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The Timber Times
January 31, 2019

School News

Mission Offering

We are still discussing "kindness" during chapel. Thursdays are our chapel days! Last week we collected \$21.60 in chapel offerings, bringing our total for the year to \$218.40.

REENROLLMENT BEGINS

Starting **Monday, February 4**, you will be able to begin the process of reenrolling your child here at St. Matthew through TADS. The sooner, the better!!! This will secure your child's spot at St. Matthew for next year, and by applying early, you receive a discount on registration costs: preschool registration is FREE, and Elementary is discounted 50% to \$75. This link will take you directly to the application:

<https://secure.tads.com/Go/StartAdmissionsApplication.aspx?SetupCode=ADRAS-VW6>. It will also be available to you on our website

school.stmatthewspokane.org If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mr. Biebert (715)402-0094. **Enrollment is open only to current St. Matthew families through February. March 1, open enrollment for the community will begin, and registration discounts will no longer apply.**

Basketball

On Tuesday, the Timbers played Southside A at home! They ended up with another loss, bringing the team's record to 0-4. We have seen the team improve each game, and look forward to the rest of the season! Next game will be played **TONIGHT**, 3:45PM at 9004 N Country Homes Blvd. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for Singing

Thank you to all the families of K-4 for coming to church this past Sunday and to the children for singing "God Loves Me Dearly." What a beautiful reminder to us all of the love God pours on us each and every day!

Report Card Envelopes

Just a reminder that once you have gone over your child's report card, please make sure to sign and return the envelope to your child's teacher. This is a good way for the teachers to make sure you have reviewed the report card inside.

Conferences

There are no scheduled conferences at the end of second quarter; however, if you would like to talk to your

Upcoming Dates

January

31 Basketball Game vs. Southside B— 3:45PM

February

2 Men's Breakfast 8:30AM
4 **REENROLLMENT BEGINS**
4 Bible Basics, 6:45PM
5 Basketball @ TEC 3:45PM
6 Spiritual Growth, 6:30PM
7 Basketball @ Summit 2:30PM
9 Valentine's by Candlelight 6:30-7:30PM
11 100th Day of School!
11 Bible Basics, 6:45PM
13 Spiritual Growth, 6:30PM
14 Basketball @ Southside B 3:45PM
18 **NO SCHOOL—President's Day**
18 Basketball Tournament TBD
18 Bible Basics, 6:45PM
19 **NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service**
20 Spiritual Growth, 6:30PM
20 10:30-11:15AM PreK Visits K-1
20 2:30-3:15PM PreK Visits K-1
24 Grades 5-8 Sing 10:00AM
25-1 **Scholastic Book Fair Week!**
25 Bible Basics, 6:45PM
27 Spiritual Growth, 6:30PM
28 Book Fair Night 5:30-6:30PM

child's teacher about anything from the report card or school in general, please speak together to set up a meeting! We are always available to talk about blessings, or struggles and concerns as well!

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New Box Tops Competition!

Please remember to collect those box tops!!! **OUR NEW BOX TOPS COMPETITION STARTS TOMORROW!!!** This time the competition will be **PRESCHOOL VS. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!** Each week we will provide updates, so be sure to check each newsletter!

BookIt! Calendars Due

BookIt! calendars from January are due this Friday, February 1! Please remember to turn them in to your teacher.

Silverwood's Read2Ride

Please be sure to keep up the reading and let Mrs. Biebert know if you have any questions at all! Remember, all information is due at school on Monday, February 25!

Men's Breakfast

Just a reminder that the men's breakfast will be held **this Saturday, February 2 at 8:30AM.** If you would like more information or to RSVP to this event, please speak with Mr. Biebert at (715)402-0114 or Pastor West at (509)217-9617.

Moms and Muffins

Fun was had by all last night at Moms and Muffins! It was so great to see so many of you there, and to get to know everyone

that much better! We hope you enjoy these events as much as we do!!! Thank you to everyone who came, and also to the teachers for organizing the event! P.S. There are plenty of extra muffins around if you want to stop in the office and grab one! :)

Tubing at Bear Creek Lodge

Y'ALL!!!! We had SO MUCH FUN tubing last Saturday!!!! We had the whole hill to ourselves, and we had over 50 people from St. Matthew attend the event! Thank you to everyone who came to Bear Creek Lodge, and a special HUGE THANKS to Gordon Thompson who organized this event for our church and school! You can check out a couple pictures here in the newsletter and see more on our website school.stmatthewspokane.org!

Polos

We have several school polos available for sale in the office. The polos are \$27 each. If you would like to look at them please see Mr. Biebert in the office.

Four Weeks of Spiritual Growth

Pastor West will be hosting a special four week bible study series. These bible classes will be held on Wednesday nights at 6:30PM, beginning on February 6. You can find more details by logging on to stmatthewspokane.org and clicking the "Upcoming Events" tab. From there,

2/1 Cleaning

Upstairs: McLaughlin

Downstairs: McLaughlin

you can scroll down until you find "Four Weeks of Spiritual Growth starting 2/6." Please consider attending these classes!

Mighty Timber

Mighty Timber Jr. was found this week by Liam and Camille Yancey!!! Way to go you two!!! Let's see if you can figure out where he is hiding this week...

Bible Basics

Pastor's latest bible basic class will start **next Monday, February 4 at 6:45PM.** Please check out stmatthewspokane.org>Upcoming Events in order to get some more details, or feel free to speak with Pastor West.

February Calendar

Attached to this newsletter is a calendar for the month of February! Be sure to check that out for upcoming events, days off school, school cleanings, basketball, and more!

Valentine's by Candlelight

The women of St. Matthew church are hosting a Valentine's by Candlelight Desert event on February 9 from 6:30-7:30PM. This event is for any woman (or girl) from Grade 4 on up. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Mrs. Biebert and we will save a seat for you! We hope many of you can join us!

Camille and Liam Yancey found MT Jr. at Raab Chiropractic on Francis!



"YOU HAD ME AT HELLO!"



CJ GARCIA

HARPER SHAHAN



GRADE: PreK-4 AM

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FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

ABC Mouse, watch Paw Patrol, eat gummy candy, decorate with mom. Praying for everyone.

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Love each other, play with my toys, play dress up.

SUPER POWER:

Shoot lasers and get all the bad guys. Use lasers to build new buildings.

SUPER POWER:

A Force Field like Violet from Incredibles because she is strong.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A dog because they are best friends.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A cat because they are cool.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

My teachers and my friends and when my mom stays at school.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Story time.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Give everyone gifts.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Sing the Pledge of Allegiance.

YOUR FAMILY:

Watching movies with popcorn is the best family time. Mom, Dad, 2 brothers (Bobby and Aiden) and best friend Kobe (dog).

YOUR FAMILY:

Keisha, Jake, baby Declan, Kennedy, our Dogs Marley, Tara, Bently. We like to watch movies as a family.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

This past week, we had fun learning about how to care for our teeth. We learned that we should only use a pea-size amount of tooth-paste on our toothbrush and that we should have mom or dad brush our teeth twice a day - morning and night. Flossing is important to do every day, too. Of course, I had to change the Centers to fit with our Teeth Talk. So, in our Reading Center, we have Health and Teeth Books, along with alphabet sorting. The children can sort uppercase and lowercase letters, even if they can't recognize or name all of them yet. Our Art Center has Bingo dotters. We can dot the letters, T and t, on a big tooth. And our Sensory Center has white Lego "teeth" with which the children can floss the "food" (play dough) that is stuck between the "teeth". You'll have to come check it out! There are a lot more fun centers in the preschool where the children are learning great health/teeth tips.

This past Tuesday, our four-year old classes went on a field trip to our favorite dentist, Dr. Bradley. We learned all about the tools that a dentist uses in their office to keep our teeth healthy and we even got to go on a chair ride. The hygienists are so nice there, too. They let us squirt water in a paper cup and then help Mr. Thirsty drink it all up. We even were tickled by Mr. Tickle Brush. And how much fun to play a game with Happy Tooth and Sad Tooth and have a story read to us, too. We sure loved this fun field trip!! We learned SO much. Thank you, Dr. Bradley!! The three-year old classes visit Dr. Bradley on February 8. They will have just as much fun!! Bet they can't wait!

Next week on Monday and Wednesday, we will be having our Pajama Day. Be sure to bring your kids to school in their jammies, and have them bring a pillow, blanket, stuffed animal and slippers.

Our Letter of the Week next week is, of course, P.

Please remember to bring in an empty cereal box for our February craft. We are going to make Valentine Boxes out of them for our Valentine card exchange at our party. Thank you!!

Have a fantastic Super Bowl weekend!! Be safe and I will see you next week.

K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

Homework

Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar. **Calendar is due tomorrow.**
- Our new Word family is the -in family.
- Review sight word: look, with, come. We are continuing to learn more and more sight words each week. It is important you review these with your child. A list of sight words will go home in your child's yellow folder tomorrow. There will be a test next Friday, February 8 to see how they are doing.

First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar. **Calendar is due tomorrow.**
- Reading books will be sent home tomorrow. Listen to your child read their stories and sign the book-mark.
- First graders will have their Minus 2 fact test tomorrow on February 1.
- Lightning words are due tomorrow, February 1.
- Spelling test tomorrow, February 1.



Memory Work for February 7:

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29b

100th Day Celebration



As of today, we have been in school for 88 days! The kids are so excited to reach 100 days because they know there will be a party. Our 100th day will be on Monday, February 11. We will be celebrating with a Super Hero theme! Each student will need to decorate a cape with 100 items on it. I can't wait to see how creative they are with their capes! If they want to come up with a super hero name that is even better but not necessary.

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Valentine's Day

Also that week we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday. Students need to decorate a box for all of the valentines they will receive. I love seeing the ideas that students come up with. Work with your child on this project but remember it is their box. The only requirement is that there needs to be an opening so students can put valentines in your child's box. Boxes can come to school Thursday morning or if you would like to drop them off Wednesday after school that would be fine too. (One less thing to have to remember in the morning).



Please be mindful that we have a student who has a gluten intolerance. Check the labels of the candy your child will be passing out. A lot of seasonal candies are not gluten free. Here are some suggestions that are gluten free: Sweet Tarts, Laffy Taffy, Tootsie rolls, Jelly Belly, Necco brand as well as Wrigley brand products such as Skittles, Starburst and Lifesavers.

Here is a class list:

Kindergarteners: Ashlianne, Camille, Daniel, Jakob, Joanne, Marie

First graders: Alex, Ava, Beck, Chloe, Jacob, Mark

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

A big thank you to all of my families who joined us for church on Sunday. I heard so many compliments from members of the congregation. They really appreciate that the kids make an effort to join us for church and glorify God with their singing. Just a reminder, if you are unable to come on a Sunday for singing, I need to hear it in advance from a parent. I only had 1 parent tell me they could not come, but 7 of my students were not present. It is difficult for us to sing as a class when about 50% does not show up.

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching! We will do a card/candy exchange in our classroom. Please have your child do 2 things to prepare:

1. Create a Valentine's Box. This should be made ahead of time, at home, and be brought to school on 2/14. It can be decorated anyway your child wants! Have fun with it! The only requirement is that it needs to have an opening where kids can put their valentines in.

2. Bring Valentines to share! If you plan on participating in this, please make sure you include every student. Here is a list of our classroom names:

Robert	Ginger	Liam T.	Hannah
Ben	Josh	Madison	Blake
Noah	Maxwell	Maryjane	Liam Y.
Leah	Martin	Sage	

Book-It Calendars are due Friday.

Blessings on your week!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Welcome Back Mr. Sauer! Mr. Sauer has come back to teaching math. This is exciting for the students as they get the math teacher back that they are familiar with. However, they can still feel free to ask me any math questions that they may have in the morning or throughout the day. They can always call at night as well if questions arise. I will be using the time in the office to get things prepared for the 2019-2020 school year.

Here is next week's memory work: **Monday(2/4): Psalm 23:1-6; Wednesday(2/6): 2nd Article; Thursday(2/7): Hymn 422:1-4; Friday (2/8): John 10:14-15**

Seventh and eighth grade please make sure you stop at the library if you haven't to get books for your upcoming research paper. This paper is a month away, but we need to stick to our timeline to make sure this doesn't become stressful. Keep up the hard work.

Our simple machines study has reached a complicated end. The students will be taking a written test on this material next Tuesday. But, they will also be working in groups to create a Rube Goldberg machine. Their task? To create a machine that uses simple machines to do a simple task in an extremely complicated way. The students picked their simple tasks this week and began initial designs. We will be studying for the test and working on these machines the next few school days.

It was good to see some of you at Moms and Muffins this week. It is always fun for me to be able to see families outside of school. I look forward to future events where we can all get together! I pray God Blesses your weekend. There is a men's breakfast this weekend at church. It begins at 8:30. All of you men are invited to come eat man foods and talk about man things. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Message

Mission Accomplished

There was no spark left in his eyes, not even a flicker of joy in his heart. Life had become a mere existence that he didn't even want to hold on to anymore. He had lost track of the number of sleepless nights he had spent on the hard "mattress," if you could call it that. The days spent in darkness had long since begun to run together. Thoughts of escape no longer occupied his mind. He had lost hope.

It's the kind of situation they make movies about, but few of us have ever experienced. Being held prisoner in the worst of conditions by an enemy who has no intention of releasing us is something that few have experienced—physically that is.

Spiritually... that's a different matter. Each one of us was born into this world under those conditions. Our enemy, the devil, had full control and no intention of releasing his prize. With the shackles of sin and guilt fastened securely and the very real terror of inevitable death there was no hope. Escape was out of the question.

Then our Savior came. His mission was to rescue prisoners, and that is exactly what he did. He broke your shackles by sacrificing his life as payment for your sin and guilt. He scattered the darkness of death by rising from the grave. He now proclaims to you the good news that the perfect life led has been given to you. You are no longer a prisoner, but a perfect, and perfectly free, child of God.

The darkness of death that haunts the dreams of all people no longer haunts you. You have been set free from that fear because through faith in Jesus you will rise to life just as he

did.

Jesus came into our world on a rescue mission, and he now proclaims, "Mission accomplished." You have been set free. Now you can live in peace and hope. Now you can live forever with your Savior.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for loving me enough to make it your mission to rescue me. Thank you for being my Savior. Give me the strength to live in the freedom you have won for me. In your name I ask it. Amen.

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

Isaiah 61:1-3