

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

January 23, 2017

Celebrating Our Heritage

There is a beautiful picture book in my collection called The Matchbox Diary.

A little girl visits her great grandfather and happens across an old wooden cigar box that holds several smaller matchboxes. Inside each matchbox is an unlikely object with no meaning to the little girl, until her great grandfather shares its story. Together the little girl and the old man recount his emigration from Italy, his first tough years in America, and his yearning to record his life in some fashion because he could not read and write. I highly recommend this book, not just for the story, but also for the fabulous illustrations. An amazing book!

As we celebrate our heritage this week and appreciate each others' stories and backgrounds, may we also celebrate how God has created differences. Ask questions this week. Tell your stories and discover also what God has done and how He is working in the lives of people past and present.

C. Verbeek



Monday - Mrs. Meekel, Bus Driver

Friday - Mackenzie B., Gr.5
- Mrs. Poort, L.S. Teacher

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests: Please pray for comfort for the Koopman family as they mourn the death of the children's Uncle Kevin.

Multicultural Day at WCS: On Thursday January 26, we will celebrate the many cultures that are present at WCS. We invite staff and students to bring something to school to inform and share with our community about their family culture. Staff and students may express their culture through dress, music, sport, games, food, dance, language or traditions. Through knowledge and experiences we hope to understand one another more deeply to draw closer as a community. Thank you for your participation from the WCS School Life Team!

Early Dismissal: This Friday an Early Dismissal day. On these days, our end-of-day buses will run early and students will leave WCS at 1:30 pm. Please note this and be prepared for your children to be home 2 hours earlier on these days. (These are not school days for LDCSS students, so they will not be affected.) Teachers will stay at school and work in their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). These afternoons are set aside for teachers to go deeper with some of the learning initiatives that we have started at WCS, such as differentiated instruction, project-based learning, application of growth mindset strategies and more. These blocks of time allow for more focussed application and planning for our staff and are intended to enhance the learning of your children in the classroom.



WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Kindergarten Information Evening

Join us on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:45 p.m. Come find out first hand how the staff at WCS can nurture and support your child's learning and development. Drop in any Wednesday morning to take the tour, or book an appointment for a mutually convenient time!

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WCS Electives: Our first elective session begins on Wednesday, February 8 and runs for five successive weeks from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 depending on the elective chosen. Last week Wednesday an email was sent with a letter and link for junior and intermediate students to make their three selections on-line. Check your email for the letter; here is the link for students to make their choices: <https://goo.gl/forms/qZ1a6PqwAuSTV4HB3>. Please have your child select their choices today so that we can finalize the electives. If you have any questions, please let g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca know.

WCS Hockey Team: Permission forms went home on Friday. Please sign permission forms and return forms and money this week. Our first practice is Wednesday February 1 at 7:00 am at the Woodstock Complex. Thank you, Mrs. Racicot

Sr. Girls Basketball: Congratulations on the win last week girls! It was a tough and close game and you earned the win. This week we have our game against St. Patricks, and the game we missed from the snow day last week has been rescheduled to this Thursday against Notre Dame. Thank you to Mrs. Horinga, Mrs. deVries who are helping to drive. Our tournament is coming up on Monday. We look forward to a great day of games.

Chicken: Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. For every box sold, the school makes \$5. You will find the order form attached to today's parent link email. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, by next Tuesday, January 31st. Orders without payment will not be placed. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, February 16th, 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 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.

MAP Testing Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to read the Math and Language Usage tests to some students to enable them to more fully show what they know. If you love supporting students and are able to help out during any of the following times, please let Mrs. Bulthuis know as soon as possible (t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca). Thanks so much!

- Monday, January 30 from 11:30-1:30
- Thursday, February 2 from 9:45-1:30
- Friday, February 3 from 8:45-10:45
- Tuesday, February 7 from 8:45-10:45

From the Library: Thanks to many of you finding long overdue books at home! It is great to have them returned. If you receive an overdue notice, please communicate with me if you are having a problem finding the book. We will do our best to look in the library as well.

Many of the students are busy working on projects and assignments. Remember you can research the Encyclopedia Britannica right from your computer at home. We are subscribed to this data base and you can get age suitable and credible information and images. Log in to www.school.eb.com. Username is woodstockcs, password is student.

MS Read-A-Thon: Did you know that Canada has the highest rate of MS in the world? Did you know that Canadians as young as 2 years old have been diagnosed with MS? By joining the MS Readathon, you are choosing to fight to end multiple sclerosis. You will be helping people who live with MS and their families. Sign up online for the MS Readathon with your parent or guardian and encourage sponsors to donate online at msreadathon.ca. You can also collect cash and/or cheque pledges from sponsors for all the minutes you read. Bring your funds to your classroom teacher by February 21st. Check out the prizes for the various levels of funds you raise.

WCS Plays on Global School Play Day February 1, 2017: Did you know that since the decline of play there has been a rise in mental disorders in Children? Check out Peter Gray's research in this area. Did you know that "Play is the highest form of research"? (Albert Einstein) Did you know that "Play gives children a chance to practise what they have learned" (Mr. Rogers)? Did you know that, "The playing adult steps sideways into reality; the playing child advances forward to new stages of mastery."? (Erik Erikson) On Wednesday, February 1 from 1:30 to the end of the day, WCS is going to have a time of unstructured play in their regular classrooms. They are encouraged to bring in toys (No battery operated or screens), dolls, puzzles, games, cars or things they could use to build (think boxes, blankets etc.) How is that for a homework assignment? Our teachers have been instructed to allow free play and to document with cameras and iPad. We will compile our documentations and see what we can learn about our students through watching them play. "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play, than in a year of conversation." Plato
Perhaps you could have a conversation at home about what your child could bring and their hopes for the day. Please participate by joining our face book group WCS Plays and let the play begin.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: Volunteers Requested: February 13-16 will be Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week at WCS. To help show our teachers and staff how much we value them we would like to cover some of their yard duty responsibilities as well as provide them with a luncheon each day of that week. This year we are using SignUp.com to organize this week. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/KC1LXT>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Thank you for your help making this a special week for the teachers and staff. If you have any questions please contact Cara Renkema: cckrenkema@hotmail.com, 519-535-8969 or message me on Facebook!

Woodstock Christian School presents it's annual Benefit Banquet!

Come and Walk the Red Carpet to this amazing event!!

Enjoy a Buffet dinner, Catered by the famous chef Jed Lau!

There will be door prizes, Professional photos, and entertainment by the amazing Trevor Dick Band!!

"Trevor Dick is a popular electric and acoustic violinist. His playing evokes images of Jean Luc Ponty, Hugh Marsh, Mark O'Connor and Mark Wood (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) all melded together. With such amazing versatility on his instruments, including the five-string electric violin, Trevor is a master at reaching any audience."

Ticket pricing

- Earlybird (before Jan 23) \$50
- Regular (after Jan 23) \$60

WCS BENEFIT BANQUET 2017

featuring

TREVOR DICK BAND

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Ticket pricing

Earlybird – \$50 (*before Jan 23*)

Regular – \$60

Hosted by

Calvary Church, 65 Lansdowne Ave, Woodstock

Dinner catered by Jed Lau

Doors Open 5:45pm

Dinner served 6:30pm

Program to follow

Tickets available at Woodstock Christian School Office or online woodstockchristian.ca

J.K. / S.K. - A: We continue learning so much in Kindergarten. Last week we watched what happens when we mix vinegar and baking soda - it sure was a neat reaction. This week JK is learning the letters D and P - keep reviewing all the letters. SK is working on the oa sounds and this week's sight words are they and on. We are going to begin a book study about The mitten this week.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Multicultural dress up day

J.K. / S.K. - B: Welcome to a new spring like week. This week we are focussing on the book, "The Mitten". In Bible, we are learning about the stories of Moses and the Israelites. This week Thursday is Cultural Heritage Day. You may dress up in a clothes from a culture that you know about or want to learn about. If you don't have clothes, find a book or a picture that you can talk about. Have fun exploring different cultures! Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Heritage/Multi Cultural day

Grade 1A: Welcome to another new week! Check your emails for an update on what is going on in Grade One! Spelling Words: five, time, like, dime, ride, nine, my, by.

Tuesday - Library

- Gym

Wednesday - Memory Work Due (Psalm 18:1-3)

- Show & Share: Annelies, Calvin

Thursday - Multicultural Day @ WCS

Friday - Gym

- Spelling Quiz + new list home

- Early Dismissal

Grade 1B: Welcome to a brand new week. This week is Emily's last week with us. We are thankful that she has been able to bless us with her support over the last couple of months, and thankful that we too could be a blessing to her. We pray that God will continue to be with her as she graduates grade 12 and continues to work towards a career in the police force. Look for M.S. papers in your child's VIP Folders today! How many minutes can you read in support of those who have M.S.?

Monday - M.S. Read-A-Thon Begins

- See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Reading folders due

- Library

- Emily's Last Day

Thursday - Multicultural Day

Friday - Spelling Test

- Early Dismissal (1:30 pm)

Grade 2: This week in grade 2 we will be celebrating Kevin's half birthday! We will be continuing on with our math and Creation Studies units, but will be beginning a new unit in Bible on many of the miracles that Jesus did. You will also see that we are starting the MS Read-a-thon, some of the

students expressed a little worry about reading for it, but they were reminded that they already do reading for their calendar and that it could definitely count towards both!

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Friday - Early Dismissal Day

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. Students need to pick a poem to memorize and recite in preparation for the poetry meet on March 1st. This will be used for memory work starting next week. Poem requirements and information will be sent home in your child's courier bag. What will you bring/wear for your heritage this Thursday?

Monday - Phys. Ed.

- MS Read-a-thon assembly

Tuesday - Study for Bible Test

Wednesday - Bible Test: Unit 6 Isaac and Jacob

- Library

- Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Multicultural/Heritage Day (see note in parent link)

- French vocabulary quiz

Friday - Spelling Test: List 14

- Mem. Work: Psalm 19:1-4

- Early dismissal (1:30)

Grade 4: Welcome to another week of learning grade 4! Parents, please look for information about the MS Readathon which we are beginning this week. We will be leaving at 8:45 on Thursday for Brantford. Next week we will be doing MAP testing.

Monday - Judah

- MS Readathon Assembly

- Music

- Math test: Division

Tuesday - Julia

- Library: remember your books

- Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Julie

- Music

Thursday - Katelyn B

- Field Trip to Bell Museum in Brantford

Friday - Katelyn M

- Spelling test

- Memory work: God is on the Move by 7eventh Time Down

- Early dismissal at 1:30

Monday - Naomi

Grade 5: Welcome to the last school week of January. This week is quite full because students will begin to work on their speeches, and begin to work on a group math/science project. More details will come home soon. Speeches should be written and well-rehearsed by Monday Feb 20th. (We'll have quite a bit of class time to work on these projects). Hopefully

we'll finally begin our swimming lessons tomorrow, if the weather complies.

- Monday - Phys Ed: Bring gym clothes
 Tuesday - Swimming: Bring swimsuit and towel
 - Music: Bring recorder
 - The Breadwinner Comprehension Quiz
 Wednesday - Phys Ed: Bring gym clothes
 Thursday - Music: Bring recorder
 Friday - Spelling: Lesson 17 workbook + test
 - Memory Work: Philippians 2:2-3

Grade 6: We will begin presenting our state projects today. Students will continue to research their speeches and write the rest of the main body and the conclusion this week.

- Thursday - Math Quiz: Work this week: terms and data work
 Friday - Spelling test: Unit 17 (book due and test)
 - Speech: rest of main body and conclusion (1st draft)

Grade 7: Students are working on speeches and science fair at school and at home.

- Monday - MS Readathon Assembly
 - Bifocal p. 123-151 (for Tues)
 Tuesday - bring a 500ml bottle to school
 - Bifocal p. 152-175 (for Wed)
 Wednesday - Science Fair journal check-in #2
 - Bifocal p. 176-196 (for Thurs)
 Thursday - American Foods Class lunch
 - WCS Multicultural Day
 - Bifocal p. 197-219 (for Friday)
 Friday - spelling lesson #18
 - bible memory work 2 Samuel 22:31
 - Bifocal p. 220-237 (for Mon)

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week! The Grade 8 students have been working very hard on various assignments and projects, it is important to keep up with the great work you have been doing. Have a great week!

- Monday - MS Read-a-thon assembly
 Tuesday - Gym (bring Gym clothes)
 - Music (bring instruments)
 Wednesday - Math Quiz (Lessons 5, 6, 7, 8 of Unit 5)
 - Science Project Check in # 2
 Thursday - Multi-Cultural Day at WCS
 - Gym (bring Gym clothes)
 - Music (bring instruments)
 Friday - Body Paragraphs for speeches due
 - Early Dismissal (1:30 pm)
 Next Tues. - January Book Reports are due

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| January | 27 | Early Dismissal - 1:30
Staff PCL - 2 p.m.
Chix with Stix |
| | 30 | Basketball Tournament |
| February | 1 | Staff Meeting: 7:15
Prayer Group |
| | 2 | Theme Chapel: 8:30
Sub Day
JK/SK Information Day |
| | 8 | Electives begin
JK/SK Registration Day |
| | 10 | Benefits Banquet |
| | 15 | Prayer Group
Electives |
| | 16 | Skating
Pizza Day |
| | 17 | P.D. Day* |
| | 20 | Family Day* |

SONG OF THE MONTH: God Is On The Move

- Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
 Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
 Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
 I know I know I know I know

Chorus God is on the move on the move hallelujah
 God is on the move in many mighty ways
 God is on the move on the move hallelujah
 God is on the move on the move today

- Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
 Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free
 Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
 I know I know I know I know

Interlude: Yeah (yeah)

Bridge I see a generation standing on the truth
 In each and ev'ry nation God is on the move

- Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul
 And someone says send me here I go
 I know I know I know I know

Title: God Is On The Move	C.C.L.I. #400245
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