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The Timber Times
November 1, 2018

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 \$110.89. Thank you for your giving hearts!

Coat Reminder

With the chilly weather becoming a norm around here, we kindly remind you to make sure your child has a jacket each day. The children still spend recess outside unless it is raining, snowing, or otherwise inclement. Bringing a jacket will ensure your child is able to participate with the other children during recess or P.E. Thank you!

Veterans Day

Our Veterans Day Program will be held **next 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. You can also bring them by

the school so we can scan them. Thank you!

Preschool Singing

Thank you to the families who came so that their children could sing "Jesus Loves Me" to our St. Matthew family at church! Your voices are cherished by so many! It is such a joy to hear you singing praises to Jesus! For the many of you who were under the weather, we pray you are feeling back to your normal selves!!

Box Tops

Our grade school Box Tops Competition is almost underway!!! Start collecting those box tops for your classroom! For the entire month of November through December 4 Mrs. D'Andrade will be keeping track of the total box tops collected for each classroom. Every week she will give an update with who is in the lead! The winning classroom will receive a movie day sometime before Christmas Break!

Request from Mrs. Schultz & The Vine

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Upcoming Dates

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!

-9276) They are also looking to borrow a Polaroid Camera or small printer to instantly print out pictures. Thanks for your help.

Scrip Highlight

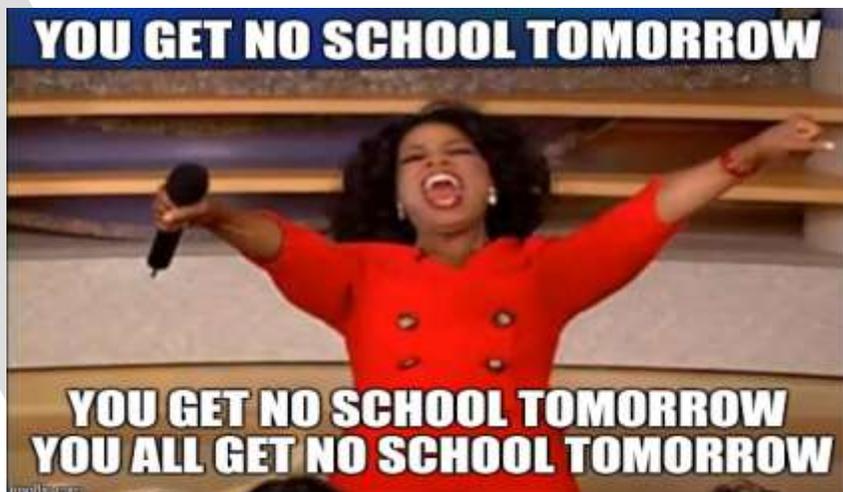
How many of you have thought about ordering Scrip but didn't want to fill out the sheet, or you missed the Tuesday deadline so you didn't want to bother? Well, this quarter I will be using the newsletter to highlight different Scrip cards that we have on hand! I feel that this is especially a good time to do this since the holidays are right around the corner! Why not shop for yourself or others while earning money not only for the school, but also for your own tuition?!

Right now, we have Bass Pro Shops on hand. These cards come in \$25 increments, and we have a total of \$150 on

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→ (EXCEPT TEACHERS—YOU STILL HAVE TO COME TO SCHOOL)

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Teachers:



11/2 Cleaning

Upstairs: Roth

Downstairs: Roth

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hand. When you purchase a Bass Pro Shops gift card, 8% goes directly back to the school! So, for every \$25 that is spent, \$2 goes to St. Matthew. St. Matthew will give you half of whatever you earn through Scrip for tuition, giving you \$1! It may not seem like much, but ordering consistently really adds up, and it is basically getting paid to shop!

Soccer Tournament

The soccer tournament bracket is on our website under the soccer tab.

<http://school.stmatthewspokane.org/soccer.html>

Our first game is tomorrow at 3:45PM. If you have questions, please talk with Mrs. O'Haver or Coach Snyder.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Attached to this newsletter you will find a schedule for your parent-teacher conference time. I hope this schedule suits your needs. I do apologize to those who were not able to get their top choices; we did our best to honor a first come, first served schedule. Please plan to arrive for your meeting several minutes early, in order to start right at your scheduled time. This will

ensure mindfulness of other families meeting after you.

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Book It! Calendars

Calendars are due **TODAY!** You can hand them in to your teacher.

Report Cards

Today is the last day of first quarter! Wow—time flies!! Report cards will be handed out to the kids on Monday, November 5 so be on the lookout for those!

Find the Mighty Timber

Starting next week, we will be featuring a new game in our newsletter, "Find the

Mighty Timber!" We will place a tiny tree somewhere on campus, and take a picture of it. It is your job to look at the picture and see if you can determine where it is each week! The first to guess correctly will have their picture in the newsletter the following week!

Trunk or Treat

To everyone who helped make our Trunk or Treat a success: **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!** It was amazing to see everyone come together for a night JAM-PACKED with fun! In case you missed it, we had several prizes and raffles, and here are our winners:

Candy Jar: Leah West & Avery Jensen

Pumpkin Weight: Annica Best-Leidle

Best Trunks: Biebert, Klawitter, Diaz

Favorite Leaf Art: "Bearded Goat Fairy with Wand"

Take a look at the pictures below of the winning trunks!

Diaz Trunk



Klawitter Trunk



Biebert Trunk



AMELIA HART

SAGE NEWMAN



GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Go to my cousin Kiya's house. Having sleepovers with Kiya. I love to go to school.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

I wish I could fly because I want to fly like a vampire!

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

I want to be a good kitty because I want my kitty Caterina to know me.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

I love to play with all the new toys.

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

I would teach my dog to be not biting to me.

YOUR FAMILY:

Kiya (cousin), my Aunty, bubba (cousin), Pres-tin (cousin), Mom, Dad, Alivia (sister). We like to go to the park.

GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

I like to make crafts, play games, play outside, and lately, tell jokes.

SUPER POWER:

I would like to have stretching power or stickiness because I want to stretch this way and that and I want to be like Gekko.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

I would want to be a gecko because they can stick to walls.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Duplos and snacks!

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

I would put out fires.

YOUR FAMILY:

Novalee, Daddy, and Mommy, and Grandma, and Grandpa. We enjoy rough-housing and snuggling, and having "Grandma and Grandpa night."

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

If there is one thing I have realized in all my years of teaching, it is that every month there is always something to celebrate and there is always a reason to have a party. This month is no exception! We are celebrating the color Orange and also Harvest! What better way, then, to have Orange Day and a Harvest Party all at once! The three-year olds had their special day on Monday, and the four-year olds had their's on Wednesday! The day consisted of wearing orange (or course), easel painting orange pumpkins, playing hide'n'seek with orange squares (our color and shape of the month) and eating "party" foods! It doesn't get any better than that! The fours were also able to paint some white pumpkins that Grace's grandpa grew and brought into school for us. What a fun week we have had!

Our Sensory Center is still a hit. We are still having fun pounding golf tees into a huge pumpkin. Our Art Center is now a pumpkin top stamping center. Last week, each class cut open a pumpkin and had fun pulling out the seeds and the slimy pulp. We roasted the pumpkin seeds and got to try those, but we also saved the stem and the top of the pumpkin to dip in paint and then stamp onto paper to make a beautiful picture. We have had so much fun with pumpkins these past two weeks. Onto a new theme and new centers next week! I can't wait!!

Thank you to all of the families who brought your children to St. Matthew to sing "Jesus Loves Me" this past Sunday. What a blessing to hear these little ones singing their praises to our Lord. It even brought some of our members to tears! Thank You!!

Just a gentle reminder. There have been SO many preschool children that have been sick, lately. Parents, please keep your children home if they are not feeling well. Please keep them home until they are fever-free for 24-hours, and haven't been throwing up for 24 hours. Please encourage hand washing in your homes, because we sure do in preschool. We want to keep the germs from spreading to our friends (and teacher/teacher aides). Thank you for all of your cooperation and support.

Have a beautiful weekend. See you all 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. Book it calendars are due Thursday, November 1.
- Please continue to review the letters and sounds with your child. We will be starting the vowels soon.
- 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.
- There were no Lightning Words this week. A new sheet will be sent home tomorrow.
- Doubles facts- Continue to quiz your child on their Doubles Facts, especially if they struggle with some of the facts.



Christmas Program Memory Work was sent home on Monday. Please make you look through the whole program and take note of when the verses are due.

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Yesterday I gave your child our new Book-It Calendar for the month of November. Please make sure your child is reading and marking down how many minutes are read each day! I hope they are getting excited about those pizza coupons!

Christmas Service memory work will be sent home in the Monday Folder next week. We have a lot to learn! It is so important that you help your child at home. Keep reviewing those passages! The service will be lovely, I am so excited about it!

As it continues to get colder outside, please make sure your child has a coat! I will not let them go outside if they do not have the proper clothing to keep them warm. Your child is also welcome to bring slippers to school if they would like. That way the wet grass and

snow (hopefully not for awhile yet though!!) won't get tracked into the classroom. Slippers will go home every Friday just like water bottles so they are out of the way for the cleaners.

Blessings on your week!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Happy second quarter everyone! The second quarter will bring our first Veteran's Day program. We will also start looking at our Christmas program. Finally, we are starting our new set of memory work. All of our catechism memory work is review from last year for those of you that were in the class last year. This should be very helpful for many as the first quarter was extremely strenuous. We covered many new topics in catechism in the form of Confession, The Keys, and in depth studies on Baptism and Holy Communion. I am setting a schedule this quarter for the memory work so that no one will get behind. Students who feel more confident can work ahead if they wish, but they do not have to. They will simply need to say their memory work by the end of the day on the official due date I give them. I have given the students the dates for the first week of second quarter already.

This week the 5-6th grade started a study of ancient Western civilizations that have influenced the U.S.A. We will be studying the Maya, Aztec, and Anasazi in our studies. The 7-8th grade has been focusing on Western settlement. They should plan on a test next week Wednesday or Thursday. Look for a study guide on Monday.

Our Christ Light class will be continuing to focus on how we can get along better with different groups and types of people. We have already talked about getting along better with family and friends. Hopefully you have seen the activities that your children have been bringing home with these lessons. They are more family interactive. Students only need to pick one of the options each week-not all of them!

Thank you to all of you who stopped in at our Trunk or Treat last Friday. It was a lot of fun seeing all the student's costumes. God's Blessings on your weekend!

Weekly Message

Jesus is There for You

“Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’” How often do you think Bartimaeus was told to be quiet? How many times was the blind man shoved into the corner and ignored? How frequently was he out of sight and out of mind?

It can certainly feel demoralizing to be ignored or marginalized in any way. It can be lonely to feel like no one cares or notices us. When life gets us down, we can easily feel like God treats us the same way everyone else seems to. At such times, we may falsely assume that God is ignoring us or that he wants us to be quiet and stop bothering him. Satan knows us well and he seeks to drive us down into the depths of despair. Too often we follow his lead. Such despair is sinful and shows a lack of faith.

As hopeless as things looked for Bartimaeus, he knew where he could put his trust. Even as people were trying to quiet him down, “he kept on shouting all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’” It’s hard to imagine a more powerful and worthwhile prayer than the one the blind man shouted to Jesus. His prayer was heard. Miraculously, Jesus immediately gave the man sight and vindicated his faith.

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Thank God that Jesus doesn’t ever marginalize or ignore us! He never shoves us to the side or brushes us off. Rather, he pays attention to our every need and takes good care of us. Like Bartimaeus, keep on shouting! Keep on taking your prayers to Jesus. Don’t let the devil or this world quiet you or fill you with despair. Your Savior Jesus stands ready and willing to come to your aid.

Nowhere was that more evident than when Jesus went to the cross to meet our greatest need. We were in grave need of help—even more in need than blind Bartimaeus. We needed a Savior. We needed someone to suffer and die to take away the punish-

ment that our sins deserved and to rescue us from eternal damnation. Jesus willingly took our place on that cross and earned our forgiveness and salvation. In his great love, he took care of our greatest need. In that same love, he stands ready to come to our aid today and every day.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for going to the cross and taking care of my greatest need. Help me never to despair, but to always look to you for help and to trust in your loving care. Amen.

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Mark 10:46-52