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School News

Mission Offering

Our fourth quarter mission offering is going to the missionary work happening in London. You can navigate through the WELS missions page [here](#).



Evergreen Concert

Today is the last day to RSVP to the Evergreen choir concert! We are so thankful that they have chosen to come all the way to Spokane to bless us with their beautiful music!

If the amazing show isn't enough, we will also be having a taco dinner immediately following — dinner and a show?! Sounds like the perfect date night for me!

Youth Night Sunday

Following the taco dinner, there will be a youth night at the Foxall's filled with fun and games! Anyone in 5th-8th grade are encouraged to attend!

Softball/Track & Field

The track meet location has been changed for both meets to Westwood Middle School. We are responsible for running the football throw and standing long jump stations at the track meet next week Wednesday April 24. Please continue to communicate with Miss Rosenbaum if you have any questions.

Lost & Found — Church Kitchen Items

Are you missing a crockpot or your favorite Tupperware container? Please check the church basement for the missing item! We seem to have accumulated many different items, so double check before replacing your Instant Pot!

Junior Choir

Our next rehearsal is on Monday, April 29th from 3:45-4:30.

**Read 2 Ride
FORMS ARE DUE TOMORROW —**

no exceptions! Thank you! I will be sending these to parents via email, so make sure your address is legible and accurate on the form :) Thank you!

WA529 Art Contest

Miss Taasaas received information regarding a statewide art contest! Anyone in grades K-12 are encouraged to submit an art project based off the question, "What's Your Dream Job?" More details on page 5 or [view here](#). **Deadline for entry is May 1st, and parents are responsible for submission.**

Talent Show/Skit Night!!!

Next Friday is the deadline to submit your talent act! Please talk with your friends and teacher to come up with your very own routine! The teachers have already begun their practices and are hoping to wow students and parents alike! What a fun night this will surely be!

Parent Conversations

Our latest [parenting conversation](#) can be a hot topic between kids and their parents — video games. Take a minute to read through this article, and surprise!, they don't suggest eliminating games altogether.



3-8 Sing

Grades 3-8 will be singing in church on Sunday, April 28th at 10am. Please join us!

Mr. Zabel Call

We hope to hear Mr. Zabel's decision by this weekend, and will update you when we know! Please continue to pray that God's will be done!

Pastor West Call

Pastor West has received a call to serve in La Crosse, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and reach out to him with questions or encouragements. Pastor's cell is (509)217-9617.

Upcoming Dates

April

- 18 Softball Game @ LCA 4PM
- 18 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 21 Evergreen High School Choir Concert 3PM
- 23 Softball Game @ Christian Heritage 4:15PM
- 23 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 24 Track Meet @ Westwood MS 5PM
- 25 Softball Game vs Lake City 3:30PM
- 28 Grades 3-8 Sing 10AM
- 4/29-5/3 MAP Testing
- 29 Jr. Choir Practice 3:45-5:00PM
- 29 DC Initial Meeting 3:45PM — Mr. Metzger's room
- 30 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 30 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park

Kids Bowl Free

Summer is right around the corner! Maybe you are already trying to come up with things to do to keep your child occupied this summer. Why not take them bowling! Note that this link is to register for [Lilac Lanes](#). You can also navigate to [Valley Bowl](#) if that is closer for your family. Join today!

DC Interviews

Our 7th-8th graders had some great words to share with you regarding their recent trip to DC. Please view the next page to see some of their responses!

Speaking of DC...

It's time to start planning for the next class of DC trippers! Our current 5th-6th grade parents are asked to attend an informational meeting on Monday, April 29th at 3:45 in Mr. Metzger's classroom.

DC Hot Lunch

Our next hot lunch will be May 3rd, and the kids will be serving hot dogs. Please fill out the form sent home today if your child would like hot lunch on May 3rd!

DC Interviews

What was the best part of your trip to Washington DC?

- I liked going to the little towns and going through old buildings and houses. I also really liked walking through the National Mall. - Hannah R.
- Going to the National Mall (even though it's not a shopping mall). It was fun to walk to all the monuments at night in the rain — without having to be on a schedule or a time crunch. - Avalyn P.
- The best part of the trip was either the National Archives or the Library of Congress. I enjoyed it because there was so much history involved. I also loved the Jefferson Memorial. - Ellie C.
- I honestly loved it all, but my favorite part was probably the Arlington Cemetery and the Capitol Building. - Maryjane P.

How do you feel the trip benefitted your education of American History?

- I now know how not to repeat history. I see how gory war was and the sacrifice many made so we could have freedom for all. - Mae L.
- It affected me by changing my perspective on how many people died and fought for our country. - Maycee M.
- It helped me understand more about how American history by going to the real sites. - Sage P.
- All the history and museums and recreations helped not only improve my knowledge, but also helped immerse me in the history. - Reagan B.

Do you have any advice to give someone planning a trip to Washington DC?

- Always have your metro card. - Liam Y.
- Make sure to pack for any weather — rain or sunshine. If you go to lots of places — which you should — pack good walking shoes. - Mae L.
- Make it fun and get a lot of sleep, and don't eat at food trucks. And, get good walking shoes. - Maryjane P.
- Go to Wendy's and go to Ford's Theatre. - Liam T.

Any special shout outs to give?

- Wendy's for free food / Wendy's app. - Liam T.
- Thank you to all the chaperones. Thank you to the Dunkin worker who gave me a free drink in the airport. - Avalyn P.
- Thanks to all who planned the trip and helped us raise money for it. Also, thank you to the chaperones who took us. - Hannah R.
- Shout out Dunkin Donuts and our tour guide Bruce. - Mae L.
- I want to give thanks to those who made this trip possible. - Liam Y.
- I would like to say thank you to all of the adults that were there and made the DC trip happen. I would also like to say thank you to Mr. Roth for driving the girls van, and to Mr. Biebert who lets the 7th-8th graders go to DC. - Maryjane P.
- Thanks to the patriot guy who talked too much and has a YouTube channel. Thanks to all the parents who helped. And shout out to Darius from Mount Vernon. Shout out to our tour guide, and to Virgil for all the games and challenges he did. Thanks for all the puns, Virgil. - Sage P.
- Of course, thank you to Mr. Biebert and all the chaperones. Also, thanks to the piano guy (who was a yapper) and all the restaurant workers who had to take all 24 of our orders. - Reagan B.
- I give a shout out to my parents and grandparents who paid for me to go and for giving me spending money. Special shout out to my mom who went with me. I will treasure that memory with her forever. - Maycee M.
- Thank you to everyone who helped plan fundraisers and the trip, and also to everyone who donated to our trip! - Ellie C.

Turn to page 5 for a picture of the group :)

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

What another amazing week in preschool!! We are continuing our theme of Community Workers. But first, we needed to finish up our marble painted crosses!! All of our classes completed this project and they are hanging in our classroom for all to see!! Come and see that "Jesus Has Risen!"

This week, we also had fun teaming up with Miss Taasaas and the Kindergarteners to create some beautiful Glow in the Dark art projects for an upcoming Art Fair in May!! You will need to check out these fantastic glowing star projects!!

Some of our classes had a great time getting their foot painted yellow in order to create a dump truck!! This is a tickly and fun project!! Because we are focusing on Community Workers, we have a special police officer (Hallie's dad) coming today and tomorrow to visit all four of our classes. WHAT?? An in-house field trip?? The children are able to find out the awesome work a police officer does to keep all of us safe, and they are able to check out his police car and all of the cool gadgets inside!! Because of this special visit, so many of the kiddos want to be a police officer when they grow up!! Thank you Officer Stewart!! You are the BEST!!

Next week we will be focusing on the letter "Xx". Four year old classes, please feel free to bring something into preschool for show 'n' tell that begins with "Xx".

The bible verse we will work on during school time next week is Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always."

Have a great weekend!! See you next week!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Reading logs- The total number of minutes recorded on our Book it calendars October-March was 41,421 minutes!! If you would like to know your child's individual total minutes please speak with me, I would be happy to share them with you! Our top reader read 6,825 minutes, second place came in at 6,395 minutes!

Spring sports- Many of the kids have mentioned that they are playing sports. I told the kids I would be happy to come and watch a game as long as I know a few days in advance and I don't already have something planned. Please let me know of any upcoming games.

Spring Play- We started reciting our lines in class this week. There are still a few students who do not know their parts. Please make this part of your child's nightly homework so they are prepared for practices.

Life skill- I still need lots more help in order for our sewing project to be a success. There is a sign up sheet on our classroom door. The students are really excited to make their own stuffed animal but I really can't do it alone.

Literature Bags- Lots of things are starting to go missing. Please inventory the bag BEFORE your child starts to take things out and read them.

Last names- As you may have noticed we have been working on learning to write our last names on our papers.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

In our ChristLight class we are hearing about how Jesus appeared to his disciples and Mary after his resurrection. In Reading we are learning how "ie" and "igh" make the long i sound. In Math we are learning how to tell time to the hour and half hour. In Writing we are learning about the different kinds of sentences. In Social Studies we are learning about weather and in Science we are learning a little about the stars.

Memory Work for next Tuesday is The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. And for Thursday it is John 14:19 Because I live, you also will live. (Jesus said these words.)

We have been practicing a couple of times per week for our play on May 9th and 10th. **The dress rehearsal is May 8th, so please have your child bring their costume to school with them that day. Please also help your child practice their lines for the play. Thank you so much!**

Silverwood Read to Ride logs are due tomorrow, Friday, April 19th. Thanks!

May God continue to bless you and your family. Have a nice weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 4/23 - Second Commandment
- 4/25 - 1 Timothy 2:3,4
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus Appears to His Disciples; Thomas Believes; Jesus Meets His Disciples in Galilee)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day.
- Continue to work through the xtra math program.

- Spelling: next week we will be reviewing all the concepts from unit 3. Your child's list in their orange folder.

Extra Notes

- Writing: we started the next unit on persuasive writing.
- Math: a group is continuing their work on fractions while the other group is working on division with and without remainders
- Social Studies: this is our final week on learning about specific holidays. This week we talked about Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Groundhog Day.
- Science: we have moved onto our next unit of working through the engineering process. This unit, the kids are going to be able to make boats out of materials they are given.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the field trip yesterday!
- We could use a few more baby wipes and tissues. If you are able to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 4/23 - Mark 9:24 & 1 Timothy 2:3,4
- 4/25 - Matthew 28:19,20 & Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer
- 4/26 - The Second Commandment
- 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 on the due date, they will be staying in from recess until they can recite it.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (On the Road to Emmaus & Jesus Appears to His Disciples)

Homework

- Work on spelling words for the week
- Continue to work on xtramath

Extra Notes

- Please make sure your child is bringing a jacket for morning recess.
- New spelling lists have been sent home in your child's folder.
- 3rd-8th is singing on April 28th, please plan to attend.
- I am excited for the field trip next week!

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - Jesus rose in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy is the theme of our lessons this week. In response to what our Savior has done for us we eagerly study all of Scripture so that our faith grows and becomes stronger.

Reading - Despereaux is a different sort of mouse indeed, but he has gotten himself into a bit of a pickle. He has been sentenced to the dungeon! What awaits him there? Why the red thread around his neck, and why do big, burly mice need to take him to the dungeon?

Social Studies- We are slowly working on our Washington State books, but we are also learning about our National Parks. Did you know that every fourth grader gets a free pass for our National Parks? Here is the link: [Every kid Outdoors](#). Eventually each student will choose one national park to research for our informational writing and present their findings to the whole school and you! We will be taking on the roles of junior park rangers this year. I will be sending more information home once we get started.

EXTRA NOTES:

Save the date - Grades 3-8 sing during the worship service on Sunday, April 28 @ 10:00 AM. Can't wait to worship with you!

Spokane Symphony at the Fox Theater - We are working hard at learning our recorders for the special Link-up concert on May 22. All parents are invited to attend the free concert @ 10:30 on May 22. The concert will last about 45 minutes. There is also a concert that night @ 7 pm, your child would get in free because they are performing, but any others would cost \$5. I will be sending home more information with the permission slip in a couple of weeks.

Spokane House- We had a great time at the Spokane House Interpretive Center on Monday. We learned so much about the history of the trading center and about the life of Jaco Finley.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our renewed emphasis on XtraMath practice has gone so well that I've had to restructure our reward system, otherwise students would either be earning a reward every week or be unable to achieve a higher score! We are now working on accumulating points through the end of the year, which will result in earning back some privileges that were lost, having lunch and recess at a nearby park, and possibly a video game tournament on our nice big tv. After that, I'll have to get even more creative, but it's a good problem to have.

In classes, we are studying the events that came after the Resurrection in Christ Light and continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer in Faith Foundations. In math, both classes had tests this week, so keep an eye on Jupiter Ed for those grades and the status of whether students have made a second attempt. 5th grade math is moving on to metric measurements, while 6th grade math is continuing their chapter on using percentages. In science, students are participating in some demonstrations examining

the transfer from potential to kinetic energy, with a focus on making effective diagrams. In social studies, we are halfway through our chapter on the events leading up to the American Revolution, which will be followed by a deep dive into the morality of a revolution. And in English, we are coming to the end of our grammar study on the parts of speech, which will be followed by learning more about proper punctuation.

Finally, if you've got a folding picnic table that you are no longer using, we are adding some outside the classroom as an outdoor study space. We've missed having small group work spaces since moving from the large room in the church basement into the smaller classroom, and will be making use of unused space to give us some more flexibility now that the weather is getting nicer.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

This week found us at the Spokane House digging more into the history behind early settlement and fur trading around Spokane. If you ever get the opportunity to stop by the Spokane House and learn about some of the history of the area, I would recommend it.

Next week's memory work is:

Monday 4/22: Joshua 24:15, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:32; Wednesday 4/24: Psalm 119:105, Romans 7:18,19, Philippians 2:13; Friday 4/26: Ephesians 4:32, 8th Commandment, Galatians 5:13b

History class this week involved tying up some loose ends in regards to the transcontinental railroad. We identified how Washington State ended up getting affected by the transcontinental railroad through both the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads. We also learned about all the migrant workers that were used as a part of all of these railroad projects. This heavily influenced the makeup of Washington's population. Many cities in Washington also grew as a direct result of these northern railroads.

We took our test on how to keep our bodies healthy and some of the diseases and outside factors that can attack a healthy body. We also started a new unit on genetics and heredity. This unit will cover some interesting topics like cloning, ethical issues with genetic modifications, mutations, and dominant and recessive traits. This unit will likely take us to the end of the school year as I plan to cover about 13 topics within this unit.

A reminder that we sing next Sunday in the 10:00 worship service at St. Matthew. It would be wonderful to have your children attend to sing a beautiful song that they have been working on.

I pray you all have wonderful weekends getting many of those spring tasks that you likely have done. I tend to find that most of my spring tasks revolve around the lake and removing fish from it. Hopefully I can find some time to take on that important chore this weekend.

God Bless!



WA529 3rd Annual

“What is your dream job?”

ART CONTEST



Enter April 1 - May 1, 2024*



How does your child imagine their future?
Give them art supplies & find out!



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HOW TO ENTER:

1. Go to 529.wa.gov/art-contest or scan the QR Code below.
2. Read important details, entry requirements, and Official Rules.
3. Students independently create art showing their dream job.
4. Parents check that art meets entry requirements and confirm that **WA529** or **Washington College Savings Plans** is visible on art.
5. Parents complete online entry & submit art

*Contest opens April 1, 2024. All entries must be received by 11:59 pm on May 1, 2024.



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Perfect Peace

In the Middle East, it is common to greet one another by saying, "Peace." That was true already at the time when Jesus rose from the dead. So when he appeared to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you," it could have been understood as a simple greeting.

But it was far more than that. The disciples were unsettled. They were not sure that Jesus had really risen from the dead. They were uncertain whether they had done the right thing at the time of his trial and crucifixion. They did not know where they stood with one another, much less where they stood with Jesus.

All those uncertainties made it important for Jesus to greet them by saying, "Peace be with you." He needed to assure them that his relationship with them was good. Because he had died to take the punishment for their sins because he had risen from the dead to prove that his promise of forgiveness was true, he could calm a whole range of anxiety with those simple words, "Peace be with you."

We also live with uncertainty. We wonder whether we have done the right thing. We don't know how we stand with one another, and we waver in our confidence that Jesus loves us. Because Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins because he rose from the dead to prove that his promise of forgiveness for us is true, we rejoice to hear Jesus say it to us, too. "Peace be with you."

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, for calming our anxiety by assuring us that we have perfect peace with you. Amen.

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While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36