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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!

Next Auction Meeting

Our next auction meeting is **TO-DAY** 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!

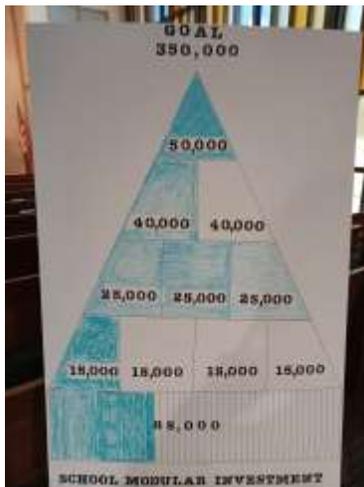
Mr. Biebert Has a Call

On Sunday, Mr. Biebert received a

call to be principal and 6-8 teacher in Burton, MI. Please keep our school family in your prayers during this time of deliberation, and also pray for Good Shepherd in Burton. God's will be done!

Building Campaign

Many of you are aware that our church and school is raising money for a second modular building and 1st grade teacher. In our church, there is a pledge pyramid that has our fundraising goal. Please see the picture below. If you would like to contribute to that fund, please submit cash or check to St. Matthew, with a memo to "Building Fund." Thanks to many generous donations so far, we have already pledged over \$200,000 of our \$350,000 goal!



Speaking of Building...

Construction work has started back up as of today for the first modular building! Slowly stepping closer to moving in! Be sure to check out the progress outside after school.

1/21 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Velikanov
Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Ramsay

End of 2nd Quarter

Quarter 2 ends on Friday (tomorrow), so be on the lookout for your child's report card on Monday! Woohoo! Officially half-way done!

Basketball

SCHEDULE UPDATE: Covenant Christian cancelled their game due to not having a coach, but I was able to add two more games. February 10 will be the last game. We will be having an end of season party (TBD). A new schedule will be handed out at practice today! Here is the new game schedule (could be subject to change):
Tuesday, January 25 - 2:30 at Summit
Tuesday, February 1 - 4:00 vs. Christian Heritage
Tuesday, February 8 - 4:00 at Lake City
Thursday, February 10 - 4:00 at Christian Heritage

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

Moms and Muffins is next Thursday, Janu-



REPORT CARDS MONDAY

ary 27, from 5:30-6:30PM. Please note the time, as it is different from the calendar. Thank you!

tubing at Bear Creek Lodge

Our tubing date is set for February 4, from 5:30-8:30PM. Save the date! A detailed flyer will be sent home next week along with a liability waiver.



lost tooth club!



Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

A long weekend, a short week (for some classes), but a great preschool time for all!!

On Tuesday, we talked about Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. The children learned about MLK's view about "A Beloved Community" – where everyone helps to take care of each other. We learned that we can include everyone when we play, we can help our neighbors when they need it and that we can solve problems peacefully. We did a craft when we learned about Rosa Parks. The preschool children cut out faces of children and glued them down by ANY bus window they chose to show that people can sit wherever they want to on the bus!! Dr. King and Rosa Parks helped to change our laws to make our world a better place.

New theme, new centers!! The centers this week are focused on our new theme: Health!! Our Sensory Center has a table that the children can make their own "germ people" with playdough, googly eyes and pipe cleaners. Our Science Center has some plastic fruit that the children are able to sort by color, and our Listening Center has a beautiful book, One Snowy Rescue. This is another fantastic story about friendship. Okay, so this story isn't about health, but we are still in winter, right??

We had fun this week when we sequenced boys sneezing into a Kleenex and girls washing their hands. We also had an amazing time with a cutting craft about "Exercise is Fun". The children also learned how to cover their coughs/sneezes in their elbows and wash/sanitize their hands after using a tissue. Great Health Week!!

Instead of Miss Tassass coming to our classroom on Wednesday, we were able to visit her in the Kindergarten classroom!! She read us the story, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and we were able to create our very own Very Hungry Caterpillar headbands!! So much fun in Kindergarten on Wednesday!!

I am still evaluating the four year old children this week with their letter/number recognition and their shape and color recognition. After I complete all of these evaluations, I would love to sit down with you and compare last September's evaluations with January's evaluations. Please look for a parent/teacher conference sign up next week!!

Please bring an empty cereal box to preschool this month. We will be using it for a Valentine's Day craft. If you happen to have an extra one for a friend, we would love that, also.

Our dentist field trips are scheduled next week to Spokane Pediatric Dentistry in Cedar Crossing. Please watch for a note in your child's folder with the details of that field trip. This will be a walking field trip – easy to work with!!

Next week, we will be focusing on letter "Pp". Four year old classes please bring something from home that starts with the letter "Pp".

Our bible verse next week is Matthew 3:17 "A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son."

Please continue to bring snow clothes for your little one if there is snow on the ground (i.e. snow pants, hat, boots, mittens/gloves). I would also love slippers for their feet in the classroom. Their feet might get wet in their boots, so I would love to keep their feet warm and dry after our snow play.

Have a beautiful weekend with your family. I look forward to an amazing week next week!!

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 a little over a week until the end of January, keep reading!
- In math we have been counting pennies. I will send home a piggy bank sheet on Friday so you and your child can practice counting pennies. All you will need is a die and about 20 pennies (or more if you want to challenge them!)
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: When I don't know I keep trying!

Memory Work

January 27- Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinner- of whom I am the worst. 1 Timothy 1:15b

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 partici-

pate.

100th Day and Valentine's Day

More information will be coming home shortly about the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day....stay tuned!

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/ Christlight

- 1/25 - Matthew 4:10b
- 1/27 - Isaiah 43:11
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the TEAL sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 5 Week 2) will be due January 24.
- Lightning Words (Theme 5-3) will be due January 28.
- Spelling test will be on January 28. These are the words for next week: like, five, ride, nine, time, kite, prize, smile, was, our. Most of these words are working with the long i sound. Please help your child learn these words!
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

2nd Grade Homework

- Spelling test will be on January 28. These are the words for next week: careful, useful, rainy, dusty, softly, quickly, endless, spotless, freshness, illness, washable, wooden. This will be the last week of working on suffixes. We will move on to something new the following week.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

Extra Notes

- We have gotten a good start on creating our monsters. This week we focused on planning out our writing. Next week, we will start to revise/edit our work before publishing it.
- Our class needs to work on completing homework at home if they don't finish it at school. I remind your child that if he or she didn't finish something, it goes home in their homework folder. It is important to be checking their backpack for their homework folder as well as checking with them to see if they have homework or not. We are working towards being responsible for completing their assignments and turning it in the following day.
- Please make sure that your child is bringing his or her water bottle every day.
- We will be singing "As the Deer" and "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 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.
- Valentine's Day is just a few weeks away. I would like you to take an empty shoe box and create it into something unique. For example: pirate ship, lego house, etc. (Pinterest is a good place to look). The kids will bring the box to hold all the Valentines they receive. We will also take votes to see which top boxes take home the gold, silver, and bronze prizes.
- The 100th day is quickly approaching. It is currently set to happen on February 10. The plan is to have every student get a tshirt and decorate it with 100 things, whether it be stars, hearts, dots, googly eyes. The list can go on and on. Then I want everyone to wear their decorated shirts on February 10.

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

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.visitoregon.com Will you survive to the end? Or will you die of dysentery?

Extra Notes

- **100th day of School** - The 100th day of school is approaching quickly! We will have some fun activities this day, but not a whole day's worth, like last year. 100th day is February 10th, so watch the newsletter for more information.
- **Valentines day mailbox and Party** - Time to put on your creative caps! Be thinking of how you can turn a shoebox, cereal box, or a small Amazon box into a Valentines day card mailbox. What will it look like? Will it win the award for best animal? Or best use of hearts? Or best mode of transportation? Best mythical creature or pokemon character? More details to come!
- **Handwriting Contest** - The students have the opportunity to showcase their handwriting skills. A practice sheet will be coming home for them to work on and we will do the final entry sheet the first part of February.
- **Report Cards** - Report cards will be sent home on Monday. If your child has been absent this week or last week, I will be holding on to their report card until all their make-up work has been completed and handed in. If you have any questions or concerns about your child and their progress, please contact me and we can set up a meeting.
- **Book-it Calendars** - Are you on track to beat your goal for last month? I hope so! Can't wait to see how much you blow up last month's goal!

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Well, sickness abounds. Whether your children have been sick or you have been sick, my prayer is that all of you can get healthy and stay healthy. However, despite being a shortened week affected by sickness, we got lots of learning in.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 1/24-Luke 11:28; Tuesday: 1/25-Romans 10:17; Wednesday: 1/26-Psalm 51:5; Thursday: 1/27-Hymn 84:1,3,4,5; Friday: 1/28-Romans 8:7

The 5-6th graders studied the development of both the New England and the Middle Colonies of the not yet named United States. This involved them identifying why the colony was founded and who founded it. They also started to quiz themselves on this information.

The 7-8th grade history class identified what a treaty is and then compared articles with differing viewpoints on treaties. It is very important at their age to be able to distinguish articles based on factual information versus opinionated feelings. We identified that oftentimes these differences in articles can also come about simply from different perspectives.

Students are working in groups for science to identify important safety features for working in a science lab. A unit or lesson rarely goes by for us in science that we don't have some sort of lab for. It is important that we operate safely with whatever labs we do, especially because science often has very specialized equipment and chemicals that you don't use anywhere else. We also started studying for our science test that we will take next week Tuesday.

It is exciting to see that work for the modular has begun once again! Praying that we still have the opportunity to make use of the modular before the year is up, but we will just leave that in God's hands and continue to pray. Once again, hopefully you all get a chance to rest up and get healthy this weekend. God Bless!



Fun in the Snow!

The Best for Last

The young girl was in awe. This was the first wedding she had attended. It had been amazing. As she sat at the reception, a server came by to take her plate. She was about to hand him her fork when her grandma, leaning over, said with a smile, "Hold on to your fork." The little girl looked puzzled. So, her grandmother explained.

In all her years, she had been to many weddings and enjoyed many banquets, and learned one important lesson. As splendid as the main course was, there was always something more. Dessert! "So, hold on to your fork," she said, "The best is yet to come."

The master of the wedding banquet Jesus attended had no idea what Jesus had in store. In all his years, every wedding celebration had always served the good wine first. Imagine his surprise when the servants brought him the best wine last. He had no idea where it came from, but the servers knew. Jesus had miraculously turned water into wine.

With this miracle, Jesus uncovered an important truth about God. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from God. Not satisfied with giving us what is adequate, he insists on providing more and better blessings than we could ever have imagined.

He is, as a matter of fact, saving the very best until last. For all those who trust his promise of forgiveness through Jesus, he promises an eternal, glorious and perfect home in heaven, provided for you by his Son.

God provides us with so many joys in this life. But even if your life is filled with troubles and sorrow, this truth remains: In Jesus, the best is yet to come!

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, for all that I receive from your hand—daily bread, forgiveness, eternal life—make me truly thankful. Amen.

The master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

John 2:9,10