

Stepping out in Faith

Several times this year, during our chapels and assemblies, students at WCS have been able to hear directly from people in our community about stepping out in faith. Though my guess is that any of our presenters would be reluctant to call themselves heroes of faith, they have provided concrete and real ways of demonstrating faith in action. Last Thursday, Isaiah and Danielle VanWyk shared their family's story with students and staff. They experienced countless blessings and can speak boldly of ways in which they have grown and ways in which they saw God at work, both in their training and in their mission experiences in Africa last year. Earlier this year, Krista DuChene (Marathon Mom) spoke of her experiences as a Christian and a high level athlete. She too had many stories to share, especially about disappointments and life not turning out the way she'd planned. Krista emphasized her trust in God and her comfort that God's ways are wiser and better than our ways. The deBueger family reminded us that God has a purpose and plan for each one of us. They explained that there are places all over the world where people do not yet know God and that we are all tasked with bringing the light of Jesus to dark places. I thank God for the people that He places in our paths who continue to share their stories, and who are living examples of faith in action. Psalm 78 verse 4 continues to inspire us at WCS. *"We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders."*

Keep telling your children!

Carol Verbeek, Principal



Thursday (12) - Nathan S., Gr. 7
Friday (13) - Gracon S., Gr. SK
-Avery B., Gr. 8
Sunday (15) -Caleb M., Gr. 8

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests: Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health, strength, and wellbeing. This week, please pray for the Branderhorst family as they grieve. As a community we pray also for families in Saskatchewan who tragically experienced loss in the crash of last week. We pray that God's comfort and love will be experienced.

Oliver Twist - Costumes - WOW thank you so much to all the participants and families for their work in finding costumes. They look amazing! Please also be sure your child wears black or dark plain socks (no stripes, logos, etc.) for the performances.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

It hardly seems enough, but a BIG THANK YOU – to all who helped to make Springfest a success! It was a great day – a great turnout, and a great time of celebrating community! Many hands made for lighter work for us all! We raised over \$15,000 dollars for the school with some money still coming in. We would just like to thank some of our committee heads for going above and beyond.

Bonnie Bohner – had the huge task of heading up the kitchen – and having never made Borenkole before, she did amazing to pull it all together – with many many hands helping her.

Sara Verkuyl – for organizing all the games, face painting and bouncy castles

Glen and Marsha Sikma – for driving all over the Niagara Region picking up flowers to sell

Hilde Makkink and Evelyn Tilstra – for organizing a table of hand made 100% donated items – and organizing all the baked items for sale (and thanks to all who donated.. delicious!!)

Cara Renkema – for arranging all of the vendors for the marketplace – and ensuring that there was something for everyone

Michelle Sol – for helping to organize the Silent Auction table

Mrs. Vanderspek and Mr. A.Hiemstra – for pulling together the teachers pancake breakfast

The **Bus Drivers** for managing the Coffee and Candy Corner!!

And sooo many more that helped us to fill in the gaps with hands and help everywhere! We are grateful beyond measure, and are very thankful for everyone coming together! To God be the Glory!

Signing off. (and the last of the announcements you will see from us, we promise)

Heather DeBoer and Pauline Markus, Springfest Committee Co-Chairs

Early Dismissal Day: These afternoons are set aside for teachers to go deeper with some of the learning initiatives that we have started at WCS. Next early dismissal date: Friday April 20.

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 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. Come join us!

Jump Rope for Heart WCS believes in kids helping other kids. That's why we're participating in Jump Rope for Heart and fundraising to support Heart & Stroke this spring. Your donation will go towards life-saving research and education that gives our kids the best start to a healthy, happy life. Kick-off assembly for Jump Rope will be April 18th. Stay tuned!

Parent survey The Board of Directors, through the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS), has initiated the process of a routine performance review for the administration of Woodstock Christian School. Last week you received a letter and a link to the survey questions. The Board would appreciate your input as the survey takes place. If you have questions about this process, please connect with Tim Bakker.

April 27 PD Day

Teachers will meet at Strathroy Community Christian School with their counterparts from the Bluewater District of Christian Schools (Woodstock - Windsor - Clinton for a day of learning and discussion on Friday April 27th. There will be no school that day.

Lawn Signs:

April is the month that lawn signs advertising WCS will pop up all over town! If you did not take one home at Springfest please stop by the office to pick one up! The signs are intended to bring awareness about Woodstock Christian School to our community. If you have questions contact Joleen Mulder! Thank you.

Badminton: Parents. Please note that all badminton practices will take place Wednesday from 3:45-4:45pm. The team has been made and notified and coaches are now in the process of determining who will be partnered together. It is EXTREMELY important that each player makes the remaining practices as we have very few remaining between now and our tournament on May 5. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Schuster, Mr. Schaafsma, or Mme. Sikma.

Jr. Basketball: Our tournament happens this week Friday! Students will be bussed to West Park Baptist Church, and will return to WCS for 3:30. Snacks will be available for purchase, but please ensure that all students have extra healthy snacks. An email was sent out last week with the times of our games. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Schuster.

Drama @ LDCSS Our WCS students in grades 5 through 8 will be attending the matinee performance of the LDCSS drama production One Foot in Heaven next week Tuesday April 17th. This is a usual school day, 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. Watch for dates for the evening performances of this production!

Christian Education Week at WCS:

Celebrations will take place the week of April 23-27! Mark your calendar with the following events. Monday-Volunteer Tea, Tuesday-Bus Driver Appreciation, Wednesday-Picnic Lunch (2nd recess), Thursday-Grand Friends Day (invite and details will be emailed soon!). If you wish to help out or have any questions please contact Joleen Mulder.

Wacky Hair Day: On Thursday April 12, students at WCS are invited to participate in Wacky Hair Day. Get creative, imaginative and wacky with your hair do! For fun ideas google "wacky hair" images. Thank you, WCS Student Life

Junior Kindergarten: One foot in front of the other - that is how we have begun to measure things around our classroom. We are excited to begin our measurement lessons. We continue to learn our lowercase letters - remember your pencil does not leave the paper! We have also begun a unit all about miracles and stories of Jesus - he sure did some amazing things! Mom's watch for something special coming home this week in your child's message bag!

Wednesday - Library Day
Thursday - Wacky Hair day

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week! We want to wish Noah a very Happy Birthday! (Friday)and Gracon on Saturday. May God bless you boys this coming year! Tanks to those who volunteered to come on our class trip next week. Please be at school by 11:45. This week Thursday is Wacky Hair Day...and that will also be our show and tell this week. If anyone has some hay/straw for Pebbles ,that would be appreciated. Keep working on your writing books. Congrats to those who have finished all the lists! Have a great week!
Wednesday _ Library
Thursday - Wacky Hair day(show and share)

Grade 1A: Welcome to our first 5 day week in a long time! I hope you all had a great weekend. This week we will finish our introduction to basic addition and subtraction and move into solving story problems. Please continue practicing basic math facts at home. See my weekly email for some important information about what's happening this week.

- Monday - See VIP Folder
- Tuesday - Reading Folders
 - Library
- Wednesday - Show & Share
- Thursday - Wacky Hair Day
 - Milk Bag Mat
- Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 1B/2B: Welcome to another week of school! We have a 5 day week again! Check your emails on Tuesday for an update on what is going on in our classroom this week.

- Tuesday – Rotary Music Festival:
 - Salvation Army Church @ 9:30
 - {Gr. 1 wear red & Gr. 2 wear blue}
 - *Parents are welcome
 - Gym
 - Library
- Wednesday – Show&Share:
 - Lucy & Isaac & Annelies
- Thursday – (no sub lunch....I accidentally included it on our April calendar – oops!)
- Friday – Gym
 - Spelling Quiz

Grade 2A: It's been awhile but we are back to our five day weeks again! We will be busy learning about measurement in our new math unit, the early church in Bible, and we will be creating a time line of important events in our lives in Creation Studies. Please remember to wear blue for the Rotary Festival.

- Monday - Gym
- Tuesday - Library
 - Sing for Rotary Festival
- Wednesday - Gym
- Thursday - Return "Interview Questions"
- Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 3: Welcome to a full week! We will continue to practice times tables daily. We are beginning a new unit on Fractions in Math.

- Mon. - Phys. Ed.
- Tues. - Primary Choir sings at Rotary Festival
 - (wear yellow)
- Wed. - Library and Phys. Ed.
- Thurs. - Wacky Hair Day
 - Creation Studies Test on Engineering
- Fri. - Mem. Work - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 - Spelling Test - List 24

Grade 4: Welcome back to a new week of learning grade 4! The Junior choir is singing at the Woodstock Rotary Festival on Tuesday. The children need to wear a purple Woodstock Christian School shirt and black pants. We are working on our Native Reports every day this week.

- Monday Cole
 - Music
- Tuesday Derek
 - Jr. Choir sings at the Rotary Festival at 10:10
 - Phys. Ed.
 - Library - remember your books
- Wednesday Dev
 - Music - remember your recorders
- Thursday Emma
 - Phys. Ed.
- Friday Emily D
 - Spelling test
 - Memory work - 1 Cor 13: 8-13
 - Buddies
- next Monday Emily W
 - Music - bring your recorder

Grade 5: Another full week of learning in Gr. 5 this week! Stay tuned for details regarding our end-of-year trip and end-of-year social studies/class novel project.

Do your children have any soccer cleats that they've outgrown? Please bring them in so that they can be given to the students of Lagosette Christian School (LCS) in Haiti! Bernice Huinink-Buiter is going to LCS again on April 16th and one of her hopes is to help spark a soccer camp for the children. Some of the profits from the soccer camp held at WCS this July will go toward this soccer camp at LCS in Haiti!

Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes.

Music: bring recorder.

Thursday - Old Testament Bible Test;

Phys Ed: bring gym clothes.

Music: bring recorder.

Friday -Bible Quiz (highlighted notes).

Spelling Workbook and Test: Lesson 29

Memory Work: Luke 19:37-38.

Math Quiz: Jump Math Pages 195-207.

Grade 6: This week we are finishing our poetry and electricity unit, but have postponed our science test until Thursday. It was good to see some of you at Springfest on Saturday. Thanks to those who created Bizarre bottles last week.

Tuesday: Poetry project (illustrated poems)

Thursday: Science test: electricity

Friday: Math quiz: fraction work

Spelling test: Unit 27

Tuesday (17)-LDCSS play

Grade 7:

Tues: Bifocal video presentations

Wed: grammar quiz units 13-18

Thurs: Happy Birthday Nathan!

Wacky Hair Day

Fri: Math quiz 7.6 to 7.12

Grade 8: – Thank-you all very much for the ‘surprise’ birthday celebration on Thursday! I am very grateful for the blessing the Grade 8 class is to me! Also, thank-you to Mrs. Swanson for coming with us to Caressant Care on Friday.

Tuesday – Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)

-Music (bring instruments)

-Math Quiz

(lessons 82-92 in workbook, Percents)

Wednesday – Be sure to have Book Report

book read

Thursday – Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)

-Music (bring instruments)

-Spelling Quiz/Spelling Workbook due

Friday – Wonder Comparative Essay Due

-History – Pacific Scandal Essay Due

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3, 10, 17 K is for Kindergarten

4 Staff Meeting

Prayer Group (8:30 am)

5 Special Assembly

Sub Day

6, 13, 20 K is for Kindergarten

7 SpringFest Bazaar

13 Jr. Basketball Tournament

18 Prayer Group

Jump Rope for Heart Assembly

19 Pizza Day

20 Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

PCL at 2 p.m.

23 Volunteer Assembly

24 Bus Driver Appreciation Day

25 Art Walk & Open House

Family Picnic (2nd break)

Oliver Twist 7 p.m.

26 GrandFriends Day

Oliver Twist 7 p.m.

27 P.D. Day*

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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