

School News

Mission Offering

Pastor Unke from Shepherd of the Hills in Las Vegas, NV will be conducting a chapel service for our school via skype next Thursday, October 11 at 12:45 PM. We are very excited to communicate with Pastor Unke! If you would like to be there for that special service, please stay for chapel with us! Since it is an afternoon chapel the PM 4's will be there already, but all other preschoolers and families are also welcome to attend! We would love to have everyone there!

No chapel last with week with the half day, so our total remains at \$58.55!

Updated Scrip List

I went through our current Scrip list and added several things that I noticed were not on our list, but were on Scrip's website. Please check through the sheet to see if there is anything you are interested in! The list attached to the newsletter is just a very small amount compared to what is listed on the website! Scrip can be used in almost any store! On our school's website, I added a "fundraising" tab, where you can look through Scrip's entire list. There are cards for literally just about anything! Hotels, flights, DISNEY! Grocery stores, gas stations, countless restaurants. It is seriously the easiest way to make money for our school (and yourself!). If you

want a card for something not on our list, just specify that somewhere on the sheet—which store and the amount, and I would be happy to order that for you! Orders are placed Tuesday mornings.

Veterans Day

We are planning to have a special event for Veterans Day this year on November 9. 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 principal@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!

Note from Donna

A HUGE thank you to everyone who was able to attend my Benefit Dinner/ Concert Night at First Church of the Nazarene on Friday, September 28. There were approximately 200 in attendance. The band, Glorify, played for us. There was a Silent Auction, too. The catered dinner was amazing, and the entire evening was focused on God and His amazing love for us. What an overwhelming out-pouring of love happened that night. I truly can't thank everyone

Upcoming Dates

8-12 SPIRIT WEEK!

- 9 Soccer @ CCA 4:00PM
- 10 PreK-4 Field Trip—Hidden Acres
- 11 Dads & Donuts 6:30-7:30PM
- 12 PreK-3 Field Trip—Hidden Acres
- 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

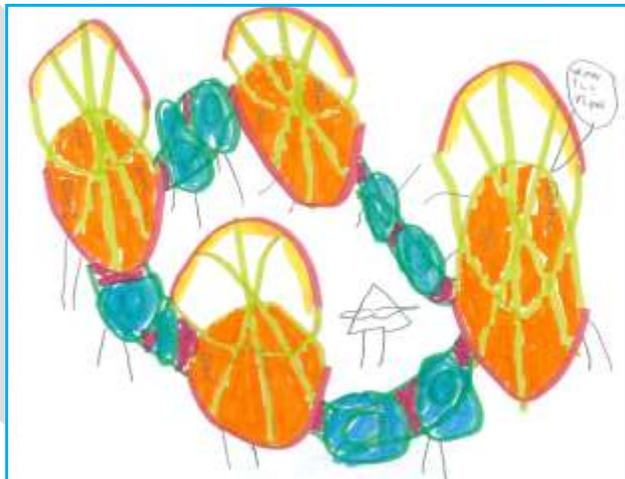
- 20 Trunk or Treat—YMCA
- 26 Trunk or Treat—St. Matthew 5-8PM
- 28 PreK Sings @ St. Matthew 10AM

enough for your support and love you showed to me and my girls. We appreciate everyone who made this night special for us. You are so special to me and I truly love each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. I truly couldn't fight this cancer battle without you by my side! Thank You!! I love you all!! Donna

Field Trips

With October comes the field trips to the pumpkin patch! What a great time to get out and appreciate the beautiful fall season! PreK-4 will be headed to Hidden Acres on October 10, and PreK-3 on October 12! Then, Grades K-4 will go on their pumpkin patch field trip on October 15! Please speak with your child's teach-

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er if you would like to chaperone, or if you have any questions about these trips!

Singing

We had such an awesome turn out for our singing last Sunday! Thank you to everyone for bringing your children to sing "Unity and Peace." Thank you also to the children for using their gifts to glorify God in church! What a blessing it is to have a St. Matthew family to remind us to share in the love that God has given us! Our next singing Sunday is October 28 when the preschool will join us!

Dads & Donuts

Dads & Donuts will take place next Thursday, October 11 from 6:30-7:30PM! We hope you are able to join us for this wonderful event! Any school family from PreK-Grade 8 is encouraged to attend. We have already had many families RSVP—thank you!!! For those who have not, you still have plenty of time! We need your RSVP by Tuesday, October 9. We know that sometimes it is not possible for dad to attend! Don't let that stop you! Bring an uncle, grandpa, mom, grandma, etc. and join in on the fun!

Spirit Week

Spirit Week is next week! Days are as follows:

Monday—Pajama Day

Tuesday—Era Day

Wednesday—Dress Like Your Parent Day

Thursday—Class Movie Day

Friday—School Spirit Day

There will be posters throughout school to remind you of the days and provide more information! You can also check online for details!

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.

Donna Lindsay Benefit Night

Donna's Benefit is TOMORROW!!! Don't forget: if you made a basket, it needs to be dropped today at the preschool!!

There has been some trouble with the online registration. If you register in person, please give your \$15/adult and/or \$10/child registration to Miss Taasaas. Please also include how many adults and children will be in attendance.

Questions? Contact Kayla Biebert (715) 402-0114 or Holly Roberg (509)991-7411.

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

Make sure to put October 17-19 on your calendar! There will be no school these days as the teachers will be away at conference.

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!

10/5 Cleaning

Upstairs: Diaz

Downstairs: Diaz

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.

School Travel to Soccer Game

On October 4, the school will be cheering on our Mighty Timbers soccer team! The school will plan on leaving by 1:45 PM, with the game starting at 2:00 PM. If you would be willing to take a car full of kids to the field (8913 N Nettleton Lane), please speak with your child's teacher and let them know how many children you can take in your vehicle! Also, remember to copy your car insurance for us if you plan to drive!

Mindfulness Skill 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!

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who has spent time cleaning the school so far this year! The school has looked just fabulous! Please know that the extra work you families put in does not go unnoticed. The students and faculty truly appreciate it!!!

Ideas

Another thank you to those families who have given me their support and ideas over the last several weeks! It is so awesome to have other ideas and opinions to help make our school the best it can be! If you have any suggestions, concerns, or ideas you would like to bring up, please don't hesitate to get in touch with anybody from the faculty!

TYLER ARMSTRONG

GRACE PERKINS



GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Ride bikes, go to Silverwood, go to Hawaii, go on dates with Mom and Dad, go to beach, swim, drive golf cart, stay home with Mom, go to preschool, go in Grandpa and Grandma's hot tub.

SUPER POWER:

Run really fast like lightning so I can run faster than anyone in the world.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

Tiger or Cheetah. . . To be fast.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Playing outside.

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

"Tell everyone in the United States in the 'Merica to go to bed and sleep."

YOUR FAMILY:

Mom—Karie, Dad—Ben, Isaac (10), Nathan (8), Jenna (7). We love going to Silverwood, birthday parties, going in RV.

GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Playing dress up and playing with my puppy.

SUPER POWER:

Super bubble hands so I could put bubbles around people to protect them.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

Bunny because I like carrots.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Playing with my friends.

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

Make a lemonade stand.

YOUR FAMILY:

Papa, ReeRee, Evelyn, Mommy, Daddy, LaLa, and MeMe.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

We have been having another fun week in preschool!! Picture Day was on Monday and Tuesday. The children had great smiles and shined for the camera. The rest of the week was filled with fun fall activities. We painted leaves and pressed them on paper. Because our Letter of the Week is "D", we got to put sticker dots on the letter D in the Art Center.

Teacher evaluations are still going on with the 4 year olds. Just trying to see where these children are at so we can better teach them the fundamentals and get them "Kindergarten-Ready", Great insight for me!!

We have our Hidden Acres Field Trip next week.. If you would like to join us, please fill out the Background Check on our website. Also, if you would like to drive for our field trip, please submit your car insurance information. We just need to keep our children safe. Would love to have ALL of you attend,

What another exciting week in preschool!! These children are growing and learning so much. I can see it - hope you can too!!

Also, a HUGE thank you to all of the parents for bringing your children to church to sing last Sunday. More than half of our Preschool children were there!! What an amazing turnout! This was the first time we have ever had Preschool - 8th grade sing together!! So wonderful to hear so many beautiful voices, praising and glorifying our Lord.

The Preschool will be singing again on Sunday, October 28th. I am so excited to hear only the Preschool children singing their praises!! Please mark your calendars - more information will come home later this month.

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: Ll, Jj, Nn. 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.

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.
- I will send a new set of Lightning Words home tomorrow in your child's yellow folder for next week. We will not have Lightning Words for the week of October 15.

Memory Work for Thursday, October 11:

This is love for God: to keep his commands. 1 John 5:3

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.

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Yesterday was our 2nd Regions Map Test! Again - I am so proud of how hard my students are working. It is so fun to see them rise to a challenge - and conquer it! These kids are truly rocking these states and capitals!! We started our 3rd Region today - The Midwest. Again, we will spend 10 school days on it. The test will be on Monday, October 22. That 10th school day happens to fall on the Monday after our long break, so it will be up to you parents to encourage your child to review

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the states and capitals over break. If you would like some blank maps to practice, please let me know.

We will be going to the Pumpkin Patch on Monday, October 15! I am sending out an 'official' note that will need to be returned with this newsletter. This is such a fun field trip - we are all looking forward to it!!

Also, a reminder that when there are soccer games I go with the team. I will be gone for the majority of the afternoon tomorrow, Friday, October 5. There are a couple games next week as well. So if you hear your child talking about Mr. Biebert as their teacher - that is why!!

Blessings on your week!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Let the insanity commence. Next week is Spirit Week. It will be a fun and exciting week with all the dress up days scheduled for next week.

The 5-6th graders started an interesting topic in catechism this week, namely the use of the Keys. This was a topic that none of my students had heard of before, but it is a doctrine that is taught in the Bible. It has been fun going through this with them. We will continue our study next week.

The 5-6th grade is also going to be working on a PowerPoint presentation on one of the U.S. regions. I will be working with them to help them with good presentation etiquette and design. We are even going to practice dressing up to be professional for our presentations. The instructions were sent home this week.

We have been going pretty slowly through our science topic on force. We have taken the time to describe contact and noncontact forces. We have also discussed how to convert mass to weight. What is the difference you ask? Your child should know if you ask.

Thank you for bringing your children to sing last Sunday. It was wonderful to hear the whole school singing praises to our God. I will be out in the forest on survival training this weekend. If I don't make it back on Monday, then you know why. God's Blessings on your weekend.

SPIRIT WEEK NEXT WEEK!!!

SHOW YOUR MIGHTY TIMBER PRIDE!

MONDAY—Pajama Day

TUESDAY—Era Day

WEDNESDAY—Dress Like Your Parent Day

THURSDAY—Class Movie Day

FRIDAY—School Spirit Day

Weekly Message

Attitude

Evangelist Barry McGee shares the story of a woman by the name of Lexy Fowler. Lexy was a sheep rancher in Montana, and she had a problem. Her problem was coyotes.

Coyotes were killing her sheep, and not just one here and there. She was losing scores of sheep every year. She had tried all kinds of things to stop them. She'd tried odor sprays, electric fences, and battery-operated radios. She'd corralled them at night and herded them by day. Nothing seemed to work.

But then, Lexy Fowler discovered what other sheep ranchers in the West have discovered. She discovered the llama.

As it turns out, the llama has a real attitude whenever it sees a coyote. It recognizes the coyote for the deadly threat that it is. At the first sight of a coyote, the llama gets aggressive. It assumes a certain posture. It makes a certain sound. It stares the coyote down and even spits. And if the coyote hasn't gotten the message by then, the llama will walk straight toward it. "[Coyotes] won't have anything to do with that," said Lexy Fowler. "Coyotes are opportunists, and llamas take that opportunity away."

The attitude of the llama changed everything for Lexy Fowler. Whenever the coyotes encountered one of her llamas, the coyotes fled.

The attitude of the llama is a vivid reminder for you and me. The devil is real, and his mission is clear. When the devil approaches us with sinful temptations, he is not playing some half-hearted game for his own amusement. He is playing for keeps. Ever and always it is the devil's ultimate goal to separate us from our Savior Jesus.

"Resist the devil," God tells us in his word. Do not tolerate him. Do not make peace with him. Do not pretend you can share the same space. Resist him. Recognize him for what he is. Stand firm in the full forgiveness and new life

Jesus has purchased for you at the cross.

When you do, the devil will flee. But remember—he will flee not because of your attitude in and of itself. He will flee because of the One who gives you reason for that attitude. He will flee because of Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, the devil prowls around me every day. When he comes, empower me by your Spirit to resist him. Remind me that he will flee. And remind me how terrified he is of you. Amen.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7