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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Mission Offering

Last week our offering total was \$33.00, which brings our total to \$119.66. Please continue to encourage your children to give their offerings each week. Thank you for your generous giving! P.S. Today was our last chapel to meet our goal, so I will update you with the total next week!

### Basketball

Please check the updated schedule. Practice on February 20<sup>th</sup> is canceled as we have no school as well as another A team game was scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>. The location as well as the times the kids are dismissed should all be on the calendar. Games will be starting next week. Make sure to reach out to Miss Rosenbaum if your child needs a ride. Thank you!

### January Timber Talk

In technology class this year, the 5-8 graders are working in small groups to make and edit monthly videos to tell you about some of the events/things going on at school or church throughout the specific month they got assigned. The kids decided to name the videos "Timber Talk". Here is the link to watch: [January Timber Talk 2024](#)



### Call Updates

Not only does Mr. Biebert have a call, but Miss Taasaas also received a call late last week to teach K-1 in Kenai, AK! Both teachers would appreciate any encouragement you have for them.

### Junior Choir

Our next rehearsal will be Monday,

January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45-4:30. We will really be focusing on the anthems for the hockey game. If you need the ticket information, please let me know. I will also be sending home a rehearsal schedule and posting it on the google calendar.

### Meet our New Violin Teacher!

A short message from Marianne von Bracht:  
I'm excited to teach violin at St. Matthew! I began playing the violin at age 9 after several years of piano lessons. I continued both violin and piano lessons throughout high school and into college where I majored in English language (think editing/publishing) and minored in music. Music is the gift that never stops giving, and I am passionate about sharing that gift with others. As an adult I love to turn to music to sort through my emotions, to communicate in a soul-filled way, and to continually challenge my brain to learn new things. When not playing or teaching the violin and piano, I can be found with my husband and four (almost five!) children playing games, reading bedtime stories, biking new trails, and skiing at Mt. Spokane.

### Moms and Muffins

The Moms and Muffins sign up was closed on Tuesday. If you forgot to sign up, please speak with Miss Taasaas or Miss Broyles to see if arrangements can be made. We look forward to this event happening next Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Night with the Chiefs!

Our church and school have reserved a couple of nights with the Chiefs. The first is on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please use [this link](#) or the QR code to reserve your tickets! Please note, the Junior Choir sings for the Chiefs night in February :) Deadline to order for next Saturday is Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.



### Family Appreciation Dinner

We are hosting a dinner on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to honor our church and school parents! The dinner will be kid-free - childcare will be provided on site (at no cost to families!). Please [RSVP](#) the number of adults that will attend, along with the number of kids who need childcare.

The event will be taking place at the Nazarene gym (9004 N Country Homes) from 5:30-7:00PM.



### High School Interest

We are forming an interest group for those families that want to look into the possibility of starting a high school at St. Matthew. This is focused toward families with kids currently in 5-7th grade, but anyone interested in finding out more or being involved in the group can attend one of the informational meetings in the next few weeks. We have two options to accommodate different schedules: Friday, Jan 26th at 3:45 and Thur, Feb 1st at 6pm. Talk to Tiffany Gaulke or Fiona Metzger with questions.

SECOND QUARTER ENDS TOMORROW  
Report Cards Monday

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

A long weekend, a short week (for some classes), but a great preschool time for all!!

On Tuesday and Friday, we talked about Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. The children learned about MLK's view about "Working For Justice" – where everyone helps to take care of each other and everyone is treated fairly. We learned that we can include everyone when we play, we can help our neighbors when they need it and that we can solve problems peacefully. Everyone is treated fairly!! We did a craft when we learned about Rosa Parks. The preschool children cut out faces of children and glued them down by ANY bus window they chose to show that people can sit wherever they want to on the bus!! Dr. King and Rosa Parks helped to change our laws to make our world a better place.

New theme, new centers!! The centers this week are focused on our new theme: Health!! Our Sensory Center has a table with black beans that the children can sort fruits and vegetables in the matching colored buckets. Our Science Center has some teeth that the children can sort the good foods and the bad foods for our teeth. Our Listening Center has a beautiful book, The Magical Snowman. This is another fantastic story about friendship. Okay, so this story isn't about health, but we are still in winter, right??

We had fun this week when we sequenced boys sneezing into a Kleenex and girls washing their hands. We also had an amazing time with a cutting craft about "Exercise is Fun". The children also learned how to cover their coughs/sneezes in their el-bows and wash/sanitize their hands after using a tissue. Great Health Week!!

I am evaluating the four year old children this week with their letter/number recognition and their shape and color recognition. After I complete all of these evaluations, I would love to sit down with you and compare last September's evaluations with January's evaluations. Please look for a parent/teacher conference signup in the next few weeks!!

Please bring an empty cereal box to preschool this month. We will be using it for a Valentine's Day craft. If you happen to have an extra one for a friend, we would love that, also.

Our dentist field trips are scheduled next week to Spokane Pediatric Dentistry in Cedar Crossing. Please watch for a note in your child's folder with the details of that field trip. This will be a walking field trip – easy to work with!!

Next week, we will be focusing on letter "Pp". Four year old classes please bring something from home that starts with the letter "Pp".

Our bible verse next week is Matthew 3:17 "A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son."

Please continue to bring snow clothes for your little one if there is snow on the ground (i.e. snow pants, hat, boots, mittens/gloves). I would also love slippers for their feet in the classroom. Their feet might get wet in their boots, so I would love to keep their feet warm and dry after our snow play.

Have a beautiful weekend with your family. I look forward to an amazing week next week!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Singing-** Just a reminder our class is singing in church on Sunday, January 28.

**Reading-** Please keep reading with your child and filling out their Book it calendar. Please remember this is part of your child's homework. I am sending home a list of –an words and some short a words in your child's yellow folder have your child read at least 6 pages a night.

**100<sup>th</sup> Day-** The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is on Wednesday, February 7. Please help your child decorate a shirt with 100 items on it. They will wear this shirt to school on the 100<sup>th</sup> day.

**Valentine's Day-** We will be exchanging Valentine's at our class party on Wednesday, February 14. Please help your child decorate a Valentine box. There are so many fun ideas on Pinterest so start looking and planning. This is always my favorite activity!!! Please bring the decorated box to school on February 14, no earlier. The box needs to have an opening for the Valentines.

For our party I need a few people to donate prizes and candy for some of our games. If you are at Hobby Lobby, The Dollar Tree, Walgreens etc. and see any Valentine themed prizes you would like to donate please bring them to school by February 2. I also need 15 heart shaped helium filled balloons. Please let me know if you would like to donate.

Class List: Ava, Allie, Ellany, Hannah, Josey, Bennett, Brandon, Grayson, Jamison, Joseph, Nate, Norman, Paul, Thomas, Wesley

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade families!

This Friday is the end of the second quarter, so I will be handing out report cards on Monday. Please come grab them from me yourself, just to make sure that they don't get lost. Your child's most recent MAP testing scores will be in there,

as well. I did notice that some kids scored lower than they really are, mostly because it is a test on the computer and they are not fluent computer users yet. But if you are concerned about your child's report card or MAP scores, please do not hesitate to set up a meeting with me. I'm here to help your child.

Also, just a reminder we have Moms and Muffins next week, January 25 and we sing in church next Sunday, January 28.

Our memory work for next Thursday is Luke 18:13 "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Thanks be to God he does have mercy on us and has forgiven us all of our sins through Jesus' perfect life he lived for us and sacrificed on the cross in our place.

Please send along hats and gloves or mittens, snow pants and boots for recess.

Have a lovely weekend!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 1/23 - The Lord's Prayer
- 1/25 - Matthew 4:10b
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (The Lost Son; The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus).

### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's January book-it calendar.
- Continue to work through the xtra math program. We do take time in the classroom to do work through this program Monday-Thursday. However your children could be using the extra practice at home too.
- Spelling: next week's vowel teams are ea and ee. Vowel teams ea and ee make the long e sound. Because there is no rule to determine which vowel team to use, these words will require practice and memorization. The list is in your child's orange folder.

### Extra Notes

- Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school are coming up soon. As of now, the 100th day of school is February 7. Stay tuned for a separate note about both of those days in the next week or so.
- Report cards come out on Monday. Everything inside is for you to keep. Please sign and return the envelope after you have looked through your child's report card. Don't hesitate to ask any questions.
- The second round of MAP testing took place this week. The results will be sent home with their report card on Monday.
- K-2 will be singing in church on January 28. Our class has started working on the song "Day by Day". Please plan to attend church on that day.
- In the basement of the church, there is a bulletin board that a class gets to decorate every month to show what they have been doing in school. Our class is decorating that bulletin board for the month of February. Stay tuned to see that decorated!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

### Memory Work a week ahead

- 1/23 - Matthew 6:33 & 1 Timothy 6:7
- 1/24 - Matthew 4:10b & 1 Timothy 6:10a
- 1/25 - The 10th Commandment
- It is really important that your child is looking at the memory work packet at home so they know their verse/verses and the day they are due.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector & The Parable of a Father's Great Love)

### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the January calendar.
- Work on spelling words. They are in your child's Friday folder.
- This week we are working on final /el/
- It is important that your child is taking their accordion folder home everyday because it has their spelling list.
- If your child is taking home something other than those things, then they didn't use their time wisely in class. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### Extra Notes

- Water bottles need to be brought to school and filled up everyday.
- As we are getting some snow, make sure your child has the proper snow gear and their own snow bag.
- Please make sure your child has all their belongings before they leave school, lately things have been left.
- We will plan to go outside everyday for P.E., please have your child dress appropriately.
- Don't forget to have your child record minutes on their Bookit calendar, as it is part of your child's nightly homework.

- MAP testing finished last week. If you would like to see your child's progress, please let me know.

Enjoy your weekend!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**Word of God** - This week through our lessons we learn how Jesus teaches us about repentance. The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector and the Parable of a Father's great love show us how our Father in heaven wants us to confess our sins and depend on him for mercy. He gladly forgives us our sins for Jesus' sake, who won the forgiveness of sins for us through his dying on the cross.

**Reading** - We have begun our next great adventure, Snow Treasure! How are the children of Riswyk village going to help the town hide the country of Norway's gold from the Germans? What is Uncle Victor's plan? How can the Defense club, led by Peter do such a daring task?

**Science** - How are cycles on Earth affected by the Sun and Moon? This is our big question we want to answer as we begin learning about the Solar System and beyond.

**Music** - I am certain by now you have been hearing your child practicing their recorder. I pray it has been working out okay. We are working on learning to play the recorder so that we can join with others in Spokane and around the USA for a special concert of sorts on **May 22 @ 10:30 am** with the Spokane Symphony and Carnegie Hall. I am still working on the details and learning the specifics and as I have more information I will pass it along to you.

#### EXTRA NOTES:

**Snowy Weather & Recess** - Please remember to send gloves/mittens, boots, and snow pants to school with your child if they want to play in the snow during recess.

**Field trips** - I am working on planning a couple of field trips in February and March. I am hoping to make it to the Northwest Museum of Arts and Science and to the planetarium either at Spokane Falls Community College or down at WSU in Pullman.

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

I've got to start this week with an apology for falling behind on some of the work I said I was going to get to. I had some unexpected things come up last weekend that kept me from getting everything done I wanted to. One of those tasks was sending the email about students helping in the preschool. Please continue to keep an eye out for that as I catch up.

In class, students are showing their ability to analyze a parable in religion class. In math, both classes are working with fractions and math operations. In science, we got to play a game where students experienced "life" as a water molecule in the water cycle. In social studies, we started studying the earliest European settlements in North America. Finally in English, we are working toward finishing our narratives this week.

Thanks to everyone who put forward the extra effort to communicate this last week as illness and weather has affected students' ability to attend school. I appreciate you keeping me in the loop!

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Annnd just like that the second quarter is over! You made it! As we transition to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, please talk with your children about a goal they have for improvement in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Big or small, goals keep us striving to use our God-given gifts to the very best of our abilities. Please let me know if your child needs specific helps to meet their goals.

Here is the memory work for next week:

Monday 1/22: Matthew 28:19,20, John 15:5; Thursday 1/25: Hymn 469: 1,3,5,6; Friday 1/26: Acts 4:20, Romans 10:17

We spent the week digging into the meeting minutes for the Stevens Treaties of Washington State. The minutes simply confirm a lot of what we have already seen in regards to sinful humans using positions of power to advance their own agendas. While we will always be surrounded by sin while on this earth, we do pray for our leaders that they be God-fearing leaders who think of the people they lead first.

What really is the connection between your schnoz and pie hole? What is a schnoz? What is a pie hole? I am not entirely sure myself, but your children know! We dug more in depth into how our mouths and their taste buds work, as well as looked at how important our noses are in regards to smelling and tasting. Also, if your nose is extra moist, you may just need a tissue, but it also may be that God has just blessed you with extra good smelling abilities. What??? The students learned how the moisture of our noses helps smells get trapped and linger so that we can smell them fully.....perfect for smelling fresh papayas, but not so good as you are cleaning out grandma's casserole surprise out of the back of your fridge.

Be on the lookout for an upcoming D.C. meeting that will be taking place before the trip. Please also take note of our upcoming singing schedule and save the date on this. Our class sings on February 25<sup>th</sup>, and it would be fantastic if all the students could be there.

I pray you have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Enjoy the much warmer weather after the frigid temps of the last few days.

## Thankful for Brothers & Sisters

Siblings sometimes have rocky relationships throughout life. Even siblings who get along well and frequently stay in touch likely had plenty of fights and disagreements through the years. A first child has a hard time adjusting to a new baby and having mom and dad split their attention. The youngest child has to watch his older siblings get all the new clothes and toys and gets stuck with the hand-me-downs. The middle child might feel lost in the shuffle and take out her frustrations on her siblings.

Within the family of believers, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. And we might feel the same way as siblings with blood ties. We get frustrated with one another. We don't see eye to eye on many topics. We get into petty arguments and don't feel like sharing. We give one another a cold shoulder.

But as Christians, we can always thank God for one another. We can always be thankful for our Christian brothers and sisters because they are loved by the Lord. Our Father in heaven would have every reason to be frustrated or

disappointed with us, his children. We fail to listen to his Word and constantly get into pointless arguments with one another. But our Father loves each of his children all the same. If our Lord loves that Christian brother or sister we don't get along with, we can love them, too. We can thank God that he has brought us all into his family despite our differences. Even if we don't see eye-to-eye with a Christian brother or sister, we can still love them just as the Lord does. We can show kindness to each of our brothers and sisters because our Father first showed kindness to us in Christ.

### Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for our Christian brothers and sisters. Help me to love them as much as you love me. Amen.

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But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord.

**2 Thessalonians 2:13**