

## Mr. Verburg's Message:

In education and leadership training, we are taught that story and symbols are powerful tools to shape culture. As Remembrance Day approaches, we can see how symbols can be used to promote hope. The poppy is the symbol of remembrance. Why? During WW1, after the battles were over and the fields of Europe were filled with obliterated and destroyed, a barren landscape, the poppies began to grow. They were the only living things in sight. The poppy became the symbol of new life and hope. After the war, as people struggled with grief and loss, suffering together as a culture, they embraced a new vision of the future. A vision of peace and a vision that no generation should experience this again. Unfortunately, that vision did not become reality and Europe, and much of the rest of the world, was plunged into another war affecting the next generation. However, the vision was never lost and the poppy remained a symbol of hope and peace. It remains that way until today. On November 11, we renew our vision of hope and peace and the poppy remains central to communicating that vision. It is a part of our culture as a country.



Last week, I went to a leadership training at my church and I learned about a different symbol of hope. This symbol includes repentance and reconciliation. At the Pillar Church in Holland, Michigan there is a baptismal font that incorporates axe handles and chains. Why? Pillar Church was established in 1847 as a Reformed Church of America. However; in 1884 as the split between the Reformed Church of America and the Christian Reformed Church was dividing congregations; the members of this church, who were aligned with the Christian Reformed Church, overtook the building, put axe handles in the doors, and chained the doors shut in order to keep out the members of their church who were aligned with the Reformed Church or America side. The congregation then became a Christian Reformed Church congregation. The symbols of axe handles and chains lives deep in the story of this church. It festered for 130 years. It was affecting how church was carrying out its mission. It was failing and they really did not know why. With great courage and humility, they confronted their past and sought to repent. They tell their story. They created a symbol incorporating axe handles and chains into one of the foundational sacraments of their church to remind them of their sin, but also of their hope. God, through His son, could wash away that sin. After repenting, they did the hard work of reconciliation. In 2012, Pillar Church became a dual-affiliation congregation of the Reformed Church of America. A congregation once divided is now a symbol of unity and renewal, seeking to raise up leaders, redeeming their city, renewing the church and reconciling divisions. Their baptismal font is a symbol that tells the story of their sin and redemption.

Every culture and every institution has stories of pain, destruction, sin, hope renewal, and reconciliation. I wonder what our story is.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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| Sat. November 10   | Family Skate Night             |
| Mon. November 12   | Remembrance Day Observance     |
| Tues. November 13  | Hot Lunch – Chicken Burgers    |
| Tues. November 20  | Pizza Lunch                    |
| Tues. November 20  | Fall Membership Meeting        |
| Wed. November 21   | First Term Report Cards        |
| Thurs. November 22 | Parent/Teacher Conference (PM) |
| Fri. November 23   | PD Day (no school)             |
| Mon. November 26   | Blood Donor Clinic             |
| Tues. December 4   | Board Meeting                  |
| Tues. December 4   | Hot Dog Day                    |

Congratulations to the following people who are celebrating birthdays next week:

Luke Dekker

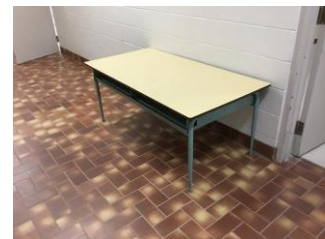
November 12

**GRADE 7 & 8 OTTAWA TRIP in MAY!!****Fundraising Campaigns**

We have several fundraising campaigns planned for the next month or so. The students will be selling cookie dough, Stemmler's pepperettes and sausage, as well as almond sticks, rings, stollen, and cheese from Norwich Deli and Bakery. Please consider supporting our students as they raise funds for their class trip. If anyone is interested in ordering frozen cookie dough, Stemmler's pepperettes or summer sausage, or items from the Norwich Deli and Bakery, to contact Mrs. Hovingh and she will have a student connect with you.

**FYI:**

- **Free Tables!** Is anyone in need of a table? There are two tables from the kindergarten class that are available. If no one claims them by tomorrow morning, they will go to the end of the driveway marked "Free".
- **Volunteers Needed!** We are seeking 3 volunteers to help the Grade 7/8 class rake leaves for some senior members of the community on the afternoons of Tuesday, November 14 or Wednesday, November 15. We are doing this as a service project in connection with the Seniors' Centre for Excellence who offers services in the Township of Mapleton (lead municipality), Town of Minto and the Township of Wellington North. It is funded by the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network. Please contact the school if you are available and let us know which day would work best for you. Thank you for your help with this great opportunity!
- **Directory Corrections** – Please note the following corrections are needed in the directory:
  - [rickinge.rylaarsdam@hotmail.ca](mailto:rickinge.rylaarsdam@hotmail.ca) (it is .ca not .com)
  - 647-389-7042 VanAnkum's new phone number
- **Remembrance Day** – On Sunday, November 11 we will remember the cost of freedom. Thank you to the VanderLaan family who will be participating in the Ceremonies on behalf of our school. Pastor Duane will be delivering the message, Josh and Owen will be laying the wreath, and Abby will read the poem "In Flanders Fields". You are all encouraged to attend the outdoor service at the Drayton cenotaph at 2:15 p.m.
- **Spirit Day:** Our November Spirit Day "**Wacky Hair/ Wacky Dress Day**" will be held on Wednesday, November 21. Do your hair and dress in a wacky way. You may also chew gum on that day.



### ENVELOPES:

- **Grade 8 Day Flyers** – Thursday, December 6, 2018. Our Grade 8 students will be travelling to Woodland Christian High School. More information will follow! There is also a Parent Information Evening that same day starting at 7:30 p.m.
- **5th Annual “Mapleton’s Got Talent” Flyer** – Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Apple Pie Anyone?** The Bazaar is selling Apple Pie and Apple Crumble, plus new this year is Pie Shells for all your Christmas baking needs! Please return forms by November 22!

### Dates to Remember:

- **Family Skate Night!** Our first **Family Skate** is Saturday, November 10 from 7 – 9 p.m. Come and lace up for a fun evening of skating!
- **Important Notice!** The **Fall Membership Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, November 20. More information will follow but please mark this important date on your calendars.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – conferences will be scheduled at the end of this month for Thursday, November 22 ONLY after school and evening. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on November 23. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you work and would prefer an evening interview as the schedule is currently in the process of being put together.
- **Blood Donor Clinic:** – Donate blood and join the movement today! The next Drayton and Community Blood Donor Clinic is on Monday, November 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It is being held at the Community Christian School located at 35 High Street in Drayton. You have the power to give life, your donation can help up to three people! Book your appointment at “blood.ca”. *It’s in you to give!*
- **Scholastic Order Forms** – Please return order forms to the school by Monday, November 12. If you are ordering books as gifts for your child (ren), please send a note with the order so that we can hold it at the school.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**5th Annual Mapleton’s Got Talent:** Flyers are being sent home today to advertise for Mapleton’s upcoming Talent Show being held at the Drayton Festival Theatre on November 17! Donation admission will go towards Drayton’s ABC Park. Don’t hesitate to show off your talent!

### FROM FUNDRAISING:

- **Gift Cards/Grocery Cards!** This fundraising option is the easiest way to raise funds for the school. If you would like to order gift cards for Christmas, please return order forms to the school by Monday, December 3 to be received in time for Christmas.
- **Croquettes:** Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for croquettes. Orders will arrive at the school on November 23. Please pick up your order between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

## SPRING BAZAAR – 2019

**Save the date! April 13, 2019!** This is the next date for the upcoming Spring Bazaar. Come and enjoy a day full of the traditional excitement that this day brings. Games for the whole family, live and silent auctions, baking and craft items. Please keep an eye out for the pre-order forms in the New Year. Also, since the winter season is upon us, this is a great time to start any of those projects that would make great donations to the auction or the center table (sewing projects, woodworking, painting, or anything that you can think of). If you have any questions, regarding the auction or center table, please email [sheree.devries@gmail.com](mailto:sheree.devries@gmail.com) (Sheree DeVries) or [btjubiland@gmail.com](mailto:btjubiland@gmail.com) (Tryphena DeBoer), and your question will be directed accordingly. More information about this day will follow as it gets closer.

Thank you, from the 2019 Auction Committee



### **Apple Pie/Crumble Fundraiser!!!**

Just in time for Christmas!!!! Are you busy before Christmas? Not sure how to get everything done *plus* bake homemade desserts?!? The bazaar's Country Market is here to help!!! Pre-Order your Apple Pie & Apple Crumble by November 22! Pies will be ready for December 7! Pies are \$8.50 each or 4 Pies for \$32.00! Also, NEW THIS YEAR!!! Need to bake a pie but don't have time to make homemade pie shells? We will be selling pie shells this year!! They are 4 for \$10.00. You can keep them in your freezer and pull them out when you bake a pie! Please see the form attached to the Newsreel for more information!

Thanks for your support😊

### **Apple Pie Preparation Day!**

Do you enjoy Apples? Want to meet some new people? Come on out to an Apple Pie/Apple Crumble Preparation night or day! Save December 6 (7:00 PM - 9:30 PM) to work on pie shells or December 7 (8:00 AM - 2:30 PM) to help peel apples or assemble pies! We will be making apple pie, apple crisp and pie shells for a fundraiser! If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Sonia, Cynthia, Tamara or Rachel R!

## FROM THE GRADES:

### JK / SK:

As you have already experienced, the puddles are getting the best of some of our students.

Thank you for sending in extra clothes!!

We are starting to practice for our part in the Christmas program. I encourage to keep our contribution a secret so you will be surprised. Please don't be upset if they tell you that we are "doing a secret."

Next Week:

- Luke's birthday
- Letter focus - Rr, Ee
- "An" family focus
- A discussion - 'What is the job of a disciple, then and now.'

Thank you for all your support at home!

### Grade One/Two:

**Math:** Grade 1 reviewed ordering numbers and has been using groups of 10 to add. Our "counting on" skills are showing good improvement! Grade 2 began a short unit on addition and subtraction strategies.

**Language Arts:** Our reading and writing progress is a joy to see! We will celebrate our practice and growth with a banana split books treat tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who is contributing to this - through food donations and time spent reading at home!

**Creation Studies:** This week we used our 5 senses to describe objects.

**Bible:** We have moved from planning to creating - and some groups are even practicing! Our Joseph puppet shows are well underway. Our memory work for November is **Psalm 100** and is due **Friday, November 30.**

- **Show and Share Friday:** Abby, Rhianna, Emma, Aubrey, Matthew.
- **Parent Read Aloud:** Tomorrow, Mrs. Sandy will come. Next time, Mrs. Martin will join us. Thank you for sharing your love of reading with us.
- **Crest Buddies:** Our next visit will be on Wednesday, November 28 at 11:30 am.

### Grade Three/Four:

We have a lot of enthusiastic gaga ball and manhunt students in our class. I would encourage everyone to bring, and wear, splash pants (if you have them) and an extra pair of socks, in order to allow for the most possible fun while playing outside.

**Memory Verse:** Our new memory verse is Proverbs 19:23. We will recite on Friday, November 16.

**Math:** We are beginning a new number sense unit for both grades. Grade 4's will be growing in their multiplication skills. The Grade 3's will be learning to think flexibly about numbers, in order to improve their mental math skills. Both grades have been practicing skip counting by different numbers.

**Daily Five:** We did it again! The class has earned baking for a record third time in the first term. New spelling words will go home today in the envelope. Our next spelling test will be Wednesday, November 14. In grammar, Grade 4's are practicing subject/verb agreement, and the Grade 3's are learning about adjectives.

**Creation Studies:** Please note the test's date change. The "Living and Working in Ontario" unit test will be on Tuesday, November 13. We will be having review periods on Friday and Monday. The study sheet that went home yesterday is an extra copy of the sheet that we will be working through during our review periods.

**Art:** Remembrance Day projects are almost finished. Our next art unit will focus on the art element of space.

**Music:** Students must bring their recorders on Tuesday and Fridays.

### **Grade Five/Six:**

The rain and snow has been falling and lots of mud is being made outside! Grade 5/6 has been busy inside discovering many amazing facts about God's creation!

- Math - Number sense section A test tomorrow for Grade 6. Both grades have been busy working on their multiplication skills. They have been tackling two digit by two digit multiplication.
- Work Work - Due tomorrow morning! Remember you have to spend \$70 dollars on the menu.
- Creation Studies - Our new unit for Creation Studies is on Forces and Structures. We spent some time yesterday wandering around the school looking for different structures. We then examined what made the structure strong.
- Bible - We have been talking about what Christ might have been like as a child and about John the Baptist.
- Writing - Our mystery stories are well under way.

Coming up...

Friday (tomorrow) - Spelling test and menu due  
- Memory work - Matthew 5:3-6  
- Math Test - Grade 6

Tuesday - Pizza day

Friday (next week) - Spelling test and menu due  
- Memory Work - Matthew 5:7-9

### **Grade Seven/Eight:**

Math: The Grade 8s have already completed their Number Sense Unit focusing on Perfect Squares and Square Roots, while the Grade 7s are at the end of the first section of their Geometry Unit. As a result, their next tests are scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th. Reviews will be handed out this Friday.

Language Arts: This week marks the end of our Hatchet Novel Study. Next week we will be having an assessment of their understanding of the novel. Students will be writing a response piece, having access to their notes and the novel itself.

Science: Culminating Projects have begun. Students have the option of preparing a written report of their chosen topic, or an oral presentation for the class. We will also be looking at proper sourcing and the development of a Works Cited in MLA style.

Geography: We are in the midst of our examination of Climate. Climate Graphs are due this Friday.

Music: Next week will be our formal performance evaluation for the term. Students will be playing excerpts from our Christmas selection.

Music 5/6: Next week will be our formal performance evaluation for the term. Students will be playing excerpts from The Siege.

Music 3/4: Next week will be our formal performance evaluation for the term. Students will be playing selections from the songs that we have practiced this fall.

Memory Work: John 15:5-7 for Thursday, November 15

Fundraising: Cookie Dough Orders are due Monday, November 12. Stemmler's orders are due Monday, November 26, and Norwich Deli and Bakery Orders are due Friday, November 30.

French: Test on Friday, November 9 on adverbs and expressions of quantity