

May 11, 2020

Mothers

This morning at the class Zoom meeting the students shared what they did for Mother's Day. It was beautiful to hear and see the sweet ways the children made their mother feel special. Cards and crafts were made, breakfast was made, and some moms were served in bed, food was ordered in, and flowers were given. I reminded the students that even though there is just one day set aside to honour our mothers it is important to show our mothers how much we appreciate and love them all year round.

Proverbs 31:25-31 says

- 25** She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
26 She speaks with wisdom
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
27 She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
29 "Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."
30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Thank you, God, for mothers, grandmothers, and special women in our lives that reflect godly love to us, encourage and guide us, and love us unconditionally.

Mrs. Jannette Hickey



- Wednesday: Maylina W., Gr. 4
Mr. G. Hiemstra., Gr. 3 Teacher
Thursday: Linaya D., Gr. SK1
Friday: Hailey V. Gr. 7
Sunday: Adelyn H., Gr. 3

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

WCS Participation in Challenges- Thanks for your participation in the skipping challenges last week! It's good to see the photos that you've shared of your family taking up the challenge. Some impressive skills! Since we are having some very cold May days, this week Tuesday our challenge is to warm up your toes with a Wacky Sock Day. Wear colourful, mismatched, crazy socks! Take a photo and send to office@woodstockchristian.ca

Made to Move! God created us with very mobile and able bodies. We are created to move! In honour of spring and as an alternative to track & field season, our Phys Ed experts at WCS are creating a family Choice Board for next week with Made to Move challenges and activities for your family. You might just want to start warming up this week ... a little cardio, a little flexibility training - you too, parents! Stay tuned.

Parent Survey: Parents, we can't say enough about your dedication and the ways we are able to partner with you this spring as we've moved our teaching and learning on-line! We want to hear from you, once again, as we've moved from the early stages of our emergency remote learning into steadier rhythms and schedules. In coming days, you will receive a link to an on-line WCS Parent Survey for your feedback about our Connected Learning and other matters.

Prayer corner: We thank God for His many blessings. We also bring before Him families who are grieving, feeling worried and stretched, families with concerns about aging or ill family members. We pray for courage, perseverance, and strength for all, especially with rules around isolation for hospitals, care homes, and limits on gatherings. WCS community, continue to lift each other in prayer and to reach out in love to bless each other.

The WCS **Prayer Team** meets regularly via Zoom (link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71598270332> with password: prayer). If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

Calendar: Note that there will be no classes for WCS students on Friday May 15th or Monday May 18th (Victoria Day). Enjoy your long weekend! **A change:** the PA day scheduled for June 12th has been moved to Friday June 5th.

Early dismissal: We will be having EARLY DISMISSALS on Wednesday afternoons. On these days, the classes affected will be dismissed at 130pm. On Wednesday, May 13th, grades JK through to grade 8 will have Early Dismissal with teacher meetings focused on year-end and on our graduates.

Third term learning reports: Last Wednesday our staff spent time discussing third term learning and assessment. We focused on defining essential learning goals in core subjects and providing students with good feedback to help move them towards learning targets/goals they'll need for the next grade. In our first survey, many of you indicated this as a priority. Learning right now is quite different from the regular classroom structures and environment and our learning reports for third term will be reflecting this. With emergency remote learning in place, our course offerings have been more limited and though we do get to see most of our students in Meets and Zooms, it is not the same. We also recognize that there is considerable variability in our students' learning environments, their access to reliable internet services, and adult availability. We know that unique to this term, parents probably already know their students as learners in direct and more specific ways compared to other terms! There will be a report card, and it will be completed bearing in mind the unique factors and narrowed scope of learning this term as a result of COVID-19. Learning reports will celebrate the learning that has taken place.

WCS building closure update: As required by Public Health officials and the Ministry of Education, WCS, along with Ontario schools will remain closed until at least May 31st. Based on what we are seeing in locations around the world and in neighbouring provinces, I am hopeful about the improving CoViD situation. We are closely following the directives and recommendations of Public Health Ontario, Health Canada and the Southwestern Public Health Unit which updates information and requirements regularly. Note that all end of year community events, track and field events, and end-of year field trips have been cancelled. We are planning for June graduation at this point. In the event that June is not possible due to continued distancing measures and limits on gathering sizes, we are also exploring options for a 'live' graduation in the fall. Our school leadership is closely monitoring the situation and are working diligently to provide a special experience that honours our Class of 2020!

Thank you again for your hard work at home and partnering with us in learning. We will keep you posted when we receive some clarity about the Ontario plan for school and how WCS will finish the year.

About applications for Ontario government funds through 'Support for Families' ... I have heard from some Edvance schools that there have been complications with the application process for some families. Edvance has explored and questioned the process and received this response: *All parents/guardians with children aged 0 to 12, and in the case of children and youth with special needs, 0 to 21, who are Ontario residents, are eligible for funding under the Support for Families program, including children who are enrolled in private school or not yet in the school system.*

In some cases, the ministry was not able to match the information submitted by the parent/guardian in the application against our records. This could have happened for a variety of reasons, for example, an incorrect date of birth, a spelling mistake in the child's first or last name or an issue with the school name selected. In these cases, parents/guardians will be contacted via email and asked to submit a new application for their child.

Some applicants for children in the private school system received an email asking parents/guardians to reapply to the program. This could be for a variety of reasons, including verification of banking information or failure of a spot audit.

Our goal is to ensure that families receive the support that they are eligible for, including parents of children in private schools. That is why we are asking parents to reapply with the correct information.

Learning Place: Mrs. Bulthuis: I hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend! Thank you, moms, for partnering with us in educating your kids! I'm looking forward to seeing many wacky socks this Tuesday. This week, the grade 4 LP spelling assignments have been posted in the Google classrooms. Next week, the grade 3 LP math assignments will no longer be found in my teacher folder as they will be posted in the gr. 3 Google classroom. Enjoy the upcoming long weekend!

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week! Please check for class announcements on our SeeSaw page. Have a great week!

SK- Miss Body: I hope you had a wonderful weekend celebrating and remembering mothers. Only 2 days of school this week as Friday is a PD day.
Letters & sight words: review
Tuesday: Wacky sock day
Wednesday: Early dismissal (1:30)
Friday: PD day.

SK: Mrs. Poort: It has been a cold Mother's Day weekend. I would love to hear how you showered your mother with love this weekend on our zoom on Tuesday. This week we will be focusing on identifying ending sounds in words. We are continuing to practice subtraction in math. On Tuesday we have wacky sock day, be ready to show them on zoom. On Wednesday we will have a show and share free choice. See you on our zooms at 9:30 Tues, Wed and Fri. Keep up the awesome work SK you are on the ball and learning a lot each week. I love seeing the videos and hearing recordings of your voices as you respond to your activities.

Grade 1: Welcome to another week! We have a four-day week ahead of us! For Writing Workshop, students will be doing some research. If you have non-fiction books about animals at home, feel free to have your child look through them for information, too! Just as we can marvel at the amazing creatures God has made, we remember Psalm 139:14, which says, "I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Blessings on your week!

Grade 2: Welcome to another week of learning- thank you for your perseverance so far!
This week we will begin a book study of Flat Stanley - His original Adventure. In math, we will continue learning about counting money. This week's spelling pattern is all about contractions.
Tuesday - Wacky sock day
Friday - PA day - no school
Monday - Victoria Day - no school

Grade 3: Welcome to another week planned for learning! On Tuesday we have Wacky Sock Day, so wear

your wacky socks to our meet! We will be completing some activities from Charlotte's Web this week and will be starting a new unit in math on division. Make sure you keep reviewing your times tables. There is no spelling test this week as we have two short weeks to learn our words. Have a great week!

Grade 4A: Welcome to a new but short week of learning grade 4! I hope you were able to show your mom how much you loved them yesterday! Your MOM's are all amazing! Let's have a great week learning about God's amazing world this week!
Tuesday Wacky Sock Day- find your wackiest socks and wear them today!
Wednesday Scavenger Hunt in Morning Meeting!!!!
Thursday Spelling test - lesson 31
Writing assignment due
Friday no school
LONG WEEKEND begins - enjoy!

Grade 4B: Welcome to a new week. Check Google Classroom for assignments. Enjoy the long weekend. Keeping reading and practicing your skills. You've got this!
Tues: - Wacky Socks Day
Wed. -Early Dismissal (1:30 pm)
Thurs: - Spelling Test - Lesson 31
- Writing Piece due

Grade 5: Welcome back! I hope you had a restful weekend. Another week of remote learning ahead; a few things to note:
Tuesday - Wacky Sock day!
Wednesday - early dismissal for JK-Gr.8. Teachers unavailable after 1:30pm.
Thursday - Spelling Test at 8:30AM on Zoom. Please send me a pic of your child's spelling test as soon as he/she is finished.
Friday - no school
Monday (May 18) - no school
Please see Google classroom for assignment details and due dates. Have a great week!

Grade 6: Students in grade 6 we are looking forward to another fabulous week! Remember to send your "secret" classmate an encouraging note this week. Keep working on your Language Arts and Math assignments. YOU GOT THIS! Take a close look at all the amazing choices you have in the choice boards.

Grade 7: Students will spend this week focused on "Designing a Bridge". Students received a design package on May 8th. All important dates are included for this project to be complete on May 19th and presented on May 21 and 22. Each day we will discuss a concept of planning and developing a bridge. On Tuesday we will celebrate "Wacky Socks Day" to create awareness for Down Syndrome. On Wednesday, teachers have an

afternoon planning session focused on Grade 8
Graduation! May God bless your family with a peaceful
Victoria Day weekend.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new four-day week of Emergency Remote Learning. This week we will wrap our unit of Measurement in Math, there will be an end of unit quiz tomorrow. Students also need to complete their Short Story Slideshow presentations by the end of the day Wednesday. We will also continue our learning in History with a new assignment on Wednesday. Please keep up to date with work using Google Classroom.