

May 27, 2019

The Benefits Of Field Trips

What do you remember from school? Chances are, a group project, a special speaker, or a field trip helped you decide. Every student comes to the classroom with a different world experience. We know that students who have been exposed to many different things do better in school. In order to be successful readers, students need to relate what they read to what they've experienced. To think broadly students need to have a variety of experiences.

As teachers, we know that field trips are important, but why specifically? There are a number of significant benefits. As teachers, a field trip is one of the best tools that we can use to provide every student with real-world experiences. Whether that's a trip to the local grocery store, waterfront park, a library, a museum, a theater, each experience that a student participates in contributes to their understanding of the world. They begin to see that what they learn within the walls of the classroom can help them solve the problems they see in the world around them.

Field trips and hands on learning make concepts more memorable. Just think back to what you learned in school, the field trips you took, and what you learned on them are still some of the clearest concepts. By seeing real-life application of the lessons that they are learning in school, children might be more likely to understand and appreciate the importance and relevance of what they are learning. Students are exposed to new experiences that hopefully broaden their horizons. Educational trips encourage the development of social, personal and study skills. It has been observed that students appear to come out of their shell on field trips, becoming creative and displaying leadership qualities.

At WCS field trips are an important part of the curriculum and I am sure your child will agree that it is something that they wouldn't want to part with.

Mrs. J. Hickey



Wednesday - Keziah W., SK1

Sunday - Annabelle H., JK2

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

London Christian High workshops for several senior classes were held at WCS on Friday. Students participated in geography, drama, and shop classes with LCH teachers and students/alumni leading and assisting. Stay tuned for more information and photos in next week's Parent Link. It was a great day!

CODE Book and Bake Sale: On Wednesday May 29 Grade 7 will host a "book and bake sale" at WCS. Grade 7 is raising money to support a library in Liberia, Africa. CODE is a non-government organization that seeks to restore broken communities through literacy. For information on this organization you may go to the following website: <https://code.ngo/>. If you have books at home that family members are no longer reading you may donate the books to our sale. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. Grade 7 students and Mrs. Racicot

Share the Music Day: Join us on Thursday May 30 @ 9am for Share the Music Day. Grades 1-8 will be sharing some of their musical talents with us. Parents, Grandparents, friends, and other supporters please come watch this fun event.

Golf Tournament: Sign your team up for the golf tournament coming up on June 22 starting at 1pm. Email the office to sign up your team!

Chicken: This will be the final order for the year so now is the time to stock your freezer for summer! 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, no later than next Tuesday, June 4th. We are only able to accept cash, cheques or debit. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, June 20th between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame, as we will not be storing any orders at the school. We ask that you do not come for your order before 3, as we are often sorting orders right up until that time. This ensures accuracy for everyone. 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.



Track and Field: Thank you to all who volunteered and helped with various events throughout the day of Woodstock's Field Day! After today's 800m and 1500m events occur, we will tabulate the results and form a team for District Track and Field which occurs on Thursday, June 6. A letter will come home later this week to those that have been selected to represent Woodstock Christian School at District. Parents, if you receive a letter, please return the transportation slip at the bottom of the letter by next Monday.

From the Library: It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the school year. That means gathering all books and completing book inventory etc. The last week to withdraw books from our library is set for the week of June the 3rd and the students will be allowed to have them for one week. So all books are to be returned the week of June the 10th. We could not run a library without our faithful volunteers. Many thanks to our volunteers for this year, Mrs. Sharon Bean, Mrs. Dorothy Geerlinks, Mrs. Carol Yu, Mrs. Gerda Renkema, and Mrs. Janke Visser. They faithfully came into the library every school week of this school year! Overdue notices will be sent out. Like the notice says, and as many of you are doing, if you get back to me on the status of a book, it is so helpful to me. Thanks for all of your support for the WCS Library! Mrs. Dieleman

Mission to Haiti Collection: We are down to the last couple of Fridays of our current school year. Please don't forget about Ruchama Paul. Her 4th birthday is coming up soon! We will also be continuing to support her throughout the summer both financially and in prayer. Grade 1 will continue to come each Friday morning to collect donations that will continue to go towards supporting her with a Christian education, nutritious food and health care and ministering to her entire family. Thank you for your continued support!

Parent Survey. The WCS parent survey has wrapped up. We appreciate your feedback in areas such as curriculum, society matters, school atmosphere, and communication. Thank-you for completing!

Kindergarten & Sonbeams for 2019-2020: Kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays next school year. The Sonbeams program will be available on Mondays and Thursdays. Please connect with Joleen in Admissions if you would like your child to join one or both of the Sonbeams classes.

Lost & Found: Last call - additional items were left due to Track & Field day. Be sure to check out the Lost and Found area. There are items such as water bottles, gym wear, and lunch containers. Items will be brought to a local thrift store this week.

Update your Police Check: If you (or a grandparent) wish to accompany your child on class trips, a current police check must be submitted. See our office for a letter to take to your local police station. If you have submitted a police check previously, check in with front office staff to find out if it is still valid.

Summer & WCS Dress Code: Now that the warm weather is with us, a reminder to check the Family Handbook for dress code in regards to shirts, length of shorts, and choice of footwear.

Teaching assignments for 2019-2020: The following are the teaching assignments for next school year, given the enrolment projections as of May. Families continue to make inquiries and come for tours throughout the spring and summer, so there potentially could be changes later in the summer. For now: Learning Support - Tracy Bulthuis, Music - Elizabeth Martin, French 4-8 - Rachel Sikma, JK - Linda Westerveld, SKa & SKb- team teachers Victoria Body and Karen Poort, Gr1 - Kristen VanderPloeg, Gr2 - Marcia Horinga, Gr3 - Greg Hiemstra, Gr4a & Gr4b - team teachers Natalie VanAndel and Jannette Hickey, Gr5 - Axel Hiemstra, Gr6/7 - Lesa Racicot, Gr7/8 - Tony Schaafsma.

Soccer Camp! Do you like soccer? Do you value sportsmanship? There is a soccer camp happening at WCS: July 8-12, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, for girls and boys aged 9-13. Fundamental soccer skills taught; with a focus on teamwork and sportsmanship - all from a Christian perspective! Snacks, drinks and a jersey included. Please contact Axel at a.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca if you are interested.

Learning Support - Mrs. Bulthuis: June is just around the corner! I am currently in the process of completing assessments which will help determine plans and supports needed for next year. Please let me know if you would like to have an end of year meeting or phone call to discuss your child's progress, IEP, and transition to a new grade.

Wednesday - Return book bags (gr. 1-3)

Friday - Math test (gr. 6)

J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to a beautiful spring week. A very Happy Birthday to Mrs. Bohner who celebrated her birthday on Sunday! Please send in your forms for our Story Book Gardens class trip if you have not already done so. On Wednesday there will be a bake sale for the Library in Liberia. Bring in your loonies. Show and share on Thursday is free choice. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

- Liberia Bake Sale

Thursday - Show and share: Free Choice

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: It looks like a beautiful week ahead of us. Today we are headed to the Schaafsma family farm to look at a variety of birds. Thank you to the parents who came along to support us. Please respond to the Splash Pad and the Storybook Gardens form in email ASAP. Please respond even if you are not coming, so I know that you have seen it. About 7 students know all the sounds in their sound books. Keep up the practice SK. Happy Birthday to Keziah this week. May God continue to bless you with strength, peace and health. Ask the students about our new pet Ant!

Monday - Schaafsma Farm

Wednesday - Library

- Sound Book Check

Thursday - Share the Music Day

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to a new week. Hope you all had a wonderful weekend. Great job reading books; keep it up!! A reminder to send in permission forms for June 13th. Bible: Psalm 23

Language: Review

Math: JK's- number review

SK's- addition and subtraction

Theme: Transportation

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: Welcome to the last week of May! Thank you to all those who braved the weather and joined us for Track and Field Day! While it was a chilly day, we had a great time, and I saw a lot of personal bests for the students throughout the day! Well done boys and girls! In your VIP Folders this week, you will find our June calendar. This week we have Mrs. Rheubottom coming in as a special guest. Please check your email for some important information regarding upcoming events.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Book/Bake Sale to build a library in Liberia

- Special Guest: Mrs. Rheubottom

- Reading Folder Due

Thursday - Share the Music 9:00 am in the Gym

Friday - Spelling Test Week 27

- Chick permission form due (if you are adopting a chick - limited # left)

- Memory Work Due (Psalm 139:13-14)

- May Reading Logs Due

Next Wed. - Field Trip Money and Form Due

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to another week of school! Be on the lookout for June calendars that will be sent home this week - as well as our year-end trip form!

Check your email for a closer look at our week.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Library

- CODE Book & Bake Sale (hosted by Gr.7)

Thursday - Share the Music Day!! {Join us at 9:00am}

Friday - Phys. Ed.

- Flashlight Friday

- Spelling Test

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: Welcome to a new week of learning. In science we are excited to be working on creating a commercial that helps bring awareness about threats to our oceans- this is being done in pairs so it is important that all students are at school every day. We will continue our focus on prefixes studying re and un this week. Please watch for the June calendar and forms for the upcoming field trips coming home this week.

Monday - Library
 Wednesday - Bake/Book Sale for CODE - bring in some small change
 Thursday - Share the Music day, 9:00 in the gym
 Friday - Spelling test

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: Good effort with field day last week, grade 3! Great to see you cheering on others.

Thursday - Memory work: John 3:14,15
 Friday - Spelling test
 - Math Test: division / multiplication

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to the last week of May, grade 4! On Friday, we are leaving for the Art Gallery at 12:45 and should return after 2:45.

Monday - Devotions: Junbeom
 - Music
 - Library
 Tuesday - Devotions: Keaghan
 Wednesday - Music: bring recorders
 Thursday - Devotions: Leanne
 - Share the Music
 Friday - Devotions: Lucas
 - Spelling test
 - Field Study at Art Gallery

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome to the last week of May. Thank you to many of you who came out to help with and support our track and field competitors last week. I look forward to the weeks ahead. Just a reminder to bring in your track and field money and also have your child bring in any costumes and props for our Bible project.

Monday - Bring in Bible costumes and props!
 Tuesday - Physical Education: bring gym clothes
 Thursday - Physical Education: bring gym clothes
 Friday - Bring in Bible costumes and props!
 - Math Test: study your Jump Math books: everything related to Fractions and Decimals!
 June 3rd - Story due (fully edited & shared with Mr. H)

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. We will finish the electricity projects Tuesday so make sure all supplies are at school. Remember to finish the May book report novel by the end of the week. We will start making the mobile next Monday. Grade 6 will be leading the Ascension/Pentecost Chapel next Monday. Please join us.

Tuesday - Music (instrument)
 - Library

- Electricity Projects
 Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
 - CODE book & bake sale led by Gr.7
 Thursday - Share the Music Day (9 am)
 Friday - Math Test: Unit 13 Measurement: Area
 - Spelling Test: List 29
 - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
 Next Mon. - Gr.6 leads Ascension/Pentecost Chapel 8:30

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:

Monday - BMW Phil 4:6-7
 - baking
 Tuesday - baking
 Wednesday - French costumes
 - music playing test
 - Book and Bake Sale Fundraiser for Liberia
 Thursday - Share the Music Celebration
 - math test
 Friday - spelling test
 - BM test

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to a new week of school! Please return Grad Dinner RSVPs as soon as possible.

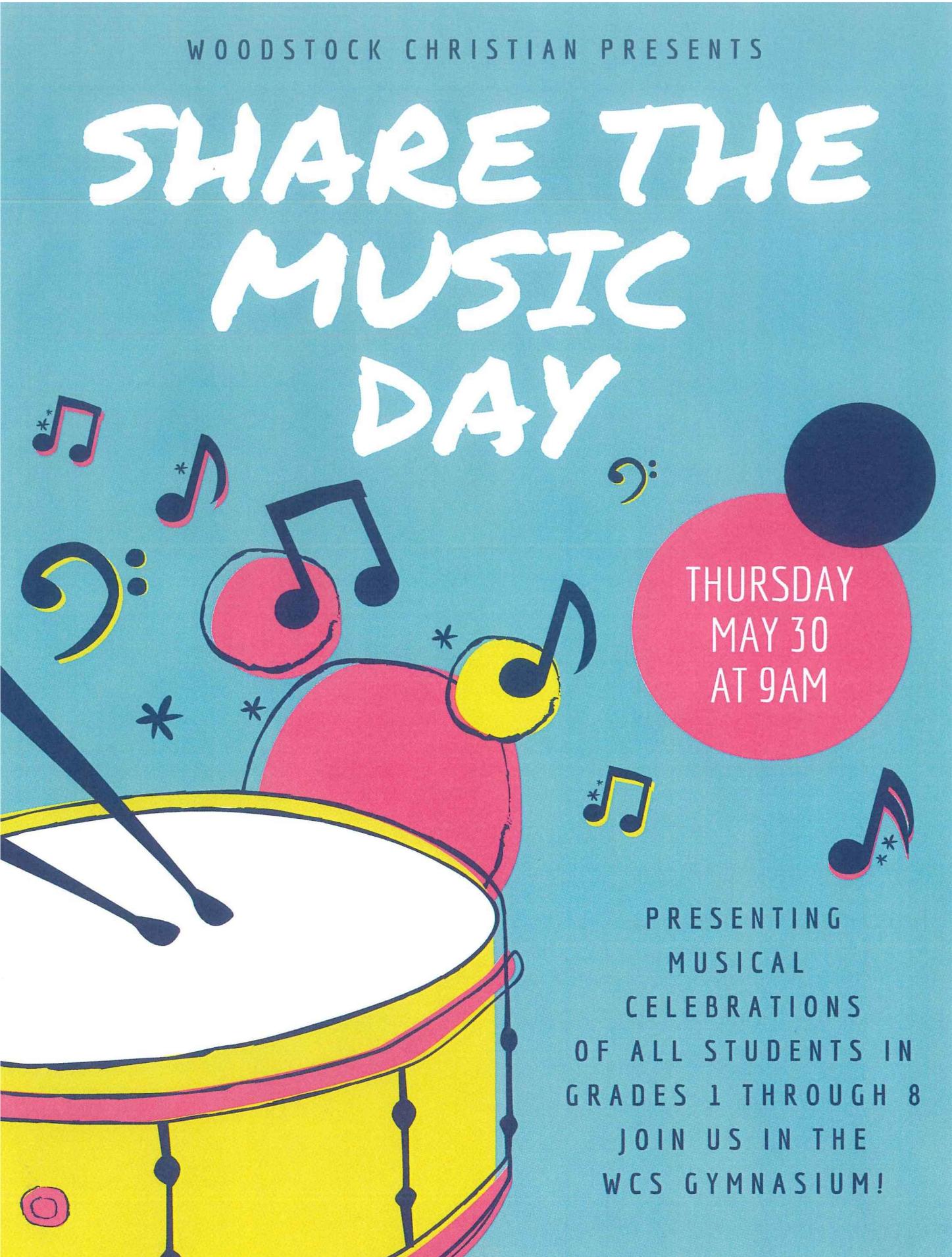
Monday - T&F 1500m run
 Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
 - Outline for History Essays due
 - Math Quiz
 Wednesday - Health with Mr. H.
 Thursday - Music (bring instruments)
 - Share the Music Day
 Friday - Book Reports/Hobbit Projects Due
 - Spelling Quiz
 - Bible Memory Work Quiz

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

May	30	Share the Music Day
June	3	Ascension/Pentecost Chapel
	5	Prayer Group @ 8:30 am
	6	District Field Day (raindate June 7)
	7	New Student Visit Day
	14	Prof. Activity Day: no school
	18	Tribute to Grade 8 Assembly Graduation Ceremonies 8 pm
	19	Prayer Group 8:30 am Board of Directors Meeting
	19-21	Gr. 8 Camp Trip
	21	Report Cards Last Day of School: 1 pm dismissal
	22	WCS Golf Tournament
	24	Staff Meeting
	25-26	Staff Work Days

WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN PRESENTS

SHARE THE MUSIC DAY



THURSDAY
MAY 30
AT 9AM

PRESENTING
MUSICAL
CELEBRATIONS
OF ALL STUDENTS IN
GRADES 1 THROUGH 8
JOIN US IN THE
WCS GYMNASIUM!

