

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

March 2, 2020

WCS Quiet Time

Consider the energy and intensity that often accompany the middle of the school day. Lunch and recess provide students with opportunities to run, play, eat, and socialize. Teachers often see this energy spilling over into the classroom as students reenter for the learning block that follows. Students come into the school, laughing and talking loudly; sometimes they return upset about something that happened in the playground or on the soccer field. The energy can be overwhelming for both teachers and students. So how to transition from high energy time to work time?

One of the Responsive Classroom strategies that we have implemented school-wide at WCS is Quiet Time. Just 10 to 15 minutes to read, write, draw, work on a puzzle, or do some other quiet work can help students take a physical, mental, and emotional breather so they are more ready to engage in learning in the afternoon. If you were to visit WCS following morning break, you'd hear quiet music, you'd see classrooms with lights dimmed, students drawing, reading, or just sitting quietly. Students learn to 're-set' from active body mode to a calmer, more focussed mode. Many teachers say they can't imagine school without quiet time. Some teachers even say they save time, because many disputes and worries that spill into the room after lunch often dissipate as students relax into quiet time. Quiet time offers an opportunity for students to transition back into the classroom in a purposeful and relaxed way so they are more ready for an afternoon of learning. (Sources: wcs practices & responsiveclassroom.org)

C. Verbeek, Principal



- Monday - Micah D., Gr.5
- Wednesday - Daniel H., Gr.2
- Cooper M., SK1
- Thursday - Caden D., SK1
- Riley D., SK1
- Julie N., Gr.7
- Aleena S., JK
- Sunday - Emilie S., SK1

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.

Pancake Breakfast Proceeds: With your help, we were able to raise \$869.95 for the work of World Renew. World Renew's goal is systemic, generational change in five key areas: community health, food security, economic opportunity, disaster response, peace and justice. When we partner with this agency, we are supporting programs that work across these areas, renewing more hope for more people in all the ways that count. Check worldrenew.net to read stories of strength, courage, and the faithful love of Christ present around the world. Thank you for your support.

I READ CANADIAN 2020: Last week our student body participated in the "I Read Canadian" program put out by Canadian publishers. We were one of more than 600 school libraries across Canada participating with our student bodies reading books by Canadian authors. The participation was fabulous here at WCS, even though our week was cut a bit short due to the snow days. (Some students did avid reading during the weekend as well!) I will be going through all of the data and winners will be announced later this week. There are some great prizes being won by our students. Keep posted when we have all the winners listed next week! Thanks, Mrs. Dieleman

Thank-you for participating: A big thank you to Mrs. Martin, all the students of the primary choir, and teachers who attended Tillsonburg CRC yesterday to sing for the congregation. Students, you did a great job participating in worship and praising God with your voices. Thank you, parents of these students for altering your Sunday plans to make these sharing events happen.

Senior Boys Basketball: WCS has an away game vs Holy Family on Monday (today) @ 4 pm. Wednesday (Mar 4th) is a home game with O'Neil @ WCS. On Thursday, boys will have an after school practice. Next Monday, March 9th, WCS has an away game @ St. Patrick's. Tuesday, March 10th, is an away game vs Assumption in Aylmer. We will need to leave WCS by 3 pm to arrive in Aylmer for the game (drivers needed!). On Thursday, March 12th, we have an away game rescheduled from Feb 20. WCS @ Notre Dame (Devonshire Ave, Woodstock). Please let Mrs Verbeek know when you are able to help by driving.

Electives: Wednesday, March 4th is the last of our elective sessions for our junior and intermediate students. Thank you to those who led or helped with our electives. Your work is very much appreciated! Students will need to ensure they are prepared for their elective. Hockey players need to have stick, skates, helmet, gloves; swimmers need to have swim suit and towel; skiers need to have warm clothes and skis if they aren't renting skis. If your child is a skier, please be here at 6:10 p.m. to pick up skiers. It looks like the forecast for Wednesday is cloudy with a high of 3 C, so we are assuming that students will be skiing. This week group A students will be attending Open Sky, and thus group B students will go to their alternate activity. Group B students will need to ensure they have what they require for their alternate activity. The students in badminton, dance, and Open Sky A will need to ensure they have indoor shoes and proper attire for their activity.

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

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

March Break: 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.

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/1gtlxlidJt219XelsdCE63zFWp_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 cckrenkema@hotmail.com

Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis: Welcome to March! Due to the snow days last week, we will use last week's spelling lists for this Thursday's tests (for grades 1, 2, 3, and 7). End of term assessments will continue this week, and anecdotal reports will be sent home with report cards next Thursday.

Wednesday - Return book bags (Gr. 1-3)

Thursday - Spelling tests

J.K. - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to March. Please watch for calendar coming home. Thanks to all the parents who came bowling. We had such a great time. Show and share this week is something from the mailbox. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

- Sub day

- Show and share: something from the mailbox

Friday - PA day: No school

S.K.1 - Miss Body:

S.K.2 - Mrs. Poort: I hope everyone enjoyed our first snow days. Please bring in things we can recycle into boats (ex. sour cream buckets, tin foil, sponge, toothpicks, plastic things)

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - S&S something that floats

Friday - No Class (teachers writing learning reports)

Grade 1 - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to a new week! Happy Birthday to Damen & Korianna who celebrated birthdays on Sunday! Check your emails for a look at the week ahead.

Monday - Phys. Ed

- Spelling Test

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Sub lunch

Thursday - Phys. Ed

- Spelling Test

Friday - PA Day (NO School!)

Grade 2 - Mrs. Horinga: This week we will be focussing again on doubles and using them as an

adding strategy. We continue our look at parables of Jesus in our Bible studies. In science we have learned about the water cycle and some very big words like condensation, precipitation and evaporation! Please check your e-mail regarding changes to our spelling program.

Wednesday - Library (note change back to our regular day)

- Sub lunch

Friday - PA day: no school

Grade 3 - Mr. G. Hiemstra: We will be continuing with an almost daily multiplication drill as we look to master the times table up to 12's. We will have our math test today that was suppose to be written last Thursday. We will have no new spelling words this week as we will be tested on those on Thursday. Thank you to all those who participated with primary choir on Sunday in Tillsonburg. The following students will be attending OASIS on Thursday: Ellyse, Amaya, Adelyn, Owen, and Callan.

Today - Math test (from last Thursday)

Thursday - Spelling Test

- Memory Work: Psalm 135:5-7

- 5 students to OASIS

Grade 4A - Mrs. VanAnDel: Welcome to the month of March, grade 4! I hope you enjoyed your unexpected long weekend.

Monday - Devotions: Kaitlyn V

- Library: return books

- Music: bring recorders

Tuesday - Devotions: Kaitlyn D

- Bring your gym clothes

Wednesday - Devotions: Kathryn

- Sub Lunch

- Last electives

Thursday - Devotions: Kurtis

- Math test: Data Management

- Memory work: Psalm 24: 5,6

- Bring your gym clothes

Friday - no school

Grade 4B - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. Annika, Maylina, Sarah, and Tyler will present their

poem to the OASIS group on Thursday.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Wednesday - Library
- Sub Lunch
- Elective #5

Thursday - Math Test: Unit 8 Graphs (study 2 quizzes)
- Mem. Work: Psalm 24:1-6
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Music (recorder)

Next Mon. - Music (recorder)

Next Tues. - Spelling Test: List 23

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome to a new week!

I hope you enjoyed your snowy long weekend. A short week but a busy one again. We are working hard on our PBL / service learning project this week and next. We are in need of some costumes and props throughout the next couple of weeks - each child responsible for his/her own costume and props, however there a few that we may need your help with. An email will be sent out later this week with information about costumes and props needed.

Due to the snow days, red folders with marked work will be coming home on Tuesday instead of today.

Look out for spelling quiz, spelling Workbook lesson 24, and speech rubric.

Wednesday - Last Elective session.

Thursday - Math Quiz: data management so far. Use Jump Math book to study.

Friday - P.A. Day, no school.
- Memory work: Isaiah 41:10.
- Spelling Quiz: lesson 25.

March 9 - Health Quiz, study Healthy Eating notes.

Grade 6 - Mrs. Bigham: Welcome back after an unexpected long weekend. We have a busy week ahead in grade 6.

Monday - Speech presentations

Tuesday - Trapped in Ice Quiz Chapter 9-18

Wednesday - Math test: Multiplying and Dividing with decimals
- no spelling test this week

Thursday - Canada's Trading Partners Test

Friday - No School: Enjoy a long weekend

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot: Please refer daily to Google Classroom for grade 7 homework, assignments and tests.

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to school. Science Project presentations are taking place on

Thursday this week. Continue to check Google classroom for homework and assignments.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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