

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

November 20, 2017

Upon walking into the Grade 1 classroom, you will notice that things don't look like a traditional classroom. I, as the classroom teacher, have chosen to implement "flexible" (or alternative) seating rather than traditional desks. As you glance around my room, you may see students standing, sitting on wobble stools, a stability ball, chairs, a bench, or even on the floor with a clipboard.

Research has shown that through the use of flexible seating:

- Student attention spans increase, allowing for more achievement,
- Active learning is promoted,
- A sense of community and other important social skills are built and developed
- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning,
- Students are motivated to come to school, and
- Both teachers and students love the seating options.

Each day, even each work period (and if needed throughout the work period), students choose and work in a seating location that best suits them. The typical classroom supplies that have been traditionally stored in desks are now gathered and distributed as community supplies - supplies that we all share and take care of. Folders and workbooks are stored in bins on shelves around the room, at easy access for when they are needed.

Grade 1 is not the only classroom that is implementing a form of flexible seating. Grades 1/2, 7, and 8 also are taking on various aspects of this structure in order to build a community of learners, rather than an individual - developing those basic skills that are required for students as they leave our building and head onto the amazing things that God has planned for them.

I am very excited about the use of flexible seating within our classrooms. This is my second year within this seating "arrangement" and I have seen tremendous growth in students as they begin to develop an idea of how they best learn, and what they need in order to learn.

E. Schuster



Monday	- Ashley B., Gr.7
Tuesday	- Quinton H., Gr.7
Saturday	- Neel P., Gr.1A - Joshua B., Gr.8

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests: Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health and well-being. We praise God for the successful fundraising efforts through the Winterfest Auction last week! We have many reasons for praise and gratitude, but also reasons for concern. Some of our extended families are experiencing illness and grief. We pray for strength and healing.

Will Clinic - November 22, 2017: YOU are invited! MARK your calendars! SAVE your seat! The Woodstock Christian School Foundation, with its partners the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services is hosting a WILL CLINIC: Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 pm, 2017 at Woodstock Christian School (800 Juliana Drive, Woodstock). Learn how to have an effective Will and Estate Plan that is tax-smart, protects your family and provides an opportunity to bless charities that are important to you. White Coad LLP is providing a free will kit (value: \$400) to be awarded one of the Will Clinic participants. RSVP: Woodstock Christian School: 519-539-1492 or office@woodstockchristian.ca.

Artificial Trees Required (About 2.5 to 5 feet tall) Do you have an artificial pine, spruce, poplar, or juniper that is about 2.5 to 5 feet tall that you could lend the school? Potted trees would work well too. If you do, could you please email g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca. These trees are needed for the program in early December.

A BIG THANK-YOU! to everyone who donated to Lagosette Christian School (LCS) in Haiti! The bake sale was a major success, thanks so much for sending your child to school with some money to support LCS. With the bake sale money and separate donations, a total of \$2634.00 was raised.

Do You Have Dead Batteries? WCS is collecting Alkaline batteries again! The Gr. 5 class will be heading this service project in order to promote recycling and good stewardship practices. We need your help! Please bring any batteries you don't need anymore. The more batteries we collect, the more money our school receives. All money we earn will go towards computers/technology at WCS! If you have any questions, contact Axel Hiemstra at a.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca.



Grade Three invites you to a square dance!
Wednesday, November 29th from 8:55-9:25 in the school gym. We will teach you new moves and we'll all have fun. Come on y'all join us!

Senior Boys Volleyball: Thanks to Mr. Takacs for driving to and from our playoff game last week. Our season is drawing to a close with the tournament being on Friday at North London Optimist Centre. We will have our usual practices this Wednesday and Thursday within school hours. Players will leave at 8:20 a.m. on Friday as our first game isn't until 9:50 so that way they can take the regular buses in to WCS. Mr. Takacs and I will drive, but if anyone else wishes to drive let me know and I can take my regular vehicle to school. Players need to ensure they have WCS gym uniform and running shoes for the tournament; a numbered school shirt will be given to students for this tournament. (Players will receive a schedule on Wednesday at practice.) If we are early back, we can make our buses; if we make the semi-final or final we will not, in which case we will call when we are done and parents will pick up players at WCS. Please note that there is no concession stand so students will need to take a regular lunch and snacks. G. Hiemstra

Senior Girls Volleyball: What a finish to our season... you played your top game and it showed in a nail biting, intense and VERY close game against LCES. Although we came up short as your coaches we are tremendously proud of each and every one of you. We look forward to the Christian school Tournament being held this Friday in London. Please be at the school ready to leave by 7:40. Pick up time depends on how far we make it. We will try to have the girls call or text parents when we know more. A letter is coming home with our schedule and more information.

Chicken: Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. For every box sold, the school makes \$5. You will find the order form attached to today's parent link email. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, by next Tuesday, November 28th. Orders

without payment will not be placed. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, December 14th, between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame. 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.

Upcoming Book Fair 2017: The upcoming Book Fair is soon to be taking place, during the parent interview time on November 29 and 30th from 4:00 pm until 9:00. The vendors again this year will be Scholastic Canada Book Services, Marjorie Eckert from The Christian Supplier and Cheryl Armstrong from Usborne Books. Sales from each of these vendors directly benefits the WCS Library. We are grateful to you and the supporting community for purchasing at our fair. If you would be interested in helping out at our book Fair, in any way, whether for an hour or more, please contact Marion Dieleman as soon as possible. I can be contacted at m.dieleman@woodstockchristian.ca. Thank-you!

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 29th and 30th from 4-6 pm and 7-9 pm. The last page of this Parent Link has a page for you to print and return to school indicating best appointment times for you to come and conference with teachers about your child's learning. In many cases, these will be student-led conferences; your child's teacher will communicate with you in regards to whether your child should attend. Please note that child care will not be provided. We are looking forward to discussing yourchild(ren)'s learning journey with you!

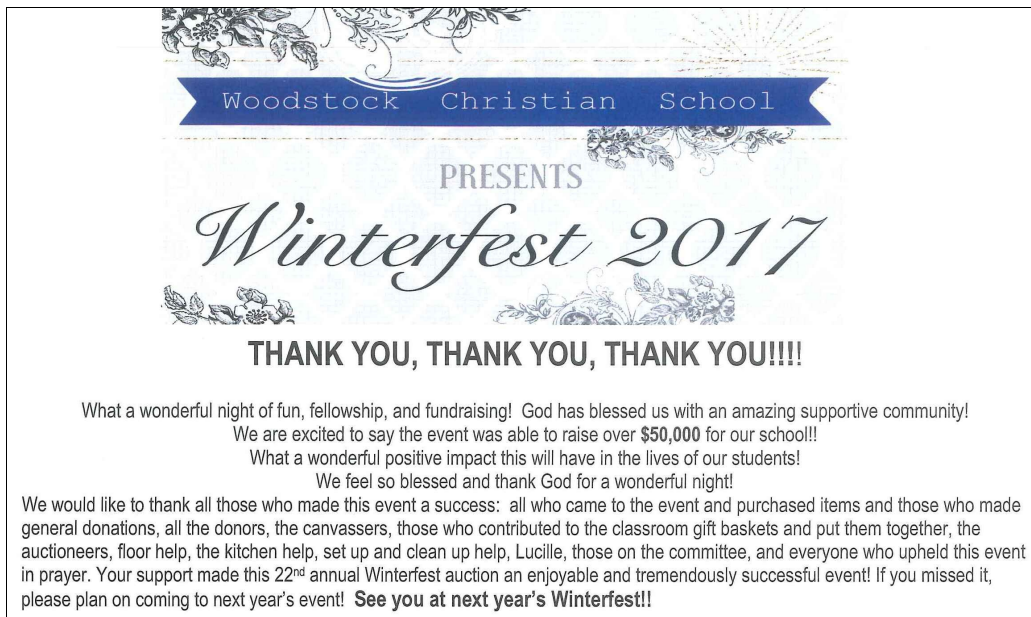
A timely note from our Public Health Nurse, MaryAnn Condruk: Flu (Influenza) Prevention

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.

Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

1. Get the influenza vaccination. Contact your Health Care Provider or attend a community clinic. www.oxfordcounty.ca/flu
Participating Pharmacies can administer influenza vaccination for anyone 5 years of age and older.
2. Clean your hands.
 - a. Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and often.
 - b. Keep an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (gel or wipes) handy at work, home and in your car. It needs to be at least 60% alcohol to be effective. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are as good as soap and water to clean your hands, unless they are visibly dirty.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw out the tissue.
4. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
5. Stay home when you are sick. You will help others from catching your illness.
6. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. The flu virus usually enters the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.
7. Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected.

More information: contact Oxford County Public Health at 519.539.9800 ext. 3500; or toll-free at 1.800.755.0394 or Oxford County Public Health website www.oxfordcounty.ca/flu



Junior Kindergarten: We are busy learning all about shapes! Where can you find them around you? Please be sure you have filled out and returned the paper to schedule a time for Parent-Teacher Conferences.
Wednesday - Library

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new cold week. Thanks to all who made our auction basket a success. This week we continue stories about Moses. Please continue practising our Christmas Bible passage. Watch for Report Cards coming home on Thursday. Show and share this week is something that the wind blew. Have a great week!
Wednesday - Library
Thursday - Show and Share
- Report Cards go home

Grade 1A: Welcome to a brand new week. I hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend! A HUGE THANK YOU goes to Mrs. Bakker for putting together and wrapping our baking baskets. Another HUGE THANK YOU goes to everyone who

took the time to donate items as well as a recipe or two. This week we celebrate Neel's birthday! We hope and pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always! "Dress up your teacher" day was awesome! The students did a great job in making me look like a royal queen!
Monday - See VIP Folder
Tuesday - Library Day
Wednesday - Show and Share: Claire, Ellyse, Jocelyn, Emma, Neel
Friday - Spelling Test
- Report Cards Come Home

Grade 1B/2B: Welcome to a new week! I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. We have another exciting week ahead of us! Check your emails for an update.
Tuesday - Gym
- Library
Wednesday - Show & Share: Lydia F. & Noah
Friday - Gym
- Report Cards are sent home!

Grade 2A: Welcome to a new week of grade 2. This week we will continue to learn about Jesus' ministry to his disciples, we will begin to count money, and doing an author study on Robert Munsch. Report cards will be coming home on Friday.

Monday - Gym
 Tuesday - Library
 Wednesday - Gym
 Friday - Spelling Test; - Report Cards

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the "Fitness" Basket. We are planning on making Freckle Juice this week!

Wednesday - Library;
 - Swim to Survive
 Friday - Spelling Test: List 7
 - Mem. Work: Genesis 17:7-8
 - Report Cards
 Next Mon. - Swim to Survive (last one)

Grade 4: Welcome back to learning grade 4! Thank you all for coming out and watching Twelfth Night last week. It was such a great experience for grade 4!

Monday - Derek; - Music
 Tuesday - Dev; - Phys. Ed.
 - Library: remember your books
 Wednesday - Emily D; - Music
 Thursday - Emily W; - Phys. Ed.
 Friday - Emma; - Spelling test
 - Memory Work: Ruth 1:16,17
 - Buddies
 - Report Cards come home
 next Mon. - Hyun

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week. Parents, thank you so much for all the help and support with the auction and the Gr. 5 bake sale! They were both a huge success. The Gr. 5 class has been very excited about our service project for Lagosette Christian School in Haiti. In total, with the bake sale and other donations from the school community, we raised \$2634.00! On a different note: a reminder that the health projects were due on Thursday and need to be handed in as soon as possible.

Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
 - Music: bring recorder
 Thursday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
 - Music: bring recorder
 Friday - Spelling Test and Spelling Workbook Lesson 12
 - Memory Work: John 3:16 (NIV)

Grade 6: Thank you for your contributions to the gift basket. I am sure it was a "sweet" deal. Some students need to catch up on their AR monthly tests. It may mean that your child should be reading at home and recording this in their reading log.

Today - Spelling: Unit 10 test
 Thursday - Math Test: work from this week
 Friday - Spelling: Unit 11 test
 - Report cards sent home

Grade 7: On Thursday, November 23rd, grade 7 will enjoy their first community lunch. Our theme is Italian. Thank you for donating food items for our lunch.

Grade 8: Thank-you to everyone who supported our Dr. Seuss basket for the Winterfest Auction! Our basket did well at the auction and it contributed to the overall donations toward Woodstock Christian School. Please make sure you sign up for an interview timeslot, Grade 8 will be hosting Student-Led Conferences next week (November 29 & 30), students are working hard preparing for the conferences so please make an effort to attend.

Tuesday - Gym (bring Gym clothes)
 - Music (bring instruments)
 Wednesday - Library
 Thursday - Gym (bring Gym clothes)
 - Math Quiz
 - Music (bring instruments)
 Friday - Girls and Boys Volleyball tournament
 - Report Cards go home.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

November	21 Board Meeting
	22 Will Clinic
	24 Volleyball Tournament; Report Cards
	29 Book Fair; Parent-Teacher Confer. 4-6; 7-9
	30 Sub Day, Parent-Teacher Confer. 4-6; 7-9
December	1 P.A. Day
	4 Triple Ball Tournament
	6 Staff Meeting 7:15; Prayer Group Christmas Program 7 p.m.
	7 Christmas Tea
	8 P.D. Day

SONG OF THE MONTH: Live Like That
 Sometimes I think what will people say of me
 when I'm only just a memory,
 when I'm home where my soul belongs?
 Was I love when no one else would show up?
 Was I Jesus to the least of us?
 Was my worship more than just a song?

Chorus: I want to live like that and give it all I have
 so that everything I say and do points to you
 If love is who I am then this is where I'll stand
 Recklessly abandoned, never holding back
 I want to live like that, I want to live like that

Am I proof that you are who you say you are,
 that grace can really change a heart?
 Do I live like your love is true?
 People pass and even if they don't know my name
 Is there evidence that I have been changed?
 When they see me do they see you?
 Chorus

I want to show the world the love you gave for me
 I'm longing for the world to know the glory of the King
 Chorus

I want to live like that!

Title: Live Like That

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