Springfest is the fundraiser that needs the most amount of volunteers. With over 140 families in the school, that's over 250 adults that are available to volunteer on our day as well as grandparents, friends, and older siblings. This is a GREAT way for you to meet other school supporters. Thank you so much in advance for helping out!

**Live Auction:** A quick, speedy auction after lunch with 10-15 items all related to Spring and Summer! (Yes, we will be using our own sound system so we can hear the auctioneer this year!) If you have an item you think would be a great addition - please contact Evelyn Tilstra @ [evelyntilstra@gmail.com](mailto:evelyntilstra@gmail.com).

**Silent Auction:** Did you know that each vendor donates one of their products valued at \$25 or more to our silent auction? We are also accepting other items. However, they must be NEW and UNUSED. Please contact Michelle Sol if you would like to donate. @ 519-539-7839 or [jmsol@rogers.com](mailto:jmsol@rogers.com).

**Sponsorship:** Can't make it that day or unable to help in those areas? We currently have a few sponsors for the rental for the hall and games area items. If you know of someone or a business that would like to be part of the sponsorship, please contact the office and let Mrs. Koopman know. All sponsorship and donations will receive a charitable receipt.

**Still have some questions or ideas?** Please contact Heather De Boer @ [adeboer@xplornet.ca](mailto:adeboer@xplornet.ca) /519-842-9284 or Pauline Markus @ [paulineandpeter@gmail.com](mailto:paulineandpeter@gmail.com) /519-857-7779

Thank you SO much in advance! We look forward to how the Lord will bless Woodstock Christian on this great day!

**J.K. / S.K. - A:** Thank you so very much for your kindness last week, the notes and gifts were greatly appreciated. We will continue to build houses this week and see if the Big Bad Wolf can blow them down. SK word this week is all, and we will focus on the ng sound. JK we are working on letter V and W.

Wednesday - Library  
Thursday - PJ day and Pancake Breakfast

**J.K. / S.K. - B:** Welcome to a new week! We are headed to the Lawson Tract on Wednesday morning to learn about winter birds. Maybe we will see some robins? Thanks to those who are coming along. Please ensure your child is dressed for outside weather conditions. This Thursday we will have a pancake breakfast. Please wear your p.j.s to school and bring along your favourite stuffy. We will be eating with our buddies at 10:00, so please ensure that your child has a bit of breakfast before school. Its going to be a short, but exciting week!

Wednesday - Class Trip  
- Library  
Thursday - Pancake, PJ and Stuffy Day

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to another week! Please continue to work on learning poems for the Poetry Meet. We will be sharing our poems with the class on Friday. Check your emails for an update on what is going on in Grade One! Spelling Words: all, wall, call, will, tell, well, small, smell.

Tuesday - Library  
- Gym  
Wednesday - Show & Share: Lydia & Lukas M.  
Thursday - Pancake & Pajama Day  
- 100s Day!!!  
Friday - Poetry Sharing  
- Gym  
- Spelling & New List

**Grade 1B:** I hope and pray that everyone had an amazing long weekend with their family and friends. Thank you so much for everything last week! I truly felt special and appreciated. This week we will be having our pancake breakfast, and pajama day. Students are asked to bring in \$5. We will also be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! You have all worked so hard these last 100 days! Please return any MS Read-a-thon money this week. Friday we will be presenting our poems to each other while we enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. If you are willing to donate either of these items, it would be appreciated.

Tuesday - Library Day  
- Reading Folders  
- VIP Folder  
Wednesday - M.S. Money Due  
Thursday - Pancake Breakfast and Pajama Day  
- 100s Day  
Friday - Spelling Test  
- Poems Due

**Grade 2:** It is another exciting week here in grade 2! This week we will enjoy celebrating 100s day on Pancake Breakfast and Pajama Day! We will also be presenting our poems for each other on Friday, I'm excited to see your final presentation! We will finish up our 3-D Geometry unit and begin our next math

unit on Addition and Subtraction to 100, we will begin to learn how to carry and borrow numbers. Please bring along a collection of 100 items (not too large as we will be doing some activities with them.)

Tuesday - Library  
Wednesday - Gym  
Thursday - Pancake Breakfast (we will eat at approx. 9 am)  
- Pyjama and Teddy Bear Day  
- 100s Day  
Friday - Poem Due

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. MAP results are in. I will discuss results with each student to show how they have grown since last fall. Let me know if you would like some feedback also. This is our last week to work on our solar system projects. We are excited to show our best work at the Science Fair next week. Mrs. DeBoer will be our guest teacher Thursday and Friday as I will be at a Reading Conference. MS Read-a-thon money needs to be in this week. The Primary Choir will be singing at Maranatha CRC on March 5 at 10 am. Please wear your Sunday best.

Wednesday - Library  
- Phys. Ed.  
Thursday - Pancake Breakfast, Pajama and Teddy Bear Day  
- 100 Day  
- French quiz  
Friday - Spelling Test: List 18  
- Mem. Work: Psalm 148:1-3

**Grade 4:** Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! Thank you parents for the delicious lunches and snacks last week. The children who will present their poem at the poetry meet will be chosen this week. Wear your Pajamas and bring your favourite stuffy to school on Thursday.

Tuesday - Erin  
- Library  
- Phys. Ed.  
Wednesday - Esther  
- Music  
- Electives #3  
Thursday - Evyn  
- Phys. Ed.  
- Pancake Breakfast - 9:30  
- Pajamas and Teddy bear Day  
Friday - Gabriel  
- Spelling test  
- Buddy activities  
next Mon. - Hailey  
- Music

**Grade 5:** Welcome to a new week. Our class will be wrapping up two major projects throughout the next 7 school days. The Data Management Project for math is due this Friday, and the speech that students have written must be well-rehearsed by Tuesday of next week (Feb 28) because students will be reciting their speech to the class and graded on it. Swimming lessons continue on Tuesday afternoons, and Electives continue on Wednesday afternoons.

Tuesday - Music: Bring recorder

- Swimming: Bring swimsuit
- Wednesday - Phys Ed: Bring gym clothes
- Thursday - Music: Bring recorder
- Friday - Data Management Project due
- Spelling, Lesson 20 test and workbook
- Math Unit Test: Data Management
- Memory Work: Philippians 2:2-3.
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - speeches recited in class
- Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> - Bible Unit Test: God's Covenant People

- Gym (Bring Gym Clothes)
- Wednesday - No Math Quiz this week
- Science Fair Project Due
- Electives
- MS Read-a-thon ends
- Thursday - Music (Bring Instruments)
- Gym (Bring Gym Clothes)
- Pancake/Pyjama Day
- Friday - Bible Quiz (First half of current unit)
- Monday - Science Fair in class Presentations

**Grade 6:** We will begin delivering our speeches today and continue through the week. No math quiz or spelling test this week, as we will be focussing on our electricity project and speeches. Students are to bring in their MS Read-a-thon forms and money. Thank you for your fundraising efforts. French: We have been discussing different words to describe emotions. Tomorrow I will be asking students to translate some of these new words orally. Students have a sheet with the words and pronunciation on them.

- Tues.-Fri. - Speech delivery
- Work on our electricity projects
- Wednesday - Third elective session
- Thursday - Pancake breakfast: money for Edudeo

**Grade 7:** Students will present speeches this week and finish science fair projects. Our Mexican community lunch will be on Feb 27. Science fair projects may be brought to school Feb 28 for the science fair held in the gym.

French: Students have been learning how to speak in the near future, using the verb ALLER. For example, "I am going to eat" - "Je vais manger". There will be a quiz on this next Monday. We will be setting up accounts on Duolingo this week. I encourage you to allow students to practice, even if for 5-10 minutes a day. This program works at the level that students are at to improve and teach french skills.

- Tuesday - speeches
- bmw Deut 32:3
- Wednesday - speeches
- Thursday - science fair check-in #6
- PJ&Pancake Breakfast
- Friday - spelling test #22
- bmw

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a new week! I hope you all had an enjoyable weekend, celebrating Family Day! On Wednesday money and reading logs for the MS Read-a-thon are due, please update your reading log and return it with any donations. Thursday is Pajama/Pancake Breakfast Day. Please feel free to wear appropriate pyjama's on Thursday and bring some money to support of EduDeo Ministries, which works to support Christian Education Worldwide.

French: The main grammar concept students have been learning is the Imperatif form of a verb, which is a way to command or invite. We will be working on this this week and there will be a quiz on it next week. Students have been able to set up Duolingo accounts at school and I encourage them to work on them at home, even if it is for 5-10 min a day. This program works at the level that students are at to improve and teach french skills.

- Tuesday - Music (Bring Instruments)

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- February 21 Board Meeting
- 22 Electives
- 23 Pancake Breakfast
- 24 Chix w Stix
- 28 Science Fair
- March 1 Staff Meeting; Prayer Group; Electives
- 2 Sub Day
- 3 P.A. Day\*
- 6 Grad Photos
- 8 Hockey Tournament; Electives
- 9 Report Cards
- 10-20 Winter Break
- 21 Back at School; Board Meeting
- 23 Pizza Day
- 24 Chix w Stix

**SONG OF THE MONTH:** The Awesome God You Are

1. Let Your majesty speak peace to me  
and chase my fears away  
To my heart I preach Your sovereignty  
And the power of Your name; I'll stand in awe of You alone

Chorus God let hope arise  
And faith become the fortress of my heart  
I will lift my eyes and see You  
as the awesome God You are  
Believe You as the awesome God You are (You are)  
(King Jesus as the awesome God You are You are)

2. You're the glory of our brightest days;  
the comfort of our nights  
When the darkest shades are all we see  
You're the everlasting Light, I'll stand in awe of You alone

Bridge And see You on Your throne so high above  
See You watching over me in love  
I will worship You and You alone  
The awesome God You are, the awesome God You are

Interlude God let hope arise, God let hope arise

Ending Believe You as the awesome God You are (3x)  
King Jesus as the awesome God You are You are

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