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The Timber Times
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School News

Mission Offering

Our third quarter offerings are being given to Teen and Kid Closet here in Spokane. Our offering total for this quarter so far is \$100.70. Thank you for your generous giving!

Hygiene Drive

Please consider donating to our Teen and Kid Closet "Hygiene Drive." The list of items we need are as follows: baby soap, baby shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, 2in1 shampoo/conditioner, body wash. The list can also be found on flyers hung on the teacher's doors. Thank you for donating!

Re-Enrollment Instructions

Remember that you have until February 15th to re-enroll for the discounted rate. After that, enrollment is open to the community and will be filled first come, first serve.

Thank you so much to those of you who have already completed enrollment! If you have any questions at all, please reach out to principal@stmatthewspokane.org

Basketball

Game times have been changed for February 13. B team will play at 4:00. A team will play at 5:15. Everything is updated on google calendar. Make sure to reach out to Miss Rosenbaum if your child needs a ride. Thank you!

DC Love Grams

The kids will be providing all sorts of crafting items for parents/friends/etc. to complete "love grams." These materials will be available in the church on February 12-14. Create your cards and leave them in the box for the DC kids to deliver to your loved

ones! This is always a fun activity — the kids LOVE receiving these cards during the school day!

Early Release TOMORROW

Reminder that all students will be released from school at noon tomorrow. There is no AM3 class; however, PM3 class will be held as scheduled.

Mrs. Most Call

Please continue to keep Mrs. Most in your prayers as she continues to deliberate her call to Utah. If you have any words of encouragement for her, they are welcomed and appreciated!

February Timber Talk

A group of 5th and 6th graders worked on creating the February Timber Talk video in technology class. Check out the video with the link below:

[February Timber Talk 2024](#)



Junior Choir

Rehearsal on Monday, February 12 from 3:45-4:30.

Ash Wednesday Service

Next Wednesday, February 14th, marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Please join us for worship immediately following school. What better way to celebrate the day of love than by remembering the amazing love our Savior has shown to us! (That's my cheesy hook for this week's newsletter, haha! :)

Upcoming Dates

February

- 9 Early Release—NOON (No AM3)
- 12,13,14 DC Fundraiser—Love Grams
- 13 B Team @ Kingdom Christian 4:00PM
- 13 A Team @ Kingdom Christian 5:15PM
- 14 Ash Wednesday Service 3:45PM
- 15 B Team @ Summit 4:00PM
- 19 NO SCHOOL — President's Day
- 20 NO SCHOOL — Teacher In-Service
- 21 Lenten Service 3:45PM
- 22 Career Day
- 22 A Team vs. Co-Op 3:45PM
- 22 B Team vs. Co-Op 5:00PM
- 22 Chiefs Game — Jr. Choir Sings
- 25 Grades 3-8 Sing 10AM
- 2/26-3/1 BOOK FAIR
- 27 B Team @ Christian Heritage 3:30PM
- 27 A Team @ Christian Heritage 4:30PM

Family Appreciation Dinner

Thank you so much to those of you who attended the appreciation dinner this past Friday, or helped in any way to make the night successful! We truly want each and every one of you to feel so appreciated! We would not be the family we are without the love, prayers, and support from all of you! We love you!

Save the Date

The junior choir will be singing in the Lenten service on March 6th.

Parent Conversations

This week's parent conversation is about instilling gratitude in our children. We have so much to be grateful for, but how can we help kids remember that? You can view



the article [here](#) or with the QR code below.



Used Book Fair

We will be having a book fair February 26th- March 1st. Books will be 50 cents each. In order for this to be a success we need your gently used books. Please look through your home libraries and see if there are any books you are willing to part with. We need books for all ages! Books should be gently used with no rips, tears or writings on the

pages. You may drop off books in your child's classroom between February 2nd-16th.

Enrollment Flyers

Parents—we need you!!! Do you have any friends, family, or neighbors who are looking for a Christian education? I'm sure you have probably already spoken with them, but if they could use one more tactile piece, we have some flyers that we were hoping you could hand out to your loved ones! Each teacher has several in their classroom, so please take as many as you need. Thank you for being our biggest supporters and our best advertisement!!! Your kind words really are what keeps us going!

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

WHAT??? A week without a field trip!! A week without a party!! Sounds like a pretty "normal" week in preschool . . . but what a week it was!! On Monday and Tuesday, we had fun decorating our Valentine boxes for our Valentine exchange/party next week. This week, some of our classes had a great time having their hands painted and stamping them on a heart and some other classes were able to create the project, "I Love You to Pieces". What a great week filled with Valentine crafts!! So much FUN!! We also had fun with our Pink/Red Day!! Once again, we had fun celebrating our color and shape of the month!! The children had fun playing hide 'n' seek with pink and red hearts . . . even in the dark!!

Well, as you probably already guessed, we changed our Centers . . . AGAIN!!! I usually don't change our themes this often, but with so many things to celebrate, I just HAD to!! Our Math Center has foam heart puzzles. The children are able to match heart halves – matching the written number to the number of dots. Our Science Center has colored heart patterning and our Sensory Center has pink and purple water beads that the children can scoop out of the water and into bowls and then pour back into our big bucket. The children absolutely LOVE water play in our Sensory Center. And so do !!!

NO PRESCHOOL this Friday morning!! I will be doing some curriculum building in the morning. School will be in session as normal in the afternoon. Next week, Monday and Wednesday, we will have our Valentine's parties. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us!! Please feel free to have your child make a valentine for each friend in their class. We will have fun opening the valentines from our friends at the end of the day.

Next week we will be focusing on letter "Rr". Four year old classes, please bring an item from home for show 'n' tell that begins with the letter "Rr".

Our Bible verse we will review next week is Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble." What a great verse to remember!!

Have an amazing weekend with your family!! God's blessings to all of you!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Short vowel booklets- I will be sending home the short E word booklet in your child's yellow folder. Please have them read part of the book each night as their nightly reading. They should be fluently reading these and not stopping to sound out each letter.

Cutting fabric- If you are interested in helping cut fabric for our upcoming life skill please speak with me, I would appreciate the help!

Valentine's Day- I need 15 heart shaped helium filled balloons on Tuesday, February 13. 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

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

On Tuesday we had a lot of fun doing different activities with the number 100 in honor of the 100th day of school. Some activities were making a large number chart puzzle to 100, seeing how many words we could spell with the letters from one hundred, finding 100 coins mixed in beans, and building a structure with 100 cups.

In Science we have been having fun playing the game "guess who that baby is." I appreciate your sending me baby pictures. We are learning how living things grow and change.

In Christ Light we learned the story of when Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead, after he had been dead for four days!

In Math we are extending our addition and subtraction facts up to 20. In Reading we started learning some long vowel sounds and also how some letters, when combined, make a totally different sound, like sh and ch.

Memory Work for next week is Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

We are ready to resume our Show and Tell, but with a slightly different schedule. It took too long to have five or six kids per day, so now we will have three or four. Monday: Lucas, Quinn, Caleb, Adaline. Tuesday: Andy, Rushil, Melody, Corin. Wednesday: Naya, Amelia, Emma, Ethan. Thursday: Olivia, Harry, Mason. Friday: Emmitt, Shreya, Tommy. If your child forgets to bring something, or doesn't want to, no problem. Show and Tell is optional.

Next week Wednesday is Valentine's Day! Your child may bring a valentine and candy, if desired, for everyone. All the children's names are listed above in the Show and Tell schedule. :)

May the hope we have in Christ fill you with joy and peace. Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 2/13 - Psalm 103:1
- 2/15 - 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus Rides into Jerusalem; The Parable of the Bags of Money).

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's February book-it calendar.
- Continue to work through the xtra math program.
- Spelling: we took a unit 3 pretest to see which list of words your child needed. Next week we are working on using the digraph ch and trigraph tch. We can only use tch after a short vowel, such as the word patch. The digraph ch can be found anywhere in a word, such as in the words chat and branch. Your child's list for next week is in their orange folder.

Extra Notes

- The 100th day was on Tuesday! We had a fun time creating a 100 monster and doing a few 100 second challenges. We also had the chance to watch a movie since that was the goal the kids reached in January. It is hard to believe we are over half way through this school year!
- Our class read 9,793 minutes for the month of January.
- Valentine's Day - Don't forget to decorate your box as something. We will be doing our life skill #3 (sewing) on this day as well.
- 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 has decorated that bulletin board for the month of February. Go check it out!
- Writing: the kids picked out their personal moment they want to write about. We have started the outline of the writing.
- Math: I encourage you to work with your child on counting coins at home. We are now starting to tell time, which you could also practice with them.
- Social Studies: We are talking about some important historical figures. This week we talked about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. Ask them what they learned about these individuals.
- We are running low on paper plates. If you are able to donate some to the classroom, that would be greatly appreciated! Thanks!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 2/13 - Matthew 22:37 & 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 2/15 - Ephesians 2:8,9
- 2/16 - The Seventh Commandment
- It is really important your child is practicing memory work at home, so they can recite it on the due date.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (Mary Honors Jesus & Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the February calendar.
- Work on spelling words. They are in your child's Friday folder.
- This week we are working words with the /k/ sound.
- 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

- February calendars were sent home last week, please speak to me if your child doesn't have one.
- Please note on the Google calendar that 3-8 sings in church on February 25th . Please plan to attend.
- We will be doing a valentines exchange on February 14th. Please decorate a shoebox or a cereal box for your valentines. We have 20 kids in the class, so please make a valentine for everyone. I sent a Remind out with all the students' names in the class.
- Don't forget to have your child record minutes on their Bookit calendar, as it is part of your child's nightly homework.

Enjoy your weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - Jesus is the King, who came to give his life for us is the truth we are learning about this week with the lessons Mary honors Jesus and Jesus Rides into Jerusalem.

Reading - We finished Snow Treasure. Such a great book full of incredible persistence, courage, and an unexpected ending. Now we will be taking a look at personification, then begin a new novel next week.

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. We made star finders this week. See if you can spot the winter constellations in the night sky! We have begun working on our planet posters also.

Social Studies- This week we have been taking a look at our civic responsibilities as adults and children. We will be heading to the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture at the end of February. Keep an eye out for the field trip notice.

EXTRA NOTES:

Valentine's day - Did someone say party? We are going to have a small party the afternoon of February 14. Please stop by to see if there is anything you can donate to bring for our Valentine's day party. Thank you!

Save the date - Grades 3-8 sing at the 10:00 service on **Sunday, February 25**. Hope to see you all there. We have been working very hard on a song that is sung with two-parts. One half of the group is singing one thing, while the other half is singing another.

Book-it! - Everyone turned in their calendars for January! Way to go! Not only that, the children read for 10,164 minutes in the month of January! Incredible! We are at a total of 32,694 minutes since October. Keep up the good work!

Recorders - We are working on a few songs that we will play during the offering for an upcoming chapel service. I will let you know when that will be so you can try to attend.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

We learned a lot of interesting things in our classroom since the last newsletter. We learned that we can't trust John Smith because he either makes things up or leaves things out and Disney might just choose the most dramatic option (shocker!) We learned that we will never actually divide by a fraction in our classroom, but multiply by the reciprocal instead. We learned that fire changes air pressure and can pull a balloon into a jar if it doesn't pop first (five matches at once makes the balloon pop.) Finally, we learned that sliding in the slippery lawn is not always fun and can in fact result in getting scratched up. Hooray for life lessons!

I don't know if this upcoming week will be as dynamic, but that's the fun of not knowing. In religion classes, we are finishing our study of the 1st Petition of the Lord's Prayer, to be followed by an assessment. We are also starting to learn about the events of Holy Week, which will include a study of which events are recorded across all the Gospels, and which are unique to certain writers. In math, both classes continue to work with dividing fractions. In science, we are transitioning our study of Earth's systems to focus on weather. In social studies, we just wrapped up our investigation into John Smith and Pocahontas and will begin studying the early years of the 13 colonies. Finally, in English, we are wrapping up our verb grammar study and will have an assessment on identifying and using verbs in their different forms.

Our class set a goal of trying to bring at least two hygiene products per student for our supply drive connected with the 3rd quarter mission offering. There is a list in the classroom and maybe on the front page of the newsletter of the items requested. Monetary offerings given during chapel will also be used to purchase items that are best given brand new instead of second hand.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

We had our payback dinner this week for our Christmas party challenge. Since I was a part of the losing team I got to cook and serve with the other students who lost. We had a really good time working together and plotting our revenge for the future. Thanks for helping donate food items to make this possible.

Here is the memory work for next week:

Monday 2/12: 2 Corinthians 5:15, Galatians 5:6b, Ephesians 2:8,9; Wednesday 2/14: 5th Petition; Thursday 2/15: Hymn 376: 1-3; Friday 2/16: 1 Timothy 2:3,4, 2 Timothy 3:15, Third Commandment

We finished up our tribal perspectives video this week, and we are now ready to take a look at few of the wars that took place between the U.S. and Native Americans. We were briefly introduced in our video to the retreat of the Nez Perce and some of the battles that took place as part of their retreat.

There is nothing like having 15 teenagers awkwardly stare at you while we talk about the reproductive system. We began our

study of this system by digging into the Bible in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. This gave us the opportunity to see a couple of things about our God: 1. He gave us our reproductive systems. 2. He has given us guidelines on how to use these systems properly to keep us safe and enjoying the gifts that come through them. 3. While God gave males and females very similar bodies in many cases, our reproductive systems are ones that complement each other when used properly. Everything after this was awkward.....so I'm looking forward to finishing this chapter quickly and efficiently.

I pray you all have a marvelous weekend and enjoy your time spent with family and friends if you are gathering together to watch super bowl commercials this weekend. I have been playing driving roulette this week with 3 broken vehicles, so I am hoping to get at least one of them running properly this weekend, with the hopes that I don't have to get lucky just to make it to work next weekend.

God bless and keep all of you!

In Due Time

Are you at a time in your life when things are going well, or are you suffering?

If you are at a time when things are going well, give thanks to God for his many blessings. Use your clear mind and good health to read and meditate on God's truths in the Bible. Encourage other people with your words and actions.

If you are suffering, don't give up. God's protecting hand is keeping the suffering from being worse. He will not let your suffering go on forever. Instead, in due time, he will lift you up and restore you. It is not easy to be humbled by suffering, but God is full of grace. He will give you eternal glory in Christ. He promises it.

The first week of February can be a difficult time of the year. Other times of the year are

easier for many people. Knowing those times are coming can give people hope.

The same can be said for the suffering we endure in this life. It is never pleasant. But let the knowledge that God will one day restore you make you strong, firm, and steadfast.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I know that you suffered for me. When I suffer, make me patient. Teach me perseverance to long

for your final salvation and rest secure in your house forever. Amen.

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[I get them here!](#)*



Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. . . And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:6,7,10