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The Timber Times
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School News

Mission Offering

This quarter our chapel offerings are going to a WELS mission start up church in Seattle called Illume!

No School

Reminder that tomorrow is early release at noon and we have no school next Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy your extended break!

Next Auction Meeting

Our next auction meeting is January 20 after school in church. Please plan to attend this meeting if you wish to help out moving forward!

Scrip

Check out our latest scrip cards on hand by looking [online](#)! You can also order e cards if you prefer! Remember, scrip benefits both our school and you!

Auction Donation Forms

Along with the newsletter this week, I printed off a couple of auction donation forms for everyone. Please take these forms with you to any business that you think would consider donating to our upcoming auction! Thank you so much for your help!

Extra Apparel

We have several t-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase if you would like to jump on the sweet merch bandwagon! See details and sizes below:

- \$22 Youth M Sweatshirt (Green)
- \$22 Youth M Sweatshirt (Black)
- \$12 Youth M T-Shirt (Green)
- \$22 Youth L Sweatshirt (Green)

- \$22 Youth L Sweatshirt (Black)
 - \$18 Adult 2XL T-Shirt (Green)
 - \$28 Adult 2XL Sweatshirt (Black)
- Cash or check to St. Matthew. Thank you for supporting our school!

Basketball

Our first basketball game of the season will be this afternoon! We are playing at Summit's gym at 2:30. Team leaves school at 1:40. If you would like to cheer on your Mighty Timbers team, the address is 4224 E Fourth Ave, Spokane, WA 99202. Below is the rest of the schedule so far.

- January 13 at Summit at 2:30
- January 18 vs. Lake City Academy at 4
- January 25 at Summit at 2:30
- February 8 at Lake City Academy at 4
- February 10 vs. Classical Christian at 4

Enrollment Coming Up!

Re-Enrollment will be here before we know it! We plan to begin enrollment for returning students on February 1. Registration fees are discounted for the first half of the month—until February 15—for returning students (\$0 for preschool, \$75 for elementary). After February 15, enrollment opens for new students. Be sure to plan and enroll right away to reserve your child's spot in the classroom!

Grades K-2 Sing

Kindergarten-Grade 2 will be singing in church on January 23. Please plan to bring your child to this church service at 10AM. Thank you!

Moms & Muffins

1/14 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Rocca

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Perry

Moms and Muffins will be here before we know it! This event is taking place on January 27. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Miss Rosenbaum if you have not yet done so!

Winter-Spring Session of Jr. Choir & Drama

The Winter-Spring Session of Jr. Choir & Drama will be beginning Monday, January 24. Each rehearsal will begin at 3:45 and go until 4:30 pm. If your child (1st-8th grades only) is interested in joining please have them ask for a signup form and schedule of rehearsals for the semester from either their classroom teacher or Mrs. Most. Forms are due no later than Friday, January 14. The musical will be chosen based upon the forms that have been handed in by the 12th. There may be extra rehearsals added and rehearsals lasting until 5 pm the closer we get to the performance of the musical. Jr. Choir will also be singing for church this semester on April 24. Their attendance for this service is expected as every voice matters. I look forward to working with and seeing the great things your child will accomplish this semester!

LOADING...

LONG WEEKEND

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay (509.638.5361)

Another absolutely amazing week celebrating our Winter Theme in preschool!! The Christmas trees have finally come down and now up go our easel snowmen!! You need to come and check out our classroom!! It just screams Winter!! Some of the classes got to make snowmen sun catchers this week. We all had a great time Monday and Tuesday celebrating the colors Gray and White. We took a picture of all of us wearing gray and white, we played Hide 'n' Seek with gray and white rectangles and we all had fun on our special color day!! Woohoo!!

Our theme remained the same, but some of our centers changed this week. Our Science Center now has a Missing Mitten Mystery. Find and circle the missing mittens!! Our Math Center has hot cocoa cups with a number on them. The children get to put that number of real marshmallows in the cup of hot cocoa. Just don't eat the marshmallows!!! Our Listening Center has a cute story with a CD, The Magical Snowman. A great story about friendship!!

This week, I have started the January evaluations of our four year old classes. Please sign up as a parent volunteer if you'd like to help out in our classroom while I am conducting these evaluations. The aides and I could use an extra set of hands!! Thank you!!

Have your child bring an empty cereal box to school this month. We will be using it for a February Valentine's Day craft.

No school for the 3-year old afternoon class this Friday. I will be doing some curriculum building during this classroom time.

Next week, our classes will be focusing on the letter "Oo". Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item from home that begins with "Oo".

Our Bible memory verse next week is Colossians 3:20 "Children, obey your parents."

Have an amazing weekend with your family!! Can't wait to see you next week for more fun!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

- Read 20 minutes each night with your child. They need to hear what a fluent reader sounds like as well as be reading to you. Add minutes to the Book it calendar. The January calendar was sent home on Monday.
- We have begun working on the -at word family (cat, rat, sat, mat, etc.) Next week will be the -am family (yam, Sam, Pam, ram, etc.)
- Practice these sight words at home: the, is, what, not, are, has, like, see, it
- In math we have been counting pennies. You can practice this at home as well.
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: My effort is most important

Memory Work

January 20- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37

Singing in Church

Our class will be singing in church on Sunday, January 23 at the 10 am service. Please make sure your child is there to participate.

Responsibility

One of my goals for my students is to teach my students responsibility and independence. Part of that is carrying in their own back pack and snow gear. I have been seeing a lot of parents carrying their child's things. Please make sure you are not doing that. Your child is responsible for those things, as well as filling up their waterbottle and putting their snack in their back pack. Please feel free to stick around and watch them do their jobs (from behind the tape) but you may not do their jobs.

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/Christlight

- 1/19 - Ephesians 2: 8,9
- 1/21 - The Lord's Prayer
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the TEAL sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- No Spelling next week since it's only a 4-day week.
- Purple bookmark (Theme 5 Week 1) will be due January 18.
- Lightning Words (Theme 5-2) will be due January 21.
- Math flashcards will be coming home. Please practice them with your child.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

2nd Grade Homework

- No Spelling next week since it's only a 4-day week.

- Math flashcards will be coming home. Please practice them with your child.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

Extra Notes

- We will be singing "As the Deer" in church with Kindergarten on January 23 at 10 a.m. We have been working hard on it at school. Please make sure your child will be there to participate.
- We started the descriptive writing unit this week. The kids have been working on creating monsters and describing them in sentences. By the end of the unit, we want to read our writing to a classmate and have them draw the monster that is described to them.
- MAP testing round two finished up this week. I look forward to sharing those results with you when everyone has taken the tests.
- Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. I appreciate those who have been reaching out with questions. I am here to help where I am able.

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Science - What is sound energy? How does it travel? Does sound travel fastest in a solid, liquid, or gas? What causes an echo? These are some of the questions we have been looking at this week.

Reading and Writing - We are wrapping up our unit on Greek mythology, but will be working on our Greek gods and goddesses writing for a bit longer. We have begun revising our essays using D.A.R.E. - Delete, Add, Rearrange, and Exchange. **Social Studies** - Unit 3 has begun and learning about how Washington became a territory then a state has proved interesting with pioneers, prospectors, gold rushes, and the Oregon Trail. If your child would like to play the "Old School" version of *The Oregon Trail* (and you would like to help them) go to www.visitorregon.com Will you survive to the end? Or will you die of dysentery?

Extra Notes

- **Book-it** - Pizza certificates for December's calendars came home on Tuesday.
- **Reading at Home & A.R.** - Please encourage your child to be doing their 20 minutes of reading each night. If every child was doing this, then every child would be very close to hitting their A.R. goals for the quarter and only 7 students out of 20 are consistently reading and taking A.R. tests. I may have to change some things up for reading and homework items if I don't see any improvement.

Flashlight Friday - As a class award for transitioning quickly and quietly, the third and fourth graders get to have a flashlight Friday celebration. Flashlight Friday will be on Friday, January 14. Each child can bring a pillow or stuffie, a blanket (will be used to make a tent from their desk), and a flashlight. I will also be providing a flashlight they will be able to use and keep. During Flashlight Friday, we will be reading and taking AR tests as books get finished.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Another week of MAP testing is in the books. Thank you for doing your best to make sure your children were to school on time and breakfasted up so that they were ready to take their tests. Results can be distributed with report cards at the end of the month. MAP testing week makes for an odd week as far as getting all the other regular classes in, however they are super important in order to check for strengths and weaknesses in both the children and our school.

Here is next week's memory work:

Tuesday: 1/18-2nd Article; Wednesday: 1/19-John 11:25,26; Thursday: 1/20-Hymn 75:2-4; Friday: 1/21-Psalm 122:1, Proverbs 22:6

The 5-6th graders not only took their Midwest map test this week, but they also started looking closer at the New England colonies. This look involved identifying how each colony was founded, for what purpose, and by whom. This was the main reason that I started with the Northeast when it came to our map studies, because I knew the New England colonies were coming up.

The Walla Walla Treaty Council and the treaty trail are still on our minds in upper grade history. We are currently looking at a few primary sources and seeing how primary sources can give us a better understanding of others viewpoints when it comes to history. It is really cool to read about and imagine from descriptions what the PNW would have looked like before so much was civilized. I have no problems picturing, as former Governor Isaac Stevens described, horses slipping in snow and practically falling off the cliffs had it not been for him and his men grabbing them and physically dragging them back to safety.

We made and ate four pans of brownies in science class this week. I also did a little taste testing if I am being honest....okay a lot of taste testing. Students were converting all the measurements of the brownies into grams since we have been working with the metric system. The students did a fantastic job both with converting and with their baking skills.

A reminder, that there is no school on Monday, and that we have a half day scheduled for this Friday. Enjoy your slightly longer weekend. Spring will be here before you know it, so perhaps this would be a great weekend to find some winter activity to do outside with your family. God Bless!

No Fear

Years ago, there was a TV show called “Fear Factor.” The premise was that contestants would face such daunting challenges that they couldn’t go through with it. Whoever could overcome the “fear factor” first would win the grand prize.

You may not be asked to drink blended rats, but the “fear factor” is not limited to TV shows. Fear still has a way of paralyzing people from moving forward or thinking clearly. Even if the danger causing our fear isn’t real, the fear is real. Sometimes, what causes such fear is that our eyes are focused on the wrong thing.

That was the case with Samuel. God had asked Samuel to do an important task. He had to anoint someone to be a king. What sounds like a festive occasion was a fearful occasion for Samuel. You see, there already was a king on the throne. So by anointing a new king, Samuel thought his life would be in danger. That word, “thought,” is the keyword. What we think will happen does not always match

what God knows will happen. What we fear is not always God’s reality.

Consider the situations in your life. God commands us “to do” a variety of things. God commands that we honor those in authority and follow his direction for marriage and sexuality. He commands that we honor him with our wealth.

Why do we struggle with such commands? Sometimes it’s simply that we are afraid to do the right thing. We are afraid the

task may be too hard or that it may hurt. With Samuel, we may ask, “How can I go?” (1 Samuel 16:2). When facing a fearful task, take comfort in God’s direction, “I will show you what to do” (1 Samuel 16:3). There is no fear factor when there is a God factor.

Prayer:

Lord, erase my fears as you keep my eyes focused on you. Amen.

But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

1 Samuel 16:2,3