

February can often be a *blah* month - I am sure many of you can agree. Here at Woodstock Christian School our junior and senior grades help break up the February blah's with electives - activities such as baking, skiing, hairdressing and other alternate activities. So we as primary teachers also decided to break things up for the students in our primary classes this February as well.

In Grades 1, 2, and 3 this past month we have been enjoying a combined grade exploration unit about Structures. We are learning that structures need to be strong and stable, that they need a strong foundation and strong materials in order to support a load. Students are experimenting with building, using various materials, while also exploring some man made and God made structures in creation. One of the great things about Christian education is the opportunity to weave our Christian faith in to all that we teach. Throughout our primary devotions and structures unit studies, students have made connections to the parable of the wise man and foolish man and how we as believers can build our lives on God's Word, the Bible which is a solid foundation. Students have also learned that there is a time to build and a time to tear down, a season for everything - a message from the book of Ecclesiastes.

When you are in our school building take a moment to walk down our primary hallway and enjoy the photos on the bulletin board displaying our learning from this unit.

~Marcia Horinga~



Thursday	-Mrs. Scheltema., EA
	-Mollie Engel., SK
Sunday	-Damen Sol., Gr. 1
	-Korianna Steen., Gr. 1

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner- We thank God for his overflowing blessings and love. Pray for all those who are under the weather with seasonal illnesses. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca. Please pray for our students and families. Also pray for our Board and committees as they begin planning for the next school year.

Church Visit- Grades 1-3 will be singing at Tillsonburg CRC on Sunday March 1. The church service starts at 9:30am please bring your child for 9:15am in their Sunday best and we will meet in their back hall.

Thank-you! Thank-you! For all who appreciated the WCS staff so far this year by providing snacks, lunches, cards and/or other treats throughout the weeks - we feel loved and supported. We love our WCS families!

PA Day- Next Friday, March 6th, there will be no classes for WCS students as teachers will be preparing second term progress reports.

Springfest- April 4 we will be hosting our annual Springfest event! This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and we need everyone to help out to make it a success. Please click on this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gtlxliJt219XelsdCE63zFWp_EYsyxzW14rN7GLf54/edit#responses to let us know what area you will be able to help out in. The sooner we have the volunteers signed up the easier it is for us to plan, so please sign up as soon as you can.

Marketplace- Springfest plans are well underway and we are starting to look for vendors for our Marketplace. If you are interested in being a vendor please email Cara Renkema for an application form. We have room for 25 vendor spots. The vendor spots will be open to school community for the first week and then will be open to the greater community come February 10. First come, first serve and only one vendor per type of product sold. Any questions please call Cara 519-535-8969 or email [ccrenkema@hotmail.com](mailto:cckenkema@hotmail.com)

March Break- It is almost that time of year again! Please note that March break at WCS this year will begin on Friday March 13th and continue through Monday March 23rd. Students and teachers will be back at school on Tuesday March 24th.

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, John Klingenberg, Evelyn Tilstra, Bernice Bentum, Dorothy Geerlinks! Thank you for your support and to our organizer (Mrs. Janet VanderSpek) and volunteers for the delicious breakfast.

I Read Canadian Day and Week at WCS- This week we are enjoying "I Read Canadian" books. We are celebrating this for the week and many prizes can be won. WCS along with 800 schools across Canada will be recording their Canadian reads this week. Most of this will be done in school. However, if you read extra at night, especially for the younger students, simply write it on a piece of paper and it can be added on the record sheet at school. Each class has a file folder with a sheet for each student who wishes to participate. We hope this is an enjoyable and learning experience for everyone this week!

Senior boys basketball- Good win, players, at last week's game. WCS hosts the team from St. Michael's School on Monday (today) @ 4pm. On Thursday, boys will have an after school practice. Next Monday, March 2nd, we will play an away game at Holy Family. Please let Mrs. Verbeek know if you are able to drive.

School Skating- On Thursday March 12th, we will have a school skate at the Woodstock Community Complex. Students in gr1-4 will skate from 1:15-2:05pm, while older students will skate from 2:10-3:05pm. A reminder that all adults and children on the ice must be wearing skates, helmets and gloves. Come join us!

Grad Photos- Grade 8 students will have their formal graduation photos taken on Monday March 2nd. There will also be a photographer present on graduation day in June.

Monthly Mingle- PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE! Join us this Thursday February 27 @ 9:00am. We are going to be hosting our monthly mingle. Bring your children for some fun in the gym, and enjoy some snacks, refreshments and a chance to get to know different parents and children in our community.

Pop Bottles- Please save your 2L pop bottles or plastic juice containers bring them in the office.

Learning Place: Mrs. Bulthuis: With the end of term 2 just around the corner, Mrs. DeVries and I will be administering reading assessments to the Barton and LP students over the next two weeks. We are looking forward to sharing news of their growth and goals for third term in the reports coming home before March break. Please feel free to connect with us at any time if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress or program. Keep reading at home and please remind your child to return book bags every Wednesday.

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

Friday: Spelling tests

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week. We are excited about our bowling trip tomorrow. Thanks to Madelyn's Grandma, Mrs. PereaMelendez, Mrs. A Steen, Mrs. Buruma, and Mrs. Pippel for coming along. Please be at school at 9:30 or meet us at Ingersoll Lanes at 9:45. Our show and share this week is about something that you built. Have a great week!

Tuesday - Bowling Trip

Wednesday - Pizza Day, Library

Friday - Show and share something that you built.

Senior Kindergarten: Mrs. Poort: Welcome to another beautiful week our Lord has made. Public Health is coming in on Friday to screen vision. If you want your child exempt from this screen please let me know. We will be celebrating Mollies Birthday this week. Show and Share on Wednesday something that rolls.

Tuesday - bowling, Library

Wednesday - pizza day, S&S -something that rolls

Friday - vision screening

Senior Kindergarten: Ms. Body- Welcome to the last week of February with an extra day for the leap year. Connecting question: How many pancakes did you eat last Wednesday? How many did your buddy eat?

Letters: y, x Sight words: review

Tuesday: All school devotions

Bowling am

Library

Wednesday: Pizza lunch

Grade 1: Welcome to a new week! Happy Birthday to Mrs. Scheltema who celebrates her birthday on Thursday!! Check your emails for a look at the week ahead.

Monday – Phys. Ed

Tuesday – Library

Wednesday – Exploration Activities: Week 4

- Pizza Lunch

Thursday – Happy Birthday to Mrs. Scheltema!

- Phys. Ed

- Field Study to Woodstock Public

-Library

Friday – Spelling Test

- Flashlight Friday!

Grade 2: This week our math drills will focus on adding doubles (5+5, 9+9). We will also be learning about two digit adding with regrouping! In Bible we continue to learn about Parables. In Creation studies this week's focus will be learning and understanding the Water cycle - how it works, and why it is important.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Pizza Lunch

Friday - Books and Blankets

Sunday - Primary choir sings at Tillsonburg CRC
- arrive by 9:15 service begins at 9:30

Grade 3: - In Creation Studies we are continuing our study of the Canadian Arctic and of Nunavut. This week our focus will be on Nunavut clothing and education. There will be a test on Tues, March 2. We will begin the review in class this week and it will go home for the weekend. Students will be informally presenting their Arctic animal research project to the class, with a few students sharing each day. You can ask your child about their project and they can practice sharing it with you.

In Phys-Ed we are starting a unit on basketball focusing on the skills of dribbling, passing and shooting.

In French, we are continuing to learn and practice our story,

Les Trois Petits Cochons. At this point, we are chorally reading the play. Each student has a character that they are representing.

Grade 4A: Welcome to the last week in February grade 4! Thanks to the five poets who presented at the Poetry Meet last week! You were all amazing!!

Monday Devotions - Jasmine

Music - recorders

Library

Tuesday Science test - Light and Sound

Bring gym clothes

Wednesday Devotions - Josiah

Pizza lunch

Electives - Week 4

Thursday Devotions - Kaitlyn V.

Bring your gym clothes

Friday Devotions - Kathryn

Spelling test

Memory work - Psalm 24: 1-4

Music - bring recorder

next Monday Devotions - Kurtis

Music - bring recorders

Grade 4B: Welcome to a new week. February's reading requirement of and AR test is due Friday.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

- Science test on Light and Sound (study sheet sent home Fri.)

Wednesday - Pizza Lunch

- Library

- Electives #4

Thursday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Friday - Mem. Work - Psalm 24:1-4

- Spelling Test list 22

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week. I hope you enjoyed your weekend. We have another busy week of learning ahead! Students will be given time to practice their speeches at school, but please also have your child practice his/her speech at home - I have been coaching them on how to be clear, enthusiastic and engaging. I have extended the deadline until tomorrow (Tuesday) for the good-copy, and speeches will be performed in class on Monday, March 2nd instead. The OASIS speech event will be happening on Thursday, March 5th at Covenant CRC. The top 4 students from grades 5-8 will be chosen to go to this event.

Monday: - Practice speech (if finished).

Tuesday: - Good copy of speech due

- practice speech

- See Red Folder with marked assignments/quizzes/tests: Bible Test, Math Quiz, Spelling Test, and Story.

Wednesday: - music: bring recorder

- practice speech

Thursday: - music: bring recorder

- practice speech

Friday: - (No memory work this week)

- practice speech over the weekend!
- Spelling: Workbook, Lesson 24 due + Quiz.

Upcoming dates:

Monday, March 2nd: perform speech in class.

Grade 6: Welcome to a full week of school!

The students have been working hard on finishing their speeches. I am excited to hear them this week.

This week at a glance:

- Wednesday:** -Spelling work due and test on Unit 17
 -Speech presentations start - will finish Friday
 -Pizza Lunch
- Friday:** -Trapped In Ice Reading quiz - Ch 9-18
- Gr. 6 Bible:**
- Journal Entries 1-5 due Wednesday.
 - Memory Work Quiz on Friday: Matthew 21:9

Grade 7: Please refer to google classroom for your updated assignments and communication.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school! Please stay informed using Google classroom and check daily for homework assignments and tasks.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| February | 26 | Pizza Lunch |
| March | 1 | Choir Visit at Tillsonburg CRC |
| | 2 | Graduation Photos |
| | 4 | Prayer Group 8:30am
Sub Lunch |
| | 6 | P.A. Day (no classes) |
| | 10 | Board of Directors Meeting 8pm |
| | 11 | Hockey Tournament |
| | 12 | Skating @ Community Complex
2 nd term Learning Reports |
| | 13-23 | March Break (no classes) |
| | 25 | Prayer Group (8:30am)
Pizza Lunch
Staff PLC Session 3:45-5pm |
| | 26 | K is for Kindergarten (+April 2,9,16)
9-11am |