

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

March 27, 2017

**Spring!**

Last Monday was the first day of spring! Did you celebrate? Does this mean the end of snow days? Students are enjoying being unencumbered by boots, snow pants and bulky winter coats as they climb, run, chase, and skip outdoors. Spring at WCS means, among other events, Springfest (aka the Bazaar). If you have not attended, pack up the family on Saturday morning, come have breakfast served by the teachers (the purple shirt crew), play in the games area, purchase baked goods, plants, and other tasty or lovely items. For lunch, enjoy your choice of ethnic foods from the menu provided. And then there's the auction and the drama and banter of that portion of the day.

Springfest has a long history for Woodstock Christian School. I attended as a child. Yes, I did. And yes, I was once a child. What do I remember most? The treats. The candy. The crowds. Probably most astounding was the fact that my father would give each of the siblings a twenty dollar bill and tell us to spend it all. (Remember this was several decades ago and twenty was a really big deal!) I remember the fancy cakes in the decorating contest and who could forget the famous 'grab barrel'? Come to Springfest. It's not just about raising funds. It's about connecting with people. It's about conversation, making memories, and having fun. It's about community. See you there!

C. Verbeek, Principal



Monday	- Cody G., Gr.4 - Jocelyn S., SK
Tuesday	- Abigail V., Gr.4 - Amy T., Gr.8
Friday	- Aron N., Gr.1B - Lauren S., Gr.1B

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** As committees and the WCS Board of Directors work through the budgeting process, please remember to pray for them and for the school. We thank God for the new season of spring - the showers, warm days, the sprouting and the promise of new growth. As we travel through the weeks of Lent, may we be humbled as we consider Jesus' journey to the cross. We pray for families who are struggling with new and/or serious diagnosis of illness and for those suffering through injuries. May we be a blessing to those around us as we share struggles and joy.

**Bazaar Bottles:** *This is the week!* The week counting down until our Springfest! Today, and for the rest of the week, there is a table set up for this years' Bazaar Bottles. As you pass by the office you will be able to see all of the creative and different ways that a Bazaar Bottle can be decorated. We ask that each student try their best to make a Bazaar Bottle, decorate it, and fill it with surprise treats. These bottles will be for sale for \$5 at Springfest. We will be having a competition for the best decorated bottle and the winner will receive a \$10 gift card to McDonald's. The judging for the contest will be this Thursday, so please have your bottle in by no later than 12 noon on Thursday. We asked students to make a list of some items that they really enjoyed receiving in their Bazaar Bottles. Here is a list of ideas for items to put in, but please don't feel obligated or limited to these: *chocolate, candy, gum, toys: small stuffie, silly putty, dinky*

*cars, growing animals, bouncy balls, skipping rope, glow in the dark bands, beanie boos, colouring bag, balloons, little notebook, sticky notes, nail polish, coloured pens, tiny tractors, small lego set, bicycle bell, play dough, popcorn, stress ball, rubix cube, slime, dinosaur toys, finger trap.*



### **SPRINGFEST IS COMING!**

Did you know our largest community outreach event is coming **THIS SATURDAY?** Springfest (formerly known as the Bazaar) is happening at the Oxford Auditorium on Saturday - April 1st - from 8-2! Each family received a flyer before March Break listing all the activities. You have received a few emails and a phone call as well.

It promises to be a great day - starts with breakfast made by the teachers from 8-9:30 am. Pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee - all for only \$5!!

The marketplace opens at 8 - full of great vendors! There are fresh flowers and baking just in time for Easter too! (Feel free to donate baked goods. Please nothing that needs refrigeration and package it ready to sell!)

After Breakfast, the Games area opens - \$15 per child or \$40 a family ALL DAY PLAY as well as the Coffee and Candy Corner run by our bus drivers!

The Bazaar Bottles go on sale at 10:30! Have you made yours yet? See the attachment for instructions! This is a super easy, great way to earn over \$500 in 15 minutes for the school. (Each bottle sells for \$5 so be sure to have exact change that day.)

Lunch starts at 11. There's something for everyone - AND our Korean families are making authentic Korean food again!

The Silent Auction will be going all morning but closes at 12:30 pm - just in time for you to get ready for the LIVE auction! We have 14 items dedicated to Spring and Summer activities! PLUS you can buy tickets for the Fish Fry at a separate table this year - no bidding required.

PLEASE spread the news and invite everyone you know to attend! But ALSO, PLEASE volunteer! We need over 150 volunteers on this day and only 25% of the spots have been filled. We really need you! Please follow the link and sign up soon! If you have children older than grade 8, they are more than welcome to volunteer as well. Great for volunteer hours!

Please sign up for WCS Springfest! Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/b3Y2Vc>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Thank you in advance to everyone! Because of you, we can continue to shine the light of Christ and support Christian Education! Sincerely, Heather De Boer and Pauline Markus, Springfest Co-coordinators

**Used Books Fundraiser:** At Springfest Grade 7 will hold a used book sale. Grade 7 is involved with a global service learning project for literacy. The proceeds from this book sale will go to an organization called CODE. More information can be accessed through this link: <https://www.codecan.org/>. This organization builds and furnishes libraries in war stricken areas around the world. Their goal is to establish civil peace through literacy and education. Please consider donating your used books and DVDs. Grade 7 will be accepting donations up to March 31st. Thank you!

**Badminton:** Grade 7 & 8 students will be practising after school this week. Boys will be practising today (Monday) and the girls' practice is on Wednesday. Thank you for picking up your child at 4:45. The grade 6 students will be practising this Thursday at first break. The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 6 at London District Christian Secondary School (LDCSS). Please contact Mrs. Schuster or Mrs. Bulthuis with any questions.

**WCS Twin Day:** On Thursday March 30, WCS will celebrate "Twin Day"! Students are invited to get together with their friends, be creative and dress up as twins. Students may illustrate 'twin-ness' through dress, speech or mannerism. Students may join together in groups of different multiples - not just 2s. Have fun, WCS School Life Team!

**Chicken:** Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. For every box sold, the school makes \$5. Your orders so far this school year have made the school \$2150.00!! 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, 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).

**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.

**Grass Cutting:** Have you been enjoying the spring-like weather? WCS is accepting applications for a grass cutting contract for the summer. Please contact [n.huinink@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:n.huinink@woodstockchristian.ca) if you are interested, or for more information.

**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:** A thank you to the moms who came with us on our trip the fire hall last week - it was greatly appreciated. We have been reading and doing activities with the story The Grouchy Ladybug. This week SK 's words are we, am and we will learn the sh sound. JK is learning lowercase letters c,d and e this week. Be sure to practice your lines for the Easter skit as well ( this came home last week)

Wednesday - library day

Thursday - Twin Day

**J.K. / S.K. - B:** Welcome to a new week! Please watch for information coming home about your child's participation in our upcoming Easter Assembly. Please practise/memorize this with them. We want to wish Jocelyn a very happy birthday today. Blessings in the year ahead, Jocelyn! We continue to learn about colour this week. Show and share this week is free choice. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Show and share free choice.

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to a new week! Check your emails for an update on what is happening this week in Grade One! Spelling Words: fast, last, nest, must, most, step, stamp, still.

Tuesday - Library

- Gym

Wednesday - Memory Work

- Show & Share: Faith & Calvin

Thursday - Twin Day!

Friday - Bowling!

- Gym

- Spelling & New List

Saturday - SPRINGFEST!

**Grade 1B:** Welcome to our first 5-day week in a long time! We are continuing with our study on God's Special Canadians. Remember to dress up on Monday (April 3) as a special Canadian! It can be one that we have studied through the unit, or one that you know about. Be prepared to tell me who you are and how God has used you to help Canada. This week we celebrate with Aron and Lauren who have their birthdays this week. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you both.

Monday - See VIP Folder

- Paulette Bourgeois

Tuesday - Library

- Chris Hadfield

Wednesday - Maud Lewis

Thursday - Stuart McLean

Friday - Bowling!

- Spelling Test

Monday - Canada Celebration (Dress up as your favourite

Canadian)

- YOU!!

**Grade 2:** We will continue to learn about Canada this week and add to the reasons why our country causes our hearts to glow. We will be wrapping up our unit on Friday by bowling, and next Monday will be our Canada Celebration, which we hope you will be able to join us for. This weekend we look forward to our annual Springfest. Breakfast will be served by WCS staff members from 8-9:30 am. Please come and enjoy the day with our school community and if possible look into volunteer opportunities to help run the day. Thank you to those of you have already donated your time!

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Friday - Spelling Test

- Primary Bowling @ C&D Lanes

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. Please send in the report card envelope if you haven't done so. Please make Bizarre Bottles and bring them in by Thursday. It is Twin Day Thursday so find someone and dress alike.

Monday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Twin Day

Friday - Mrs. Ysselstein as guest teacher

- Bowling at C+D Lanes

- Mem. Work: Oath of Citizenship

- Spelling Test: List 22

Saturday - Springfest Bazaar: See you there

Next Mon. - Canada Celebration (2:30-3:30)

- Grade 3 will receive their Citizenship Awards

**Grade 4:** Welcome to the last week of March, grade 4! Thursday is a dress up day - Twin Day. Find someone to be your "twin" grade 4 and dress alike. On Wednesday, we are travelling to LDCSS to watch the play "Little Women". We are leaving at 9:45 and returning at 2:15. I hope to see you all at Springfest, on Saturday! The teachers are serving breakfast! Remember to bring in Bazaar Bottles this week. Bring in books you want to donate to grade 7's fundraiser.

Monday - Music

- Happy birthday Cody!!

Tuesday - Alex

- Happy birthday Abigail!!

- Phys. Ed.

- Library: bring your books

Wednesday - Benjamin

- Music: bring your recorders

- Play: Little Women at LDCSS

- Thursday - Cody  
 - TWIN Day: dress up day  
 - Phys. Ed.  
 - French test: Les animaux de compagnie
- Friday - Conner  
 - Spelling test  
 - Memory work: 2 Kings 17:14,15a
- Saturday - Springfest
- Monday - Danika  
 - Junior choir sings at the Music Festival

**Grade 5:** Welcome to a full week of school, and the last week of March. Students will have a lot of assessments this week - see below. The Gr. 5 class will be going to London District Christian Secondary School on Wednesday to watch their drama production of "Little Women". Students will take their lunches to eat during intermission (no microwaves available). We will return to WCS around 2:15-2:30 pm. This Saturday is Springfest. Each year WCS contributes many Bazaar Bottles. Please consider sending in a Bazaar Bottle by Thursday morning.

- Monday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Tuesday - Music: bring recorder
- Wednesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes  
 - Grades 4-8 going to LDCSS to watch "Little Women".
- Thursday - Reading Comprehension Quiz: A Single Shard.
- Friday - Bible Quiz: The Gospel Writers (study your notes).  
 - Math Test: Geometry (review notes, and use Houghton Mifflin Text to study)  
 - Science Quiz (use your notes to study).

**Grade 6:** This coming Saturday is the annual bazaar. As per the Parent Link for the last number of weeks, students are invited to create bizarre bottles. Thank you to those who already have brought in bizarre bottles and used books (for the grade 7 fundraiser for CODE). Bottles are due on Thursday; used books can be brought in until Friday.

- Wednesday - Students will be attending the play "Little Women" at LDCSS
- Thursday - Math Quiz: fraction work  
 - Bizaare Bottles Due
- Friday - Spelling Unit 24 due: book and test  
 - Final copy due of literature essay

**Grade 7:** continues to collect books for our CODE fundraiser.

Thank you for your donations!

- Monday - BMW: 1 Chron 29:10-15
- Tuesday - Nacho Community Lunch
- Wednesday - Little Women @ LDCSS
- Thursday - WCS Twin Day!
- Friday - Spelling #26  
 - BMW  
 - March Book Report on 'Setting'

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a new week! Thank-you to Mr. J. DeVries for walking with us to Carressant Care on Friday afternoon. Remember that Grad Photo orders are due

tomorrow, either back at school or completed online.

- Tuesday - Music (Bring Instruments)  
 - Gym (Bring Gym clothes)  
 - Grad Photo orders are due
- Wednesday - Little Women Musical @ LDCSS - we will be leaving school at 9:45am and returning by 2:30 pm.
- Thursday - Music (Bring Instruments)  
 - Gym (Bring Gym clothes)  
 - Weekly Math Quiz
- Friday - March AR Due

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

March	30	Twin Day
April	1	Springfest Bazaar
	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:** The Awesome God You Are

- 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)

- 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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