

March 25, 2019



"When there is still snow on the ground and it is too cold to do most other outdoor projects around the homestead, maple syrup making seems like the perfect activity to welcome in Spring." Over the March Break I decided to tap the two maple trees we have in our backyard and produce some maple syrup. After five days of collecting the sap from the tree, I began the boiling process. This indeed is a process, it took three hours of boiling on our camp stove outside to remove the water content from the sap. I spent a bit of that time just watching the sap boil, watching the steam rise from

the pot. While outside watching the sap boil, I also witnessed birds fluttering around, singing, and the warmth of the spring sun on my back. The bright clear blue sky. Over the past number of weeks at our church we have been encouraged to slow down the pace of our lives and appreciate the blessings around us. March Break is an opportunity for our school community to slow down and take in the blessings around us. I hope and pray that you and your family were able to do that. If not, I encourage you to take some time this spring to go for a walk in the woods, sit on a bench in a park, or even boil some sap in your backyard, and look and listen for the blessings God has given to us. Enjoying creation and seeing God there is also part of Walking and Talking with God. "Come near to God and He will come near to you." James 4:8

Source: wholefedhomestead.com/small-batch-maple-syrup-making-you-only-need-1-tree/

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| Wednesday | - Jocelyn S., Gr.2A |
| Thursday | - Abigail V., Gr.6 |
| | - Mrs. Body, JK/SK Teacher |
| Sunday | - Lauren S., Gr.3B |
| | - Aron N., Gr.3A |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health and well-being. We have many reasons for praise and gratitude, but also reasons for concern. Our prayers and condolences go out to Carlisha VanGinkel, a Conestoga College student who is doing a placement at WCS currently, as her mother passed away unexpectedly on the weekend. Please join us in praying for Carlisha's family. Some of our extended families are also dealing with illness and grief. Pray for families with kindergarten age students who have registered or are considering registration at WCS and those families who are considering re-enrolment and educational choices for the next school year. Whenever you can, reach out.

Boys Basketball: This will be a full week for our basketball players as Tuesday we will have a make-up game (from a previous snow day). Thanks to parents who have been able to drive and support our team at recent games. We appreciate you! This week's games: Monday, March 25 away game - WCS @ St. Michael, Tuesday, March 26 home game - Holy Family @ WCS, Wednesday, March 27 home game - St. Patrick's @ WCS.

Sr. Girls Basketball: This week is the last week of our regular season. Tuesday we have an away game against St. Michaels, and Thursday is a home game against St. Patrick's. Pickup is between 4:45 and 5:00 both days. Feel free to come and cheer us on! I will let you know about the schedule for next week as soon as I can.

K is for Kindergarten starts tomorrow! We are very excited to have our future JK students walking down the halls of WCS. Parents, please drop off your child at 9 am and pick up at 11 am.

Drama @ LDCSS: Our WCS students in grades 4 through 8 will be attending the matinee performance of the LDCSS drama production Seussical on Thursday, March 28th. This is a regular school day for students, and this production and follow up assignments are part of our Language Arts curriculum at WCS. Students will be travelling by bus to the production. Check in with LDCSS for dates for the evening performances of this play.

Hi from your Library! Students are enjoying our library as always. It is so great to be here when a student asks if they can take more books out than they usually do due to their speed of reading. Please encourage your child to read whenever and whatever they can! From time to time we get a book sent by the publishers for all schools in Canada. One such recent book is titled Speaking Our Truth - A Journey of Reconciliation by Monique Smith. It is a book sensitively written for children which speaks about Canada's relationship with its Indigenous people and how it has suffered with the lack of understanding of the historical and current impact of those schools. It is being introduced to most students here at WCS. If any of you parents would like to see it, I would be happy to lend it to you. I find my view of things regarding residential school much more informed after reading it. Mrs. Dieleman, Librarian

Spring is here! You have probably noticed that we are sending some students home with some extra mud and earth on them and on their clothes. Rest assured that we are doing our best to balance outdoor fun with access to parts of the playground that are a little soupy. Students who are playing hard and will get dirty. Thanks for your patience with spring conditions. Thanks to the God of sunshine and seasons!

Springfest is only a couple weeks away and things are coming together nicely. We are still looking for a couple more face painters if anybody is able to help us out, please let us know. We are also looking for tractors and toys for our corn box that will be in the kid zone. If you have any toys that we can borrow for the day we would greatly appreciate it. Please bring them to the office labelled. BAZAAR BOTTLES are back this year. We are doing another contest this year to see who has the most creative designed bottle. Please bring them in and we will display in the front entrance of the school. Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors who have made Springfest a success so far. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday April 6!

Celebration of Learning: Plan to attend! This year at WCS we are hosting our first annual Celebration of Learning on Wednesday, May 1st from 6:30 pm - 8 pm. This is an event for every child and every family! Please note this date on your calendar. This evening will be a showcase of the learning that is happening at WCS. Your children will be taking parents and guests through their classrooms and learning spaces to share and explain their learning. Stay tuned for more details in coming weeks. For now, SAVE THE DATE: May 1st!

Early Dismissal cancelled - May 3rd: On your WCS calendar you will have noticed that May 3rd is scheduled as an Early Dismissal day. This will become a regular school day, not an early dismissal day. Please make the change on your calendar.

Learning Support ~ Mrs. Bulthuis: Now that March Break is over, I can tell families are getting back into their regular reading routines! Keep up the great work at home and remember to return book bags to school every Wednesday. Please join us in praying for Miss Van Ginkel and her family as they grieve the passing of her mother. Miss Van Ginkel will return to WCS next week.

J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to new Spring week. Thanks to all those who came along on our Maple sugar bush class trip. We learned so much and had a great time. This weeks show and tell is about a sign of Spring. Please continue sending hats and mittens to school for the cold mornings. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Show and Share: a sign of Spring

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: This week in Senior Kindergarten we have begun our unit on community helpers. Today we had a surprise visitor, a police officer. We will have more surprise visitors coming in this month. In math we have begun our unit in subtraction. In bible we are learning about Esther. This week our sight words are: Is, It, A. Each week we have a book that focuses on these sight words. This book our book is called, "What is it?" Please return all report card envelopes and blankets.

Monday - a police visit

Wednesday - Show and share Black and White (bring and wear something black and white)
- library

Thursday - Reading our books to our buddies

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to a new week.

Thankful for the beautiful sun. Praying God's blessings on the week of March. Bible: Gideon, Samson. Letters: oi, ue and er. Sight words: yellow, little and play. Math: Money. Theme: Dr Seuss.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Happy Birthday Miss Body

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: Welcome to a five day week.

Thank you to all those who have returned their report card envelopes. I am still missing a few so please send those in this week. Friday our memory work is due so keep practising!

Monday - See VIP Folders

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Reading Folders

Friday - Spelling Test

- Memory Work Due

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to Spring!! Happy Birthday to Nicole who celebrated her birthday on Saturday! Happy Birthday to Jocelyn who celebrates on Wednesday! Check your emails for a look at what is going on in our class this week.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed

Wednesday - Library

- Show & Share: Ellyse M. & Callan & Aleeya

- Happy Birthday, Jocelyn!

Thursday - Memory Work due

Friday - Phys. Ed

- Spelling Test

- 1000 minute challenge due

- Flashlight Friday

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: We are very busy doing lots of research! Be sure to save Wednesday May 1 to come and see at our school's Celebration of Learning, we look forward to sharing our research with you. Grade 3 is beginning a big math unit on money. Grade 2 is going to be working on number patterns with skip counting We continue to be amazed as we study the miracles of Jesus.

Monday - Library

Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: A sheet came home last week for help to review multiplication tables at home. Links were emailed a while back and students can use that as well. This week we also have a quiz on telling time using both analog and digital clocks.

Thursday - Math quiz: analog and digital clocks

- Memory work: Psalm 135:3-6

Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to the last week of March grade 4! On Thursday, we will travel to London Christian High, along with grades 5-8, to watch Seussical. I am excited for this opportunity.

Monday - Devotions: Tyler

- Library

Tuesday - Devotions: Will

Wednesday - Devotions: William

- Music: bring your recorder

Thursday - Devotions: Alieda

- Watching Seussical at LCH

Friday - Devotions: Alissa

- Memory work: Psalm 27:1-3,13-14

- Spelling test

- Buddies

next Mon. - Devotions: Anna
 - Library
 - Music: Recorders

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome to the last week of March already! This week we'll be finishing up our swimming lessons at Southside Aquatic Centre. We are also starting our Medieval Project. Information about the requirements for this project will be sent home soon - the class is very excited!

Monday - Swimming Lesson 2-3 pm.
 Tuesday - Music: bring recorder
 - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
 Thursday - Music: bring recorder
 - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
 Friday - Memory Work quiz
 - Spelling Quiz (Lesson 25)
 - Spelling Workbook Lesson 25
 - Math Quiz, JM pages 184-192

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. Return report card envelopes and test envelopes. (empty and signed) March work will be sent home on Friday. We will be working on Science projects this week. Students have chosen a body in the universe to research. (stars, galaxies, asteroids, etc) It will be presented on a poster board and it is due next Monday. The next AR book report is due at the end of April.

Tuesday - Library
 - Music (instrument)
 Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
 Thursday - Attend the LCH drama "Seussical"
 Friday - Spelling Test: List 22
 - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
 Next Mon. - Body of the Universe Project is due

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot: Students are writing their March reading assignments in class. They need to come to school with their novel each day. On Friday, students will need to dress in casual business attire as they are presenting their Sustainability Projects to WCS Board members and the Property and Building committee. 'Casual business attire' is a plain collared shirt and pants. No logos, no hoodies and no yoga pants.

Monday - BMW Col 1:10
 Thursday - Seussical at LCH
 Friday - Canadian Community lunch
 - Sustainability presentations
 - March Reading assignment

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to a new week! As we continue to prepare for Graduation, the students will be participating in one more VanStraten Bakery Fundraiser. Order forms will be coming home by the end of this week. On Thursday we will be travelling to London Christian

High for the production of Seussical. We will travel to LCH by bus and will be returning before the end of the day. On Friday of this week grade 7 & 8 students will be making formal presentations to the Woodstock Christian School Board and Property Building Committee. This presentation will serve as a culmination to the Sustainability Project students worked on before March Break. We are asking all students to dress in Casual Business Attire (collared shirts, pants, no logos, no hoodie, no yoga pants), please ensure students are dressed appropriately, these will be formal presentations of a professional nature.

Monday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
 Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
 Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
 Thursday - Seussical Production @ LCH
 Friday - Sustainability Project Presentations
 - Language Arts (Spelling Quiz/Work Due to be handed in)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

March	26	K is for Kindergarten
April	2	K is for Kindergarten
	3	Prayer Group- 8:30am
	4	Sub Day
	6	Springfest
	9	K is for Kindergarten Battle of the Books
	15	Volunteer Appreciation Day
	16	K is for Kindergarten Board of Directors Meeting
	17	Prayer Group 8:30 am
	18	Good Friday/Eater Chapel Pizza Day
	19	Good Friday
	22	Easter Monday