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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! So far, we have collected \$12.00. We will be giving to this mission church for all of 3rd quarter!

Vacation Ideas?!?!

Do you have a favorite getaway spot—nearby or far?! If you or your family has a vacation home or timeshare property you would be willing to donate to our auction, please speak with a teacher or Mrs. Biebert! We would love to offer experiences like this for our auction event! Thank you for considering to help in this way!

Moms & Muffins

Our Moms & Muffins event is taking place TONIGHT at 5:30PM! We look forward to spending some extra time with all of you!

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)
- \$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!

Twin Day

Next week Wednesday is 2/2/22!!! We are celebrating by letting the kids dress up with someone else as a twin! To make things interesting, each class is also competing to raise the most "twin money!" Kids can bring in two of any matching currency (i.e. 2 \$5 bills). At the end of the day, we will count up all money, and declare a winner on Thursday in chapel! All money raised will go toward the building fund. Happy Twinning!

Re-Enrollment

Mark your calendars!!!! We start re-enrollment for next school year **NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 8:00AM!!!** We are discounting enrollment fees until February 15—\$0 for preschool, \$75 for elementary! Please log in to your TADS account and enroll your child ASAP to save their spot for next school year!

Construction Progress

Construction work has been underway all week here at school! I believe they are starting to put in sewer lines and plumbing—but don't quote me on that! Check out the work for yourself behind the school building!

DC Hot Lunch—PIZZA!

Next Thursday, February 3, the DC kids are selling pizza and veggies for lunch! Cost is \$3/slice or 2 for \$5. This cost will help to offset the price of the pizzas and veggies, so if you to give a donation in addition, please do so!

Basketball

February 10 will be the last game. We will be having an end of season party

1/28 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Yunin

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Lee

(TBD). Here is the game schedule (could be subject to change):

Tuesday, February 1 - 4:00 vs. Christian Heritage

Tuesday, February 8 - 4:00 at Lake City

Thursday, February 10 - 4:00 at Christian Heritage

5-8—Please Bring Headphones

Please remember that all 5-8 graders need a pair of well-fitting headphones for testing every week! Thank you!

Grades K-2 Sing

Thank you to all the K-2 graders for singing in church last Sunday! We heard many wonderful things from our church members about how beautiful you sounded!

Moms & Muffins

Moms and Muffins is next Thursday, January 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! You should have received a flyer with details! Cost is \$15/person. We hope many of you can make it to this fun event!

Parenting Article

The next parenting article focuses on preschool age children, but you can find something useful for all ages! The article gives tips for helping your child gain self-control. Please find that article [here](#).

February Calendar

Are you serious?!?! This year is flying by!!! February's calendar is available for viewing [here](#). A couple highlights: the DC trip, 100th day of school, used book sale, and more!



DC HOT LUNCH NEXT THURSDAY

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Okay, we don't do this very often, but we have a brand NEW theme this week – Teeth!! We just had a new theme last week – Health. CRAZY times in preschool!!! This week we are learning about teeth and how to take care of them. This is a really hands-on theme and unique because we had a field trip to visit a dentist this week, also!! We walked to Dr. Bradley's office and were able to sit in the big chair, squirt water into a cup and watch "Mr. Thirsty" drink up the water and even go for a chair ride. Mary read us a story about teeth and we had a chance to meet Dudley the dragon!! He was a naughty dragon that actually squirted some of us with water!! We had such an amazing field trip and we learned SO much!! FUN DAY!!! Thank You, Dr. Bradley!!

We have fun new centers in preschool!!! Bingo dot pages in our Art Center, sorting uppercase and lowercase letters in our Reading Center, lacing laminated teeth in our Math Center and sorting good foods and bad foods for our teeth!!

Our classes made some crafts this week, also. We had fun brushing a yellow tooth with "toothpaste" (white paint) to make it white. We learned to brush our teeth with small circles and that "Clean Teeth are Happy Teeth". We actually brushed our yellow tooth with a toothbrush!! Who paints with a toothbrush?? We did!!

We also learned about good foods for our teeth and bad foods for our teeth. We can certainly eat the bad foods, but we must remember to brush our teeth afterwards to prevent "sugar bugs".

What a great week of learning about how to care for our teeth!!

Please remember to bring in an empty cereal box for our Valentine's Day craft next week. If you have an extra empty cereal box, we would gladly share it with a friend!! Thank you SO much!!

Next week, we will have our Pajama Day on Thursday and Friday. Please have your child wear Pajamas to school, bring a Pillow and a stuffie. We will be having Pancakes for a snack and we might even have a Parade. We are celebrating "Pp"!! Please look for a note coming home next week for this fun day!!

Four-year old parents, please also sign up for a 10-minute parent teacher meeting to review your child's recent evaluation. The sign-up sheet is on my red cabinet when you enter our classroom.

Our letters that we will focus on next week are K, L, M, N, O, and P. Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item that begins with one of those 6 letters. Our friends will have fun guessing the beginning letter.

The bible verse we will learn in school next week is I Peter 5:7 "God cares for you.

Have an amazing weekend with your family. Praying that all of you stay healthy so we can see you next week for loads of 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.
- I will be sending home a list of sight words that your child should know by now. Please continue to work with your child at home. Thanks!
- You will start to notice that all school papers sent home will now have your child's first AND last name on them. J
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: I don't stop until I'm proud of myself!

Memory Work

February 3- So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

100th Day and Valentine's Day

A note was sent home on Monday about these 2 special days. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Used crayons

If you have any broken crayons at home that you would be willing to donate I would love to have them! We will be making our own crayons for Valentine's Day and I need some extra crayons please. Bring them in anytime next week.

Auction

On Monday I will have a sign-up sheet on our classroom door for the school auction. Our class will be creating a Garden themed package for the auction and I have some items that I need donated. I am asking that each family choose one thing from the list to donate.

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/ Christlight

- 2/1 - John 11:25
- 2/3 - The Eighth Commandment
- New colored sheet: Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the YEL-LOW sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 5 Week 3) will be due January 31.
- Lightning Words (Theme 6-1) will be due February 4. Please return or a free pass will be used.
- Spelling test will be on January 28. These are the words for next week: go, bone, so, nose, no, home, also, woke, went, out. 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: knee, know, knock, knight, sign, gnat, gnome, gnaw, off, cold, tell, work. A majority of these words are working on silent letters kn and gn. Please help your child practice spelling these words.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

Extra Notes

- January Book It Calendars are due February 1st. A February Book It Calendar will be sent home next week.
- Thank you to everyone who came to sing in church on Sunday! I received multiple comments about how beautiful the kids sounded!
- Report cards were handed out on Monday. If you have any questions about the report cards, please let me know! Please return the signed envelope without the report card inside.
- Free Passes will restart for the third quarter. Each student is allowed four free passes for the quarter. A note about Valentine's day and the 100th day will be in your child's pink folder tomorrow.
- On 2/2/22, we are encouraging each child to dress as a twin. We are also encouraging children to bring in 2 of the same currency. It isn't every day that we have a unique date like 2/2/22.

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Social Studies - We are wrapping up chapter 4 and taking an assessment over the material and skills on Thursday, January 27. Next week we begin to learn how and when Washington becomes a state!

Science - This week wraps up learning about energy, specifically light and sound energy. The assessment over the material will be on Friday, January 28. Next week we beginning learning about Space: The Final Frontier and all that there is in our Solar System and Universe.

Reading - We have begun reading two new books by Kate Di Camillo, Because of Winn-Dixie and The Tale of Despereaux. As we are reading each chapter, each group will be taking a look at literary terms and skills, such as sequencing, genre, context clues, vocabulary, and figurative language to state a few. So much learning from two great books!

Read for 20 minutes at home - I've changed up how we are doing the Read for 20 minutes. Two days a week we are having D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read) in class and three days a week the reading will be coming home along with a summary form to fill out and hand in on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Extra Notes

- **100th day of School** - The 100th day of school is approaching quickly! We will be needing some supplies for this day. Everyone should bring a snack that is 100 pieces of _____. (They will not be sharing).

- **Valentines day mailbox and Party** - Please see the extra note that is coming home with your child today.

- **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 were 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! Calendars are due Tuesday, February 1.

Mark your Calendars - Grades 3-8 sing for church on Sunday, February 27 @ 10 AM. This is a great opportunity to join us for worship and say thank you to the congregation for supporting your child's education here at St. Matthew.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

The countdown to the D.C. trip begins! It is crazy how close the trip is getting, which can only mean one thing: February is almost here already! It won't be long and the weather will be getting warmer, and Spring will be here, or at least that is what I am telling myself to get me through the end of winter here.

Here is next week's memory work:

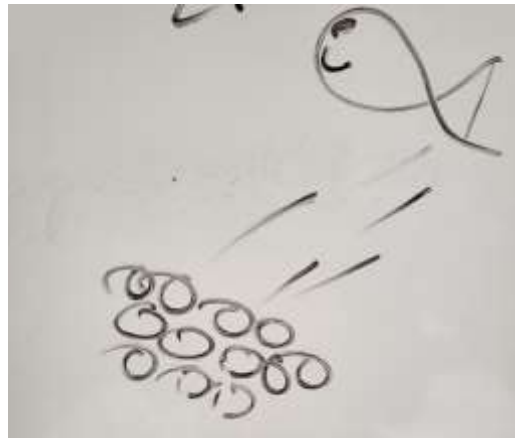
Monday 1/31-Psalm 37:5, Psalm 50:15; Tuesday: 2/1-Genesis 3:15; Wednesday: 2/2-1 John 1:7; Thursday: 2/3-Give Me Strength, O Lord; Friday: 2/4-Acts 14:22b

Do you know what colony/state got started as meat shield? Do you know what colony got started as a gift from a friend, or which colony got started as a place of religious tolerance? Hopefully your children do, because we have come to the end of another chapter in history. We have finished studying our New England, Middle, and Southern colonies and their founding. Next week we will drill these colonies and take our test on this chapter on Thursday.

What do all living things have in common? That was the topic of conversation in science this week. This conversation led to the ever popular topic of conversation: reproduction. No, we didn't get into too much detail, but I did get to create an amazing picture of a fish making babies. You can find it below, ha ha.

The kids voted and wanted to have a Valentine's party on February 14th. The kids can bring valentines, candy, and a favorite game for this party. If you choose to participate, then please bring valentines for every student.

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend! If you are looking for some fun in the winter sun, then feel free to come help Miss Rosenbaum move on Saturday.



Good News for the Poor

Why do rich people often have a hard time listening to the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus? One theory is that they think they have everything they need already, so they don't realize their need for a Savior.

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah said that he was chosen to proclaim good news to the poor—people who realized that they needed good news! When Jesus began his preaching ministry, he said that those words were written about him. He told people the good news that they were spiritually poor enough to need a Savior and that he was their man.

Jesus is your man too. Whether you live in a mansion or under a bridge, whether what you drive is shiny and

new or old and rusted, whether your bank account is full or nearly empty, you were born spiritually poor. So poor, in fact, that you had nothing in your spiritual account. But that is why Jesus came. He came to fill your account with his perfect life. He came to pay your spiritual debt by dying on the cross.

That is good news! It's the best of news, really. It means you are all

paid up with God. It means that through faith in Jesus, you will inherit heaven one day. You who were once poor are now wealthy beyond measure in Jesus.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for making me who was poor, rich. Amen.

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Isaiah 61:1