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School News

Chapel Offering Update

Our chapel offering total is at \$99.19. Please continue to bring your offerings on Thursdays. Thanks!

Basketball

Games today are at different locations. The B team is at the Nazarene church at 4:00. The A team is out at Southside at 4:00. Good luck to both teams. Next week, there are games on Tuesday (2/4) at the Nazarene gym. Both teams have practice on Thursday (2/6). See the google calendar for times. Parents, please make sure to communicate with your child's teacher if you plan to take siblings out of school early for the games. Thank you!

Moms and Muffins

Thanks so much to those of you that attended Moms and Muffins! What a fun event! Additionally, thanks to everyone who donated to this event. We are so appreciative of the support!

Intro to Lutheranism — Beginning Date Change

This class will begin on February 12th as Pastor will be out of town the first week of February. If you haven't yet, please speak with Pastor if you'd like more information regarding this class! It is a great way to learn what sets our church apart from others, as well as becoming familiar with the teachings your children are learning.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir will meet on February 3 @ 3:45pm in Mrs. Most's classroom.

DC Fundraiser Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 3:45-4:30pm in the 5th-6th classroom.

Parents, please come to the meeting with any ideas you have for fundraising efforts that our students can be involved with. We'll compile ideas and gather volunteers to help plan fundraising events. If you can't attend but still want to contribute or volunteer, please contact Lara Ramsay (509)981-3235.

Call Updates

Mr. Metzger is still deliberating his call to WI and Mr. Biebert has also received a call to FL. I know I may sound redundant, but prayers are truly

so appreciated :) Please pray for both the Metzger's and the Biebert's. Thank you so much!

Pokemon Club

The Pokemon club will be meeting tomorrow from 3:45-5:00 in the church's basement. The Christmas tournament was a great time for all involved! We had some amazing battles leading to Marie Gaulke and Mrs. Most coming out on top for the kids and the adult divisions respectively.

DC Hot Lunch

Chili will be served tomorrow by the DC kids! If you haven't yet specified, but would like hot lunch for your kids, please reach out to Naomi (208)859-1456 to see if there is anything available.

Drama Club

The Performance is ONE MONTH away! All the kids are working hard and it is going to be a knee-slapping, laugh out loud, silly as it gets, kind of show. February 28th at 6:00pm in the church. Please save the date and be ready to laugh!

We are looking for anyone who would be willing to help with some props. If you happen to be an expert at how to fold paper hats please reach out to Fiona Metzger. :)

We are also in need of the following:

- Clown nose (one)
- Boomwackers (set of eight)
- Stick Horses (six)

If you have any of the following and would be willing to let us borrow them for the next month please text or call Fiona Metzger 734-521-7242 Thanks all!

Re-Enrollment

If you have been reading Jacob's principal section, you may be somewhat aware, but we are officially planning to switch to JupiterEd for our tuition management platform. This will not be without some kinks, so please bear with us as we make this transition. Our plan is to begin re-enrolling on February 10th. Please stay posted, and reach out if you have any questions at all!

Just a reminder that re-enrollment will be discounted for the first two weeks, so until February 24th.

Upcoming Dates

January

30 Basketball Games — A Team 4:00PM @ Southside / B Team 4:00PM vs. Faith Christian

31 DC Hot Lunch—Chili

February

3 Junior Choir — Mrs. Most's Room 3:45-4:30PM

4 Basketball Games — A Team vs. Spokane Co-Op 3:45PM / B Team vs. Spokane Co-Op 5:00PM

5 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement

5 DC Fundraiser Meeting — Mr. Metzger's Room 3:45-4:30PM

6 Basketball Practice — A Team 4-5:30PM / B Team 4-5:10PM

6 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM

7 Early Release/NO AM3 Preschool

10-14 Love Grams Fundraiser!

10 Junior Choir — Mrs. Most's Room 3:45-4:30PM

11 Basketball Games — B Team @ Palisades 3:00PM / A Team @ Palisades 4:30PM

12 Lutheranism Intro Class 2:30-3:30PM / 3:40-4:40PM

12 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement

13 Basketball Game — A Team vs. Christian Heritage 4:00PM

13 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

We are having a fantastic new week!! We get to talk about taking care of our teeth!! Our Reading Center is still chock full of books about Health and Teeth. What a great center for the children to sit and "read" our amazing books!! In our Science Center, we have a laminated picture of a healthy tooth and also an unhealthy tooth. The children have fun sorting pictures of different foods and then determining if these foods are good for our teeth or not so good for our teeth. We still have our playdough, googly eyes and pipe cleaners in our Sensory Center. The children are able to create "Germ People" with these special items. They sure LOVE playing with playdough and being creative!! Super FUN center to play with friends!!

This week, we had a blast painting a yellow tooth completely white. But, wait!! We didn't use a paintbrush!! We painted our yellow tooth with white paint and a TOOTHBRUSH!!! WHAT??? Crazy!!

We also, this week, have a great In-House Field Trip learning about tooth care (the 4-year old classes had fun on Tuesday and the 3's have fun tomorrow). We learn how to take care of our teeth by brushing, flossing, eating healthy food, drinking plenty of water and visiting the dentist. The children have a great time brushing Sparkles' teeth, too. Sparkles is our special unicorn friend that we borrowed from our dentist, Dr. Bradley. Please have your child share what naughty thing Sparkles did when they finished brushing her teeth!! Lots of laughs!!

Next week, Feb. 3 and 4, we will be celebrating our Letter **P** with a **P** Party!! It's our **P**ajama Day. Have your child wear **P**ajamas, bring a blanket, **P**illow, stuffie, slippers, etc. We will be eating **P**ancakes for a snack and maybe even have a **P**arade!! The children have been looking forward to this day for a LONG time!!

Please bring your empty cereal boxes into Preschool!! If you have any extras, we would love those, too!! We will begin our Valentine's Day craft next week!! We are in need of 10 more boxes!!! Thank you!!

Have a lookout for our Valentine's Day Party sign up sheet coming soon. Also, the names of your child's classmates have already been sent home for our Valentine's exchange. If you need another one, I have extras!!

NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

Christ Light Bible Study: Jesus Changes Water into Wine

Bible Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:7 "God cares for you."

Theme: Five Senses

Letter of the Week: "Pp"

Snack Person: 3's AM Grayson 3's PM Navie 4's AM Sydney 4's PM Hazel

Upcoming Events: Feb. 3 Pajama Day
Feb. 4 Pajama Day
Feb. 7 NonAM 3's Class - Teacher Work Day
Feb. 10 Pink/Red Day
Feb. 11 Pink/Red Day
Feb. 13 Valentine's Day Party
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Party
Feb. 17 NO School - Presidents Day
Feb. 18 NO School - Teacher In Service Day
Feb. 26 Career Day
Mar. 3, 4 Fire Station Field Trip

Have a beautiful time with your family this weekend!! God's Blessings!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Handwriting Contest- All of the students participated in a nationwide handwriting contest. One student from each class will have their work submitted. We will find out the results in the spring.

Short a words- A word booklet is going home in your child's yellow folder. Please have them practice these words. We are now moving on to short e words but continuing to practice their short a words will help them to continue feeling confident as readers.

Literature Bags- Please make sure you are doing an inventory of the bags when you bring them home on Thursdays. Notify me if you notice anything is missing.

Singing in church- The kids sounded great! Thank you to everyone who came!

Report cards- I still have not received all of the report card envelopes. Please return them ASAP.

XtraMath- I sent home your child's login information on Tuesday. Please have your child work on their math facts a minimum of 3 days a week. This is going to increase their fact fluency.

Book it calendar- Friday is the last day of the month. Please return the January book it calendar in your child's yellow folder on Monday morning.

Nightly homework:

- Have your child read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar.
- Read the short a booklet
- Memory work
- XtraMath

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

Thank you so much for bringing your child to sing in church last Sunday! They sounded lovely! I got lots of compliments from our church members! I hope you enjoyed the church service.

In ChristLight we learned about the battle of Jericho. The Israelites followed God's instructions, and God made the walls come tumbling down!

In Reading we are learning different ways to spell and read the long e sound, as in eagle. In Math we are learning about patterns of 10 more or 10 less. In Writing we are reviewing different parts of speech, such as nouns, verbs, and adjectives. To help review this, we filled out a Mad Libs story and the kids thought it was really funny.

This week we have our special classes, and I teach the first graders Music and Spanish. In Music we are learning about rhythm and ostinatos, which are repeated rhythm patterns. In Spanish we are learning the months and days of the week.

Memory Work for next week is The 5th Commandment: You shall not murder.

We are out of paper plates and little Dixie cups, so if anyone would be able to donate some, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you!

God bless you and your family! Have a wonderful weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 2/4 - The Sixth Commandment
- 2/6 - Luke 18:13b
- Please read the Bible story from this week (The Israelites Enter Canaan; Rahab and the Spies) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your January Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week we will focus on or/ore. Here are the words for next week: horn, story, fork, score, store, corn, morning, shore, short, born, tore, forget, for, more, report, and force. The spelling test will be next week Friday, February 7.

Extra Notes

- Math - we are now moving from our money talk to working with clocks. We worked on different ways to say certain times. EX: 5:30 - half past 5, 30 min. after 5, five thirty. Then we discussed how to tell time to the five minute marks. Lastly, we worked on elapsed time. Ask your child to tell you the time at home!
- Reading - The kids got to read "The Signmaker's Assistant". This story was a humorous fiction that reminded us how important signs are in our communities in order to not cause chaos. We worked on the phonics skill of "ar" in words and how to read words with "ar" in them. We got to learn about shades of meaning - synonyms, which are words that have the same meaning.
- Writing - We have started our first writing unit - descriptive writing. The kids got to enjoy eating some pop rocks while describing the feeling they had when they ate them.
- Science - this week, we got to learn about mapping Earth's land and water, fast and slow changes that take place on Earth.
- Social Studies - the kids got to learn about other countries' flags and then they got to create their own flag.
- January book it calendars will be due on Monday, February 3. February calendars will be going home in your child's orange folder tomorrow.
- The 100th day is next week on February 6. Your child can decorate a piece of clothing with 100 items or dress as a 100 year old person.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 2/4 - Matthew 6:33
- 2/6 - James 1:22
- 2/7 - The Seventh Commandment
- Please read the two bible stories with your child (The Fall of Jericho & Achan's Sin)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words
- Xtramath practice

- Add minutes to the January calendar

What are we learning?

- In math we have started to look at different graphs and interpret the data.
- In reading we have started a read aloud book, *The One and Only Ivan*.
- In writing we have been working on skills from MAP testing. This week we are focusing on adjectives as well as identifying them in a sentence
- In science we have been talking about forces and interactions and examples of balanced and unbalanced forces.

Extra Notes

- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- Please make sure your child isn't bringing any toys or things from home to school, lately we have been running into that issue.
- We will be doing a valentines exchange on February 14th. Please decorate a shoebox or a cereal box for your valentines. We have 16 kids in the class, so please make a valentine for everyone.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Our lessons for this week are 9A - The Fall of Jericho & 9B - Achan's Sin.

Reading - Oh no! The children have been caught by a German soldier burying the gold in the snow and building the snowmen sentries on top to guard the buried gold. What will happen next when they still have more gold to bring down to the *Cleng Peer-son*?

Math - We have come to the end of our chapter on division. The test will be today. Next up, measurements!

Social Studies - We have begun chapter 5 and finally get to learn about how Washington becomes an actual state, but first what does a pig have to do with who gets ownership of the San Juan islands and why does Germany need to help us decide?

Science - We are learning the shocking truth about static electricity and lightning? Mmm...oh those positive and negative charges, they are just so attracted to each other, but what does that have to do with electricity?

English/Writing - Work has begun on our personal narratives. We finally get to begin writing the actual narrative now that we have learned how to use dialogue, descriptive words, creating a hook to catch the reader, and a great closing.

Extras

- Book-it Calendars are due on Monday. I will send home the February calendar either tomorrow or Monday.
- Valentine's Day is approaching quickly, so I have sent home a note with a list of the children's names for filling out valentine's day cards. There is also a note about making a Valentine's day mailbox at home.
- Valentine's Day Party sign up list is just inside the door during drop off in the morning and will be outside the door at pickup time.
- Parents are welcome to join us for the Symphony and Recorder concert in May. It will be on May 21 at 10:30 am.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our student message of the week comes from Carlisle, who says: "Epic Dude Bro Nine". I don't understand it any better than you do.

In religion classes, we just wrapped up an assessment on the life and ministry of Moses, and are still working through the 6th Commandment. In math classes, 5th grade students are learning the ins and outs of multiplying fractions, while the 6th grade students are remembering everything they learned last year about adding and subtracting fractions. We wrapped up our unit about the Assyrian siege of Jerusalem in Social Studies, and are doing to dive into an investigation about mass and weight as it relates to gravity for Science class. In English, we are continuing our study of nouns, and in Reading, students are working on writing and revising their monologues with the goal of reading them out loud to a group either this week or next.

I've had a few questions about Valentine's Day. We don't have a big "to-do" in my classroom. If your students would like to bring in a small treat to distribute to everyone in the class, we will take some time to do that at the end of the day. If your student has decided it's time for them to express their long hidden love for a classmate, please dissuade them from making that a school-day activity :)

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Please refer to My Planbook whenever your child is absent from school. This way they can keep up with their assignments.

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In Bible study this week we discussed what does a person say to another when they have been deeply hurt. It isn't always easy to find the right words in this type of situation, but when we go to our father in heaven, he will give us the words to use to comfort someone who is hurt. The students have learned to find those words in the scriptures, God's Word. There God shows them how to comfort and counsel others. The memory passages they had this week also give comfort – Eph 4:32, Romans 8:28.

Last week the seventh-grade math class began a chapter study of ratios and proportions. During this week they have covered such topics as - how to write and solve proportions, direct proportions, proportions by parts, and scale drawings and models

just to name a few. They have learned the method of cross multiplying to solve proportions.

We started chapter 8, "Dividing North America", last week in History class. The students learned why exploration of North America was important to various nations/countries. They also learned that native Americans were not always friendly to the new comers. This week they have learned that the new comers' beliefs and teaching caused some to immigrate to the new world to seek freedom and to convert the natives to their belief. They also learned that there were many changes taking place in the New World for example: rules of the new colonies, exploration of lands to the west, independence from the mother country namely Great Britain.

This week in science the student reviewed Unit three, plants. They took a test to assess the knowledge they have gained by studying plants in chapters one and two. The students will continue the week with a study on invertebrates, organisms without a backbone.

This week the students have started a section on writing a personal narrative in writing class. This will involve writing several paragraphs which will include some dialogue. They will use some of the skills they learned in English class – quotation marks, usage of commas, etc.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

From Our Back Field Looking In

Disclaimer: If you don't want to read pure nonsense, then feel free to skip the first 3 paragraphs. Do you remember the classic early 2000's song by Lonestar titled "From my Front Porch Looking In"? You know, the classic song where Mr. Lone P. Star sits creepily on his porch and just watches everyone and everything and realizes how blessed he is to creepily watch these things?

Sometimes I feel like this on a given week at school. The last few times I have taught P.E., I have given the kids some sort of random task to complete before starting our main P.E. activity. Last time the kids had to put on a 30 second ballerina routine, and this week was a "pick up pinecones while also spinning themselves around on a bat relay race." What am I doing during all of this? Watching and giggling of course. The other day it hit me that if someone were to come into our back field with no context, they may just see a strange man watching some kids and giggling. But to you who read our newsletter, trust me, this is learning at its peak. I particularly got a chuckle, as I was videotaping one portion of the relay and giggling, and one very dizzy student ran by also giggling, which in turn made me giggle even louder. Maybe Mr. Lone P. Star had it right. Sometimes observing the simplest things can make you realize how blessed we truly are. I get to work at a school where students are so respectful that they are willing to cheerfully do even the dumbest things that I ask them.

So, if your kids come home saying they did something totally stupid, and that I allowed it, there is a good chance they are telling the truth. Perhaps they came home with a box of fruit loops that Mr. Biebert bet them for in math class. Rather than think, "No teacher would gamble with children", just think.....Mr. Biebert is blessed!

On a serious note: We will be making the switch to Jupitered next year instead of TADS. Right now we are shooting for the week of February 10th to get re-enrollment up and running if not sooner. Please keep your eyes peeled in the newsletter for any updates with this. Please also let me know if you need any help with this transition as we get things up and running for next year.

Stay Blessed!



All Who Mourn

Are you in mourning? You certainly are if you are grieving the loss of a loved one. But those who study the subject of grief tell us that the loss of a loved one does not even begin to cover all the circumstances that can put us into a state of mourning. Any profound sense of loss can hurl us into a pit of grief. Examples? I can mourn the loss of a relationship. When I have to move, I can mourn the loss of where I used to live. I can mourn the loss of a job position I sincerely enjoyed. I can mourn my childhood friends because time and distance have separated us. I can mourn the loss of my health. I can mourn the loss of my spouse's health. I can mourn the loss of my parent's health. I can even mourn what might have been—grieving a sinful failure from long ago that has had consequences right up to the present.

In our Bible reading today, the prophet Isaiah says that the Savior is coming “to comfort all who mourn.” In the immediate context, the people to whom Isaiah is speaking are not mourning the loss of loved ones. Rather, they are mourning the disastrous consequences of their sins and

unfaithfulness.

And this is one of the reasons Jesus came. He came so that mourning and grief in your life and mine do not have the last word. Where you and I have been unfaithful, Jesus has lived a life of perfect faithfulness on our behalf. Where you and I have done things—or not done things—that have created for us years of regret, Jesus has taken those sinful failures and washed them away at the cross. And because he has, not only do you and I stand forgiven through faith in him; he also displaces our mourning with his comfort—a comfort that goes beyond words, a comfort that surrounds us in security and contentment and joy and peace.

The peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

Prayer:

Lord, I know there are times when I will mourn and grieve. When I do, remind me that my mourning does not have the last word. You do. Amen.

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[The LORD] has sent me to bind
up the brokenhearted . . .
to comfort all who mourn.

Isaiah 61:1,2