

CHRISTOPHER LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL*Home of the LAKERS*

October 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is amazing that September has already come and gone, and we are now into October! September saw a staggered start for all students at CLPS (and around the province), the start-up of our CLPS ukulele program in band thanks to Mrs. Lohneis, our first virtual school assembly thanks to Mrs. Bates, Grade 6 vaccinations (thanks to Public Health), a memorable Orange Shirt Day thanks to Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Schlamp, and a hundred or more learning activities thanks to all the amazing CLPS staff!

An interesting fact about the month of October: Tonight (October 1st) will be the first of two full moons this month - the second one being on October 31st, Halloween night (making that full moon a Blue Moon). And with the advent of October comes a few things to highlight. First, Interim Report Cards will go home on Monday, October 19th, and a few days later on Thursday, October 22nd, will be Parent-Teacher Interviews. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be conducted virtually - either by video conference or telephone (whichever will be most convenient for you) from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Like last year, an online sign-up will go out for you to pick a time slot that is convenient for you. We will announce when that will be released through email, our school Facebook page, and your teacher's online platform (eg. See Saw or Classroom Dojo). Also with the advent of October and the fall season comes the cold and flu season, which has the potential to complicate things with regard to current restrictions and protocol around COVID-19. The general rule of thumb to remember is to ensure keeping your child(ren) home if they are sick, and calling 811 if you are unclear or unsure about symptoms that they may be showing. While we recognize that it is frustrating, keeping your children home until symptom-free protects both our students and staff here at the school.

Lastly, Thanksgiving is another event that falls within October - and one that I would like to acknowledge and speak to. I want to tell you how thankful I am to be able to be back in the school this fall and see all of the faces of our youth. I am thankful to be surrounded by such a high caliber teaching staff at CLPS. I am thankful for the community that we have here in Christopher Lake, and the partnership and support that exists between the school, our families, and wider Lakeland community. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a fantastic beginning to the fall season!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dejan Letkeman - *Principal*

Student Safety: Bus Loading and Unloading Zone

For the safety of all students, it is critical that the bus loading/unloading zone is clear of parked vehicles and traffic at the beginning and end of each day. Please refrain from driving or parking in the bus zone from 7:40 to 8:30 am and from 2:15 - 3:00. **The bus zone includes the wheelchair accessible parking spot. When dropping off or picking up your children, please park to the south of the parking lot by the back gate during bus loading/unloading times. Please do not use visitor parking for dropping off and picking up your children.** Also, please do not let your children onto the playground until 7:55 as that is when our supervision schedule starts.

During School Student Pickup

We want to let you all know about a slight change in policy regarding student pickups during the school day. If you are picking up your child during the school day - for whatever reason - we ask that you notify the school ahead of time of your pickup time and then ring the doorbell by the front door when you come. We will then send your child out. If you do need to enter the school, we ask that you put a mask on and sanitize your hands upon entry. Thank you so much for your partnership and giving our students the best possible school and academic experience!

Student Fees

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 must pay a \$20.00 student fee. This fee will be used to support student learning in the classroom. Student fees can be paid to the classroom teacher or to the secretary in the Library. Please make cheques payable to Christopher Lake Public School. (Please note: The school will accept fees in monthly installments.)



Picture Day

CLPS picture day will be on Thursday October 15th. Retakes dates are still in consideration and may **not** happen. Bring your best smile on the 15th..

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS



Kindergarten – Mrs. Cook

Hello Families,

What a great start to Kindergarten. I am so proud of this class. So far we have learned the sounds s, a, t, i, p, n. We will now begin putting all those sounds together to form words. And yes you are correct: we will be **READING!!!!!!**

In math we are working on counting forwards and backwards.

Our theme this month will be Community Helpers and our Dramatic Play will be a fire station.

SHHHHHH! Don't tell the kids yet. It is a surprise! Happy October everyone!



Grade 1 – Mrs. Schlamp

We have had a great start-up month!

These Grade 1 students are ready and eager everyday. They keep me on my toes with their bright awareness and skills. They are managing our “new Covid routines” very well and doing their part by sanitizing, social distancing, and patiently waiting.

Please continue to check Seesaw, as that is a quick and slick way to communicate. I appreciate the reading and counting that is going on at home. A few of the things we are focusing on in the classroom included listening skills and habits, proper letter and number formation, understanding, recognizing and counting to 100 by 1, counting by 2's to 20 and 10's to 100, reviewing letter sounds - focusing on long and short vowels, working through the 1st 100 Sight Word list and beginning phonics work with th, sh, ch, er, ir, ur, or, and ar sounds.

Sounds busy and full? You bet it is! So we started our “Kids Yoga” where we learn a few strategies to help us calm and focus. Ask your child about “bunny breathing” to learn more.

Thank you for your support, as always Seesaw, email (sschlamp@srsd119.ca) or phone (306-982-2131) if there are any questions or concerns.

Happy Fall Y'all!



Grade 2/3 – Miss Fleury

Hello CLPS! I can't believe it is already October! The grade 2/3 classroom is learning about the animals around us, our community, what we can do to help the community, and learning about our inner self and feelings. The class is looking forward to Thanksgiving and Halloween this month!



Grade 2 Math – Ms. Harkness

Hello from the Grade 2 Math Classroom!

We have been busy this September. We have been learning how to represent numbers (using base 10 blocks) all the way up to 100. We are now working on skip counting by 2, 5, and 10s. Please spend time counting by 2, 5, and 10 at home. If your child has mastered that skill, give them different starting points to make it challenging and then ask them if they see a pattern! It won't be long and we will be working on our addition and subtraction skills.



Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Wagner

Greetings from grade 3 and 4 where students have been busy with a variety of activities and assignments. We are finishing up our ABC books, where the students have done a great job finishing the writing of their books and now they will become the illustrators. In Social Studies they have been learning about the Canadian treaties and how we are all treaty people. Next they will look at the Saskatchewan political process, in particular local and provincial elections. In health we are talking about healthy eating and the students have designed their own healthy cereal and are creating the cereal box for it. In Science we have been looking at soil and all its properties including comparing what they found in 4 different kinds of top soil. Then in October we will begin looking at rocks and minerals. During snack every day the students have been enjoying hearing the book “The Hoboken Chicken Emergency” by Daniel Pinkwater. We just finished the book so please ask your child what the emergency was! The class is looking forward to moving into all things October such as Thanksgiving and Halloween. We love fall!



Grade 4/5 – Miss Paterson

Our first month of school has wrapped up and we have found ourselves settling into a routine. Going back to school in the middle of a pandemic has not come without its challenges, but the students have proven how resilient and adaptable they are, and are going to great lengths to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

I wanted to take a quick moment to go through some of the particulars in our classroom, and school, and hopefully answer any questions you may have at this time.

Student Agendas

All of the students received an agenda on one of their first days of school. Every day we will write a message in our agenda for you to read. Please initial the agenda every night to indicate you have read what your child has written. I may also write you a short note in the agenda if I need to communicate personally with you. Please feel free to write a note in the agenda if there is something you would like to let me know as well. Periodically throughout the year, I will also be sending home notes with the students that will be indicated and located in their agendas. I would like the students to bring their agenda back and forth from home every day, so they are able to write the daily messages in them.

Weekly Library Visits

We will be visiting the library every Friday morning. Please help your child remember to bring any library books back to school on Friday morning they may have taken home.

Weekly Spelling Tests

Almost every week the students will be writing weekly Spelling words in their agendas. They will receive their words at the beginning of the week and will be writing their Spelling test on Friday. Thank you ahead of time for helping your child study these words during the week in preparation for the weekly tests.

Phys. Ed. Class

Mr. Kaufhold is the grade four and five phys. ed. teacher. Due to the health guidelines put in place in regards to the wearing of masks, the majority of phys. ed. classes will take place outside.

Masks

The students are required to wear a mask in the school EXCEPT when eating. They are also not required to wear the mask when outdoors. All CLPS staff are also required to wear a mask, along with any approved visitors we may have in the building.

Healthy Snacks

I would also like to thank everyone for packing a healthy snack for their child to eat during morning snack at 9:40 am. We are a 'Peanut-Free' school, so please do not send any food items with nuts.

Upcoming Dates

Dates to watch for in October include: Mon., Oct. 12th - there will be no school due to Thanksgiving; Thurs., Oct. 15th will be Picture Day; Interim Reports go home on Mon., Oct. 19th; virtual Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 22nd; Mon., Oct 26th is a PLC day which means there will be no school for the students; and, Fri., Oct. 30th will be our Halloween party. Please watch for additional information for these events.

Monthly Calendar and Seesaw

The monthly calendar is a great place to learn about all the activities in our school throughout the year. The calendar generally comes home at the beginning of each month. Along with continuing to provide a condensed version of our monthly newsletter on our school website, I will also be using a program called Seesaw to communicate with families. Seesaw is a digital portfolio that gives families an immediate and personalized window into their child's school day, and makes communication with teachers seamless.

Thank you for all your support.

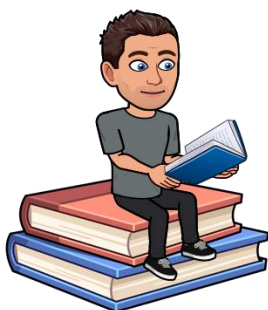


Grade 6 - Mrs. Kerley

We have had a great start to the school year! I would like to encourage the 6's to try to read every night and practice their multiplication facts. We have done a multiplication fact pre-assessment, and now are working toward beating our original score. Your child is supposed to write in their agenda everyday to stay organized and so you know what is happening in our classroom. We can communicate with the agendas or on Seesaw. If you require another QR code to connect to Seesaw please

have your child ask me for another one. Thank you for being patient with the Seesaw setup up process!

Grade 7 - Mr. Kaufhold & Mrs. Bates



We are off to a great start in grade 7! We (Mr. Kaufhold and Mrs. Bates) have really enjoyed the opportunity getting to know all of our wonderful students. We truly have a great class and continue to look forward to the rest of the year! The grade 7 Science class is learning all about ecosystems and will begin "creating" one soon. The P.A.A. class is beginning a photography assignment and we will soon get into a winter outdoor education section. All of our subjects are off to a great start! The grade 7 E.L.A. class participates in silent reading at the start of each class. When

the book is complete, a book report is to be completed. Make sure to ask them about this!

In Math, students are continuing with Patterns and Relations, and are currently investigating Algebraic Expressions and Equations. It is imperative that students keep up with all homework and assignments. Please have your child check Google Classroom if they have missed a lesson or need extra help.

Updates and information are posted to our class Seesaw page a few times a week, as well as written in students' agendas. Please follow along so you can stay up to date with our class activities! As always, if you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Kaufhold or Mrs. Bates through Seesaw, email, or the school phone!



Thanks!
Mr. Kaufhold
Mrs. Bates



Band - Mrs. Lohneis

The Band students in Grades 5-8 are learning ukuleles this year! Due to Covid-19 precautions and protocols put in place by the province and our health region, students are not permitted to play wind instruments at this time, but our "Plan B" of stringed instruments instead is off to a great start! 15 brand new concert ukuleles were purchased at the beginning of September, and the students have already learned anywhere from 2-4 chords depending on their class and grade level. The students are now tuning their ukuleles independently as well. We will be off and strumming in no time! Also, the band program received a \$2,000.00 grant from CLP Rec. We purchased 15 brand new concert ukuleles that all came with gig bags and tuners. They're so beautiful and the students are sounding great on them already! Thank you CPL Rec!!



Grade 8 – Mrs. Liedtke

This year in Phys. Ed we started with our football unit. We learned how to throw and catch the ball properly and we got to play some games. We then learned how to punt the ball and kick a field goal, too. We just started our Frisbee unit and that's been really fun. We've been doing some drills to get better at catching and throwing, and we have played some games of Ultimate Frisbee. Our teacher, Mr. Kaufhold, says we are going to start kick ball next week. So I am pretty excited about that. This year has been good so far and I am looking forward to see how the rest unfolds.

Sullivan

This year's band class is quite different from last year. Instead of normal instruments, we have to play ukulele. Even then, we can't take them home like we could with last year's instruments. We must sanitize the ukuleles every time we finish with them. Putting all differences aside, band class has been very fun. We have a great teacher who has a great knowledge of instruments and how to play them.

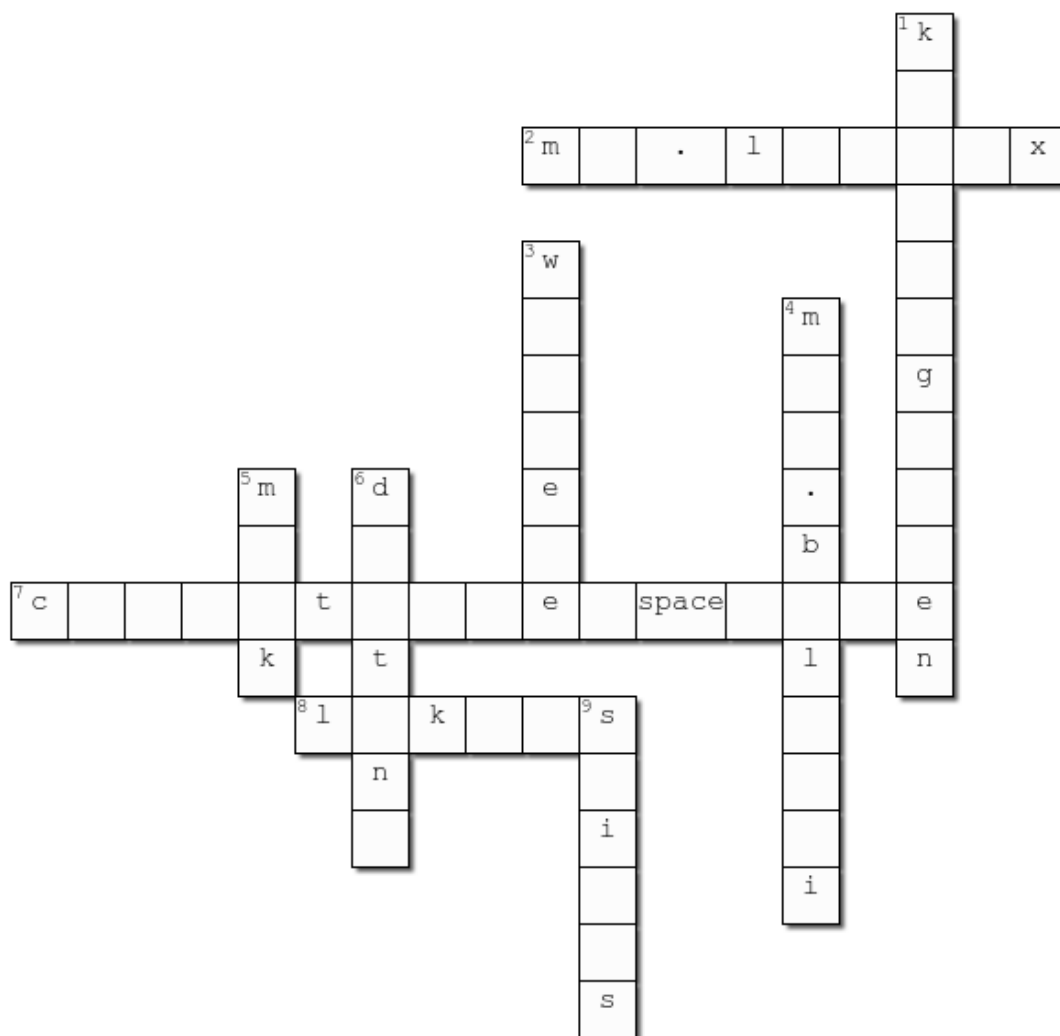
I hope that students in grade 4 and under will join the band after the mandatory year in grade 5.

Fionnlagh

On a lovely but cool September afternoon, in PAA class we did the coolest project. Guess what the project was? It was making a wooden picnic tray. We had a few parents that came out and helped, they brought their machines. We used the skill saw, circular saw and many more other tools. We learned how to use the tools first, so we would know how to use them safely. After we cut the boards we had a choice to paint, stain or burn the wood. After that we put everything together, and then let it sit till the next day. We saw them the next day and they looked amazing! I think that you should try it at home (with the help of an adult) because I guarantee that it will turn out as amazing as ours did. We also are doing some blocks in PAA. Which is where you have three wooden blocks, which you have to sand first. Then you paint them. Then put whatever you want on them as your design. I think they will look terrific!

Brinn De Marie

Name: _____



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Across

- 2. the school janitor/caretaker
- 7. the name of our school
- 8. our team name

Down

- 1. youngest class in the school
- 3. our schools mascot
- 4. the librarian of our school
- 5. the clothing item we need to wear
- 6. an item that hold hole-punched paper
- 9. we have 3 sets of these in our playground