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The Timber Times
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School News

Offerings from 1st Quarter

Thank you all for your generous giving throughout the first quarter!! We continue to pray for the Corr's and the Diaz's, and hope that this money can be a blessing to you in some way. We will update you next week where offerings for 2nd quarter will be heading.

No School Reminder

Please be aware that next Thursday-Friday we will have off school due to a teacher in-service and Veterans Day observed. God's Blessings on your extended break!

Tent or Treat—THANK YOU!

Thanks to so many of you who participated in Tent or Treat this year! Many different people were involved with planning, setting up, taking down, donating, etc. and the event could not have been accomplished without everyone's help!!! You are all such a blessing to the St. Matthew ministry.

Calendar Check

New month—new events!! Please make sure you are double checking the Google Calendar for important things going on—this month specifically is the Veterans Day program, Teacher In-Service, Thanksgiving, basketball starting, etc.

Junior Choir

See you at rehearsal on Monday, November 6.

Parent/Teacher Conferences — Thank you

Parents, you are such a blessing to us!!! Thank you for being dedicated and faithful, and for sharing your precious kiddos with us. We are always excited to share your child's progress,

so while formal conferences are coming to an end, we are always happy to chat with you if anything is needed!

DC Hot Lunch — Chili

Please reach out to Tinarose Posey if your child is interested in having chili, cornbread, and cupcakes for lunch tomorrow! (509)953-6416

Soccer

Uniforms need to be washed and returned by November 7! Our parent vs. player scrimmage is tomorrow (weather permitting) It will be held at Linwood Park from 4:00-5:15. Pizza will be provided. Thank you for helping this season go smoothly!

Basketball

Thank you to everyone that volunteered to coach for the upcoming basketball season. Sign-ups were in the 5-6 and 7-8 grade classroom this week! Please sign up by next Wednesday 11/8. Basketball practices will begin after Thanksgiving break. They will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Veterans Day

Our Veterans Day program is next Wednesday, November 8th at 9AM. Please join us if you are able! The kids have a lot prepared in order to honor veterans for this event, we have a guest speaker, and there will be refreshments provided following the program!

Veterans Day

We would love to especially honor any veterans in your own family. If you any new pictures you would like to share, please send them over to Miss Rosenbaum at erikarosenbaum@stmatthewspokane.org Dead-

line is tomorrow.

Please note that we will be adding on to the previous year's video, so if you sent us a picture last year, no need to resend to have it included—it will already be there.

Snow Removal

Snow removal from school will be a bigger issue this winter as there are more students and more areas to shovel. We are hoping to coordinate several school parents to come 10-20 minutes before drop off to shovel if there was overnight snowfall. Please contact Mark Gaulke (715)389-9808 for more details if needed. Thank you for volunteering your time in this way!

Precious Additions

In addition to baby Isaac Knutson, the Lamgaday's have also welcomed a beautiful baby into their family—Arwen Luna! We have a meal train set up for them as well to congratulate them and help ease the transition. If you would like to serve the [Knutson's](#) or the [Lamgaday's](#) in this way, please click the links. You can also scan the QR code instead. Thank you!



Veterans Day Program

Wednesday, November 8
9AM



Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

What a great beginning to another beautiful week!! We celebrated Orange Day AND had our Harvest Parties on Monday and Tuesday!! The children had fun wearing something Orange to school and playing Hide 'n' Seek with Orange squares - first, with the lights on and then . . . with the lights off!! We sure love our special color day celebrations!! But the fun didn't stop there!! We also had a great time decorating sugar cookies and eating SO many fun foods at our Harvest Party!! Thank you to all of the parents who helped to make our day so fantastic!! You all are SO amazing and SO appreciated!!

Can you guess our brand new theme and what we will be talking about for the rest of the month? THANKSGIVING!! PILGRIMS!! INDIANS!! We have so much to learn about and so much to do. November is going to be busy, but loads of fun, with a lot of learning and great activities!!

The rest of this week, we focused on sponge-panting our Indian vests, gluing feathers on our Indian headbands and stringing "beads" on our Indian necklaces. We are getting ready to dress up for our Thanksgiving Feast near the end of the month. Our Pilgrim attire will be created next!!

As far as our Centers go, our pumpkin is still in the Sensory Center for the children to pound in golf tees. We have a pumpkin-shaped matching activity in our Math Center and some letter matching in our Reading Center. SO much FUN we are having this week!!!

With the colder and snowier weather coming soon, I'd love to have your child bring slippers to school so they can change out of their wet boots and still have something warm and safe on their feet in the classroom. Thank you!!

I have finished your child's first quarter evaluation. If you would like to review this evaluation, I would love to meet with you. I have a sign up sheet so you can find a time that works best for you – about 10 minutes is all it takes!!

Next Wednesday, Nov. 8, we will be having our Veteran's Day program in church at 9:00 a.m. to honor all of the veterans in our lives. The preschool-8th grade children will be singing "God Bless America", and the preschool will be singing "I'm in the Lord's Army". Our children have been working extremely hard on these songs!! Please come join us for this spectacular celebration!!

Please watch for information about our Christmas program and the recitations/songs that preschool will be memorizing. We have already begun working on it in school – but I sure will need your help at home, too!! Thank you!!

Next week, we will focus on letter "H". Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item from home that begins with "H".

Our memory work for next week: The Fourth Petition "Give us today our daily bread."

Have a fantastic weekend. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay warm!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Book it- A new book it calendar was sent home on Tuesday. The October calendar was due November 1.

Coats- As the weather is getting colder students should be bringing a coat/jacket to wear at recess. Students are expected to zip their own coats. If your child is unable to do this please make sure you are practicing with them at home.

Memory Work- I handed out Christmas Program recitations at Parent/Teacher Conferences this week. Please take note of the dates.

Child's height- Please make sure to return the paper with your child's CURRENT height by Monday, November 6.

Veteran's Day- Please joins us at 9am on Wednesday, November 8 for our Veteran's Day service.

Essential Oils- Mrs. Roth and I are hosting an essential oils class on Monday, November 13 at 3:45 pm in my classroom. We would love for you to join us so you can hear all about the benefits of the oils I am using in my classroom. This is a free class but there will be a few items you can make for a small fee. Childcare will be provided by some of the students going to Washington D.C this coming spring any donations would be appreciated. Please let us know if you plan to attend and need childcare so we have plenty of volunteers.

Return envelope- Please sign and return the report card envelope. This envelope will be reused for 2nd/3rd/4th quarter.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

Thank you for meeting with me for a conference regarding your child. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please remember I'm happy to talk with you!

We are working on our Christmas Program memory work, and our class will say this one by ourselves. This is our memory work for next week Wednesday.

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in

the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:9-14
I know this is very long, but don't worry, we will work on it a lot in school!
Have a wonderful weekend! God bless!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 11/7 - Matthew 7:7
- Start working on the Christmas recitations.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter; The Young Man From Nain; Jesus Teaches About Love) with your child during the weekend and sign the blue 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: we will not have spelling words for next week. We are going to be starting unit 2 the following week. The kids will be doing a spelling pretest to see what list of words they will be getting for unit 2.

Extra Notes

- October Book-It Calendars were due yesterday. November calendars were sent out this week.
- As the weather is getting colder and colder, please make sure your child has the appropriate clothes for having recess outside (gloves, hat, coat, boots if there is snow)
- Thank you for all taking time out of your week to meet with me to talk about your child's progress in the classroom.
- Christmas recitations were handed out at the conferences. Please begin working on those with your child. This will help when we work on it in the classroom. Thanks!
- Return the report card envelopes signed by tomorrow.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 11/7- John 11:25, 26a & John 14:19b
- 11/8 - The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer & The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- 11/9 & 11/10 - No School
- 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 Calms the Storm & Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the November 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 silent letters.
- Since we are starting a new quarter, we will take spelling tests on Fridays and there will be no retakes.
- 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.
- The students at St. Matthew are putting on a Veteran's Day program November 8th, please join us!
- As the weather starts getting colder, please send a coat with your child.
- We will plan to go outside everyday for P.E., please have your child dress accordingly.
- Don't forget to have your child record minutes on their Bookit calendar, as it is part of your child's nightly homework.
- Your child will be given a copy of the Christmas recitations for the Christmas program, please be practicing at home as it is part of your child's memory work.
- 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.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - Jesus proves he is God's Son is the focus this week in our lessons. When his disciples were afraid and felt they were in trouble, who did they turn to? Jesus, God's one and only son, who showed he was true God when the winds and waves obeyed him and he is our great physician as he is the only one that can heal both our body and soul and fit us for our heavenly home.

Reading - You must have the Midas touch. That's my Achilles heel! Don't open Pandora's box! We have begun to study Greek

Mythology to understand where allusions like these and many others came from and how Greek mythology is still around in our world today.

Writing - Come in and check out our Haunted Haikus. Next, we move onto Fall descriptive writing.

Social Studies - We have wrapped up our chapter on early explorers and fur trading. Now we take a look at early immigration and settlement in Oregon Country; who moved to Oregon Country and why did they want to settle there?

EXTRA NOTES:

Parent/Teacher conferences - Thanks y'all for meeting with me to talk about your child's progress. Each child is so blessed to have such a great support team at home and school to contribute to their success.

Book-it Calendars - November calendars were sent home yesterday. Pizza certificates should be coming home tomorrow. I can't wait to see how many minutes we all read in October!

Paper Plates - Thank you for the paper plates Hohenthal family! We really appreciate it!

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Over the next few weeks, we will be using our memory work assignments to start getting ready for the Christmas Service on December 10th. I will be letting the students choose which part of the service they want to memorize each week, as long as they are learning two recitations and one song each week. With the songs, they should memorize all the verses of the song they are planning to recite. This pattern should result in having the service memorized by Thanksgiving, so that they don't have to stress about learning it once we start the whole-school practices. One more change while we are learning the Christmas recitations is that they must all be recited. Writing down the assignment will not be an option.

In our other classes, we are continuing to learn about Jesus' ministry in Christ Light. Students have been taking notes about both Jesus' miracles and parables, which are used to complete part of their tests. In Faith Foundations, we have moved on to the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed, learning about the Holy Spirit. In math class, the 6th grade students are practicing expressions and equations using the correct order of operations, while the 5th grade students are finishing their chapter on division. In Science class, we are about halfway through our mini-unit on organelles. In Social Studies, we have wrapped up our study of the Roman Empire, and will be taking a more in-depth look at the nature of Christianity during the time of the Roman Empire. Finally, in English class, the students are drafting an opinion essay about time-traveling to either the ancient Roman or Greek Empire, with an emphasis on how to effectively plan out an essay before they start composition.

We had a fun time at The Wizard of Oz on our field trip last week. According to the conversations in the van on the way back, the show was "amazing", "lit", and "fire yo." The full version of the play runs through this weekend if you want to go see it for yourself. I have some ideas for a next field trip, but nothing is close to being scheduled yet.

Finally, our classroom has had the highest number of students in our space this year, with twenty-two 5th and 6th graders. It's not a big space, so when there are groups working or other classes being taught, it's hard to find a quiet space for students who are struggling to concentrate. One strategy that has helped a few students is the use of noise-cancelling headphones. If you'd like to send those to school with your student, that would be welcome. I'd just ask that they not be music-playing headphones at this time.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

The most epic wiffleball tournament ever was held in the 7-8th grade class this week. No, we weren't smacking balls around the classroom, although I wouldn't put that past me either, but instead we were using probability to play a dice version of wiffleball. The students held a draft and assembled their teams based off a player's theoretical batting average. They then analyzed how this tied into the experimental probability. No, we weren't betting on ponies, but we were betting on names like Fuego, T-Bone, and MoBu.

Here is the memory work for next week:

11/6: Romans 8:7, James 1:14,15, The 6th Petition of the Lord's Prayer; 11/8: God's perfect gift was pure no more...(Christmas practice)

We finished up our test on How the Europeans influenced the Native American culture in history class this week. Next week we will be identifying why settlers moved to the PNW and what life was like for them.

We got a better understanding of neurons this week, and demonstrated the transferring of messages across the synapse through a game as well. We then began studying the most important part of our nervous system, the brain. While the brain is such an extremely complex part of the body, I hope the students have a slightly better understanding of all the brain does, and also to grow in their appreciation for the God who created us.

Don't forget that next week is a short week due to a teacher in-service and the observation of Veterans Day. I hope you all get the opportunity to attend our Veterans Day service, and if you know of a Veteran to invite, then please do so. We would love the opportunity to honor as many service men and women as possible. God's Blessings on your weekends!

Innocent in His Sight

It was an impossible situation for Daniel. Now eighty years old, he would have to spend the night in a den full of hungry lions. His only crime? Faithfulness to his God and refusing to compromise his devotion to God.

Daniel trusted that the God who had protected him all his eighty years of life would continue to protect him. His faith in God remained unshaken.

In our lives, we face situations that also seem impossible. While we don't face literal lions, we do face challenges at work, health issues, relationship struggles, and spiritual battles against temptations or doubt. When we face those lions, we can trust in God as Daniel did too.

Just as God shut the mouths of the lions in the den, God is with us in our trials and temptations. Daniel told his king that God preserved him because he was found innocent in God's sight. God finds Christians innocent in his sight because of the righteousness that Jesus gives to them.

Daniel was blameless before the king, and Chris-

tians are found blameless before God because of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. When we place our trust in Jesus, his righteousness covers us and protects us. We are no longer captive in the den of sin and guilt.

God's protection and his declaration of our innocence don't mean we will never face problems. But God's protection and promises comfort and guide us as we face challenges, even ones that seem impossible. Just as the lions did no harm to Daniel, the difficulties we encounter will not ultimately overcome us when we place our trust in the Lord.

God's angel shut the mouths of the lions, and Jesus has shut the mouth of death. That's enough for our faith in God to remain unshaken.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, be with me as I face the lions in my life. Guide me and protect me. Cover me in your righteousness so that I can stand innocent and blameless before you. Amen.

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Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

Daniel 6:21,22