

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

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Poetry and Why We Need It

There are innumerable ways to define poetry. Samuel Taylor Coleridge famously said that poetry is "the best words in the best order." Poetry is often identified visually by the blank space left on the page when the poem is printed in lines, but not necessarily. Poetry can have rhythm and rhyme, or not. It can be properly punctuated, or not. It can be fun or serious and is to be enjoyed in a different manner than other writing.

From an article about why we need poetry in schools... *Poetry helps us know each other and build community. When read aloud, poetry is rhythm and music and sounds and beats. Young students feel the rhythms, get curious about what the sounds mean, and perhaps want to create their own. It's the most kinesthetic of all literature. It's physical and full-bodied and activates your heart and soul. Poetry opens venues for speaking and listening, also important areas of language learning. Poetry builds resilience in kids and adults; it fosters social and emotional learning. A well-crafted phrase or two in a poem can help us see an experience in an entirely new way. Find the poems that wake you up, find the poems that make you feel joy or sadness or delight. Find those poems that communicate with the deepest parts of your being and welcome them in.* (Sources: edutopia.org, webexhibits.org, poetrysoup.com)

Sea-Wash (by Carl Sandburg)

THE SEA-WASH never ends.
The sea-wash repeats, repeats.
Only old songs? Is that all the sea knows?
Only the old strong songs?
Is that all?
The sea-wash repeats, repeats.

A Limerick (Anonymous)

There once was a young lady named bright
Whose speed was much faster than light
She set out one day
In a relative way
And returned on the previous night.

C. Verbeek
Principal, Woodstock Christian School



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| Monday | - Erica S., Gr.3 |
| March 14 | - Emma Y., SK |
| March 15 | - Benjamin V., Gr.4 |
| | - Josiah D., Gr.3 |
| March 16 | - Sarah D., Gr.1A |
| March 20 | - Kurtis Y., Gr.1A |
| | - John R., Gr.1B |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests: We pray for rest, fellowship, and relaxation for the March break week. For those who are struggling with illness, fatigue, and other challenges, we pray for God's comfort and strength. We pray also for our Committees and Board of WCS as they make plans and design budgets for the upcoming school year.

Lost & Found: Please check our lost and found. It is filling up with gloves, mittens, hats, snow pants, and other apparel. On Wednesday, remaining items will be delivered to one of our local thrift stores.

Thank you to the Primary Choir! The Primary Choir led by Mrs. Martin sounded beautiful yesterday morning at Maranatha CRC. It was great to worship together. Thank you for driving and altering your weekend plans to include this special time praising God.

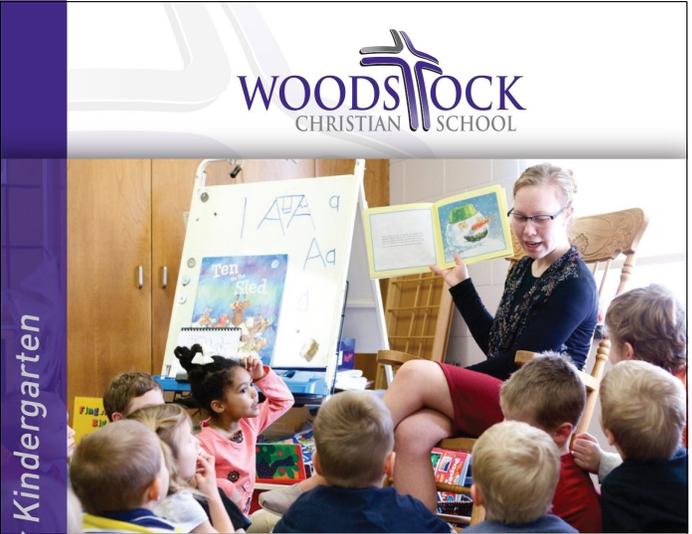
Science Fair: Thank you for joining us for our Science Fair/Exhibition of science learning last week. It was good to see so many of you browsing through the individual and class projects. I hope you were able to discuss science learning with your own children and with the student presenters in the gym. Great work, student scientists! There will be a follow up article in one of the OACS publications as their community journalist, Carla Alblas, was present to interview students and take photos of their work. <http://www.oacs.org/2017/inquiry-based-science-fairs/> The finalists in grade 7 and 8 will go on to present their projects at the Bluewater Christian Schools Science Fair on April 11th at LDCSS. Congratulations to GraceAnne and Ian in grade 7, and Amy and Halli in grade 8 for finishing 1st and 2nd in your class!

Royal Canadian Legion Speaking Contest: On Saturday March 4 the Woodstock Legion held it's annual speaking contest. Congratulations to Ellie Robinson who placed 2nd, and Wesley Clifford who placed 4th. Thank you for representing WCS at an event in our community of Woodstock.

Poetry Meet: Last week, WCS had their annual Poetry Meet for grades 1 to 4. We would like to thank our judges: Mrs. Strathopolus, Mrs. Broad, and Mrs. Huinink-Buiter, for generously giving their time to listen to our poetry. The poetry was amazing! The recitations we heard were expressive, enthusiastic, and fluent. Thanks poets! Here are the results of the WCS 2017 Poetry Meet. Congratulations:

Grade 1: 1st - Kurtis Ysselstein
 2nd - Calvin Verkuyl
 3rd - Annika :Jongert
 4th - Makynlee Visser
 5th - Jasmine Steen
 6th - Tyler Schaafsma

Grade 2: 1st - Lucas Bentum
 and Keaghan Boersma
 3rd - Micah deBoer
 4th - Paige Mulder
 5th - Alissa Dreise



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>

Grade 3: 1st - Tiffany Huinink
 2nd - Megan Schaafsma
 3rd - Josiah Dreise
 4th - Lydia Sikma
 5th - Anthony Clifford

Grade 4: 1st - Judah Boeersma
 2nd - Abigail VanderHoek
 3rd - Esther deBoer
 4th - Katelyn Mulder
 5th - Samarah VanRooyen

Electives: Our last elective session is this Wednesday, March 8. 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. There is no hockey this week; students will be going to either Bowling or Badminton/Pickleball. Thank you to those volunteering to drive skiers. Skiers should be back at WCS on Wednesday at approximately 6:00 p.m. If skiing is cancelled because of the weather, please check the WCS website, in which case students will go to their other assigned elective. Reimbursement will occur after March Break for the skiing group because of last week's cancellation.

Baking Elective students: Please remember to bring along a reusable container/Tupperware to our last elective class on Wednesday, Mar. 8. We will be decorating cupcakes so it would be best if the container is fairly deep. A 9x9 square or 9x13 rectangle container should provide sufficient space.

Speech Meet: Congratulations to all those who attended the Legion's speech meet on Saturday. A number of Woodstock Christian students placed: Grades 5 and 6 contest: Matthew T. (1st), Robbie and Malachi (tied for 3rd); Grades 7 and 8 contest: Chelsea R. (1st), Ellie (2nd), and Amy (3rd).

March Break: It is almost that time of year again! Please note that March break at WCS this year will begin on Friday, March 10th and continue through Monday March 20th. Students and teachers will be back at school on Tuesday March 21st.

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 if you are interested, or for more information.

SPRINGFEST DONATIONS: The kitchen committee would love some help in gathering items needed in the kitchen for the springfest this year. There will be a board outside of the office with items needed. Please feel free to take one or two items off the board and purchase those items. There will be a labelled box left in the kitchen where these items can be placed (or in the fridge if necessary). Please have all items to the school by Thursday March 30. Thanks in advance for your help. If you have any questions please contact Sacha Branderhorst at 519-485-5688.

To volunteer for Springfest click on the link: : <http://signup.com/go/b3Y2Vc>

Bizarre Bottles: Springfest is APRIL 1 - that's less than FOUR WEEKS AWAY! With two weeks of March Break during that time - you will be looking for things to do - *So why not make your Bizarre Bottles?!*



Your Spring Fest team is busy preparing for this great day and we need your help. Each student is asked to make their own Bizarre Bottle. *But what is it?* It's a 2 L pop or juice bottle filled with new items - like candy, treats, or toys. You decorate it in a fun, imaginative, decorative way AND bring it back to school. Each bottle will be sold for \$5 at Springfest, starting at 10:30 am. It's a great opportunity for kids to be involved in Springfest (and raise funds for WCS)

- PLUS the decorating contest is back! Create a great bottle and enter to win a Mc Donald's gift card for BEST BIZARRE BOTTLE. *How do you create it?*

- Wash and dry your 2 L plastic pop/juice bottle. Put cap back on.
- Have an adult cut a slit down the side of bottle vertically from the neck almost to the bottom.
- Carefully open the slit and fill bottle with new items. (Consider what your child may like to discover in the bottle - toys, tshirts, or treats. Try to keep cost of such items to \$5. Do not use restaurant toys or used items.)
- Close slit and tape bottle closed. Use your imagination and decorate the outside.
- Add a tag with your name and grade on it so we know who to award the prize to.
- Bring your completed bottle to school no later than THURSDAY, March 30.

Questions? Contact Rachel Sikma 519-469-9706

J.K. / S.K. - A: It is another exciting week in Kindergarten A! Today we introduce the last letter of the alphabet, Z and that means that we have learned ALL the letters in the alphabet!! Way to go JK! After the break we will be introducing all the matching lower case letters. We have also been studying about community helpers - I sent an e-mail regarding this weeks activities as well as a field trip after the break. I wish all the families a fantastic and restful March Break!

Wednesday - Library
Thursday - Report Cards go home

J.K. / S.K. - B: Welcome to a new week. Happy Birthday to Daniel who celebrated his birthday on the weekend. For show & share this week, please bring in something about wind. Please keep working on your writing books. Have a great March Break!

Wednesday - Library
Thursday - Show & Tell about wind.
- Report Cards go home.

Grade 1A: Happy "week before March Break"! The countdown is on. Thank you to all those who joined us at Maranatha CRC on Sunday for primary choir - your presence was greatly appreciated. Check your emails for an update on what is happening this week in Grade One! Spelling Words: ropes, bones, kites, bees, cakes, boxes, foxes, roses.

Tuesday - Library; Gym
Wednesday - Show & Share: Annika & Kurtis
Thursday - Spelling & New List; Report Cards
Friday -NO School {March Break begins!}

Grade 1B: What a busy week we had last week! A big congratulations goes to those who went to the Poetry Meet on

Wednesday and OASIS on Thursday. You all did very well. Thank you to those who came out on Sunday and sang beautifully at Maranatha. What a great opportunity to share God's love. This week we will be wrapping up a few units and looking forward to March Break. Look for report cards on Thursday afternoon. I pray that you all have a safe and relaxing March Break and I look forward to hearing of your adventures when you come back.

Monday - See VIP Folder; Gym
Tuesday - Reading Folder; Library
Wednesday - Gym
Thursday - Spelling Test; Report Cards Go Home
Friday - March Break Begins!
March 21 - Welcome Back to School

Grade 2: Can you believe there is only one week left until March Break? I can't! This week look forward to our first field trip, learning about double digit addition, and completing our unit about Jesus' Parables.

Monday - Gym
Tuesday - Library
Wednesday - Gym
Thursday - Field Trip to Woodstock Museum
- Spelling Test
Friday - Enjoy your March Break!

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. We have started a math unit on measurement. It would be helpful if students could review using a calendar, telling time, reading a thermometer and counting money this month.

Monday - Bible Test: Joseph; Phys. Ed.
Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Spelling Test: List 20; Report Cards

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! Parents, thank you for coming to our "Celebration of Learning" last week Wednesday. It was so exciting to see all the learning the children have done. The last electives are this week. They have been a lot of fun! Happy birthday to Benjamin, who celebrates during March Break on March 15. I hope you enjoy your March Break!

Monday - Julie; Music

Tuesday -Katelyn M.
- Library: remember your books
- Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Katelyn B.; Music
- Electives: last week

Thursday - Naomi
- Memory work: Proverbs 2: 6-8
- Spelling test; Phys. Ed.
- Bible test: King Solomon
- Report cards come home

Friday - March break begins

March 21 - Paul; Library

Grade 5: Welcome to the last week of school before March Break. I hope all of you enjoy your break (I know I will!) and stay safe if travelling. I also want to thank you for your prayers and support regarding my wife and her pregnancy (due date is getting closer: March 29)!

Monday - Phys Ed: Bring gym clothes.

Tuesday - Bible: Unit Test, Judah's Return (see notes)
- Swimming: Bring swimsuit.

Wednesday - Phys Ed: Bring gym clothes
- Math: Geometry Quiz on notes so far
- Last electives session

Thursday - "A Single Shard" Novel Comprehension Quiz
- Spelling: Lesson 23 of Workbook + Lesson 23 spelling test

Friday - No School. March Break.

Grade 6: This is our last week prior to March Break. Have a great rest, grade 6! Thanks for all your hard work with your electricity projects. Test envelopes will be going home tomorrow with our February tests and quizzes. Parents, please sign the envelope and have your child return it on Thursday. Congratulations Robbie, Malachi, and Matthew T. for placing at the legion contest.

Wednesday - Last elective session

Thursday - Math Quiz: fraction work
- Spelling Unit 22 due: book and test
- Reports go home today.

Grade 7: Please resume checking agendas. Students may have homework in the evening as speeches and science fair are complete.

Monday - bible memory work 1 Chron 29:10-15 (first 2 vs)

Tuesday - sign up for the WCS badminton team

Wednesday - WCS hockey tournament

Thursday - report cards go home

Friday - Have a rejuvenating March Break!!

Grade 8: Welcome to our last week before March Break! I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing time away. In connection

to our devotions over the past number of weeks, take some time over the break to look at the stars and marvel at the expanse of the universe and remember that God made it all!

Monday - Graduation Photos will be taken today

Tuesday - Gym (bring gym clothes)
- Music (bring instrument)

Wednesday - Math Quiz
- Electives (final week)

Thursday - Gym (bring gym clothes)
- Music (bring instrument)

- Report Cards come home

Friday - No School (Enjoy your March Break)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

March	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
April	1	Springfest Bazaar
	4	K is for Kindergarten
	5	Staff Meeting; Prayer Group
	6	Sub Day
	7	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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