

February 26, 2018

Science Learning

Science fair projects have been a part of the learning culture at WCS for many years. What makes a science fair project such a great learning experience is that it involves so much more than just science? Communication is a key component as students need to be able to articulate their process, goals and findings clearly. Other aspects that tie into the process of creating a science fair project that connect to learning goals for students include writing the research report, researching topics on the internet, conducting experiments using precise skills, and learning about plagiarism.

Students are asked to discuss their projects and to relate the learning process to an authentic audience of fellow classmates, teachers, judges, and members of the community who attend the Open House. Of course, the scientific method of learning is at the heart of any science fair project.

Science fairs are a great way for students to recognize what is going on in creation—the forces and processes that are at work all around them—and to inspire the desire to understand more about the world that God created.

Preparing a science fair project is an excellent example of a hands-on, inquiry-based learning approach that allows students to ask questions and then to explore the answers. It starts already in their earliest learning years! When we provide the opportunity for students to learn this way, we are allowing them to wonder about things and then encouraging them to explore, to research, and to communicate to others what they've learned. Come wonder with us!



-Carol Verbeek, Principal



Tuesday, Feb 27-
Thursday, Mar 1-

Mrs. Scheltema, (E.A.)

Damon S. J.K.

Korianna S., J.K.

Friday, Mar 2-
Thursday, Mar 4-

Micah D., Gr. 3

Daniel H., S.K.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

School Mascot:

Do you have one of our Woodstock Christian school Wolfies at your house? If so we need your help! We are trying to bring Wolfie to as many different places as possible. If it's a vacation you are going on, or skiing for a day, or even a trip to the library, we want to give Wolfie some fun experiences. While he is on these adventures, please take a picture with him and write a caption for Wolfie and when finished please email a copy of your picture to Mrs. Mulder. She will print and display all these adventures on the bulletin board near Mrs. Verbeek's office. If you don't have a wolfie and would like to purchase one come see Mrs. Mulder. Let's give Wolfie some experiences he will never forget! Questions? Email Mrs. Mulder at admissions@woodstockchristian.ca

Lost & Found

Please check our lost and found zone. It is filling up with gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters, and other apparel. Items remaining next week will be delivered to one of our local thrift stores.

Grad Photos

Grade 8 students will have their formal graduation photos taken on Monday March 5th. There will also be a photographer present on graduation day in June.

Science Fair Open House

God created a wonderful world for us to love, enjoy, and use. Come explore the wonders of creation with us! Woodstock Christian School is hosting our Science Fair/Exhibition of Science Learning on Tuesday February 27th. Not only are our 7th and 8th grade students displaying and discussing their individual science fair projects, the 6th grade students are exhibiting their electricity projects, and each class - kindergarten through fifth grade - have prepared their experiments, studies, and innovations for their table displays as well. Judging will take place for the 7th and 8th grade projects. Students will be viewing the Science Fair/Exhibition during the school day. Parents and guest are invited to view the Science Fair as part of an Open house running from 10am - 7 p.m. Senior students will be available until 330pm to share their science learning. Come and join us.

PA Day

This Friday there are no classes for WCS students as teachers will be preparing second term progress reports.

March Break

It is almost that time of year again! Please note that March break at WCS this year will begin on Friday March 9th and continue through Monday March 19th. Students and teachers will be back at school on *Tuesday March 20th*.

Pancake Breakfast Thank-you

WCS staff and students dressed in pajamas, carried their favourite 'stuffies', and enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast last Wednesday morning. A special thank you to our volunteers, some of whom were here at 6am to set up and warm up the griddles! Thank you to Neil VanderSpek, Neil Buitter, Bernice Huinink-Buitter, Bernice Bentum, Dorothy Geerlinks, Carol Yu, and Marion Dieleman! We were able to raise funds for the work of Edu-Deo Ministries (formerly Worldwide Christian Schools) which is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries. Thank you for your support and to our organizer (Mrs. Janet VanderSpek) and volunteers for the tasty breakfast.

Oliver Twist Actors and Actresses - Costumes

This week you will receive a paper copy and an e-mail regarding your child's costume. We ask that you do your best to find what you can for your child's character. Please keep in mind the time period of the play and be sure costumes would fit that. We do have access to some costumes so if you are running stuck with some items let us know and we will do our best to help you out. We ask that all costumes be at school by Friday March 23. If you have any question please see Mrs. Horigna, Mr. H or Miss Kiers.

WCS Electives for Junior and Intermediate Students

Our fourth elective session is this Wednesday, February 28. Students going to venues other than at WCS will be leaving between 1:25 to 2:10 depending on the elective; otherwise electives run from 2:10 to 3:30. Students will need to ensure they have their required equipment for their elective. It looks like skiing will happen on Wednesday. Chicopee's base is currently between 30 and 50 cm and the temperature hovers around freezing overnight. If for whatever reason it is cancelled I will post that on our website on Wednesday and skiers will participate in their alternate activity as they did last week.

SpringFest

Mark your calendars for **April 7, 2018** and tell all your friends to meet you at the Oxford Auditorium for a day full of fun and fundraising!

Needed: Volunteers for our GAMES and KITCHEN committees. Please contact Heather De Boer or Pauline Markus ASAP to be a part of these great teams. They put together all yummy food and fun games for us all!

Sponsorship: To allow all funds raised that day to go directly to WCS, we are looking for more sponsors beyond our farming families who have been asked in the past. Please contact Heather De Boer if you or a willing business would like to contribute to this great event.

Bazaar Bottles: Start collecting your 2L pop bottles NOW so you'll have enough for the highlight of most kids' day!

Vendor spots for Marketplace at Springfest are filling up fast! We only have spots for 15 more vendors so contact me asap to claim your spot! Call/text 519-535-8969 or email Cara Renkema cckrenkema@hotmail.com.

Learning Place: Just a reminder that book bags are due every Tuesday! Please continue to read every night with your children. Spending just a few minutes at home reviewing sight words and reading the books sent home makes a big difference. Thanks for your support! Please contact me (t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca) if you have any questions about book bags or Raz-kids (our online reading resource).

Junior Kindergarten:

Well this week can officially say we've learned all the upper case letters of the alphabet! What a lot of learning! But we are not done yet... next is reviewing uppercase and learning their matching lowercase letter!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Trip to London Children's Museum, Parent chaperones please be at the school by 8:45.

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week. Will March come in like a lion or a lamb?

We say goodbye to our friend, Lydia. Lydia will be exploring Ethiopia for the rest of the year. We look forward to hearing about her experiences! We are almost ready to enter our "Floating/Sinking" experiment in the WCS science fair which will be held tomorrow. For show and share this week, please bring in something that will roll. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Show and Share something that rolls.

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Grade 1A: Welcome to a brand new week! I hope and pray you all had a wonderful weekend and are ready to start a brand new week. In your child's VIP folder will be a copy of our March calendar. Check your emails for our weekly email.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Library
Science Fair

Thursday - Spelling Test
Milk Bag Mat

Friday - P.A. Day

Sunday - Primary Choir at
Covenant CRC 10am

Grade 1B/2B:

Welcome to a new week! We begin a new month this week. Be on the lookout for our March calendar. Be sure to send back February reading challenges! Stop by the school sometime on Tuesday to take a peek at our display for the WCS Science Fair & Exhibition of Learning. Check your email for an update about this week!

Tuesday – Gym
Library
WCS Science Fair & Exhibition of Learning

Wednesday – Show&Share: Noah & Emily

Thursday – Spelling Quiz

Friday – NO School

Grade 2A:

Welcome to a new week of school it is exciting to see that we are starting the week with sunshine!

This week we look forward to taking a look at the Science Fair. We will continue to learn about the parables that Jesus told during His time on earth, as well as about double digit addition. We hope to begin a book study on Amelia Bedelia, she will help to teach us about idioms and all of the funny phrases we learn to say.

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Spelling Test
Return Reading Calendars

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. We are excited to share our Creation Studies projects at the Science Fair. We are practicing counting money and making change this week.

Mon. - Phys. Ed.

Tues. - Science Fair
(come see our projects)

Wed. - Library + Phys. Ed.

Thurs. - Spelling Test - List 19
Creation Studies Test

Fri. - PA Day

Sunday - Primary choir visits
Covenant CRC.
(Students to wear primary colours.)

Grade 4:

Welcome to the last week of February Grade 4! Thank you for your amazing singing at Marantha yesterday. You glorified God with your voices! Thank you parents for bringing your children to Marantha. If you have time on Tuesday parents, please check out the Science Fair at school.

Monday Anthony
Music

Tuesday	Cole Phys. Ed. Library- remember your books Science Fair
Wednesday	Derek Music Electives - Week 4
Thursday	Dev Spelling test Phys. Ed. OASIS poetry meet
Friday	No School - enjoy your day at home
Monday	Emily D Music

Grade 5:

Welcome to another short week. As March break and the end of term 2 approaches, students will be receiving many marked quizzes, tests, and assignments. Please sign these and send them back to with your child.

Now that speeches are finished we'll be able to focus more on our current science unit about forces and structures and students may even begin their science project by the end of the week. We'll also begin our next social studies unit about Medieval Times. I look forward to the week ahead! Also, thank you very much to all the parents who sent in gifts and notes of appreciation during teacher appreciation week!

Monday

- Parent signature on Speech result
- Bible (O.T.) test.

Tuesday – P.E. bring gym clothes

- Music: bring recorder

Wednesday- Electives: bring required equipment/clothing.

Thursday- Spelling Workbook & Test: Lesson 24

- P.E. bring gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- Memory Work: Isaiah 41:10

Friday - P.A. day, no school.

Grade 6: Our speeches are finished and our science projects will be finished after today as well. The following students will be going to OASIS on Thursday this week and will need to practice their speeches at home: Miranda, Ken,

Cora and Elena. Those that handed in legion forms, I wish you well at the Legion Contest.

There will be no math quiz again this week.

Tuesday: Science Fair

Wednesday: Fourth week of electives

Thursday: Spelling: Unit 22
Science Quiz

Grade 7:

Tues: WCS Science Fair
(projects displayed in gym)

Geography map skills assignment due

Wed: Feb. reading assignment due

Electives

Thurs: Sub lunch

New Testament slide show
presentations

Bible memory work

Fri: P.A.Day

Grade 8:

Welcome to a new week! I am looking forward the WCS Science Fair, which is happening tomorrow. All parents are invited to come to the gym tomorrow to visit with students as they share their learning through the Science Fair projects. See the Parent Link for more information about times etc.

Monday – Science Fair rehearsal

Tuesday – Gym (bring gym clothes)

Music (bring instruments)

Science Fair in the Gym

Wednesday – Electives

Thursday – Gym (bring gym clothes)

Music (bring instruments)

Math Quiz

Friday – PD Day – No School

Monday – Graduation Photos at school
(forms went home last week)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

February	27	Science Fair & Open House
	28	Electives
March	2	P.A. Day*
	5	Grad Photos
	7	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Electives Hockey Tournament
	8	Sub Day Report Cards
	9 -19	Winter Break
	20	Back at School!

SONG OF THE MONTH:

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus 2 x

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Title: By Faith

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