

April 30, 2018

Life is full of changes. Vehicles are replaced, parking lots wash out, washers and dryers are repaired, weather alters from one day to the next, winter turns to spring, computer technology advances, parents become grandparents, play rehearsals become live productions, and education changes.

Last week this place was busy hosting an art walk, parents-student lunches, drama productions, and the all exciting Grandfriends' Day. How many changes were noticeable? Hallway wall spaces were transformed with art pieces, volunteer hero posters were displayed in the front hall, finishing touches were completed for the set, "Truths to Treasure" was sung, and "Oliver Twist" was performed twice.

In a few weeks time, Woodstock will have its annual Track and Field Day, a day when students display their talents for running, jumping and throwing. Gym classes are currently busy with preparations for the day, and even some lunch recesses utilized for high jump practice. There will be a few changes happening on the upcoming Field Day as well. The details are still being worked out, but here are some changes that we anticipate: the schedule is revised so that everyone has a lunch period at the same time; the distance running (800m and 1500m) will no longer be a part of the day but will occur later; and our current system of handing out standard ribbons for each event for our primary and junior students will change to one standard ribbon given per child based on the results of the day once the data has been analyzed. More information is forthcoming about those changes.

No matter what changes occur around us, we at WCS acknowledge that God is the same God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He remains faithful despite the changes in our lives. We echo the words of James 1:17: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. We can sing out the words of the old hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness:

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Greg Hiemstra, V.P. & Gr. 6



Mon (30 th)	-Aleeya R., Gr. 1B
Tues (1 st)	-Adomas M., Gr. 6
Wed (2 nd)	-Brett V., Gr. 6
Sat (5 th)	-Paul W., Gr. 5

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner:

Congratulations to the Klingenberg family on the birth of a baby brother! Luke, Hannah and Emma welcome Adam to their family. We rejoice with them!

Wee Creations Christian Preschool is now accepting registrations for September 2018! Packages can be picked up from our door pocket any time that WCS is open. We are located in the classroom across from the WCS library. Classes are offered each morning for children 2 1/2 to 5 years of age. We offer tours each Tuesday morning (except June 5). Call us at 519-421-9755 for more info or email us at weecreationschristianpreschool@gmail.com

Track & Field

It's the time of year again when plans are underway for our annual track and field day. This year we have made some changes to the way we will be doing lunch. Accompanying today's parent link is a letter outlining these changes as well as the food order form for lunch for that day. Please read this letter carefully and return one form per student to your child's teacher by next Tuesday, May 8th. Thank you, Track & Field Lunch Committee

From the Library: Hello from the Library. A thank you to you, parents, for helping our students get their books back and forth to school each week for library exchange. I hope you are enjoying them with your children as well! Our overdue book levels are at the lowest ever and I am very thankful for your help regarding this. If you do get a notice today, please look for the books and return them as soon as possible.

Jump Rope for Heart:



How is Your JumpRope Fundraising Going? There are 4 days remaining until our Jump Rope for Heart Event Day - **Friday May 4th!** Be sure to reach out to family and friends for donations. Every donation helps us to reach our fundraising goal and to help save lives. Online fundraising is a quick and easy way to receive donations. Go to jumpropeforheart.ca and register today!

Mrs. Hickey and the grade 3 class have partnered with our grade 8 students to host our JUMP event. On Friday afternoon, there will be many JUMP stations throughout the school and playground. Our focus is on healthy active kids who can help others survive and live well. Jump Rope's goal this year is to get 1 million kids jumping in close of 4000 schools across Canada.

Christian Education Week:

Thank you for all who came to the various events during Christian Education Week. It was good to have you celebrate God's blessings with us. A "shout out" to the actors, directors, and the 'behind the scenes' people of Oliver Twist. We have some amazing talent here at WCS! Thanks again to all the volunteers, committees, Board, and supporters who make things happen at WCS. We thank God for all of you.

What a great week we had last week! It was so great to see so many familiar faces in the school! Thank you to all the volunteers that came out on Monday to enjoy the tea, to all the parents that came and enjoy the picnic lunch and toured the school during the art walk, and to all our Grand Friends that came for Grand Friends Day. A special thank you to Tracey Butler and all her helpers for making Grand Friends Day run smoothly.

Technology in the classroom

Do you ever wonder how WCS is using technology in the classroom? What exactly is the Google classroom? What kinds of apps and assistive technologies are we using and how do they make learning more accessible? Are students introduced to coding? At our WCS Community/Membership Meeting on May 3rd, we will be exploring this topic and demonstrating some of our programs and practices on Thursday evening at 8pm. Come join us!

K2K Performance Our students in JK - grade 4 will be attending K2K's matinee drama production of Peter Pan at Calvary Church on Wednesday afternoon, May 2nd.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) The spring session of MAP testing will begin May 7th. 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/>

Children's Water Festival We are excited that our students once again get to participate in the Children's Water Festival hosted by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and other funding partners. This is a multiple day event, but WCS students in grades 2-5 will be attending on Wednesday May 16th @ Pittock Conservation Area. This fun and educational event teaches students in a very 'hands on' fashion the importance of water in their daily lives.

Spirit Wear is back! Forms will come home in backpack mail today and through email. If you would like to see actual sizes there will be some samples in the school. New to the forms is 3/4 sleeve shirts, umbrellas, water bottles (they are similar to the green Gatorade bottles) and baseball caps. Please have your forms in by Thursday May 10!

Victoria Day Parade

This year our school will once again enter a float in the Victoria Day Parade on Monday May 21. We would like to have as many students and parents join us as possible. A letter was sent home with your family last week, please fill in the bottom portion and send it back to school this week so we can know how many students will be attending for planning purposes. It will be a fun event that you do not want to miss! If you have any questions or would like to help out with decorating please contact Joleen Mulder at admissions@woodstockchristian.ca

Prayer Group will be held Wednesday morning at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome!! If you have any prayer requests please email them to admissions@woodstockchristian.ca

Badminton: This week is our tournament. Please watch for an email with more detailed information. Your child is responsible for getting their own ride there and back. Our final practice this week will again take place at the Woodstock Badminton Club. Students are to be picked up from there at 4:45pm.

Junior Kindergarten: What a great week last week - it was very neat to meet so many grandparents! This week our special package arrive - we are excited to see what is inside! Congratulations to Emma and her family on arrival of a new baby brother - may God bless your family! May calendars are coming home today - see it for more details about this month.
Wednesday - K2K production -Peter Pan
Thursday - Sub day

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new beautiful week. This is the day that the Lord has made - we will rejoice and be glad in it. It was great connecting with so many of you last week in our many activities. The children loved GrandFriends day. Please watch for May calendars coming home this week. We will be watching the play called Peter pan on Wednesday afternoon. Please refer to notes sent home about which sounds to help your child with. Keep working on the writing books. That practise makes a huge difference in the children's writing. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library
-Peter Pan class trip
Thursday - Show and share - free choice

Grade 1A: Welcome to a brand new week, and the beginning of a brand new month! Our chicks are SO CUTE! We love spending time with them each day. For gym, weather permitting, we will be outside. Please ensure your child is wearing (or brings with them) appropriate footwear for outdoor phys. ed.

Monday - See VIP Folder
Tuesday - Library
- Reading Folder
Wednesday - Field Day Lunch Form Due
- Field Trip to see K2Ks Peter Pan
Thursday - Sub Day
- JKCSS Membership Meeting
Friday - Spelling Test
- Jump Rope for Heart

Grade 1B/2B: Welcome to a new week! We have an exciting month ahead of us! Check your child's folder for our May calendar & Reading Challenge. Check your emails for an update on what is happening in our class this week

Tuesday – Gym
- Library
Wednesday – Show&Share: Isaiah & Jason
- Visit to Calvary Church to watch K2K's production of Peter Pan
Thursday- Sub Lunch
- Membership Meeting & Technology Info Night @8pm
Friday - Gym
- Spelling
- Jump Rope for Heart School Event!

Grade 2A: Well, it is going to be another exciting week in grade 2! We look forward to going with the primary grades to K2K's production of "Peter Pan", we also will keep practicing our jump roping skills as Jump Rope for Heart ends this Friday. Keep getting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! We will be learning more about Paul and Barnabas' missionary journey and we will be starting a new math unit on 2-D shapes.

Monday - Gym
Tuesday - Memory Work Due
- Library
- Return Reading Calendar
Wednesday - Gym
Friday - Spelling Test
- Jump Rope for Heart

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. We have an exciting month coming up. Track and Field, field trips, project base learning, Jump Rope for Heart and more!

Mon. - Phys. Ed. (wear proper outdoor footwear)
Wed. - See K2K production of Peter Pan
- Library
Thurs. - Sub Lunch
-French Vocab quiz
Fri. - Mem. Work - Psalm 135:1-3
- Spelling Test - List 27
- Jump Rope for Heart (weather permitting)

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week and month of learning grade 4! Grade 4 you did an awesome job on your Native Projects!! We will wrap up our presentations this week.

Monday	Patrick
Tuesday	Tiffany Phys. Ed. Library - remember books
Wednesday	Music - bring recorders K2K - Peter Pan
Thursday	Alexis Sub lunch Phys. Ed.
Friday	Anthony Spelling test Memory work – 2 Kings 17:13,14 Jump Rope for Heart
Monday	Cole Music – bring recorders

Grade 5: Welcome to the end of April and the beginning of May!

We have a short field trip on Thursday to the Racing Against Drugs event which ties in nicely with our health curriculum on substance abuse and related behaviours! Our end-of-year field trip is booked! I just need 1 or 2 more volunteers for that trip.

If you have any soccer apparel or soccer equipment, please bring it in for LCS in Haiti! If you have any dead batteries, please bring them in as well as we are drawing near the end of the school year.

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

Wednesday - Math Quiz: fractions unit so far
(Use JM pages 199-221)

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

Friday - Language Arts: One Foot in Heaven play
review assignment due.
-Spelling Workbook: Lesson 32 due.
Spelling Test.

Grade 6: Good is God! What a great week last week during our Christian Education Week.

Thursday was exciting as our Grandfriends came to visit including Granny B. Please continue to receive pledges for Jump Rope for Heart.

Assuming Friday is a great day weather wise, we will be completing various Jump Rope for Heart activities. Forms and money are to be brought in this week. Money can also be donated online at www.jumpropeforheart.ca It will take you to the Heart and Stroke website. The donation button is at the top right corner.

Tuesday: -Play review due

Thursday -Math Test: fractions unit

-Spelling test: Unit 30

Friday: -Jump Rope for Heart activities

-Bible Test

Grade 7: Students are currently writing a historical monologue and will need to organize a costume for their character for Monday May 7.

Thank you for your support of this learning activity.

Mon: April Book Assignments due

Thurs: BMW 1 Kings 3:28

Fri: Math test chap #9

Jump Rope for Heart

Grade 8: Welcome to a new spring-like week!

This Friday is Jump Rope For Heart, please be sure to submit any donations via the Jump Rope For Heart website, or by bringing them in to the school by Friday at the latest. Over the next couple of weeks we will be reading ‘The Hobbit’ in class. Students will be expected to complete comprehension questions as we work through the book. There is also a final project that will be due 10 days after we finish reading the book.

Monday – Spelling Pre-test

Workbook assignment is pages
121-123 (due Thursday)

-Introduction to The Hobbit

Tuesday – Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)

-Music (bring instruments)

Thursday – Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)

-Music (bring instruments)

-Spelling Work due/Spelling Quiz

Friday – Jump Rope for Heart

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 2 Prayer Group
- 3 Jump Rope for Heart
- 3 Sub Day
- 3 JKCSS Membership Meeting
- 5 Badminton Tournament
- 15 JKCSS Board Meeting
- 16 Staff Meeting
- 17 Chapel (8:30am)
- 17 Pizza Day
- 18 PD Day (no school)
- 21 Victoria Day Parade

SONG OF THE MONTH: By Faith

By faith I pray, by faith I praise,
By faith I obey and walk in God's ways
By faith I love, by faith I come
By faith I will trust in the name of Jesus.
By faith I believe in things I cannot see
By faith I cling to the hope that Jesus gives me
By faith I say there's a miracle around the bend
So I set my face against the wind, and live by
faith
Repeat
I live by faith in the son of God who loves me
and gave his life for me
By faith I believe in things I cannot see
By faith I cling to the hope that Jesus gives me
By faith I say there's a miracle around the bend
So I set my face against the wind,
and learn once again to live by faith

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