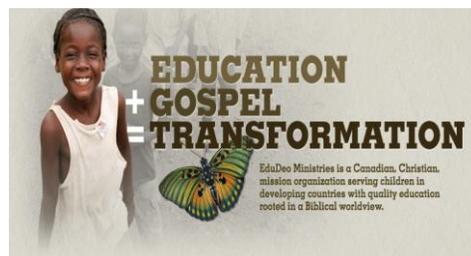


February 19, 2019

WCS PANCAKE BREAKFAST in support of EDUDEO. Did you know that at least 72 Million primary school-age children worldwide are not in school? Children either live too far from schools, need to work/earn money to support their families, or they can't afford essentials such as uniforms or school supplies. Our annual pancake breakfast @ WCS helps support our neighbours around the world. This year, breakfast money is designated for Edu-Deo Ministries. The focus of Edu-Deo is on the transformative power of Christian education worldwide. Edu-Deo Ministries (formerly Worldwide Christian Schools) is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries with quality education rooted in a Biblical worldview. Education is one of the most powerful tools for reducing poverty. Edu-Deo Ministries promotes sustainable schools by partnering long-term with existing school associations and mission organizations. Their goal is to take the effective tool of education and combine it with the transforming message of the Gospel. Woodstock Christian School, on Wednesday, get comfy, get ready for pancakes, and help us support Edu-Deo! For more information see edudeo.com



Carol Verbeek



Monday-	Aubrie Hoiting., JK Alieda Stouwdam., Gr. 4
Tuesday-	Nadine Sikma., SK
Wednesday-	Alex Steen., Gr. 1
Thursday-	Duncan Vandenburg., Gr. 6
Saturday-	Isaac Byun., Gr. 1 Justin VanderKooi., Gr. 5

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: Please continue to pray for our families, children, for our community and needs for health and wellbeing. God listens to and answers our prayers. Prayer group will be meeting Wednesday morning at 8:30am, if you have any prayer requests please email j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca

Pancake Breakfast: Students, wear your pajamas and bring your appetite and your favourite 'stuff' to our annual pancake breakfast on Wednesday February 20th. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Donations will be gladly received for the work of Edu-Deo. Get comfy, get ready for pancakes, and help us support Edu-Deo!

Chickenpox at WCS- There have been several very recent cases of chickenpox among our WCS students. WCS abides by Board of Health recommendations when it comes to common childhood conditions/diseases and school attendance. Board of Health statements include this:

Students are most infectious before the spots/rash appear. It usually takes 10-21 days from the time you are around someone with the virus for symptoms to appear. Chickenpox is most contagious 1-2 days before the rash appears and spreads mainly through respiratory droplets in the air. Watch your child for signs of chickenpox for 2-3 weeks after the exposure.

A child with mild chickenpox infection can continue to attend school or daycare if they are feeling well enough to participate in activities as usual. A child with a high fever or enough spots to be uncomfortable, or who is feeling unwell, should stay home until feeling well enough to participate in activities as usual. If blisters become infected or your child is very ill, contact your health care provider. Here are links to more information:

<https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/chickenpox> or swpublichealth.ca

Speech meets: Students in grades 5 through 8 have been working hard on their speeches for the past weeks. They will be presenting in class and also have opportunity to present at Public Speaking Event hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion contest will be held on Saturday, February 23rd with registration at 9am and the speaking contest at 9:30am. The address of the Legion is 642 Dundas Street. Students MUST preregister by submitting a signed (by both student & parent) Entry Form by Friday February 22nd. Entry forms are available from your child's teacher. Forms must be in the WCS office by 3:30pm on Friday. Students who are finalists in their classes will also be presenting to our senior friends at the OASIS group on Thursday, March 7th.

Poetry meet: Students in grades 1 through 4 have been working hard at poetry memorization and recitation. The class finalists will be presenting at the WCS Poetry Meet in the school gym on Friday, February 28th at 8:40am.

School Skating: On Thursday March 7th, we once again will have a school skate. Students in SK-gr3 will skate from 1:15-2:10pm, while older students will skate from 2:15-3:10pm. A reminder that all those on the ice must be wearing skates, helmets and gloves. Come join us!

MS Read-A-Thon: The readathon is finished. Thank you for encouraging reading time to raise awareness and funds for families with MS! Please send all sponsor sheets and tracking minutes sheets back to school this week! Thank you for your support.

Lost & Found: Please check our lost and found zone. It is filling up with gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters, and other items.

Grad Photos: Grade 8 students will have their formal graduation photos taken on Monday March 4th. There will also be a photographer present on graduation day in June.

Registration: If your child is joining WCS for the first time (Kindergarten) tomorrow is registration Day. Please book an appointment with Joleen Mulder as more information is required than the re-commitment form allows. The office requires a copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization record and health card. If you have any questions contact admissions@woodstockchristian.ca

No **Science Fair** this year @ WCS. This year, winter science learning in the senior grades is taking the form of a Project Based Learning unit, not the traditional science fair. Students are beginning a Sustainability project which will be showcased, along with other work from JK through to grade 8, during our **Celebration of Learning** to be held May 1st and 2nd. Please disregard the "Science Fair" date on your school calendar.

WCS Electives: Electives will begin this Wednesday, February 19, and run for three weeks until March 6, 2019 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 for our junior and intermediate students. It is possible that there is freezing rain late tomorrow afternoon. Skiers should pack their bathing suit and towel, just in case we have to cancel at the last minute and do the swimming elective instead. Those in skiing should plan to be back at 6:00 p.m. Those in woodworking, this is a reminder to get your woodworking forms into Mr. Schaafsma. Those in taekwon-do, this is a reminder that a letter was sent home two weeks ago, and the payment is to go to Mrs. Verbeek or Mr. Hiemstra. The payment has now been adjusted to \$12. Those in dance, soccer, and taekwon-do are to bring shorts, tshirt, and indoor shoes with them to the venues. Those in Creative Art will need to bring in a medium size glass vase for the craft on Wednesday. It will be transformed and will not look like the original. If we have any snow days on Wednesdays, please note that the elective program will be cancelled for that day, and there will be no make-up day. Any questions, let me know. (g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca)

Sr. Girls Basketball: What an awesome tournament we had on Friday! Thanks for all your hard work! This week we begin our regular season with a game on Tuesday against Monsignor O'Neil, we should be back at the school around 5pm. There will be an after school practice on Thursday. Please pick your child up for 4:45pm.

Sr. Boy Basketball: On Friday, the senior boys' basketball team traveled to London for the annual basketball tournament with high hopes. They were in a pool with two other teams. The boys played hard but lost the first game 28-25 in a thriller. In the second game, the game was tied after regulation time. Unfortunately, they lost 26-24 in overtime. But every team makes the playoffs so we had another chance. In the quarterfinals, we again tied after regulation time. This time we won 19-18 in overtime. In the semifinals, we won by one point 26-25 meaning that we advanced to the finals. The boys had played four very close games. The final game was anti-climactic as the boys lost to a very powerful team from London Christian Academy.

The boys played extremely well and never gave up. They can be very proud of their achievement as they brought home the "Finalist" banner. Unfortunately, one of the players, Matthew Choi, was injured in one of the games and was unable to. Boys will have recess practices this week as well as a game at Monsignor O'Neill in Tillsonburg on Wednesday afternoon. Please let Mrs. Verbeek know if you are able to drive for this week's game or any of our other away games.

100s Day- The Primary Division (Grades 1-3) will be celebrating 100 days of School on Friday! We are asking for some support with various centres from 8:30-10:45am. If you are able to volunteer, please let a primary teacher know and we ask that you arrive at the school for 8:15-8:20 and report to Mrs. Schuster, to receive instructions as to what you are responsible for. We are also collecting **donations to be brought to Operation Sharing.** We are still looking to collect 100 items to give. Please check out the following list, and choose from there what you would like to send in: *Toilet Paper, Paper towel, Kleenex, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Razors, Body Wash, Soap, Cleaning supplies, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, garbage bags.* All items are due the morning of February 22nd.

Springfest: Come One Come All! Please save the date for Woodstock Christian School's annual Springfest Bazaar event! It will be held on Saturday April 6 from 8am-2pm at the Oxford Auditorium. To see some of the exciting things happening at Springfest this year please check out our events page on facebook <http://www.facebook.com/events/236065800633648/> or on our website <http://woodstockchristian.ca/springfest.php>.

We are currently looking for items for our silent auction or donations to the kitchen committee. Look for the donation board in the school lobby coming shortly. Donating towards this event will allow all funds raised to go directly back to the school. If you have any questions or ideas please contact Dawn Streutker (519-691-7066) or Joleen Mulder (519-788-3119). **PLEASE SAVE** your 2 Litre pop bottles and bring them to the office as we will need them for Springfest.

Learning Support ~ Mrs. Bulthuis: We are enjoying getting to know Miss Carlisha VanGinkel who is currently a student at Conestoga College in the Educational Support Program. She is completing her final placement at WCS and is working in a variety of classrooms. Please be sure to welcome Miss VanGinkel if you see her!

- Tuesday:** Gr. 6 Fractions Test
- Wednesday:** Return book bags (Gr.1-3)
- Friday:** Gr. 2 Spelling Test (list sent home last week)

JK: Welcome to a new week. Happy Birthday to Aubrie who celebrated her birthday yesterday. May God bless you in the year ahead. Wednesday is pancake, Pajama and teddy bear day. Wear your pjs and take a stuffy to school. We will have pancakes and sausages with our buddies at 9:30. Have a great week.

- Wednesday-** Library
Pancakes, pj and teddy bear day
- Thursday-** Show and Share - free choice

JK/SK: Praying everyone had a wonderful Family Day.
Letters: x, ch
Math: ordinals, capacity
Bible: 10 plagues, Out of Egypt
Theme: Snowmen

Tuesday: Happy Birthday Nadine

- Wednesday:** Pancake breakfast
Library
- Thursday:** Pizza Day

SK: Welcome to another beautiful winter week of school. Please have all field trips forms in by Thursday.

- Wednesday-** Pajama Day/Pancake Breakfast- bring \$5.00 for breakfast or \$20.00 for a family, we will be eating between 8:30am-9:30am.
- Thursday-** Pizza Lunch

Grade 1: This week we Alex and Isaac will celebrate their birthdays. We hope and pray that God will continue to bless you both this year, and for many years to come! Please note the change in date for reading folders!!! Be sure to practice your poems as they are due on Monday! Have you brought in your 100 collection yet? We NEED it for 100s day on Friday!

- Monday-** Family Day
- Tuesday-** Library
See VIP Folder
- Wednesday-** Reading Folders Due
Pyjama, Teddy Bear & Pancake Day
- Friday-** 100s Day (rescheduled)
Spelling Test
- Monday-** Poem Presentations

Grade 2: We have a Field Study in London on Thursday. We are looking forward to a day spent exploring!! Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

Tuesday – Phys. Ed

Wednesday– Library

Pancake Breakfast for EduDeo – Wear your pyjamas & bring your favourite stuffy!

Pizza Day (just for Grade 2...)

Thursday – **Field Study** to London Children’s Museum: departing at 9:10, return around 2:40.

Friday – Poetry sharing!

Phys. Ed

100s day celebration!!

Flashlight Friday!

Grade 2/3: Welcome to a new week of learning. Thank you to the parents who came with us last week on our field trip. We are excited to share our poems this week. Several students will be chosen to share their poem at the school poetry meet next week.

Monday– family day - no school

Tuesday– poem sharing

Wednesday– poem sharing
pancake breakfast/PJ day - bring along some \$ for Edudeo

Friday– spelling test

Grade 3: On Friday we will have our 100 Day. Students can bring in donations this week for Operation Sharing and we will store it in our class until Friday. Students can also bring in monies & forms for M.S. Read-a-thon. We will be concentrating on 3x and the 4x table. Students will need some review for our 2’s, 3’s, and 4’s at home.

Wednesday: Pajama Day and Pancake Breakfast

Thursday: Memory work - Psalm 135:3

Friday: Spelling Test

Feb. 28: Poetry Meet @ 8:40am

March 3rd: Primary Choir at Maranatha Church

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week of school grade 4!

Tuesday– Happy birthday yesterday Alieda!!!

Wednesday– Pancake Breakfast with buddies at 8:30
Music - Bring recorders
Electives

Thursday– Devotions: Junbeom

Pizza lunch

Friday– Devotions: Keaghan

Spelling test

Memory work - Psalm 27:1

next Monday– Devotions: Leanne

Grade 5: Welcome back to another week of school at WCS! I hope you enjoyed your family day weekend. There is a lot happening in Gr. 5 again this week as students wrap up their MAP testing sessions, practice their speeches, learn about figurative language in language arts, etc.
No swimming this week, the regular Monday schedule

continues next week.

Please note that students will be practicing swimming survival situations next week Monday (Feb 26), and are to bring an extra set of clothes which they’ll be swimming in. The class is quite excited for this.

Monday - Students practice their speeches at school and at home (during the week). Speech presentations in front of the class on Thursday.

Tuesday - Music: bring recorder. PhysEd: bring gym clothes. Students continue practicing speeches at school and at home.

Wednesday - Students continue practicing speeches at school and at home.

Thursday - Music: bring recorder. PhysEd: bring gym clothes. Speech presentations.

Friday - Math quiz: study Jump Math pages 158 until to end of book. Memory Work quiz. Spelling quiz and workbook lesson 21

Grade 6: Welcome to a new week. We will finally finish MAP testing this week. We will practice speeches this week. Please hand in your MS read-a-thon donations by Thursday. Bring in a cereal box for the book reports. All students interested in the Legion Speech Meet this Saturday must sign up by Thursday.

Tues. - Math Test - Unit 8 (Fractions)
Library

Wed. - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
Pancake breakfast (8:30 am for us)
pajamas, teddy bear day.

Thurs. - Present Speeches (legion participants)

Music (instrument)
Fri. - Present Speeches
Spelling Test - Lesson 19
Phys. Ed. (outdoors)
Be ready to start Cereal Box book report

Grade 7: Please ask your son/daughter to present his/her speech to you each night this week.

Tuesday: Math quiz

Wednesday: Math test, science lab#6 materials, electives, Pancake Breakfast

Friday: Science test, BWM: first 1/2 of Nicene Creed

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school. Speech presentations will occur this week, as will our annual Pajama Day/Pancake Breakfast (please see Parent Link for details). We will also have electives tomorrow and MS Read-a-thon forms and donations are to be returned to school.

Tuesday– Music
Wednesday– Speech Presentations
Pajama Day/Pancake Breakfast
Electives

Thursday– Music
Friday– Legion Speech Competition Forms are due

Saturday- Legion Speech Competition at the
Woodstock Legion

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

February	19	BOD meeting
	20	Pancake Breakfast
		Prayer group
		Electives
		Registration Day
	21	Pizza Day
March	23	Speech Competition @ Woodstock Legion- 9am
	28	Poetry Meet (Gr. 1-4) Chicken Orders are in
	1	P.A. Day*
	3	Primary Choir Visit at Maranatha
	4	Graduation Portraits
6	Prayer Group @ 8:30am	
7		Hockey Tournament
		Sub Day
		Skating @ Community Complex Report Cards