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## School News

### Mission Offering

Pastor Unke from Shepherd of the Hills in Las Vegas, NV conducted our PM chapel service today (Thursday). The children were able to ask Pastor Unke questions they had about his ministry, as well as hear an overview of the work he is doing in Las Vegas. It was wonderful to connect with Pastor Unke!

As of last week, our chapel offerings for the year are at \$79.32!

### Leaf Art Project

The PreK-Grade 8 will be teaming up to create some beautiful leaf art that will be on display during our Trunk or Treat evening! We need each student to bring in **15 PRESSED LEAVES** by **Monday, October 22**. The leaves can be all different shapes and sizes. Thank you!

### Veterans Day

We are planning to have a special event for Veterans Day this year on November 9 from 11:00AM-12:00PM. An email was sent out to each family about sending in pictures of family members in the military. If you or anybody in your family is serving or has ever served our country in the military, please send in pictures so we can add them to a slideshow presentation! The pictures can be emailed to princi-

pal@stmatthewspokane.org or sent via text to Kayla Biebert at (715)402-0114. We will be providing more information about this celebration in the coming weeks. Thank you!

### Spirit Week

Spirit Week has been so much fun! The kids have absolutely nailed the themes for each day! We have had lots of fun and laughter throughout the week! We have pictures on pages 2 & 4! Our website also has a complete slideshow of all the pictures throughout the week, so be sure to check that out as well! Don't forget: tomorrow is School Spirit Day!

### Field Trips

The Four Year Olds took their field trip to Hidden Acres yesterday, and had absolutely perfect weather! What a fun time for them! The 3's go tomorrow! Pray for good weather for them as well!

### Box Tops

Any box tops expiring on November 1 will need to be turned in to the school by Friday, October 26. Thank you for your help with this!

Also, beginning Friday, November 2-Tuesday, December 4 the elementary classrooms will be competing against each other in a race to collect the most box

## Upcoming Dates

### 8-12 SPIRIT WEEK!

11 Dads & Donuts 6:30-7:30PM

12 Soccer @ PCA 3:00PM

15 K-4 Field Trip—Pumpkin Patch

15 Soccer v. Christian Heritage 3:30PM  
DWIGHT MERKEL

16 Soccer v. Southside 3:30PM  
DWIGHT MERKEL

### 17-19 NO SCHOOL—TEACHER CONFERENCE

26 Trunk or Treat—St. Matthew 5:30-8:30PM

28 PreK Sings @ St. Matthew 10AM

tops! The winning class will receive a movie day before Christmas Break!!!

### Dads & Donuts

Dads & Donuts will be happening **TONIGHT** from 6:30-7:30PM! Please join us for a scavenger hunt, fun crafts, and prizes! We look forward to seeing you there!

### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons will be starting after the Teacher's Conference! Don't forget: each lesson is \$10. Mrs. Turner will be spending the first lesson getting to know your child, and figuring out where he/she is at. She will keep you posted about piano books you may need.

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**PREK 4'S FIELD TRIP TO HIDDEN ACRES!**  
(3'S GO TOMORROW)

## General School News – Continued

### DAY 1 — PAJAMA DAY

#### Vinyl Clings for Front Door

We have vinyl clings that can be hung on the front door to display our theme for this year (The Fruit of the Spirit). If you would be willing to help hang these, please speak with Miss Taasaas! Thank you!



#### New BIC Class

Pastor West will potentially be adding a second BIC (Bible Information Class) to the calendar! Meetings for this class will take place on either Fridays or Saturdays. Please speak with him if you are interested, and let him know what days/times would work best for you! Pastor's phone number is (509)217-9617.



#### Teacher's Conference

Next week there will be **no school** Wednesday-Friday, as the teachers will be away at a conference. Enjoy the break!

#### Trunk or Treat

Your child was given a note about our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat! This event will be taking place Friday, October 26 from 5:30-8:30PM. Please return the sheet to let us know if you plan to attend, and also if you would like to decorate a trunk! This night is not just a Trunk or Treat! We will also have food, leaf art judging, and a bonfire! Please speak with a teacher if you have any questions!

### DAY 2 — ERA DAY

#### Soccer Tournament

The soccer tournament will begin on Thursday, November 1 and go through November 2. The schedule depends on wins and losses throughout the season.



#### Mindfulness Skills Class

Calling all women! Bonnie Diaz (school mom and member at St. Matthew) will be leading a "mindfulness class with a bible base." This class will be starting on October 22 at 6:30PM in the church basement. If you have questions, please speak with Bonnie Diaz or Kayla Biebert!



#### YMCA Trunk or Treat

This event has been cancelled. But no worries! We will still be hosting St. Matthew's Trunk or Treat!!!

# SORIN KNOWLES

# CHARLIE FERRE



GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play Legos.

SUPER POWER:

Superman because I can fly Home.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

T-Rex—because I can say "ROAR!"

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

My teachers.

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

Help people

YOUR FAMILY:

Mom, Dad, Rylinn, Jett (dog). We go hiking, fishing, and play baseball.

GRADE: PreK-4 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play outside, play monsters and dinosaurs with friends, play transformers, and swim.

SUPER POWER:

I would have a power to jump high so I can touch the ceiling.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A dinosaur—because dinosaurs can crunch stuff with their sharp teeth.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Learning with my teachers.

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

Be crazy.

YOUR FAMILY:

Momma, Dada, and baby Andy. We like to go to the park together.



## DAY 3 — DRESS LIKE YOUR PARENT DAY



## DAY 4 — CLASS MOVIE DAY



## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Brand new week, brand new theme!! We finished up our Fall Theme last week and are now on our Hibernation Theme. What fun new Centers we have, too!! Our Math Center has colored "caves" for our colored bears to "hibernate" in. Our Drama Center is now a bear cave where our "bears" can hibernate. Our Science Center is a "Feed the Bear" center with alphabet fish and a bear. The Sensory Center has hedgehogs that are hibernating in leaves. The children need to find them "hiding". What fun we are having in our preschool!! And the fun doesn't end there - we had a field trip this week, too!! This Wednesday and Friday, we had a field trip to Hidden Acres in Green Bluff. Our pumpkin patch field trip is one that both children and parents absolutely love! We went on a hayride, picked an apple, went through the hay maze, picked a pumpkin, talked with Penelope Pumpkin and had a snack. How much fun is THAT!! What a beautiful week we are having in preschool!! Come check out our transformed room - we are hibernating this week!!

Have a beautiful weekend with your family!!

### 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.
- Focus letters for the week: Yy, Ww, Qq Review these letters with your child. What words begin with each letter? Have them point them out on signs, in books and around the house. What sound do they make? Have your child practice writing the letters.
  - I tested the Kindergarteners on all of the letters we have learned so far. A copy of that test will be sent home in your child's yellow folder.
- This week in Reading class we started reading color words. Your child will be learning to read and write the color words over the next few weeks. Please help them with this at home.

##### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Over the weekend your child needs to read their 3 reading stories to you. Please sign their bookmark and make sure your child brings the Reading book and the bookmark back to school on Monday morning.
- Lightning words are due tomorrow, October 12. We only have a two day week next week so I will not be sending Lightning Words home.



- Doubles facts- I will be sending home doubles fact cards tomorrow in your child's yellow folder along with the Doubles Rap we have been learning. Please quiz your child on their flashcards. They need to say the number sentence as well as the answer (example:  $5 + 5 = 10$ ) **Our fact card test will be on Tuesday, October 16 your child will need to bring their fact cards back to school on that morning in order to take the test.**

### Memory Work for Thursday, October 25:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and help you; I will uphold you in my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

**You have lots of time to help your child learn this passage so start now!**

### Pumpkin Patch

We will be going to Siemers Pumpkin Patch on Monday, October 15. We will leave at 9:30 am and come back to school between 1:30 and 2:00 pm. I will need drivers for that day. If you can drive please let me know the TOTAL number of children you can take in your vehicle. To be a driver for field trips we need to have a current copy of your insurance on file in the office. Please make sure Mrs. Biebert has this information BEFORE you tell me you would like to be a chaperone.

You have already paid a field trip fee for your child. So there is no cost for this field trip unless you are a chaperone.

**Lunch-** Your child will need a cold lunch. We will not have access to a microwave.

**Clothing-** We will be outside most of the day. It could be wet and muddy or dry and sunny. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather.

**Drivers-** I still need drivers.

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## 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Thank you to all the families who have given me their Pumpkin Patch money! If you haven't done so already, please bring it tomorrow. Going to the Pumpkin Patch is always such a fun field trip! I hope a lot of you parents can join us! :- ) We will be going with the K-1 class as usual. It will be a great day!

We still need postcards from: Arizona, Delaware, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wyoming. If you are able to help us out, that would be great!

Please continue to study the Midwest states and capitals over our long 5 day break. The test will be the Monday after the break. It is SO important that the kids stay fresh and study over the break so they are prepared!

Blessings on your week!

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## 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Well another fun Spirit Week has come and gone. Thank you for helping your children dress up and come up with fun ideas to show school spirit. It was a blast seeing what all the students came up with. If you are interested in looking at many of the costumes, then check out our Facebook page. We have been taking fun pictures all week.

Next week we will be looking at our second to last "What about" topic. We will be looking at what the Bible has to say in regards to the Animal Rights Movement. The 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be finishing up a study on confession in catechism and will be transitioning into studying Holy Communion.

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade region presentations will take place on Monday. We will try to get them all in, but we may need part of Tuesday as well. I have been sitting down with each of the kids to focus on what makes a good presentation. It has been great discussing this with them as I get a wonderful chance to watch their levels of presentations mature.

We just started looking at Newton's laws of motion in science class. We spent a few days studying force and motion. We looked at speed, velocity, and acceleration problems. This definitely challenged some of the students, but they seem to all be picking up on it.

We got a chance to connect with Pastor Tom Unke on Skype this week. He is the pastor of the WELS church that we are sending our chapel offerings to this year. He lead us in worship and shared some information about their church and future preschool. God's Blessings Pastor Unke!

Don't forget that next week is a short week. We want to start doing some leaf decorating as a whole school. We are asking that each of your children bring in 15 pressed leaves for this project. I hope all of you have an amazing weekend. Looking forward to seeing you again on Monday!

## Listen Up

I wonder what God sounded like?

Moses heard him. The leaders of the people Moses invited around the worship tent in the desert certainly heard him. A few others throughout the pages of the Bible heard the voice of the Lord on those rare occasions when he allowed human beings to listen to him speak. I wonder what it was like? Was his voice loud, deep, and thunderous like the movies depict? Was it frightening? Was it soothing? Was it awe-inspiring? Whatever God sounded like, I wish I could have heard him.

Then again, even if I could hear God's voice that doesn't mean I would always listen to him! In this account recorded in the book of Numbers, there were two elders of the people who didn't come to listen to the Lord. They didn't gather with the other 68 elders at the worship tent with Moses. They didn't follow God's instructions even though they should have known better.

I should know better too. We should all know better! We understand that we are supposed to listen to God's Word and follow his instructions, but we are inconsistent at best. At worst, we are belligerent and rebellious, prone more often to do whatever we want instead of what God

## Weekly Message

wants. I'm not so sure I would want to hear the tone of voice God would use if he were to speak to me!

But he does speak to me. And he speaks to you too. We don't hear his voice audibly as he talks from heaven, but we do "hear" his voice in a very real way through the pages of the Bible. And when he speaks, he isn't angry or bitter or disappointed. He speaks with a softness and with a compassion that comforts our hearts. "You're forgiven," he says. "I have sent my Son Jesus to bear the brunt of the punishment you deserve and have cleared you of any offenses by his cross. I love you because you are my child through faith and I will always be your caring Father."

What a relief! What a message! What a pleasure to hear the voice of our God!

### Prayer:

Lord, help me listen to your voice through your written Word. Amen.

Moses brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him.

**Numbers 11:24-25**