

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

On our road-trip back from our vacation this March Break, my husband and I stumbled across a radio station playing a pastor's Sunday sermon. It was a lively sermon and the way the pastor spoke beckoned us to lean in and listen closely. We didn't catch his name...but we did catch the message he was sharing with his congregation. He was speaking on Jesus' words in Matthew 5 and shared something I had never reflected on about this verse before.

In Grade Two this month, we are focusing on Jesus' Ministry during His time on Earth....and the verse the pastor preached on is part of our Memory Work for the month of March! It always makes me smile when things I'm teaching in classroom are directly related to things taking place in my own walk with the Lord. This was the verse: Matthew 5:13a, (NIV) "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?" {Maybe you'll join us in memorizing this portion of the verse this week...}

Here is a paraphrase of what I took away from the pastor's message. With his southern drawl and a few "Hallelujah! and Amens!" added for emphasis, he said this: "If we are called to be the salt of earth, then we should be making people thirsty." This resonated with me. It reminds me that in all of my words and all of my actions, I can share the truth of Jesus. We should be living our lives in such a way that people become thirsty for more – thirsty for the Living Water. Jesus is the only one who will quench all of our thirstiness – once and for all. This is good news!

As you walk and talk with God, will you share this message of Living Water with those around you this week?



Wednesday	- John Reyneveld., Gr. 3
Thursday	-Kurtis Ysselstein., Gr. 3
Saturday	-Mr. H., Gr. 5 teacher
	-Nicole Wolf., Gr. 2
	-Eden Verkuyl., Gr. 6

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Group: Please join us tomorrow at 8:30am for prayer group. If you have any prayer requests please email j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

Welcome back for Term 3: We hope you had a relaxing and refreshing March break. It was great to have sunshine and melting snow. Spring is on the way! We are entering the home stretch of our school year with lots of learning and activity planned for the next few months.

Celebration of Learning: This year at WCS we are hosting our first annual Celebration of Learning on Wednesday, May 1st from 6:30pm - 8pm. This is an event for every child and every family! Please note this date on your calendar! This evening will be a showcase of the learning that is happening at WCS. Your children will be taking you through their classrooms and learning spaces to share and explain their learning with you. Stay tuned for more details in coming weeks. For now, SAVE THE DATE: May 1st!

Bus reminder -It's spring! Here we are at the start of third term and the roads are much better than they've been throughout the winter. This is a reminder to families to be at your bus stop on time. Some buses have been consistently waiting for some students in the morning. Please check your bus lists for accurate bus times. If you need a new bus list, please contact the school office. Let's make an effort to be ready for the bus a few minutes early and have our buses arrive at school on time.

Drama @ LDCSS - Our WCS students in grades 4 through 8 will be attending the matinee performance of the LDCSS drama production *Seussical* on Thursday March 28th. This is a regular school day for students, and this production and follow up assignment is part of our Language Arts curriculum at WCS. Students will be taking a bus to the production. Check in with LDCSS for dates for the evening performances of this play!

Boys Basketball- Thanks to the parents who have been able to drive and cheer for the team at recent games! We appreciate your support. This week's games: Wed March 20 away game - WCS @ Trinity (Innerkip), Thurs March 21 home game - Notre Dame @ WCS. Next week's games: Mon March 25 away game - WCS @ St. Michael, Wed Mar 27 home game - St. Patrick's @ WCS. Last regular season game Tues Mar 26 home game - Holy Family @ WCS.

Sr. Girls Basketball: Welcome back! I hope you are all rested and ready for our last 2 weeks of regular season games. After that we will head into playoffs - information regarding games will be given out as fast as I know them. This week we have a home game on Tuesday against St. Jude, and an away game on Thursday against Trinity. Please arrange to have your child picked up between 4:45 and 5:00 both days.

Wacky Sock Day - Down Syndrome Awareness Day - Thursday March 21

Did you know that about 6000 babies in Canada are born with Down Syndrome each year in Canada? A person with Down Syndrome can do many things that we can do it just may take them longer. March 21 is Down Syndrome Awareness day because a person with Down Syndrome is born with a third copy of chromosome 21 (03/21).

Students, staff and families are asked to wear Wacky Socks on Thursday to school/work in support of Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

Help us celebrate these special people God has placed in our community. Let's see ability not the disability.

WCS Skiing Elective Reimbursement- Since we had two of our elective days cancelled, calculations are presently being made, and reimbursement will occur over the next few weeks. Any questions or if you are interested in donating it to the school, let me (g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) know this week, and I can pass that along to our bookkeeper prior to cheques being created.

Springfest is only a couple weeks away and things are coming together nicely. We are still looking for a couple more face painters if anybody is able to help us out, please let us know. We are also looking for tractors and toys for our corn box that will be in the kid zone. If you have any toys that we can borrow for the day we would greatly appreciate it. Please bring them to the office labelled. BAZAAR BOTTLES are back this year. We are doing another contest this year to see who has the most creative designed bottle. Please bring them in and we will display in the front entrance of the school. Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors who have made Springfest a success so far. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday April 6!

JK/SK: Welcome back from March break. Hope everyone had a great week. We are back and ready to learn.

Bible: A new leader, Wall of Jericho, Gideon

Letters: qu, ou

Sight words: down, run

Math: Weight

Theme: Dr Seuss

Wednesday: All School Devotions, Library, Scholastic

Due

Thursday: Pizza Day

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome back. I hope everyone had a fantastic March Break. Washed blankets may be returned to class. As spring begins on Wednesday, Students are encouraged to bring a show and share that reminds them of spring. On Thursday we raise awareness of students with down syndrome and wear unmatching socks to show support.

Wednesday- Library

Show and share -spring
Thursday-
Pizza lunch
Wacky Sock Day

Grade 1: Welcome to a brand new term! I hope you are all rested and ready for our last term. I have lots of exciting things planned for the last few months of school! Thank you to those who sent in their report card envelopes already. If you have not yet done so, please sign and return them asap. Check your email later today for an update of some of the things we will be starting to work on this week in class.

Monday - Last day of March Break
Tuesday - Library
See VIP Folder
Thursday - Wacky Sock Day

Friday - Pizza Day
Spelling test Week 18

Grade 2: Welcome to term three! I hope you enjoyed times of rest over the break. Check your emails for a look at what is going on in our class this week!

Tuesday - Phys. Ed

Wednesday - Library
Show & Share: Adelyn & Neel
Thursday - Pizza Lunch
Friday - Phys. Ed
Spelling Test

Grade 2/3: Welcome back to term 3! I hope you all had a great relaxing week off. I pray you are refreshed and ready for another term of learning. This week's spelling pattern are focusing on the bossy r - ar and or sounds.

Thursday Wacky sock day - Down Syndrome Awareness
Pizza Day

Grade 3: Welcome back! Be ready to work hard as we gear up for third term. A sheet will be coming home this week for our 6 through 12 x tables so students can review those at home. Report card envelopes are being collected so they can be used for the final term in June.

Thursday: Memory Work- Psalm 135:3-5
Friday: Spelling Test

Grade 4: Welcome back to school and to the last term of grade 4! I hope you all had a fantastic March Break.

Tuesday: Devotions: Paige
Happy birthday to Julie from last week!!!

Wednesday: Music - bring your recorders
Thursday: Devotions: Ryan

Friday: Pizza lunch
Devotions: Sunbin
Spelling test
Memory work - Psalm 27:1-3

next Monday Buddies
Devotions: Tyler
Library

Grade 5: Welcome back! I hope you and your children had a good March break away from school. This week students will be learning more about Medieval history and will receive their project instructions and topic. There are a few materials that students will need to bring in.

Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes. Music: bring recorder. KW Symphony: bring purple shirt.

Thursday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes. Music: bring recorder.

Friday - No memory work this week. Spelling workbook and test, lesson 24.

Grade 6: Welcome to a new week and a new term. There are lots of exciting things to still learn about in grade 6. We

are starting a new novel this week. Look for an email about it. Return signed report card envelope this week.

Tuesday - Library
Music

Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Thursday - Wacky Sock Day (Down Syndrome Awareness)
Music (instrument)

Friday Spelling Test - List 21
Field Study at Kitchener Museum (Space Exploration)

Grade 7: Students have produced interesting 'sustainability' projects. They will edit and refine their projects this week. Students should finish reading their March novel this week. Class time will be given next week to complete the reading assignment.

Tuesday: BMW (second half Nicene Creed)
Wednesday: Math quiz ME7-1 to10
Thursday: Bible quiz, Wacky Sock Day
Friday: Spelling test, history quiz

Grade 8: Welcome back to school after a restful March Break! Third term has begun and over the next month or so information regarding Graduation and Grad Trip will be coming home.

Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
Thursday - Wacky Sock Day in support of Down Syndrome Awareness Day
Pizza Lunch
Music (bring instruments)
Friday - Spelling Work Due/Spelling Quiz

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 21 Pizza Lunch
Staff PLC Lesson 3:45-5pm
26 K is for Kindergarten

April 3 Prayer Group- 8:30am
4 Sub Day
6 Springfest
9 Battle of the Books
15 Volunteer Appreciation Day
16 Board of Directors Meeting
17 Prayer Group 8:30am
18 Good Friday/Easter Chapel
Pizza Day
Staff PLC Session 3:45