

May 6, 2019

Physical Fitness and Health



If you were at our Celebration of Learning, you would have seen, heard, and perhaps participated in the Daily Physical Activities which took place in the school gym. Our 6th grade students researched, wrote about, and presented the case for regular physical activity, as it is good for the body, the brain, and for our well-being. God has gifted us with beautifully designed bodies - bodies ready to move! As educators, we have commented that our students at WCS generally make excellent use of our playground and outdoor activity centres. Students are shooting hoops, playing soccer and four-square, climbing,

sliding, playing baseball, practising their gymnastics skills, skipping, and playing GaGa ball. They are an active and lively bunch and embrace the opportunity for exercise. In just a few weeks, we will have our school-wide track and field day. Students are spending phys ed classes outdoors in preparation for this event. Please note that this is a school day and that we expect all students at school to be able to participate in this opportunity to run, jump, throw and to socialize with classmates and family. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us as well as we celebrate the gift of movement and physical abilities. We praise God that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made".



C. Verbeek, Principal



- Tuesday - Faith C., Gr.3B
- Wednesday - Megan S., Gr.5
- Friday - Matthew C., Gr.8

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and its needs, and for health and well-being. This week our prayers are for our volunteers, parents, supporters - all who make Christian Education possible. We thank God for all of you!

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP): The spring session of MAP testing will begin May 6th. If you are interested in learning more about MAP, speak to your child's teacher or check out the link to their website.
<https://www.nwea.org/assessments/map/>

Track & Field Lunch Order Forms: Lunch order forms for track and field day are due TOMORROW, MAY 7TH. Lunch order forms are for students and teachers only. A concession stand will be open from 11-1 for parents, siblings and other spectators. The whole school will have a lunch break together where they will receive their entire order at once. Please remember to pack snacks if you feel your child will need more food before lunch is served or later in the afternoon. Thank you!

Parent Survey: Check your email later this week for a link to an on-line WCS Parent Survey. This is a survey that we conduct regularly at WCS. We want to hear from you, our parents. We appreciate your feedback in areas such as curriculum, society matters, school atmosphere, and communication.

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 footwear.

Update your Police Check: A reminder to parents that Woodstock Christian School requires staff, volunteers, and parents who drive and/or accompany field trips and sports teams to file current police checks with the school office. If you (or a grandparent) wish to accompany your child on class trips that are happening this spring, a current police check must be submitted. See our office staff for a letter to take to your local police services. If you have submitted one previously, check in with Mrs. Mulder to find out if it is still valid.

Kindergarten for 2019-2020: Plans are underway for next school year. One of the changes for next year will be to our kindergarten schedule as a result of staffing and Human Resources matters. Kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The SONBeams program will be available on Mondays and Thursdays. We will ensure that our special days and chapels/assemblies are scheduled for days when all our kindergarten students are at school.

Parent Communication Board: Remember to check the signs and posters on the parent communication board across from the Principal's office. We have updates there from our Public Health Nurse, Concerts, and Community events. Check the posters and news there!

Monthly Mingle: Please join us for our monthly mingle on Thursday, May 16 starting at 9 am in the gymnasium. Bring your younger children and we will have some entertainment for them as well. Coffee, juice and goodies will be provided.

Victoria Day Parade: We are excited to be participating in the Victoria Day Parade again this year! Please join us on Monday, May 20th and walk with our float down the streets of Woodstock wearing your purple shirt. If you do not have a purple shirt we have extras that we can hand out at the parade. A form came home last week, please fill in and send back to the office if you are able to make it. You are welcome to roller blade, bring a skipping rope, ride the float or walk beside the float. We are in need of a truck to pull our float down the parade. If you have a truck that you are willing to drive for please contact Joleen at j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

Learning Support - Mrs. Bulthuis: Thank you to everyone who came out to the Celebration of Learning last week. We loved sharing our projects with you and your comments and support were very encouraging to the students. The grade 3 students have turned their legends into reader's theatres and are excited to practice reading each other's stories this week. The Learning Place treasure box is still in need of a refill, so please pass along any small toys and treasures that are no longer used at your house. Thank you!

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

J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to a new week. This week we welcome our mothers. Our Tea begins at 2 and ends at 3. We are very excited to treat you and let you know how much we love you. Please return field day food ASAP. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Mother's Day Tea 2 - 3

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: Thank you God for the beautiful weather. Mother's Day tea is coming up on Thursday please remember to bring your favourite tea cup. Today our students are visiting grade 5 for a period to experience what it is like for their buddies. Memory work: Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come..." Mathematics: 3D shapes. Sight word: are. Book: We Are

Monday - Buddy Switch

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Mother's Day Tea @12:30

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to a new week. It's nice to see the sun shining.

Bible: Saul and David

Language: Review

Math: Math stories- adding to 5

Theme: Mother's Day

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Mother's Day Tea (11:00 for JK/SK)

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: Welcome to the first full week in May! This week we will begin our final round of MAP Testing. Please continue to encourage your child to always do their best. Thank you for returning all forms and applicable money. If you have not yet returned your field day form and money they are due tomorrow! A REMINDER: All gym classes will take place outside from now on, weather permitting, and students are required to have appropriate footwear for running and jumping (no boots).

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Library

- Gym

Wednesday - Reading Folder Due

Thursday - Gym

Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to another week!! THANK YOU for coming out to our Celebration of Learning! Check your emails for a look at what is going on in our class this week.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

- Track & Field food order due

Wednesday - Library

- Show & Share: Ellyse M.

- MAP testing

Thursday - MAP testing

Friday - Phys. Ed.

- catch-up MAP testing, if needed

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: Thank you for coming out last week to our Celebration of Learning. Students really enjoyed being able to share their learning with our larger school community. We are now going to be gearing up for Track and Field. We will try to run several days each week to practice for our 800m race, students will also be practising in gym so come with good outdoor footwear and clothing. Wishing our Moms a Happy Mother's day this weekend and thanks for all you do. Please remember to return your field day food order forms by this week. Here is our week at a glance:

Monday - Library

- Buddy switch: ask your child what it was like to be in gr. 6!

Wednesday - MAP testing

- Phys Ed

Thursday - Phys Ed

Friday - Spelling test: contractions

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: Well done, grade 3, with your legend-like stories and sharing them with our Grandfriends and at our Celebration of Learning. We are now working on converting them to Reader Theatre kits. We will also begin map testing this week. Next Monday is our class trip to the Waterloo Region Museum to focus on pioneers and structures. I will be sending an email to those parents who have indicated their desire to attend and have replied to my previous email.

Thursday - Memory work: The Perfect Ten

May 10 - Math Test: money

- Spelling test

May 13 - Class trip to Waterloo Region Museum

May 20 - Victoria Day Parade (send in your

salmon coloured form to school asap)

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to the first full week of May. The children are beginning to practice for Track and Field which is happening on May 22. It was so great to see you all at the "Celebration of Learning" last week.

- Monday - Devotions: Will
- Music: recorders
- Tuesday - Devotions: William
- MAP Testing at 8:45
- Wednesday - Music: Recorders
- Thursday - Devotions: Alieda
- MAP Testing at 8:45
- Bible test: King David
- Friday - Devotions: Alissa
- Spelling test
- Memory work: Psalm 51:11-12
- MAP Testing at 11:30
- Sunday - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
- next Mon. - Devotions: Anna
- Music
- Library

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome to a new week of school! Thank you so much for participating in the celebration of learning last Wednesday night. Students felt recognized, encouraged and supported. This week we shift our focus away from social studies to other areas of school such as math, bible, and language arts.

- Tuesday - Bring outdoor shoes and gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- Thursday - Bring outdoor shoes and gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- Friday - Math quiz based on JM pages 229-234

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. MAP testing will be for the next 3 weeks. We will do one test a week. Return signed empty test envelopes. We will have extra track and field practices when the weather is nice so have gym strip ready every day. Our year end class trip is to Circle Square Ranch on May 24th. More details to follow.

- Tuesday - Music (Instrument)
- Library
- Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Bible Test
- Thursday - Music (instrument)
- MAP testing
- Friday - Spelling Test: Lesson 27
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- MAP testing

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot: Students are participating in MAP testing this week.

- Monday - BMW Matt 6:9-13
- math quiz #60-63
- Tuesday - bring materials to build structures
- Wednesday - math test #55-59
- Friday - math test #55-63
- spelling test
- BM test
- completing structures

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: It was wonderful to see so many parents and families attend our Celebration of Learning last week. Thank-you for taking the time to come and visit and celebrate with us. Last Tuesday the Grade 8s participated in the Water Walk-a-thon for Wells in Zambia and we raised \$890 in support of this great cause, thanks again for your support. Tuesday, the Grade 8s are walking over to Mr. Sub to experience making a 6 ft. sub, we will be doing this in the morning. On Friday we will be walking to Caressant Care to visit our Senior friends.

- Monday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
- Tuesday - Mr. Sub trip (dress according to the weather)
- Music (bring instruments)
- Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
- Thursday - Music (bring instruments)
- Bible Presentations
- Friday - Caressant Care visit
- Spelling Quiz

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| May | 6-17 | MAP testing- Term 3 |
| | 15 | Prayer Group 8:30 am |
| | 16 | Monthly Mingle 9 a.m.
Pizza Day
Staff Meeting- Grad Focus 3:45 pm |
| | 17 | P.A. Day (no classes) |
| | 20 | Victoria Day (no classes)
WCS Parade Float- Join us! |
| | 21 | Board Meeting |
| | 22 | WCS Field Day (rain date May 23) |
| | 30 | Share the Music Day |
| June | 1 | Ascension/Pentecost Chapel |
| | 5 | Staff Meeting
Prayer Group 8:30 |
| | 6 | District Field Day |
| | 7 | New Student Visit Day |