

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

October 11, 2016

Friday's Professional Development

Last Friday the WCS teachers travelled to John Knox Christian School in Oakville and listened to Marian Small. She is a Canadian educational researcher, academic, author, and public speaker. Her workshop was entitled "Effective Math Instruction". We heard about what a positive classroom environment for math instruction should look like. We learned about what math to focus on, the importance of critical thinking in math, and differentiated instruction. We practised math, played games, used lots of math manipulatives, collaborated and stretched our minds. It was great to share ideas and have some of our questions answered. As WCS teachers we are always eager to partner with other educators as we strive to create the best learning opportunities for our students.

Mrs. J. Hickey



Tuesday

- Lydia W., SK  
- Grace S., Gr.8

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Thank you for your donations to the Salvation Army Food Bank. They were thankful for the boxes of food they received last Thursday!

forward → drive

Thank you for participating with Woodstock Christian School in the devotional booklet! Please remember that phone calls for follow-up and feedback will be made on Tuesday (tonight) and Wednesday evening. We are excited to touch base with you and our entire school community! If you wish to make a donation, or have questions please contact the office ([forward@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:forward@woodstockchristian.ca), 519 539 1492) or look on the website for more information. <http://woodstockchristian.ca/forward-drive-booklet.php>

**Chix with Sticks-Season Opener - Friday evening!** All women are welcome to join us. \$50 for the season, or you can pay as you play. Invite your friends and neighbours. Please be at the school at 7:30pm, with non marking indoor shoes! All skill levels are welcome!

**Foster Child:** We will be around Friday collecting for Lousca.

**MAP Testing:** Students will continue with MAP testing this week and next. Testing will occur three times this year, once during each of the fall, winter, and spring terms. Please speak to your child's teachers if you wish to find out more.

**Boys Volleyball:** Our first game is a home game tomorrow, Wednesday, October 12 against Monsignor O'Neil. Players' names will be posted for the next while as we establish a team later in the month. Students playing tomorrow can be picked up at about 5:00 p.m. Next week Monday we play at St. Jude's in Ingersoll and I will be requesting drivers for that game. Players can be picked up at 5:30 at WCS next Monday. Mr. Hiemstra

**Senior Girls Volleyball:** There is a practice after school today (Tuesday) till 4:45. We will play our first game on Thursday here at Woodstock Christian school against Monsignor O'Neil. Feel free to come and cheer us on! Next Tuesday we have a game at St. Jude's in Ingersoll - if you can help drive some students could you please let Mrs. Horinga know m.horinga@woodstockchristian.ca - Thanks

**Cross Country:** There is an after school practice today till 4:30 for team members from grade 4-8. This week Thursday the team will participate at Brantford Christian School. We will take a bus and leave by 9:15 am. The meet begins at 11 am. After this meet a decision will be made if we have any runners that qualify for Dundas All Ontario on Oct. 21st. Any questions? Ask Mrs. Hickey

**Soccer Update:** Soccer coaches are proud of the way the teams played and conducted themselves last Monday at the Bluewater Christian Schools Tournament. We had a beautiful warm day to play with our teammates and with other schools. There were some great offensive and defensive plays, some great shots and saves. Both the girls and boys teams advanced to the semi-finals, but lost that match. Congratulations players for your hard work and positive attitude. Thanks to our coaches, Andre VanderKooi and Axel Hiemstra for the time and skill you shared with our teams. We thank God for the gift of sport and for strong and able bodies.

**Movie Night!** On Oct. 21 at 7pm sharp in the gymnasium, Family fun night will be showing the movie "Zootopia"! Families are encouraged to come out and have a fun time together and meet new (and old) friends. Since this is a family event, parents are to supervise their own children, we will not be providing any child care services. We are asking for monetary donations in exchange for movie tickets. Tickets will be available at the office, or contact Melanie Huinink (519-532-0878) or Joanne Dreise (519-539-8380). Donations are due by Oct. 19. There will also be a concession stand open before and during the movie, where you may purchase snacks; such as popcorn, chips, candy bars and pop. If you're looking for ways to volunteer, we could use a few extra set of hands either at the door (to welcome and gather tickets) or at the concession stand.

**KIDS:** Be sure to pick up, complete and enter in colouring sheets (available in the front lobby display) for a chance to win a FREE snack at the concession stand during the showing of the movie. Please write your name and grade on the back. Winners will be announced on the morning of Oct. 21.

**From Mrs. Bulthuis and Mrs. Poort, the Learning Place:** Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are developed for all students who receive extra support at school. Several IEPs have already been sent home, and the rest will be coming home soon. Please review IEPs carefully and contact Mrs. Bulthuis, Mrs. Poort, or your child's classroom teacher with any questions or concerns. Please return one signed copy of your child's IEP to school. Thank you!

**J.K. / S.K. - A:** It's Apple week in Kindergarten A - lots of activities going on in our class this week. There are no new letters this week - we will be reviewing the letters we have worked on so far (S,A,T,I,P,N). Thank you to Mrs. Dreise for the fresh batches of playdough in our class!

Wednesday - Bring in an apple  
- Library

Next Mon. - trip to Clovermead, bus is leaving at 8:45. Please be sure your child is dressed for the day to be outside.

**J.K. / S.K. - B:** Welcome back after a beautiful Thanksgiving Day weekend. Thanks to those Moms who helped with Stone Soup. We had a great time and most of us enjoyed the soup. We are looking forward to our Clovermead class trip on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. (8:40 to 3:00) We will be taking the bus. Thanks to those who have volunteered to come along. Please email me if you would like to join us. This week we will be learning about fall things and worms. If you have any book about worms, please send them in for one class room. Keep reviewing and bringing in your sound books as well as message bags. The class book is slowly making it's way around the class. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library  
Thursday - Show and Tell  
Monday - Clovermead class trip

**Grade 1A:** "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth"! (Psalm 100:1) The change of season is a beautiful display of God's handiwork. We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving weekend. We have a great week ahead of us! Check your emails for an update on what's happening in our class.

Tuesday - Gym  
- Library {Family Tree Projects}  
Wednesday - MAP testing  
- Show & Share: Lucas B., Faith C., & Annelies D.  
Thursday - Day 2 of MAP testing  
Friday - Gym & Interim Reports will be sent home

**Grade 1B:** Welcome back from a long weekend filled with many blessings. I hope and pray that you and your family were able to rest and relax this weekend as you spent time praising God for the amazing things he has done for you. A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who joined us on our field trip on Thursday. You were a huge blessing. All students were given a map of the Woodstock Transit system (provided by the City of Woodstock) so that families could also enjoy this service offered by the city.

Tuesday - Library  
Wednesday - Gym  
Friday - Interim Reports come home (via email)  
Next Mon. - We start our spelling program!

**Grade 2:** Welcome back from Thanksgiving! I hope that you all had wonderful long weekends and are ready for the coming week. I look forward to hearing all about the adventures you had. We will continue to learn about number relationships in math, Old Testament stories, and about the flowers that God has created for us to enjoy!

Tuesday - Music  
 Wednesday - Gym  
 Thursday - Music  
 Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. We will be doing MAP testing on Wednesday and Friday. We are excited to go on a tree scavenger hunt at the Arboretum this Friday. Math books are coming home today to help your child review for the Unit 3 Geometry test. Keep it home till Friday as we will not be using it.

Wednesday - Library  
 - Phys. Ed.  
 Thursday - Cross Country for 8 students  
 - The rest of the students join Mrs. VanAndel  
 Friday - Math Test: Unit 3 Geometry  
 - Spelling Test: List 2  
 - Trip to Aboretum (1:40-3:25)  
 - Interim Reports

**Grade 4:** Welcome to a short week of school, grade 4! I hope you all had a relaxing long weekend. I am thankful for each one of you!! We hope that those who are running on Thursday will run their best!

Tuesday - Hailey, - Phys. Ed.  
 - Library  
 Wednesday - Jeremy, - Music  
 - Bible test: Unit 3 Creation to Joshua review  
 Thursday - Julia  
 - Cross country meet in Brantford.  
 - Phys. Ed.  
 Friday - Judah, - MAP testing  
 - Spelling test  
 - Memory work: Psalm 135:13,14  
 - Buddy activity  
 Monday - Julie, - Music

**Grade 5:** Welcome to a new week of school. Happy Thanksgiving! I hope all of you enjoyed your long weekend.

Tuesday - Music: Bring recorder  
 Wednesday - Physical Education: Gym strip required  
 Thursday - Music: Bring recorder  
 Friday - Spelling Lesson 05 & Test  
 - Memory Work: Psalm 17:7 & 8  
 - Math Poster Project due  
 - Math Unit Test (students review notes + review sheet).

**Grade 6:** Map testing will continue this week. Test envelopes will be coming home; I apologize for the delay. Please have those signed and returned by Friday. On Friday, interim reports will be coming home.

Thursday - Math Quiz: (Work this week: place value, standard and expanded form, estimating, multiplication)  
 Friday - Spelling: Individual spelling test & Unit 5 book

due

**Grade 7:**

Tuesday - MAP testing  
 Wednesday - MAP testing  
 Thursday - MAP testing  
 Friday - Geography test on landform patterns.  
 - Spelling test on lesson #4.  
 - Bible memory work Eph 4:12-13.

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a brand new week! I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Weekend, we have so much to be thankful for here at WCS! A special thank-you to Mrs. Horinga, Mrs. Sikma and Mrs. DeVries for helping out with our very successful baked goods fundraiser, last Thursday. There will be another fundraiser coming up in the spring to raise support for our year-end Grad Trip.

Tuesday - Gym (Bring Gym Uniform)  
 - Music (Bring instrument)  
 Wednesday - Library (Remember you AR results are due on Friday)  
 Thursday - Gym (Bring Gym Uniform)  
 - Music/Concert Band (Bring instrument)  
 - LDCSS Visit with Mr. Bentum  
 Friday - Memory Work is due: Luke 23: 43-45

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

October	13	Cross Country Meet
	14	Interim Report Cards Chix with Stix
	18	Board Meeting
	19	Prayer Group
	20	Pizza Day
	21	Movie Night
	27-28	P.D. Days (Convention)
	31	Sharing God's Word Chapel (8:30)

**SONG OF THE MONTH:** O Great God

- O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart  
 Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r  
 Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war  
 You have loved and purchased me  
 Make me Yours forever more.
- I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
 Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys  
 Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your word to me  
 Through the gospel of Your Son  
 Gave me endless hope and peace
- Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace  
 Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face  
 You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed  
 O great God of highest heav'n  
 Glorify Your Name through me

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**Mark Your Calendars now  
for this annual event on Nov.18!**

Plans are under way for our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual fundraising auction! Last year was our best year ever and we expect this year's auction will be just as much fun!

**The Silent Auction opens at 6 pm with  
Silent Auction A ending at 7:30 pm and  
Silent Auction B ending at 8:30 pm.**

**The Live Auction begins at 7 pm in the WCS Auditorium.**

To make this event a success, we need your help!! Please think about the goods or service that you would like to donate and try to approach a business contact to donate something as well. Your **personal contacts** greatly enhance the quality of the items that we receive. Approximately 200 local companies have already received a donation request letter and we have canvassers following up with these companies. So if you have a company in mind to ask, please take a look at our **master list of companies** that have someone following up with them already so that these companies are not asked multiple times. This list is available in the school office or you can send Lisa Schaafsma an email ([tlschaafsma@sympatico.ca](mailto:tlschaafsma@sympatico.ca)) to check if the company is on the list.

**Please drop off all donations to the school office by November 7<sup>th</sup>** in order to be included in the auction booklet. This booklet will be available before the event, so you can plan your bidding! Any late pledges or items will be added to our supplemental list available the night of the event.

Thank you for your commitment to the Winterfest Auction!

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**Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Donation Form**

Please return this form to the school office.

In order for items to be published in our Auction booklet, this form **MUST** be filled out and given to the school office by November 7th.

Donated Item/Service: \_\_\_\_\_

(if item needs explanation or more detail please attach supplemental instructions)

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_