



School News

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Playground

Our playground is here!!! We could really use some extra helping hands on October 14th, as that is the tentative date to begin installation. Please reach out to Jacob if you are able to help (715)402-0094.

Church Services at St. Matt's
Please note that our usual services on Sunday are at 10AM. Bible class and Sunday School is open to all at 9AM, and there is fellowship following the service. We want you to feel just as much at home at the church as you do at the school! Please join us if you are able.

4-8 Soccer

If your child is planning on going to the TELSS tournament on October 13, the information regarding that was sent home on Tuesday following the game. Please reach out to me ASAP if you didn't receive that packet. Communicate with your child's teacher about younger siblings. Make sure to be checking the schedule online. Contact Miss Rosenbaum if your child needs a ride to the practices or games 24 hours in advance. Thanks!

K-3 Soccer

A sheet was sent home at practice yesterday about the scrimmages next week! Come support the kids for working hard the past month as they show

off their skills on 10/11 at Linwood Park.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are scheduled for October 24th. Retakes take place at Mr. Schollenberger's studio at 8604 N Country Homes. Parents can take your kids to have retakes during the lunch hour.

Book-It

Please make sure you are being diligent about filling out the calendars sent home for BookIt! If you have any questions please speak with your child's teacher.

DC Hot Lunch—Tomorrow!

The DC kids are serving tacos tomorrow for the school! If you haven't signed up yet, but would like some tacos, please text Tinarose Posey at (509)

Junior Choir

Junior Choir has begun! Please note, we will have practice next Monday, October 9th, but **NO practice** on Monday, October 16th due to soccer. Please continue checking the Google calendar for dates. Thanks!

Tent or Treat

Tent or Treat will be here before you know it! We look forward to this event every year — it is so fun to see so

many families from our school, as well as people from the community — come together for a fun-filled, candy-fueled blast of a night! Please plan to attend with your children on **Friday, October 27th from 5-7PM**, and let friends, family, and neighbors know about all the fun, too!

If you feel inclined to help in any way for this event, we could use volunteers as well! Take a look at the sign up [here](#) (or use the QR code) to see if there is a way you can best serve. Thank you! If you have questions, please reach out to Kayla Biebert (715)402-0114.



Looking Ahead

Pastor/Teacher Conference is around the corner, so please keep track of that extended break on October 18-20.

3rd-4th Grade Picture

Thank you Mrs. Most and grades 3-4 for the beautiful picture and reminder below!



Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Another fantastic week in preschool!! What were the highlights of our week? Of course, we had Picture Day this past Monday and Tuesday. Michael always takes beautiful pictures. He was able to catch SO many fantastic smiles. We all will get to see them in a few weeks!! YAY!!! Another highlight: the four year old classes had their field trip to Hidden Acres on Wednesday! We had amazing weather and outstanding parent participation. We even had some siblings, cousins and grandparents come along with us, too! We went on a hayride, learned about the importance of bees, picked and ate an apple, ran through the tire maze, picked our very own pumpkin, talked with and sang to Miss Penelope Pumpkin and had some pumpkin donuts and apple cider for a snack. The parents and children would all agree this was one spectacular field trip!! The three year old classes have their Pumpkin Patch Field Trip next Monday. We are praying for awesome weather for that, also. It will be just as amazing!!

This week, in addition to our Fall Theme, we learned about Noah and his big boat. The children learned about the flood, but more importantly, about God's promise with a rainbow. "The rain will always stop." And God always keeps His promises!!

I have been evaluating the children in our four year old preschool classes to determine where they are right now with their letter and number recognition, along with recognizing their shapes and colors. In order for me to do that, I am requesting parent help in the classroom for a few days. There is a signup sheet in the classroom for specific times and dates that I would like to evaluate these children. If you are able to help, please check it out.

Next week will be "E Week". Four year old classes, please bring an item from home that starts with "E" for show 'n' tell.

Our bible verse next week is "Do not fear for I am with you." Isaiah 41:10

Have a blessed weekend with your family. Stay safe and healthy!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Book it- Please remember to fill in your child's October Book it calendar. Make sure you set a goal at the top of the calendar.

Scholastic Book Orders- If you would like to purchase books through Scholastic there will be something in your child's yellow folder tomorrow. Please note it is now all online. I will submit the order on Thursday, October 12.

Field trip- If you agreed to drive for our field trip (other than just your child) please bring in a copy of your insurance by next Wednesday, October 11.

Fall art- The students have been working on listening and following directions. They drew and painted the cutest little fall squirrels for our bulletin boards. Take some time to check them out!

Pick up- Our doorway is getting very congested. When you pick up your child at the end of the day please enter the classroom all the way so that other parents may also come in and the door is not getting blocked.

Calendar- There are a few NO SCHOOL days coming up in October please make sure you download the Google calendar so you are aware of those dates.

Microwave- Beginning Monday, October 23 students will be allowed to use the microwave to heat up their lunch. Please remember this is a quick heat up. No more than a minute. They are expected to heat up their own food so please let them know how long it needs to be microwaved. If I notice that too many students are using it on a regular basis and there is too long of a wait we will have to have a microwave schedule. I do not have plates so please plan accordingly.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

- Please turn in your field trip form and money (\$10 cash per person) to me tomorrow if you haven't yet done so. Our field trip to Walters' Fruit Ranch is October 17. Thank you!
- In ChristLight (Bible class) we are learning about when Jesus healed someone's son. In Reading we are reading some short and simple stories focusing on words with the short "a" sound. In Math we are learning about different strategies to find answers to addition problems. In Writing we are learning when to use a capital letter. In Science we are learning about our 5 senses.
- Tent or Treat is coming up at the end of the month. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let me know. Thanks!
- Our Memory Work for next week is Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." This passage points out the fact that every single person has sinned and needs the forgiveness of sins, which every person also receives through faith in Jesus as their Savior.

Have a wonderful weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 10/10 - Mark 16:15
- 10/12 - Romans 10:17
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus and Nicodemus; Jesus and the Samaritan Woman; Jesus Preaches in Nazareth) with your child during the weekend and sign the orange sheet in the orange folder.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's book-it calendar
- Continue to work through the extra math program.
- Spelling: next week we are working on double consonants. We usually double the letters l, s, and f immediately after a short vowel in a one-syllable word. Your child's spelling words for the upcoming week will be in his/her orange folder. The test will be on Thursday.

Extra Notes

- Our field trip will be happening on October 16. If you are chaperoning, make sure to give me a copy of your car insurance as well as completing a background check. An agenda will also be sent out next week!
- Hot lunch is tomorrow! If your child is taking it, they still need to bring a snack for the morning.
- I will be coaching the soccer team at the TELSS tournament next Friday, October 13. I will be missing the entire day of school, so Mrs. Schultz will be subbing for me on that day. Thank you for understanding!
- We will plan to do our first life skill on October 17. We will be cutting fruits and vegetables that your child will be able to have at lunch time. The fruit and vegetable that your child cuts will be the one that they would eat at lunch. I have not decided what fruits and veggies they will be cutting. Stay tuned!
- Your child takes a "practice test" on Tuesdays with a partner for spelling. If your child spells all the words correctly, they will not have to take the test on Thursday. I will let you know if they need to or not!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 10/10 - Mark 16:16 & John 5:39
- 10/12 - The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer (The New Testament Books of the Bible)
- 10/13 - A Portion of the First Article of the Apostle's Creed
- 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 (Jesus and Nicodemus & Jesus and the Woman from Samaria)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and recording it on the October calendar.
- Work on spelling words. They are in your child's Friday folder. Make sure your child is keeping their list in their accordion folder and bringing it back to school so they are able to practice. This week we are focusing on words with: ch and sh
- 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 it starts getting cooler in the mornings, please send a jacket with your child to school.
- Don't forget to have your child record minutes on their Book it calendar, as it is part of your child's nightly homework.
- Make sure you have the Google calendar downloaded on your phone because that is where you will find upcoming events or information.
- Make sure Friday folders are coming back empty and you are looking through your child's assignments. Please let me know if you have questions.
- Please try and send lunch with your child that doesn't need to be heated in the microwave, it slows down our lunch time.
- Please go to Mr. Bieber's room if it's after 9 am, as well as taking your child to an appointment. Classroom doors are to remain locked all day.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - This week we have been learning how Jesus teaches he is the Savior first to Nicodemus that the Holy Spirit brings people to faith and that through faith they receive eternal life. Secondly, to the woman of Samaria by using the law and the gospel to lead her to faith in Him. We should eagerly share God's Word with others and invite them to learn about their Savior. Our hymn for the week is, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Reading - What would it be like to immigrate to the US in the early 1900s? We are exploring this and many other concepts through our new novel, "In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson."

We are taking a break from our regular vocabulary lessons to learn more about analogies to help us better understand our vocabulary words in the weekly lessons.

Science - Next week we begin looking at rocks and minerals and what they tell us about Earth's past, present and future.

Social Studies - We are exploring the culture of the first inhabitants of Washington, the coastal and plateau tribes. We are noticing how many of Washington's counties and cities are named after many of the Native American tribes from here in Washington (pronouncing their names has been fun too). The test will be next week.

EXTRA NOTES:

Book-it Program -Just a reminder to be filling out the calendar each day!

Free National Park Pass - Fourth grade is a special year, when they can get a free national park pass so that they can see America's national parks and historic sites for free with their families. Here is the link to the website. It is good for a year <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm> The website should tell you all the information you need.



Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our featured class for this week is English. I alternate my English lessons between writing units and grammar units. The grammar units are a combination of 5th and 6th grade textbooks, going through the 8 parts of speech, parts of sentences, and punctuation. The writing units are tied into other subjects like social studies, science, and reading. That way we can use the background knowledge that has already been built for the basis of our writing projects. I plan to have four major writing projects this year: an opinion essay, an informative essay, a narrative, and an argument essay. Depending on how things go, I also hope to teach a poetry unit later in the year. My goal is that by the time students graduate 6th grade, they are able to write an essay independently in as short a time as a day or two.

In other classes, we are learning about some of the miracles Jesus did early in his ministry during religion class. Both math classes have completed the chapter 2 test and moved on to division lessons. In science, we have finished our ecosystems projects (they are really cool and you should come into the classroom to take a look!) and are observing them as we learn more about how ecosystems interact with each other. In social studies we have started our study of ancient Rome, and in English we are learning about nouns.

Finally, thank you to everyone who brought in bottles for our ecosystem project. They turned out very cool, and we would love to show you what they're like if you want to come into the classroom!

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

This week saw the 7-8th grade doing a few things out of the norm. We had Mr. Jeff Hohenthal come and talk to the kids about making concrete. This was in connection with our big question in science of: How is the structure of our bones similar to concrete. The kids not only got to learn a life skill, but got to connect it with science. This was also perfect timing, because we went to Grand Coulee Dam this week as well. Did you know that Grand Coulee Dam took 12 million cubic yards of concrete?.....I ain't hand mixing that much concrete. Anyway, thank you to Mr. Hohenthal for sharing his expertise with us, and thank you for allowing your children to attend the field trip. It was a fun week!

Here is the memory work for next week:

10/9: Psalm 51:5, Isaiah 53:6, 2nd Article up to "living and the dead"; 10/12: Hymn 378: 1,4,5; 10/13: Romans 3:24, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 2nd Article up to "is my Lord"

This week we started looking at the coastal tribes and plateau tribes of Washington. We discussed how these are real cultures and real tribes who had differences like where they lived, what they ate, what traditions they had, what they wore, and many many more. This shouldn't be surprising to us, but I think sometimes we mentally group Native Americans into one pot thinking they were all the same. Next week we will begin to see how Europeans influenced these various cultures.

We began our study of muscles this week, and we connected how muscles tie into bones as well. Do you know which takes more muscles, smiling or frowning? Do you know what some different types of muscles are? Ask your child these questions, and if they give you a blank stare, then feel free to come and give me the stink eye, or offer up some other passive aggressive insult that shows your disapproval.

Mrs. Roberg helped out with math this week, she may be helping out from time to time on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help give me some more admin release time....thank you Mrs. Roberg!

God's Blessings on your weekends, the weather looks like it will be wonderful!

United With Christ

Wouldn't it be great to live a life filled with the virtues in today's Bible passage? Then you could effortlessly display patience with your coworkers, selflessness in your marriage, and compassion in your parenting. It would make all those sorts of interpersonal relationships better if you had this kind of mindset.

This attitude, however, is hard to come by. The temptation toward selfish ambition and vain conceit is constant. Human nature is selfish by default. We are all born with the sinful tendency to serve ourselves rather than others and to view our way as the only right way. That, coupled with a culture that encourages you to focus exclusively on yourself, makes the virtues in this passage seem unattainable.

So the question of the day is this: Can you really live a life filled with those virtues, or is that wishful thinking? The answer is yes when you are united to Christ. When you become a Christian, Jesus changes you from dead in sin to alive in faith. Because Jesus lived for you, died for you, and rose from the dead for you, God sees you as a child he loves—a child with the

amazing ability to love like Jesus loves you.

God does not see you as some hopeless, lost cause of a sinner. You are forgiven, and that totally changes the way you look at others. You don't have to be selfish, angry, or lose control anymore. Be united with Christ.

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, unite me to Christ and give me humility so that I value others above myself. Amen.

Want more daily devotions?

[I get them here!](#)



Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:1-4