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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 \$194.45. Thank you for your generous giving! Reminder that we have a goal of \$350 for this quarter!

Book Fair

Thank you to all of you who donated books, organized the event, and purchased books from our book fair last week! Sales from the book fair totaled \$529.57. WOW! That's a lot of books you went home with! Happy reading!

No School/No Newsletter

We have off school next week, March 13-15 due to Spring Teacher's Conference. God bless your time away from school, and we pray for safe travels for the teachers as they head to the west side for conference!

Also, due to the short week, we will have no newsletter. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you need anything!

Basketball

Thank you to all our coaches for making this basketball season a success. Thank you to the parents for helping transport your child to and from games and practices. Please make sure all uniforms are washed and turned into Miss Rosenbaum NO LATER THAN March 12.

Softball/Track & Field

Are you interested in helping with either softball or track and field??? Please speak to Miss Rosenbaum if you are willing to help out! Sign-ups have been in your child's classroom this past week. Those will stay up until March 12. Practices will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. A parent and player meeting will be March 21 right after school. Softball will meet in Miss Rosenbaum's room. Track and field will meet in Mrs. Most's room. \$25

needs to be brought to those meetings for the athletic fee. If you are coaching, your child will play for free as a thank you for helping with our sports program.

Junior Choir

No rehearsal this coming Monday. Our next rehearsal isn't until Monday, April 29 from 3:45-4:30.

March Timber Talk

A group of 7th and 8th graders worked on creating the March Timber Talk video in technology class. Check out the video with the link below: [March Timber Talk 2024](#)



Lenten Services—Two More!

We have two more Lenten services before Holy Week and Easter — March 13th and 20th! Please join us if you are able!

Spirit Week Continues

Tomorrow is the last day of Spirit Week! It has been so fun to watch the kids show off some awesome outfits! Encourage your kiddos to wear gear from their favorite sports team tomorrow!

Preschool Sings

Our preschoolers will be singing in church **this Sunday, March 10th**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Parent Conversations

This week's [parenting conversation](#) is all about remaining calm. I don't know about you, but this article was a humbling one to say the least. Thanks be to God, who gives us strength to accomplish the difficult parenting tasks, and continued grace when (not if, WHEN) we fail. Our God is so good.

Upcoming Dates

March

- 4-8 Spirit Week
- 6-7 A Team — Tournament @ PCA — First game vs. Summit 3PM
- 10 PreK Sings 10AM
- 12-19 DC Trip — 7th-8th Grade
- 13-15 NO SCHOOL — Spring Conference
- 13 Lenten Worship 3:45PM — Potluck After
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- 28 Early Release — NOON — Curriculum Study
- 28 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30PM
- 29 NO SCHOOL — Good Friday
- 29 Good Friday Worship 6:30PM
- 31 Easter Breakfast 8:30AM
- 31 Easter Worship 10AM

April

- 1-5 Spring Break



DC Trip

The 7th-8th grades will be headed out next Tuesday for their much anticipated trip to Washington DC! God's Blessings to them as they travel! Please pray for them that this trip would be safe, educational, and fun for all of the students and chaperones!

7th-8th Teacher

Brandon Stubalt has decided to return the call to teach at St. Matthew, so we have tentatively scheduled another call meeting for Sunday, March 24th. We pray the Lord would bless this meeting, and if possible lead the next person we call to accept the position.

No school next Wednesday-Friday

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

I don't think there is a single week that goes by in preschool when we don't have a party or a special day to celebrate!! This week is no exception!! Keep reading to find out what we get to celebrate this time!!

We finished talking about Fire Safety last week and now we get to have fun with Bear Week. We have an actual bear cave in our Drama Center that the children can crawl into and pretend to be a bear!! Last October, we learned that bears hibernate during the winter. Springtime is almost here, so guess what?? Our bears are waking up and they are SO hungry!! The kids are having a lot of fun playing in this center and pretending!!

We also have a bear in our Science Center. This bear loves to eat fish with letters on them, but he can't get fed until the boys and girls match the upper case and lower case letters first. Once they have a match, they can pop those fish into the bear's mouth. Can they fill our bear's tummy?? They sure are going to try. Our Listening Center has the book, Big Bear, Small Mouse. We get to review opposite words: fast and slow, high and low, loud and quiet, etc. What a GREAT time we are having with new our Centers!!

This week, everyone was able to easel paint a brown bear, some of our classes had fun painting a bear face using a fork and next week we all get to sort gummy bears by colors and count them. It sure will be fun to eat those afterwards, too!! YUM!! YUM!! But that's not all!! We get to finish off our next week with a Teddy Bear Picnic!! Our BIG celebration!! The children bring in their most favorite bear (or another animal if they didn't have a bear) and we have a fun picnic on the floor during snack time. The bears also are given awards!! WHAT?? Awards are given out for the "Most Awesome Bear", the "Most Loved Bear", the "Biggest Bear", the "Most Colorful Bear" and so many more!! What a fun day with our bears!!

Next week will be a short week due to our Teacher Conferences. We will be focusing on letter "Tt". Four year classes, please have your children bring an item from home for show 'n' tell that begins with "Tt" next week.

Our bible verse we will learn is Matthew 6:10 "Your will be done."

Have a fabulous weekend celebration with your family!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Jury Duty- I might be gone sometime between March 18-29 because I have been selected for jury duty. I don't imagine I will be gone the whole time but who knows. If I am gone and you have any questions feel free to text and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Literature Bags- These are due on Tuesday mornings. A new literature bag will go home the following Thursday.

Sight word assessment- This will be in your child's yellow folder. Please review the words with your child.

Short i words- Continue to have your child practice their short a and short e words. I will be sending home the short i words tomorrow.

Spring Play- This year we will be doing the play E-I-E-I Oops! Tomorrow I will send home any speaking parts your child has in their yellow folder. Please start to go over these with your child. They need to speak LOUDLY and CLEARLY. We will start working on the play in 2 weeks so it would be helpful if they knew some of their lines. Please check the school calendar and take note of BOTH dates for the play. Your child is required to be there.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Dear First Grade Families,

Thank you for the prayers while I was sick last week. Thanks also to Mrs. Benson for subbing for me. She did a wonderful job! Next week we only have two days of school! The teachers will be going to Bremerton for a teachers' conference.

In Christ Light we have been learning more parables of Jesus. In Reading we are learning about contractions (the word kind, not the kind when a lady is having a baby. Ha ha!) In Reading we are also working on long vowel sounds with silent e at the end.

In Math we are finishing up our chapter on geometry. I think this was a fun and easy chapter for the kids. In Science we are looking at how God takes care of plants and animals. And in Social Studies we are learning about jobs, needs v. wants, and money.

Next week I will be handing out our parts for this year's musical, E-I-E-I-Oops! It's about a farm and the animals and farmers, and the cow doesn't say "moo."

We have a short Memory Work verse for Tuesday, March 12: The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

On Sunday we switch our clocks ahead an hour. I'm excited for the extra daylight in the evening! Yay, it's almost spring! Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 3/12 - Matthew 26:41
- 3/19 - Galatians 4:4-5
- 3/21 - 2 Timothy 3:15
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (The Lord's Supper; Jesus in Gethsemane).

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's March book-it calendar.
- Continue to work through the xtra math program.
- Spelling: next week there will be no spelling due to the short week. Spelling for the week after teacher's conference will be in your child's orange folder next Tuesday.

Extra Notes

- Please make sure your child is bringing a water bottle every day!
- Writing: This week they got to start taking some notes about their specific animal so that they can form their writing next week.
- Math: some kids are now working on telling time, while the other group is working on adding 3 digit numbers with and without regrouping.
- Social Studies: we talked about some special places to visit in the United States like the Gateway Arch, Golden Gate Bridge, Grand Canyon, Statue of Liberty, etc. The kids got to write about one of the places they would like to visit.
- Science: we have moved onto the next unit of weather and space. This week we talked about weather patterns and different types of clouds.
- A field trip form will be coming out next week about our field trip in April. We will be going to the Mobius Discovery Center on April 17 in the afternoon. Stay tuned for the handout with information.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 3/12 - John 8:47 & The Sixth Petition of the Lords' Prayer
- It is really important your child is practicing memory work at home, so they can recite it on the due date. If they don't say it right away in the morning, they can recite it at snack time, but if they don't say it then, they will be staying in from morning recess to practice.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (In the Upper Room & Jesus in Gethsemane)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the March calendar.
- This week in spelling, we are working on words with ex- beginning sound.
- Continue to work on xtramath.
- No spelling next week due to a short week.

Extra Notes

- Our next states and capitals test is next Tuesday, please remind your child to bring home their study sheet. If they would like to check out flashcards for the weekend, please let me know.
- Since this month is March Madness, your child will be participating in a bracket with their historical figure. They are to choose a person from history that is influential. They must have their books by this Monday, whether they are getting books from home or the library. The brackets will start the week before spring break. They will have a notecard to present on their information. Please let me know if you have any questions.
- We are going to Mobius Discovery Center on April 24th in the afternoon. Please be looking for a field trip form coming out in a couple of weeks.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - Jesus is betrayed and arrested is the theme of the lessons of "Jesus and His Disciples in the Upper Room" and "Betrayal in Gethsemane" for this week. Through our lessons we want to learn to gladly serve and care for our fellow believers and to thank and praise Jesus for saving us.

Reading - How is it that a boy and mouse can communicate with one another? What do a mouse and a boy have in common? Ask a fourth grader to find out, or better yet, read The Mouse and the Motorcycle.

Science - We have begun learning about heat and how heat energy is transferred from one object to another.

Social Studies- We have begun our Washington state reports! Do you know any famous Washingtonians? We know a few...like Bob Barker from the Price is Right, Adam West, John Elway, and Cooper Kupp.

Your child will need a printed copy of a picture of themselves (about 2x3 inches). It can be with them doing anything. The best would be a picture of them doing something in the Spokane area. If you can't print from home, just send it to me and I can print it for them.

EXTRA NOTES:

Save the date - We will be going on a field trip to the Spokane House on Monday, April 15 from about 9:30-noon or 1 depending on the weather so we could eat lunch there also.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

I was looking ahead at the schedule before writing this, and it surprised me to see that we are only twenty-two days away from the end of the 3rd quarter! For as slow as January and February felt at times, it really seems like time flew by. I've been giving students regular updates on their missing work, but you should also be sure to check Jupiter Ed for any low grades that you might want your students to fix and resubmit for a better grade. The deadline for that is the end of the quarter!

In the classroom, I am trying to keep things fresh without disrupting the routine too much. In religion class we finished the last parable study for the year, so the students are doing something a little different for their assessment. Instead of breaking down the details and lessons from a particular parable, they are working with classmates to write and perform a short skit of one of the parables. We just got to work on the planning of that project this week, and I'm excited to see how they turn out.

In other classes, 5th grade math students are getting ready for a test next week about adding and subtracting decimals. 6th grade math students are also coming up on a test about statistics and data. In science, we have switched from earth science to physical science, with a focus on kinetic and potential energy. Without giving too much away, we have a lab with the term "rubber band cannon" in our future, which I think the kids might enjoy. In social studies, we are studying the economy in the 13 colonies, while also transitioning our Friday map study to more local regions. Finally, in English the students should have completed the planning and organizing phase of their essay, and should be working on composing their rough drafts.

Please check in with your students regularly about their essays. The schedule I sent home should help you know if they are up to date. If anyone is falling behind or just wants a little more help, I'll offer a study session again this coming Monday (the 11th) until 4:20 p.m. With the end of the quarter so close to the due date for the essay, it's important that students all get done on time!

Thanks for all the tissues that came in this week! We have a nice tower in the corner now, but I have a feeling that it won't last as long as I hope it will. So I might put out another plea before school is over.

Enjoy the long break next week!

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

I'll keep it short and sweet this week: D.C. or bust baby!!! Hopefully nothing or no one busts though.....so, D.C. baby!!

Here is the memory work for next week:

Monday 3/11: 1 Thessalonians 5:21, 22, The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer;

Please note we do have normal school on Monday, and that we leave bright and early on Tuesday the 12th for the airport, and we get back nice and late on the 19th. We will resume normal classes on March 20th.

We have been watching the film Gettysburg in class in connection with a research presentation on Gettysburg and the Civil War that will be due when we get back from D.C. The students can input pictures that they take of the battlefield into their presentations.

Please also note, that we will get the opportunity to visit the capitol while in D.C. Please have your child pack slightly nicer clothes for this tour, so that if we get the chance to meet Cathy McMorris Rodgers, that we don't look like a bunch of ragamuffins.

The students have also been working on an immune system game that we played this week. The game had specific roles/parts of the immune system that they needed to inquire in their games. Some created board games, while others created more of a war-like attack game. It was great to hear the kids collaborating on how to incorporate what the immune system does into their game.

I pray you all have fantastic weekends. It seems like different sicknesses have been going around, so please get good rest over the weekend, because next week is going to be quite long!

Zeal for Joyful Worship

Passover worship was one of three special worship times of the year for God's Old Testament people. The Passover corresponds with celebrating Easter today. The Passover celebrated how God saved the nation of Israel from death and freed them from slavery in Egypt. The greater significance of the Passover was that it foreshadowed how a Savior was coming who would save sinners from punishment for their sins and free sinners from slavery to sin so they could live a God-pleasing life on earth. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Passover.

Imagine how joyous this occasion was for Jesus as he came to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem at the beginning of his ministry—a ministry that would end with him fulfilling the purpose of the Passover with his innocent suffering, death, and victorious resurrection from the dead. What should have been joyous, exciting, and uplifting was disappointment, as sinful corruption and distraction were everywhere.

How is your zeal and excitement for worship? Keep in mind that your attitude and behaviors regarding

worship are a reflection of your relationship with God. Every time you gather for worship, you celebrate your Savior Jesus—the eternal salvation and spiritual freedom he provides.

Let Jesus' zeal for you motivate you for zealous, joyful worship of him every week with other Christians.

Prayer:

Dearest Jesus, consume me with your zeal so that I zealously and joyfully worship you Amen.

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When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

John 2:13-17