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School News

Mission Offering

We are still learning each week about the Fruit of the Spirit. The last couple of weeks our focus has been on "joy." Talk with your children about what they are learning! Our chapel offerings for the year are at \$101.32. Thank you for your giving hearts!

Trunk or Treat

TOMORROW!!!! We are so excited for our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat!!! There will be candy, food, smores, art, and a bonfire! We can't wait to see you all there! Don't forget to bring a chair if you plan to sit out by the fire.

Veterans Day

Our Veterans Day Program will be held Friday, November 9 at 11:00AM-12:00PM. We are still looking for special pictures from your family! If you or someone from your family is serving or has served in the military, please send us pictures! We would like to display them in a slide show. The pictures can be emailed to principal@stmatthewspokane.org or sent via text to Kayla Biebert at (715)402-0114. Thank you!

Teacher Conference

This past week we had off school so the teacher's could attend the annual WELS conference. This year the topic of discussion was school safety. The teachers learned how to respond to several different safety situations. If you are interested in hearing more, please speak with your child's teacher.

Box Tops

Don't forget! Beginning **next Friday, November 2-Tuesday, December 4** the elementary classrooms will be competing against each other in a race to collect the most box tops! The winning class will receive a movie day before Christmas Break!!!

Request from Mrs. Schultz & The Vine

The Vine Church is looking to borrow photo booth items for their Grandparents Day celebration. If you have any fun props that the Vine could borrow, please speak to Mrs.Schultz (858-997-9276) They are also looking to borrow a Polaroid Camera or small printer to instantly print out pictures. Thanks for your help.

Upcoming Dates

October

- 26 Trunk or Treat—St. Matthew 5:30-8:30PM
- 28 PreK Sings @ St. Matthew 10AM
- 29 Mindfulness Skills Class 6:30PM

November

- 1 End of First Quarter
- 1-2 League Soccer Tournament
- 2 NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service
- 5 Mindfulness Skills Class 6:30PM
- 5-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences—after school
- 9 Veterans Day Program 11AM-12PM
- 12 NO SCHOOL—Veterans Day
- 12 Mindfulness Skills Class 6:30PM
- 19 Mindfulness Skills Class 6:30PM
- 22-23 NO SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving!

Fire Safety

Monday, October 22 Fireman Dan and Fireman Christian from Fire District 9 came to school to talk to the Kindergarteners through Fourth graders about fire safety. Here are a few things they learned as told by the First graders:

- "Use the back of your hand to feel your door. If it is hot go out the window." —Beck
- "When there is smoke nearby get low because the smoke is up high." —Mark
- "Never go back in the building when the fire is still there." —Jacob K.

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PRESCHOOL SINGS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
10:00AM

10/26 Cleaning

Upstairs: McLaughlin

Downstairs: McLaughlin

General School News – Continued

- “When there is a fire in your house get outside and go to the meeting place.” –Chloe
- “Test the smoke detector once a month. Change the batteries once a year.” –Alex
- “Sleep with your bedroom door closed so the fire can’t get in.” –Ava

Soccer Tournament

The soccer tournament will begin **next Thursday, November 1 and go through November 2**. The schedule depends on wins and losses throughout the season. We are still waiting for a schedule. Coach Snyder or Mrs. O’Haver will give you information as soon as they have it.

Mindfulness Skills Class

Calling all women! Bonnie Diaz (school mom and member at St. Matthew) is leading a “mindfulness class with a bible base.” The first class was this past Mon-

day, but you are more . If you have questions, please speak with Bonnie Diaz or Kayla Biebert!

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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.

Dads & Donuts

We had such an amazing time at Dads & Donuts and we hope all you dads and grandpas did too! The night started with a scavenger hunt to collect each piece of a birdhouse, which each family was able to paint together. Afterwards, we met downstairs for fellowship, donuts, and milk! We had a donut eating contest with three dads randomly selected—Rusty Roth (who was entered because he found all his scavenger hunt pieces first), Mark Snyder, and Nick D’Andrade. Nick absolutely CRUSHED the competition and walked away with a full belly and some awesome loot. Congrats! Thomas (Liam P.’s dad) also won a random drawing and went home with a Yeti can coozie! What a great night to get together with the dads and kids!

Book It! Calendars

Don’t forget: October’s Book It! calendars are due next Thursday, November 1! We hope you had a fun month of reading!!!

Kindergarten -Grade 4 Fire Safety Day



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GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Draw, paint, and drum.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

Dog, cat, bird

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

There are many toys. I get to learn.

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

Help and love people.

YOUR FAMILY:

Dad, Mom, sibling, and me. We like doing everything together.

GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play video games, go out for ice cream, camping, swimming, going to the lake.

SUPER POWER:

Math super power—that way I know how to do all the math.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A tiger so I could chase Blake.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Playing outside, toys, and my teacher.

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

Control the whole world.

YOUR FAMILY:

Mommy (Angela), Daddy (Quentin), Cody, Blake, Gmaw, and Papa. We love to play games together.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What a beautiful week it has been!! It started off with constructing some art projects using leaves with the "big kids" on Monday and Tuesday. What a great time we had working with the grade school kids and creating a picture out of leaves. The big kids did an amazing job working with our little ones!! Come see the Leaf Art displayed in our church's basement this Friday night during our Trunk or Treat. And vote for the best Leaf Art Project.

The fun continued for the rest of the week! Our new theme for the next two weeks is Harvest. The children learned that to "harvest" means to pick. Farmers, as well as children, can harvest fruits and vegetables. Children can harvest apples, tomatoes, pumpkins, etc., and farmers can use their hands or their machines to harvest corn, potatoes, grapes, oranges, etc.

Our Sensory Center has a pumpkin that the children can pound golf tees into. Our Science Center has a pumpkin that the children can weigh, along with pumpkins that they can measure the height of. Our Math Center has pattern blocks to make pumpkin faces with and our Drama Center has trains and a dollhouse (okay, not pumpkin-related, but still fun). This Thursday and Friday, our children made Veteran's Day projects to give away to local veterans. What a beautiful lesson it is for our children to thank those people who have made our country safe and free for THEM. This project is a handprint flag with this poem:

Although my hands are very small,
I made this flag to fly for all.
I might be too young to understand,
But I know these colors are something grand.
The red, white and blue, forever stand.

Come join us on Friday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. in church to celebrate Veteran's Day with our local veterans.

This Sunday, October 28, our preschool children will be singing in church. I would love for all of you to come and worship and hear your children sing "Jesus Loves Me". We have been working for weeks on this song and would love to see all of you in church at 10:00 a.m.

What a wonderful week of learning it has been. What a wonderful week of sharing. God has blessed us with a beautiful week. Thank you, God, for your blessings each and every day. Have an awesome 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. **Book it calendars are due Thursday, November 1.**
- Focus letters for the week: Xx, Zz. 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.
- Continue to work with your child on color words. I will do a color reading test with the Kindergarteners on Monday, October 29.
- We have started reading and writing the sight words: **I, see**. We will start adding more sight words please make sure you are working with your child at home with these words.



First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar. **Book it calendars are due Thursday, November 1.**
- 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 26.
- Doubles facts- Continue to quiz your child on their Doubles Facts, especially if they struggle with some of the facts.

Memory Work for Thursday, November 1: (this is Memory Work for the Christmas Program please help your child memorize it exactly as it is written)

Genesis 3:15 says: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

It has been a crazy week with all of our preparations for Trunk or Treat. Monday and Tuesday were a bit off schedule, but it was such a neat thing to see all of our students bonding - not just K-8 but also with those cute little preschoolers! I was really proud of my students. They were great helpers and leaders! If you would like to see the leaf projects that the students worked so hard on, please join us on Friday night at Trunk or Treat. It is sure to be a blast!

Thank you to my 3 & 4 grade parents who brought in books for the biography projects! Your child will be studying the person they chose for the next few weeks and completing a variety of activities. Feel free to ask them at night what they have learned about their person.

We completed our Midwest Test this week Tuesday. I am impressed with how the kids are improving each time! As I write this, I haven't finished correcting all of them yet, but out of the 10 I have corrected, 6 of them are perfect scores!! Amazing! Thank you all for your hard work and effort you put in to help your child grow and succeed.

Blessings on the rest of your week!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

What a busy time of the month! There was so much going on this week. We worked on decorating leaf projects with the preschoolers on Monday and Tuesday. The 5-8th graders were a huge help with this and came up with some amazing creations. You will have to check them out this week at Trunk or Treat. We had a group come and talk to the kids about life during the Renaissance as well. This was a great opportunity for the students to see life in a different time period. Oh yeah, we also had school work. I have been so impressed with the maturity level of the upper graders to handle all of this.

This week both classes took history tests. The 7-8th grade class will be beginning a new study on settlement of the Northwest. The 5-6th grade class will be analyzing how some early civilizations influenced the United States we have today.

You can expect perfect obedience from your children for the foreseeable future. We are beginning a new Christ Light study called "How can I get along better?" The first lesson?: How can I get along better with my family? While I don't expect your children to become sinless, I do hope we are all able to take some amazing encouragement from God's Word on how better to love and serve our families.

God bless you this weekend and I hope to see you at the fire on Friday Night!(I'll be the one with six s'mores shoved in my mouth while I am cooking a seventh.)

Our Perfect Substitute

I remember being a teenager and believing, “my parents just don’t understand. They don’t know what it’s like to be me. They don’t understand the pressure to be popular, the pain of gossip, and the shame of being left out.” I didn’t realize that my parents still remembered what it was like to be a teenager.

I have young children and the cycle continues. They just can’t believe that I can remember how hard it is to be a kid. But I do. I do know what they are going through.

On a much higher level, we struggle to believe that the almighty God knows what it’s like to be human. So, we struggle to pray to God with transparency because it’s difficult to understand how he can relate to our pain.

That is why we love these words from Hebrews chapter four. The writer says that Jesus is our High Priest. That means Jesus is the mediator between us

Weekly Message

and our heavenly Father. But he is not a high priest that is out-of-touch with our feelings. Jesus came into this world and experienced everything we do. He was tempted in every way that we are.

The only difference: Jesus did not sin.

The writer reminds us of Jesus’ holiness, not to shame us, but to encourage us. Jesus is our perfect substitute and Savior. Jesus gives us his perfect record as a gift. Therefore, we can approach God with absolute confidence. We can tell him what we struggle with and all our guilt and pain. He hears us and even

empathizes with us. And most of all, he forgives us.

Prayer:

Lord God, you know what it’s like to be misunderstood, even hated. You know what it’s like to be tempted. I pray that you would both forgive my sins and lead me to walk in your ways. And I will give you all the glory. Amen.

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16