

W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R

Sick

By: Shel Silverstein

"I cannot go to school today," Said little Peggy Ann Mckay.
 "I have the measles and the mumps, A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
 My mouth is wet, my throat is dry, I'm going blind in my right eye.
 My tonsils are as big as rocks, I've counted sixteen chicken pox,
 and there's one more—that's seventeen, And don't you think my face looks green?
 My leg is cut- my eyes are blue, it might be instamatic flu.
 I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke, I'm sure that my left leg is broke-
 My hip hurts when I move my chin, my belly button's caving in,
 My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,
 My pendix pains each time it rains.
 My nose is cold, my toes are numb, I have a sliver in my thumb.
 My neck is stiff, my voice is weak, I hardly whisper when I speak.
 My tongue is filling up my mouth, I think my hair is falling out.
 My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight, my temperature is one-o-eight.
 My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear, There is a hole inside my ear.
 I have a hangnail, and my heart is – what?
 What's that? What's that you say? You say today is... Saturday?
 G'bye I'm going out to play.

This has always been one of my favourite Shel Silverstein poems. A little while ago I read it to my class and they thought it was so funny, especially because they thought my voices and actions were funny - I mean who listens to a teacher complaining about having to go to school? If I'm being honest, I never really cared for poetry growing up. I never understood it, and really didn't want to. But then I became a teacher and began to discover all these incredibly funny poets - poets who write meaningful ideas that you can actually understand.

Over the past month, grades 1-4 have been looking at poetry in various ways. All students were tasked with choosing a poem and memorizing it to share with their peers, possibly at the Poetry Meet this week, and possibly at OASIS with some seniors from our community. As I have watched my students learn their poems, and their grade 8 buddies help them with some presentation skills, I can't help but think about God's amazing community, community from inside our school and outside, being bonded together through a single form of writing.

Erica Schuster



Wednesday	-Mrs. Scheltema., EA
Friday	-Damen Sol., SK -Korianna Steen., SK
Saturday	-Micah DeBoer., Gr. 4 -Mrs. Dawson., EA

Prayer Corner: Please continue to pray for our students and families. We are nearing the end of second term and a long winter, which is sometimes a low for students. Pray for strength for and that love may abound in our families. We rejoice with the Steen family and for the growth and strength that baby Eva is experiencing.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Snow Day and P.A. Day Alert: WCS Parents and students, please note! If Wednesday February 27th is a snow day (the forecast says there is significant snow and wind on the way), then teachers will be writing second term reports that day. Wednesday will become the P.A. day and Friday, March 1st will become a school day, as usual, for grades 1 through 8.

Pancake Breakfast Thank-you: WCS staff and students enjoyed a wonderful Pancake breakfast last Wednesday morning. A special thanks to our volunteers, some of whom were here at 6am to set up and warm up the griddles! Thank you to Neil Vanderspek, Bernice Huinink-Buiter, Neil Buiter, John Klingenberg, Carol Yu, Deb Moelker, Nicole Wilson, and Elizabeth Duizer! We were able to raise \$1226 for the work of Edu-Deo Ministries (formerly Worldwide Christian Schools) which is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries. Education is one of the most powerful tools for reducing poverty. Edu-Deo's goal is to take the effective tool of education and combine it with the transforming message of the Gospel. Thank you for your support and to our organizer (Mrs. Janet VanderSpek) and volunteers for the delicious breakfast.

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!

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 8th and continue through Monday March 18th. Students and teachers will be back at school on Tuesday March 19th.

Thank-you! Thank-you! For all who appreciated the WCS staff by providing snacks, lunches, playground supervision, flowers, cards and/or other treats throughout the week last week - we felt loved and supported. We love our WCS families!

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 as soon as possible! Thank you for your support.

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.

K is for Kindergarten: If you know of a family who is entering in to Kindergarten and is unsure if WCS is the right place for their child. Please let them know about K is for Kindergarten, it will give their child a chance to learn more about what a typical day of Kindergarten would be like. Please email admissions@woodstockchristian.ca if you have a family that you think might be interested.

Lost & Found: Please check our lost and found zone. It is filling up with gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters, and other items. Next week Thursday, any items left will make their way to one of Woodstock's thrift stores.

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.

Boys Basketball: The boys played a strong game at Monsignor O'Neil on Wednesday afternoon, holding the lead until the last 20 seconds of play. Good work team. This week we have a Monday game... which is postponed. Next week's games: Mon March 4 - WCS @ St. Patricks, Tues March 5 - St. Jude @ WCS (no Wed game due to hockey tournament).

Chicken: Thank you to those of you who ordered chicken this month. Your orders will be available for pick-up this THURSDAY, February 28th, between 3 and 4pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame, as we will not be storing any orders at the school. We ask that you do not come for your order before 3, as we are often sorting orders right up until that time. This ensures accuracy for everyone. Please keep in mind that the school no longer has a large deep freezer so it is very important to make arrangements to have your orders picked up. **Please note that we will not be responsible for orders that are not picked up without prior arrangements.** If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.

Royal Canadian Legion Speech Meet: Congratulations to all those who participated in the Legion Speech Meet on Saturday! Thank you for representing WCS at this event. It was great to hear you share your speeches with confidence. Congratulations go out to Matthew C. who placed 1st in his category! He is invited to share his poem at the next level on March 2. Way to go Frank R. for placing 2nd and Ashley B. for placing 3rd! Josiah D. placed 2nd and Emma F. placed 3rd – well done! Thanks for sharing your poems Megan S. and Tiffany H.! It was great to watch you all speak at the Legion.

WCS Electives: Electives will continue tomorrow, Wednesday, February 27, and run for two weeks until March 6, 2019 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 for our junior and intermediate students. 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 taekwon-do, this is a reminder that payment of \$12 is to go to Mrs. Verbeek or Mr. Hiemstra and partial refunds will take place later if there is any more cancelled electives. Those in dance, soccer, and taekwon-do are to bring shorts, t-shirt, and indoor shoes with them to the venues. Those in Creative Art will need to bring in 1 empty apple juice can with the top off, anything that makes noise, and an old boot or shoe that you don't need again, for the craft on Wednesday. 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)

Operation Sharing: Primary teachers wish to thank you for your generosity of donations to Woodstock's Operation Sharing as part of our celebration of 100 day. We had just over 200 toiletries and cleaning supplies (way more than 100!) to share with others in our community. Thanks again!

Sr. Girls Basketball: Congratulations on the win last week girls! And thank you to Mrs. Wilson who helped drive us to Tillsonburg (and to Mr. Moelker who was willing to help). Tuesday we have a home game against Holy Family! We would love to have a cheering section parents and families! Thursday we have an after school practice. Parents, please arrange to have your daughter picked up, both days, at 4:45.

Learning Support ~ Mrs. Bulthuis: Due to the short weeks ahead and special activities planned, the grade 2 Learning Place group will not have a spelling test this week. Spelling words sent home today will be tested next week Thursday.

Wednesday: Return book bags (gr. 1-3)

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week. Please put a set of clothes in your child's backpack. If you have borrowed some clothing please wash and return. Have a great week!

Wednesday: Library

Thursday: Show and Share: Free choice

Senior Kindergarten: Be sure to check the upcoming ink links for your child's latest self-portrait. This week we will celebrate Damen's Birthday and Mrs. Scheltema's Birthday. Parents who are coming with us please arrive at 9am for our class trip. Thank you so much for volunteering your time. In bible we continue to learn about Daniel.

Monday - Snow Day

Thursday- Field Trip

JK/SK: Letter: sh

Math: height

Bible: 10 Commandments

Theme: Snowmen

Wednesday: Whole school devotions
Library

Thursday: Field Trip to Children's Museum
in London

Grade 1A: Grade 1: Welcome to day 101! I hope you all enjoyed your surprise long weekend. With the snow day yesterday, I have decided that we will spend this week reviewing syllables. The spelling papers coming home in your child's VIP folder will be for NEXT week's spelling test. You will also find our March calendar in your child's reading folder. This weekend we have the opportunity to share our musical talent with the Maranatha Community. Please let me know asap if you are able to make it as the Sunday School organizers are trying to plan for numbers.

Tuesday - See VIP Folder
Poems Due
Library

Wednesday- Reading Folder Due

Thursday - Poetry Meet

Sunday- Primary Choir Performance at Maranatha
10am service

Grade 2: Thank you to all those who came to help us for the morning last Friday! You made our 100s day celebrations so fun!! Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

Tuesday- Phys. Ed
Wednesday- Library
 show&share: Ellyse M. & Lydia
Thursday- WCS Poetry Meet {starting @ 8:40}
Sunday: Primary Choir visit at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock (arrive at 9:50)

Grade 2/3: Welcome to a new week. We will be spending this week and next reviewing our previous spelling list. There will be a spelling test next week Wednesday. Congrats to those who made it to the poetry meet we look forward to hearing you perform on Thursday.

Tuesday - subs
Wednesday - library
Thursday - WCS poetry meet @8:40 in gym
Sunday - Primary Choir sings at Maranatha CRC please have your child there for 9:45

Grade 3: On Thursday the following students will represent us as the Poetry Meet: Tenley, Anna, Hailey, Annelies, and Kurtis. Grade 3 will be attending the second session at approximately 9:55 so if you wish to watch I would suggest that you come 10 minutes early if things move along quickly. We haven't finalized all our student representatives yet for OASIS which will be next week on March 7, but there will a different group of students going to OASIS. We will be concentrating on the 4x table this week. Students will need some review for our 2's, 3's, and 4's at home. There will be no spelling test this week.

Thursday: Poetry Meet @ approx. 9:55 a.m.
 Memory work - Psalm 135: 3,4
Sunday: Primary Choir at Maranatha Church @ 9:50 a.m. Forces Causing Movement demonstrations are scheduled for each student this week.
Tues. - Aron, John, Annelies, Kathryn, Lucas, Wendy, Luke, Lydia
Thurs. - Tenley, Jasmine, Landon, Kaitlyn, Hailey, Levi, Natalie, Sunwoo
 Next **Mon.** - Kyle, Cole, Anna, Felicia, Kurtis

Grade 4: Welcome to another week of learning grade 4! This is the last week in February. The Poetry Meet is happening on Thursday morning beginning at 8:40. Grades 2, 2/3, and 4 will be the first three grades to present. If you have time on Thursday morning, please come out and listen to some amazing poetry recitation.

Monday Devotions: Leanne
 Library
Tuesday Devotions: Lucas
Wednesday Devotions: Micah
 Music - bring your recorders
 Electives
 Poetry Meet begins at 8:40
 Spelling test
 Memory work - Psalm 27: 1,2
 next **Monday** Devotions: Nicholas

Grade 5: Dear parents, welcome to a new week! Due to the snow day yesterday, swimming lessons have been rescheduled, please stay tuned to find out when the

make-up lesson will be. This week we'll further explore geometry in math class, government in social studies, and figurative language in language arts.

Tuesday - Music: bring recorder.
 Physical Education: bring gym clothes.
Thursday - Daniel Quiz: study lesson highlights (notes). Social Studies Quiz (Government): See highlighted notes.

Grade 6: Welcome to a new week. Well done on speeches! The top 5 students will recite their speech on March 7 for the OASIS group. Flashlights and tin coffee cans (or a tin can around the same size) are required for Science this Thursday. Test envelopes will be sent home at the end of the week. Have you sent it back empty already?

Tuesday Library
 Music (instrument)
Wednesday Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
 Electives
Thursday Music (instrument)
 Tin coffee can and flashlight needed

Grade 7: Due to snow days/missed school February book assignments are due Thursday March 7. Students will present their speeches throughout the week. Students will take this week, and next, to memorize the Nicene Creed.

Grade 8: Welcome to another week at WCS. Grade 8 speeches are completed and everyone did a great job in both writing and presenting their speeches this year.

Tuesday Music
Wednesday - Electives
 History Assignment Due
Thursday - Music
Monday March 4 Graduation Photo Day

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

February	28	Poetry Meet (Gr. 1-4) Chicken Orders are in
March	1	P.A. Day*
	3	Primary Choir Visit at Maranatha
	4	Graduation Portraits
	6	Prayer Group @ 8:30am Hockey Tournament
	7	Sub Day Skating @ Community Complex
	8-18	Report Cards Winter Break
	19	Board of Directors Meeting
	20	Prayer Group @ 8:30am
	21	Pizza Lunch
	26	K is of Kindergarten