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The Timber Times
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School News

Mission Offering

We are still learning each week about the Fruit of the Spirit. We are moving to the topic of "peace." Talk with your children about what they are learning! Our chapel offerings for the year are at \$128.98 Thank you for your giving hearts!

Soccer Jerseys

If you haven't done so already, please return your **CLEAN** soccer jersey to Mrs. O'Haver! Thank you!

Veterans Day

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make our Veterans Day Program a success, especially Tony Diaz, Bonnie Diaz, and Lance Barton! Thank you also to everyone who came to the program! We can't wait for next year!

Thanksgiving Break

Next week is THANKSGIVING already?!?!? This year is flying by! We will have off school Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23! We hope you enjoy the extra time with your families! Safe travels to any of you who may be visiting relatives over this holiday! And a special reminder: Thanks be to God for all our wonderful blessings!

Box Tops

Alright, who's the ringer for K-1?! Over the past week, they jumped out for a MASSIVE lead over 2-4 & 5-8! Here are the standings:

K-1: 132

2-4: 35

5-8: 65

We still have a couple more weeks to finish out the race! Keep pushing for that movie day!

Basketball

Our basketball season is right around the corner! Woohoo! If you are interested in playing basketball this year, please speak with Mrs. O'Haver.

St. Matthew Apparel Store

On our website under the "Resources" tab, we have page called "St. Matthew Apparel." For a limited time, we will be offering a ton of school apparel, including sweat-shirts, t-shirts, jackets, etc! Please take a look at the site for prices and availability! The store will be closed after December 5 to allow enough time for the orders to process and be here before Christmas Break!

Report Card Envelopes

Upcoming Dates

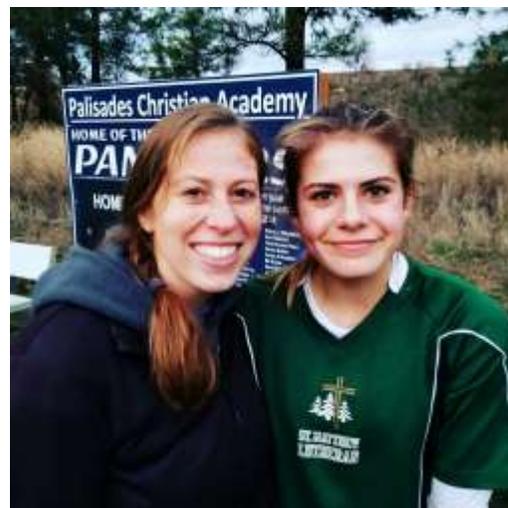
November

- 19 Mindfulness Skills Class 6:30PM
- 22-23 NO SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving!
- 26 Mindfulness Skills Class 6:30PM

We are still missing several report card envelopes, so if you are still holding on to one, please sign it and return it to your child's teacher. Thank you!

Shout Out

Shout out to our last Martinson at St. Matthew! Gracelynn Martinson is the youngest daughter of the Martinson Family, and she is an eighth grader, which means the Martinson soccer legacy at St. Matthew has sadly come to an end! Thank you Martinson's for many great years!



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NO SCHOOL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

11/15 Cleaning

Upstairs: Fernandez

Downstairs: Fernandez

General School News – Continued

Find the Mighty Timber

Okay, folks! You all did an AMAZING job finding Mighty Timber last week! Y'all sniffed out Mighty Timber better than bloodhounds hunting, let me tell you! The first person to locate MT last week was Blake Rushing. CONGRATULATIONS BLAKE!!!

Just a little reminder, if you are first to find Mighty Timber—get a picture taken and sent to Mrs. Biebert ASAP at (715)402-

0114. Since I am not there with you, I can only go based off the first picture I receive. That being said, this week he will be hiding in a (hopefully) more challenging location. As always, if he is not found this week, he will give another clue next week.

Look below for a picture of Blake from last week and for the next clue!

Christmas for Kids

Our Christmas for Kids will be taking place on Saturday, December 8 from 10:00AM-NOON. This year, we ask that a parent attend this event with their child (ren), so the parent is aware of the lessons as well as to encourage family time during the holidays! The registration form is available on our website school.stmatthewspokane.org under the "Resources" tab. We also sent out an email to school families that includes the registration form. We look forward to seeing you there!



Blake, Zach, and Marie pictured with Mighty Timber in last week's hiding spot: The AED Machine! Congratulations!

This Week's Clue:
"Some people use it to work out;
Others use it for fun;
I use it to hide!"



OWEN FEAGAN



GRADE: PreK-4 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Backflips, Dressing up like Batman and Power Rangers

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

To be super fast like Flash.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

None—animals are scary.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Play with my friends.

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

Kids have to go to school only four days and sleep there.

YOUR FAMILY:

Katie (sister), Mom, and Dad. We like to go out to eat, play puppy with sister, and take hikes with Daddy.

KATIE GAULKE



GRADE: PreK-3 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play. Get some treats.

SUPER POWER:

Run power (running fast) because I would have big muscles.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

Giraffe, because I like giraffes.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Painting.

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

Make some presents.

YOUR FAMILY:

Marie, Wesley, Mommy, Daddy; we enjoy getting some treats.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What a wonderful new week in Preschool. We had two new children join our classrooms. Shiloh joined last week and Prisma joined this week. Please stop by and meet our new classmates. We are SO happy they are in our preschool. WELCOME Shiloh and Prisma, our new friends!!

With a new week underway, our focus hasn't changed. We are still learning about Pilgrims and Indians and the First Thanksgiving so long ago. The children have been busy working on their "costumes" for our Thanksgiving Feast we will be having next week. They are able to dress up as a Pilgrim or an Indian. We have been sponge-painting Indian vests, gluing feathers on our Indian headbands and stringing "beads" for our Indian necklaces. We have also been constructing our Pilgrim hats and cutting out our Pilgrim collars - all to get ready for our Feast. But that's not all! We have made our "candy corn" nametags and our Turkey table decorations. Almost ready for our Thanksgiving celebration! Hope you can join us!

Though our theme has stayed the same, our centers have changed. Our Art Center is filled with stickers that the children can make a Thanksgiving wreath. Our Science Center has a Shadow Matching Card and also a Memory Game that the children can play. The Math Center has some new Thanksgiving puzzles the children can put together. The Drama Center remains the same - an Indian teepee that the children can play in and pretend to be real Indians living long ago. What amazing things are happening in our preschool! You should come and check it out!!

Last week, we celebrated Brown Day with the four year olds. This Friday, we will have fun celebrating Brown Day with the threes. Wearing brown clothes and playing hide'n'seek with brown triangles makes the day extra-special.

This week, we have been working on the letter "I". The four year olds brought in a show'n'tell item that started with "I". We saw some insects, an iguana, an ice cream cone, some icing, and an ice cube. With next week being a short week, we will still be working on "I". So, please bring ANOTHER "I" show'n'tell. Sorry!! Not an easy letter!!

What an amazing week in preschool!! So much learning!! So much fun!!

Have an awesome weekend with your families. Can't wait for another fabulous 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.
- We have started on our first Word Family this week. A note was sent home on Tuesday along with the -at Word Family story.
- Sight words: is, on, in, the, has, not, are. I know this is a lot but we will be continuing these words next week as well.

First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- I will send Reading books home on Wednesday, November 21. They will not be bring books home this weekend.
- Lightning words are due tomorrow. There will not be any Lightning Words next week.
- Plus 0 fact cards are being sent home tomorrow in your child's Friday folder. The test will be on Wednesday, November 21 please send the cards to school on that day so your child can take their test.
- Spelling test tomorrow!



We are thankful for...

If you haven't gotten a chance to read our classroom door please stop in and see ALL of the things we are thankful for!

Christmas Program

Continue to study the Memory Work from previous dates. We have been practicing speaking our parts with the whole group.

Make sure your child is speaking slowly and clearly.

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

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This week has gone by so quickly! Next week will too! Here are a few things I would like you guys to be aware of:

*Our final Map Test is next Wednesday, November 21. If you want maps to study, let me know.

*3-4 graders are working hard on their biography projects. Keep checking in with them to see what they have learned about their person!

*We will have a little Thanksgiving Party on November 21. More information to come!

*There will be no Spelling next week because it is a short week.

*Don't forget to fill in your November Book-It Calendars!

*Postcards are awesome! Our chart is really full - take a look by our door. Special shout out to Liam Yancey and Noah Snyder for bringing so many in! I would really like EVERY child to bring in at least one postcard. If you haven't please try! That would be so awesome!

Blessings on your week!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

You finished one short week and now on to another. We will be busy wrapping up our science chapter next week, working on Christmas memory work, also decorating turkeys! We should probably also catch up on our 20 Mystery Doug videos that we have missed. Below is the upcoming memory work for next week.

Monday(11/19)-Ephesians 4:15, Matthew 5:16 **Wednesday(11/21)**-Books of the Bible

Both history classes have started studying about Native Americans and how early settlers treated them. We started our discussion by thinking about what things we would be willing to fight for in our lives if all others were taken away. This was almost like what happened to the Natives as they had much of their livelihood taken away.

We will be taking our science test on forces next week Tuesday. The students have their study guide on this. This will allow us to start fresh after break.

Have you prepared your feast yet? I pray that God blesses your Thanksgiving preparations. Have a great weekend!

Weekly Message

Delight in the Word of God

The hardest time to remember that God loves you is when you're in trouble. It's easy to know God's love when your checkbook is flush, and your body is healthy. But when you're in distress, God's love is hard to see. How can you believe that God loves you when you're broke, when chemo makes your hair fall out, or when a loved one is dying?

Where is God's love in all of that? Worse, when trouble and distress strike, our natural reaction is to pray, "God, why would you let this happen to a good person like me?" But here's the thing: I am not a good person.

Who can claim to be perfect in God's sight? Who doesn't forget to praise God when life is good? Who doesn't doubt and complain when life isn't? Scripture is clear: "There is no one who does good, not even one" (Romans 3:12). Because of sin, we are not good people. We do not deserve God's love; we deserve trouble and distress.

But notice what today's

passage says: Our delight is God's Word, not the outward circumstances of life. Trouble is part of an invaluable lesson that God teaches in the Bible and reinforces through experience. We are weak, but he is strong, and he will never let us down.

When you are hard pressed on every side, that's when you see Jesus exactly where he has promised to be—right beside you. He knows trouble firsthand. Jesus suffered for the sinful world to forgive your imperfection and guarantee you an eternity that has no distress.

Until then, the troubles of life

are a tool in God's hand, and your faith is like a nail. The harder God hits it, the deeper it goes. Distress drives your faith even deeper. It sends you back to your baptism, back to the Word, back to the Lord's Supper for proof of God's love and for strength to endure.

So find your delight in God's promises. You never have to wonder if God loves you. The cross proves it: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Prayer:

Lord, strengthen me to trust your promises and remember your love in good times and in bad. Amen.

Trouble and distress have come upon me,
but your commands are my delight.

Psalm 119:143