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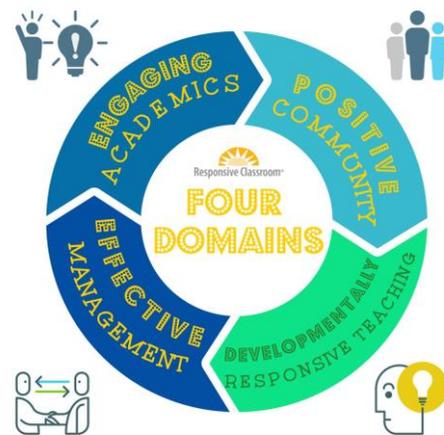
Social-Emotional Learning during COVID-19

There is much discussion among educators around the world right now about teaching and learning in pandemic conditions and the importance of providing - along with academics - solid social-emotional learning (SEL) for our students. SEL is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, feel and show empathy for others, and establish and maintain positive relationships.

At WCS, we are committed to looking for ways to improve our teaching practice and have trained all of our teachers in Responsive Classroom practices. *Responsive Classroom* is a student-centred, social and emotional learning approach to teaching and discipline. It is grounded in research, and its evidence-based practices are designed to create safe, joyful, and engaging classrooms and school communities for both students and teachers. This approach blends beautifully with our understanding of Christian community and care for one another. Responsive Classroom focuses on four key domains:

engaging academics, positive community, effective management, developmentally responsive teaching.

We recognize that in order to be equipped and successful in and out of school, students need to be spiritually grounded and also learn a set of social and emotional competencies—cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. When they feel like they belong in their classroom community, they are more likely to engage in discussion, be willing to make mistakes, and try again. Belonging helps them grow.



How can I learn more about the Responsive Classroom approach? Visit the Responsive Classroom website: www.responsiveclassroom.org or follow Responsive Classroom on Facebook or Twitter

Carol Verbeek



Tuesday	Wyatt Y., SK
Wednesday	Mrs. Wesselson., Bus Driver
Thursday	Alex B., Grade 8
	Zac P., Grade 8
	Lydia E., SK
	Anna W., Grade 5/6
Sunday	Lydia W., Grade 4

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Circle: Please join us on Wednesday morning at 9:15am as we will be having prayer circle at the outdoor classroom. Everyone is welcome! If you are unable to make it but have a prayer request, please email your prayer requests to j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

New Symptoms Screening criteria for students @ Ontario schools. Late last week, the Ontario Ministry of Health issued a revised screening tool for parents to use to check their children for potential COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms listed in Question #1 are more serious, while symptoms listed in Question#2 are somewhat less serious, but in combination are still a concern. Please read and become familiar with this new guidance document, as this is what we will be using now. Thanks for your dedication to keeping our school healthy!

[COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care](#)

Absent students: Parents, when you know that your student is not able to attend school, please notify the school office and homeroom teacher and Learning Place teacher so that they know to include your daughter or son in Blended Learning postings for the day.

Blessings for Thanksgiving Day: Please note that we have a long weekend coming up. Monday is Thanksgiving Day. Consider the many ways God is blessing us! Enjoy your long weekend!

TRANSPORTATION/Bus Drivers: Woodstock Christian School has opportunities for full-time, part-time and spare drivers. Do you have a B license and are you looking for a way to work with students and serve the school? Are you interested in training as a bus driver? Do you know an experienced bus driver, or someone who is interested in training or joining our team of drivers at WCS? We are able to assist in the process of becoming a licensed bus driver. If interested, call the school at 519-539-1492 or email principal@woodstockchristian.ca

Leadership Teams @ WCS: Leadership teams will look a little different this year with class cohorts taking on the responsibilities around the school. Student groups will be able to serve our at-school community in various ways: gardening, snow removal, playground care, lunch delivery and more. Stay tuned for descriptions, photos of our teams, and the learning targets our teams develop. We are excited to have our students leading and learning with their teams!

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP): It's week #2 of MAP testing. The MAP test is designed not only to compare students' scores to norms but also to measure individual student progress over time in language arts and math. Students will continue MAP this week

Playdays & visits: A reminder to families that if you are arranging a playdate or birthday party, students may only travel on their own bus. If you are inviting students from another bus cohort, children will need to be picked up at school.

Chicken Orders: Thank you so much to those of you who ordered chicken! We were able to raise over \$1300 on this order alone 😊. What an awesome way to support the school.

Your orders will be available for pick-up this FRIDAY, October 9th. Order pick up will look a little different this year. We will have two pick up times. The first time will be between 2:50 and 3:10 and the second is between 3:30 and 4 pm.(you do not need to let us know which time you will be coming) This way we will not be interfering with busses. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during these time frames. Please come to exterior gym door (the one in the parking lot) where we will greet you and deliver your order to your car. Just a reminder that we cannot store your orders at school. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com



Winterfest Auction

November 13 - 16, 2020

Thank you to all of our volunteers who are out canvassing local businesses for donations. We couldn't pull off this fundraising event without you! If you're interested in being a canvasser or helping in another way, please let us know. We are always happy to have more helping hands. winterfest@woodstockchristian.ca
If you're curious about ways to help, reach out and we can match your talents, skills and abilities with our needs. Don't forget to put November 13 - 16th on your calendar so you can place your bids from the comfort of your home.
charityauction.bid/WCSWinterfest2020

Terry Fox: Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year for the Terry Fox Foundation fundraiser. We surpassed our goal and have raised \$5245! Our students are excited to see the teachers hold the boa constrictor snakes and have the opportunity to touch them!

Thanksgiving Food Drive: What a blessing last week of reaching our Terry Fox fundraising goal of \$4000! Thank you for your support with that event! This week we will be focusing on Thanksgiving. Traditionally at Woodstock Christian School we support a local charity with a thanksgiving food drive. This week Grade 3 is collecting items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. They will gratefully receive any canned/boxed food items, but have specifically requested pasta sauces and canned meat like tuna. There will be a display set up in the lobby where teachers can bring items brought in by their students and add to that display our blessings of food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your support! Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Student Support: Hello parents! Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will be sent home this week. Please sign and return one copy; the second copy is for your personal records. If you have any questions regarding the IEPs and/or would like to schedule a meeting, please let me know. I will continue to post regular updates on SeeSaw (grades 1-3) and Google Classroom (grades 4-5). If your child is absent, assignments and meet/zoom times will be posted on those platforms. Wishing you a great week and a blessed Thanksgiving weekend!

Wednesday: - Return book bags (gr. 2 & 3)

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week. This week we will focus on Thanksgiving. Please bring in one half a cup of wash /chopped veggies for our Stone Soup on Friday. For Show and share this week bring in something that you are thankful for. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library, new books

Friday - Stone Soup, Show and share something that you are thankful for

SK- Miss Body: Welcome to a new week in the beautiful season of Fall. We had all our friends in class on Friday and I give thanks for that. Continuing to pray for students, staff, families and the whole WCS community for health and peace.

This week in SK: Letters: n, review Sight words: at, like

Tuesday: Happy birthday Wyatt

Wednesday: Burger lunch, Library

Thursday: Happy birthday Lydia

Friday: Thanksgiving chapel hosted by gr3

Grade 1/2A(Mrs. Schuster): Week 5: Thank you so much for all the wonderful birthday blessings that I received last week. It was such a blessing! This week we celebrate Zac's birthday. We pray God will continue to bless and keep you always. Have you logged onto your child's Seesaw account yet? Be sure to check your emails for more detailed information about upcoming events and what's happening in our classroom.

Monday - VIP Folders come home

Tuesday - Return VIP Folders

Wednesday - Burger Lunch Day

Friday - Thanksgiving Chapel

Next Monday - Thanksgiving Monday (no school)

Next Tuesday - Library Day

Next Wednesday - Special Visitors (Terry Fox Challenge)

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): Welcome to another week of learning. We have built our reading stamina up to 10 minutes! This week grade 1 students will be starting with the Ball sight word program. Watch for a note and list coming home today in your child's message bag. Grade 2 has been introduced to work work activities and we will begin our spelling program shortly. May you enjoy your upcoming Thanksgiving weekend as we have so much to thank God for.

Tuesday - gym

Wednesday - Burger lunch

Thursday - gym

Grade 3: Last week we began our map testing, though most of us hadn't finished our language test. This week we will continue our testing as we focus on math and finishing our language test. We also will be working hard at completing some activities and practicing reading of text for the Thanksgiving Assembly. It will be shared out on Friday. The Salvation Army Food Bank is in need of pasta sauce and canned meats (like tuna) as we will be supporting this organization as we care about others in our community. Great job in participating in our Terry Fox 40 event last week and reaching the goal of \$4000 in support of cancer research.

Thursday: Math Test: Unit Patterns

Friday: Assembly
Field Study (see parent letter last week Friday)
Spelling test: List 4

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. A reminder to dress for wet weather since we are still going outside for recess. MAP testing this week. The Thanksgiving Food drive is this week. Please bring it in by Friday. We are excited to have a Virtual Field Trip offered by Scientists in School. It is called "Hooo's in the Owl Pellet?" We will be dissecting owl pellets and learning more about birds for our science unit. Happy Thanksgiving!

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.
- MAP

Wednesday - MAP

Friday - Mem. Work - Psalm 100
- Spelling Test - Lesson 2
- Phys. Ed.
- Owl Pellet Field Trip

Grade 5: A regular week of learning this week apart from MAP testing continuing. A reminder that absent students are to use Google Classroom each day to stay on track. Starting tomorrow (Tuesday), students that are absent are to meet me on Google Meet at 3:45pm each day to discuss the work, unless I announce that I can't make it.

Grade5/6: Welcome to the first full week of October. Parents, please check out the letter sent to you regarding Blended Learning. This upcoming weekend, we are celebrating Thanksgiving. The school is again participating in a FOOD DRIVE for the Food Bank here in Woodstock. I encourage you to give as you have received. Food donations need to be at school by Friday. I hope that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving! God has blessed us so richly and we have so much to be thankful for!

Monday -Music

Tuesday - Grade 6 - math quiz
-MAP testing - Reading Test
-French with Mrs. Sikma

Wednesday -Gym
-Library - return your books so you can check out new ones.

Thursday -Happy Birthday Anna!!
-MAP Testing - Language Test

-Music

Friday -Thanksgiving Chapel led by Grade 3
-Spelling test - lesson 3
-Memory work - Books of the New Testament

next Monday -Thanksgiving Day - no school

Grade 7: Today we are excited to welcome Hannah to our learning community! MAP testing will begin this week, please eat hearty suppers and go to bed at a reasonable time. Pack rain gear to wear during rainy recesses. WCS is hosting a canned food drive for Thanksgiving. Please bring a donation to the school this week for the Friday collection. October Parent Letters went home on Saturday through email. Check Google Classroom for current assignments and tests.

Grade 8: Well done and thanks for your support for the Terry Fox event! This week we will be doing our MAP Testing in class. Remember that if a student is home from school, they are still expected to join our Class via Google Meet and complete all assigned tasks and schoolwork. This Friday is our Thanksgiving Chapel, there is a food drive, please consider sending in a non-perishable food item in support of our local food bank. Wednesday is also 'Burger Day'. Continue to check Google Classroom for all assignments and daily tasks.

Upcoming Events

October

7 Prayer Circle- 9:30am
Burger Lunch Day
9 Thanksgiving Chapel- Hosted by Grade 3
12 Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
14 Staff PLC session at 3:30pm
16 Interim Reports
20 Board of Directors Meeting
21 Whole School Devotions
Sub Sandwich Lunch
27 Photo Retakes
29-30 Edvance Educators Conference- no classes