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School News

Mission Offering

Just a reminder that our offerings are going to be used to create "Blessing Bags"—supplies needed to help the homeless. Any additional offerings during first quarter will be extra money to use toward this purpose! So far, we have raised \$526.45 for this quarter, and next week is our last chapel in 1st Quarter!

Fall Teacher Conference

Our teachers had a wonderful time in Leavenworth growing in their faith as well as knowledge of students during the time away last week! The main focus on the conference was a unified faculty under Christ, as well as emphasis on child brain development. We pray you all had a wonderful extended break as well!

PreK Sings

This Sunday, October 24, the preschool sings during the 10AM service! We pray you all can make this service! Preschool families, please let Miss Lindsay know right away if you cannot join.

BIC Class Resumes

Pastor West will be continuing the BIC Class tomorrow at 8:45AM in the church. There will be one more class after that, on 10/29.

Veterans Day

The "Thank a Veteran" sheets are due tomorrow for 3's and K-8, and Tuesday, October 26 for the 4's! Please be sure to turn these in so your veterans can be honored in our

video!

TENT or Treat!!

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to decorate a booth for Tent or Treat! Additionally, if you have signed up to let us borrow an E-Z Up tent, thank you as well! We are still looking for some candy or monetary donations to purchase candy and door prizes. Please see Mrs. Biebert if you would like to contribute in any way. Lastly, please speak with a teacher if you would be willing to man your child's classroom tent for all or part of the event — this will free up the teachers a bit so they can help me in other areas!

More importantly, we hope all of you can attend this super fun event on Friday, October 29 from 5-8PM!!! We can't wait for a night of sweet treats and spooky costumes!

Calendar Change

Please note that our spring teacher conference has moved to March 16-18 (previously March 9-11). I have updated the calendar, and a new copy will be sent home with your child today.

Popcorn After School

DC kids are doing popcorn after school again tomorrow! Please join them for this delicious event!

Soccer

The league tournament has been moved to November 1 and 2. You should have received a tournament bracket from Miss Rosenbaum on

10/22 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Ostby
Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Gaulke

Upcoming Dates

October

- 22 DC Popcorn After School
- 24 PREK Sings in Church 10AM
- 25-29 Spirit Week!!!
- 29 Tent or Treat 5:00-8:00PM
- 29 End Quarter 1
- 31 Chili Feed/Seahawks Game 1:05PM

November

- 1 Report Card Handout
- 1-2 Soccer Tournament @ PCA
- 1-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday. If you did not receive one, please speak to Miss Rosenbaum. The tournament will be held at Palisades Christian Academy. St. Matthew is scheduled to play Palisades at noon on Monday 11/1. The athletes will be dismissed from school at 11:15 on November 1. It is very important that each athlete is responsible for the homework they will be missing. Schedule for next week: Practice Tuesday 10/26 3:30-5:00; No practice Thursday 10/28

The K-2 scrimmage took place on Tuesday. It was great to see the kids play against each other and have fun while doing it! The teachers had a blast coaching each of the teams. The kids enjoyed being able to wear some face paint for the mini scrimmages too! Miss Rosenbaum would love to hear your feedback on how the first

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SPIRIT WEEK NEXT WEEK!!!

MONDAY - JERSEY VS WACKY-N-WILD

TUESDAY - RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

WEDNESDAY - BOOK VS VIRTUAL CHARACTER

THURSDAY - PAJAMAS VS HOLLYWOOD

FRIDAY - GREEN & BLACK

year of having soccer available to those in Kindergarten to 2nd grade went. If you have any suggestions of what we could do differently in the future, please let Miss Rosenbaum know!

Spirit Week

Spirit Week is NEXT WEEK! Mrs. Most put together a sheet with each day, so make sure to snag one of those so you can participate in all the fun and chaos!

Preschool Sings

Preschool sings in church on Sunday, October 24 at 10:00AM! We are looking forward to hearing the little children sing their praises to the Lord! Preschool, please plan to attend this service, and if you are una-

ble to join the rest of the class, let Miss Lindsay know right away.

Chili Feed/Seahawks Game

St. Matthew will be hosting a chili feed during the Seahawks game on October 31 at 1:05PM! Weather permitting, we will watch the game on the big screen projector outside! School will be providing all the add-ons for the chili (think cheese, sour cream, crackers, etc.). If you plan to attend, please bring some chili or side dish! Thanks!

End of 1st Quarter

Are you kidding me?! How are we already through the first quarter?!?! Report cards will be handed out November 1, so make sure you are all caught up with your school work!

We are incredibly blessed to have had a healthy, happy first quarter — God is so good!!!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tomorrow an email will be sent out with sign ups for teacher conferences. All conferences will be the week of November 1, so check your calendar and sign up for a slot that works well for your family. The teachers are excited to discuss your child's progress with each of you!

Junior Choir

No Junior Choir practice Monday, November 1st. Practices resume on November 8th. The choristers are hard at work learning songs for the upcoming Veterans day video!

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What a great week to be back in preschool!! We are having so much fun and learning so much. We finished up our Hibernation Theme and are now onto our Harvest Theme. This week, each class was able to cut open a pumpkin. And what did we find inside? Seeds and pumpkin goo! We all helped pull out the seeds and then we roasted them in the oven. YUM!!! Pumpkin seeds for our snack!! All of the classes were able to easel-paint a pumpkin this week, too. Check out our classroom!! The painted apples have come down and pumpkins are now up!! With our new theme came our new centers. We now have a puppet theater in the Drama Center, Bingo Dotters in the Art Center and a pumpkin that the children can pound golf tees into in the Sensory Center.

There are a lot of activities going on around school these days, so please make note of all of them:

Friday, Oct. 22 Three year old classes wear Red, White and Blue and turn in your Veterans Day "Thank You" Project.

Sunday, Oct. 24 Preschool sings in church in the 10 am service.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 Four year classes wear Red, White and Blue and turn in your Veterans Day "Thank You" Project.

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 28 and 29 Harvest Parties in class.

Friday, Oct. 29 Tent or Treat 5:00-8:00 pm

There are sign-up sheets for the Harvest parties and our Parent/Teacher conferences. Please check that out, also.

Next week we will be focusing on the letter "F". Four year old classes, please bring an item for show'n'tell that begins with "F".

Our bible verse next week is Mark 16:15 "Preach the good news".

Have an amazing weekend! Be safe and stay healthy!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

Homework

- 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.
- In Math we have been working on reading and writing number words. This week starting we started identifying and drawing shapes as well as spelling the words.
- Growth mindset affirmation of the week: **It's okay to make mistakes.**

Coats

Please make sure your child has a jacket/coat. It is chilly in the morning at first recess. If students do not have a coat they will not be able to go out for recess, especially if they only have short sleeved shirts.

Field Trip

Thank you to everyone who chaperoned! Please email any pictures you took to Mrs. Biebert so she can use them in the year-book.

Memory Work

October 28

Be kind and compassionate to one another, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Shoes

If your child is wearing shoes that tie they need to be able to tie them. As the weather changes we will be wearing our slippers inside the classroom more and they need to be able to take their shoes off and put them back on for recess on their own.

Please work with them at home or consider getting Velcro shoes until they are able to do this independently.

Tent or Treat

Our class is doing a tent for Tent or Treat next week. Our theme is: Chicka chicka boom boom! The students have been painting pumpkins with letters on them. I will need volunteers to help set up our tent and get it decorated and looking fabulous. The tent can be decorated anytime during the day from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. Please let me know what times you are available to help. I would like to coordinate for a few people to be there at the same time so it is not the responsibility of one person to decorate the whole tent. Mrs. Yunin has offered to donate a tent and is painting a backdrop. Mrs. Morales has offered to get colored table clothes and Mrs. Casey has donated some orange lights. We still need to borrow a gas powered generator so we can plug in lots of lights.

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum(269.326.5437)

Memory Work/Christlight

- October 26 - The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- October 28 - Matthew 11:28

Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the bright orange sheet. Please make sure this is remaining in their PINK label folder as they will be receiving a grade for it at the end of the quarter.

1st Grade Homework

- Lightning Words (Theme 2-3) due October 29. Your child needs to return this every week!
- Purple bookmark due November 1. Please make sure your child's name is on the bookmark so that I know who is turning it in. Thank you.
- We have been working on distinguishing the differences between telling, asking, and exclamatory sentences. Along with that, we have been talking about periods, question marks, and exclamation marks. It would be great if you could be reviewing these with them at home.
Read 20 minutes a day. Please make sure to be reading every night as it helps your child be able to succeed in school! Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

2nd Grade Homework

- Spelling test on Friday 10/29. We will take a pretest on Wednesday 10/27. If your child gets 100% on the pretest, they do not have to take the test on Friday. Help your child learn the spelling and meaning of these words: dish, than, chest, such, thin, push, shine, chase, white, while, these, flash
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Extra Notes

- Our class will be putting together a tent for the Tent-or-Treat happening on October 29. Our class will be doing a lemonade stand for our tent. The kids will be making lemonade in class on Friday (10/29) for the event that night. It would be nice to have a few parent volunteers assist our classroom making lemonade as well as helping to provide some of the materials needed to decorate! If you are able to do either of these, please let me know in person or via text/email. If you are able to help volunteer at the Tent-or-Treat event on October 29, please let me know!
- The October Book-It! Calendar needs to be brought back to school by November 1 in order to receive points for the program.
If you have any pictures from the pumpkin patch, please send them to my email erikarosenbaum@stmatthewspokane.org or to Mrs. Biebert
- If your child has something they would like to share with the class, he/she is welcome to bring it to school. He/she is only able to bring one thing per week and it needs to remain in their backpack for the remainder of the day. If it is too large or too difficult to fit it into a backpack, you can send me a picture via text or email.
Please return the Veteran's Day paper by tomorrow October 22. The kids will be taking their pictures with the poster they made on October 26th.

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Tent or Treat - The third and fourth grades are in charge of decorating a pop-up canopy/easy-up for the event. We are working on getting the items ready next week during the afternoon, but we will need some help! A separate note came home yesterday with other items we could use to make our booth the best!

Graded Papers Redos/Corrections - If there are ever any graded papers that come home and you would like your child to "fix" it for better understanding, please feel free to do so. (Please speak with me if it is an assessment or a test that you would like them to retake.) Such work may be handed back in for an "improved" grade to show that they are understanding the material better. Please just write "Fixed" or "Corrected Work" at the top of the paper and have your child hand it back into the basket on my desk. I am a big proponent of the fact that mistakes help us learn, because it's true! Your brain forms new connections when mistakes are made, and helps you to take on new and more challenging things!

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip - Thank you to all those who volunteered to drive and chaperone for our pumpkin patch field trip! The students had a great time and I have a feeling some of the adults did as well. If you haven't had a chance to email the pictures you took, please do so soon! Please send to michelle.most@stmatthewspokane.org or kay-la.biebert@gmail.com thank you!

Panda Express - Panda in the Community - Read with Me Bookmark - Bookmarks were sent home with your child from the Panda Express Read with Me program. Each child has a goal of reading 5 books. Fill out the bookmark with the Title of each book and the date completed and return the bookmark to Mrs. Most by October 29th for a free kids' meal from Panda Express! It's just that simple and it will help with Book-it too!

Extra Notes

- Thank you to those families who have been arriving at school before 8:25 am. It really helps your child to feel settled and prepared to have a successful day. The school day begins promptly at 8:30, so please remember if your child is arriving late they are to enter through Mr. Biebert's classroom door and come up the stairs to the classroom so there isn't a disruption during morning devotion.

- As the mornings are getting cooler, please send a light jacket or sweatshirt/hoodie to school with your child so they can wear it at first recess if necessary. If it is too cold and they are not dressed appropriately students may have to stay inside for recess.

Don't forget to record those minutes on the Book-it Calendar!!! Remember that daily reading is part of your child's homework and those minutes count towards the minutes for Book-it. Please have your child work on reading aloud to you to gain fluency, but also read to your child, as they need to hear what a fluent reading sounds like. Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Is an actual full week throwing you off? After two shortened weeks it felt good to get back to a normal routine in the classroom. Thank you for being flexible with our school schedule to allow your teachers to do things like go to growth conferences. These are truly beneficial experiences for the health and growth of our teachers.

This week the exciting news was that we got some of our new whiteboard tables! It will be nice to get rid of the big bruiser tables and have less students per table. Thank you so much to the Posey family for helping put them together. However, if they fall apart we know who to blame....jk. Thanks Poseys!

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday: 10/25-Psalm 124:8, Romans 16:17b; Wednesday: 10/27-The Whole 1st Article; Thursday: 10/28- Hymn 517:3,4; Friday: 10/29-Matthew 15:19

Volunteer Opportunities Alert!!! So, we are definitely in need of helpers for the Tent or Trent next week, or as I like to call it: "St. Matthey's Candy BOOzaar." Especially if you aren't decorating or manning a tent or table, then would you consider reaching out to Kayla or myself and letting us know if you could help in one of various areas? I would also love some help from any of you who would be willing to help our class decorate its own tent for this event. We will be decorating this tent next Friday afternoon. Please let me know.

The 5-6th graders have been working on their U.S. regions presentations lately. I sat down and met with all the students this week in regards to the information they gathered on their region. I was very impressed with the work they have put in so far. Now they are beginning to create the presentation. Please ask your child what they have learned about their region..

The 7th-8th grade will be digging into the Walla Walla Treaty Council next week for Washington State history.

We tried and tried to create helicopter toys for science. These ended up being duds! However, the task was not a failure. I saw students coming up with unique ideas and designs as they shaped their propellers. I saw problem solvers at work as well as great teamwork! However, it is time to move on with our study of flight.

The end of the 1st quarter is rapidly closing. Please check with your child on any work that they would like to fix up as well as making sure all homework is caught up!.

I pray you all have a fabulous weekend!

Weekly Message

Welcome

Sometimes a simple book title can say all that needs to be said. In 2019 an author by the name of Alisha Anderson came out with a book with just such a title. The title of her book is *The Lost Art of Hospitality*.

Many observers of our present culture have remarked that more and more people seem to feel uncomfortable when it comes to practicing hospitality on a personal level. There could be many social reasons for this, of course. Perhaps the “professional” side of hospitality has been elbowing out the personal side. Perhaps the frantic pace of Twenty-first Century life has discouraged personal hospitality. Or perhaps the term coined back in the 90s, “cocooning,” which describes the tendency for people to curl up by themselves within their own homes—perhaps that is making an impact too.

Whatever the reasons, you and I do well to pause and give this some thought. Have I given in to the self-absorbed culture to such a degree that I no longer focus on making someone else feel appreciated, accepted, comfortable, welcome? To the degree that I

have fallen short in this area of my life, I need to come to repentance before the God who calls upon me to do just that in my relationships with others.

And this is where Jesus comes in. Wherever he traveled, he took deliberate care to make others feel valued and welcome. Jesus did this on our behalf. He also went to the cross to wash us clean of all of our self-absorbed moments. Through faith in him, we stand forgiven, embraced, accepted.

How can I thank him for this? I don't necessarily

need to go out and compel a family to stay in my home for a week. But maybe I could invite someone out for a cup of coffee and give that person my undivided attention. Or invite someone out to a park with a couple of fast-food milkshakes. Or maybe I could open my humble home for a couple of hours to share a pizza. Whatever I do, I do it to thank the Lord Jesus for all he has done to care about me.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for seeking me out. Move me to show the same kind of care for others. Amen.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers.

Hebrews 13:2