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School News

DC Trip Info

After an action-packed, week-long adventure, the 7-8 graders and chaperones arrived safely back to Spokane this past Tuesday. We are so grateful this trip went smoothly! Thanks to each of the chaperones for attending the field trip, and thanks to the many of you who donated to all the awesome fundraisers! Take a look at some more pictures from their trip on page 4. Additionally, in the coming weeks each one of the students who attended the trip will be writing a little blurb about their DC experience, so be on the lookout for that!

Auction Tickets—On Sale NOW!!!!

Please look at our website [here](#) to get all the latest auction info, and to PURCHASE TICKETS for this awesome event! If you are reading the paper copy of the newsletter, scan this QR code to take you to the auction page!



Re-Enrollment

Early registration for returning students is no longer open—but that doesn't mean you can't register! If you would like to speak with Mr. Biebert about your options, please do so. We pray that all of you choose to continue your child's Christian education at St. Matthew!

Junior Choir

Beginning next week, junior choir

and drama will be meeting on Thursdays from 3:45-4:30. I will be sending home a revised schedule with changes. Also, Mrs. Sarah Mjelde is able to help out with directing the musical, A Knight to Remember!!! All the children have found out what part they will be. Please help them work on any lines or words to the songs. More information will be coming home as to regards to costumes and props for your child's costume for the musical. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Most. I am looking forward to putting together the musical for everyone's enjoyment!

Basketball

Miss Rosenbaum has received almost all of the uniforms. If you have not returned yours, please return it ASAP. The end of the year party is TODAY!

Free Pass Activity

If your child is eligible to participate in the free pass activity, please be sure to return the permission form that was handed out by tomorrow—Friday, February 25!

Softball/Track

Softball and Track are right around the corner. Softball will be for grades 4-8. Track will be for grades 3-8. There will be sign-up sheets in Mrs. Most and Mr. Biebert's classrooms. Please have your child sign up if interested. These sign-up sheets will be up for one week, so please sign up before it goes away.

Career Day

Thank you to all the speakers who helped put on our Career Day event! The kids had a wonderful time listening and asking questions! This is a great time to have a conversation with your kiddos about what they may want to do

2/25 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Roberg

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Pelkey

someday!

Book Week

Our Book Week is coming up **NEXT WEEK** — February 28-March 4!!! We will be having a book sale all week long — please start looking through your collection, and bring in any gently used books you are no longer reading! All books will be sold for \$0.50 daily from 8AM-4PM!

We also have some fun dress up days & events for the week. Check them out below:

Tuesday — PJ Day & Zoom Teacher Book Reading (7PM). Wear your PJ's to school in preparation for a bedtime story reading that night!

Wednesday — Hat Day. In honor of Seuss' birthday, wear your favorite Seuss hat! Don't have a Seuss hat? No worries — wear any hat you like!

Thursday — Book Character Day. Dress like your favorite book character! This is a competition!!! The winner from each class will receive a **PRIZE!!**

Grades 3-8 Sing

Mrs. Most & Mr. Biebert's classes are singing in church this Sunday, February 27 at 10AM! Please plan to attend this service; the kids have been working every day to master their song!

1st Grade Teacher

Reminder that we are having a call meeting for a new 1st grade teacher after church this Sunday, February 27. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

March Calendar

The March calendar is available for viewing [here](#). Please check it out to stay current!

BOOK WEEK NEXT WEEK!!!

Tuesday

Pajama Day!

Virtual Bedtime Stories 7PM

Wednesday

Hat Day!

Thursday

Book Character Day!

Book Sale Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

This was a short week of school, but it sure was filled with such fun activities!!

We introduced a new theme to the preschool: Fire Safety. What an important hands-on topic this is!! We have new centers in the preschool - of course we do!! We have Kai to the Rescue in our Listening Center, a white dog in our Art Center that the children can paint black spots on to make it a Dalmatian, and a 3' Fire Station with 4 fire trucks in the Drama Center that the children can play "Firefighter". Needless to say, there were an awful lot of "sirens" going off in the classroom this week!

Another great addition to our themed week was a special visit from Firefighter Chris on Thursday and Friday. He taught us to call 911 in an emergency – NOT to order a pizza!! We learned how to stop, drop and roll if our clothes catch on fire, not to play with matches or lighters and that we need to have a meeting place for our family to gather once we are outside of a burning house. Your children learned SO much this week – information overload!! I will emphasize the importance of fire safety in the classroom next week, also, so they get comfortable with this subject!!! I never want them to be scared after we have this talk – that's why I love when Firefighter Chris can come and talk with the children, put on his turnout gear and show them that a firefighter is their friend!! Please encourage this talk, also!!

On Thursday and Friday, we also celebrated Pink/Red Day!! All of the children dressed in pink and red and were able to play hide 'n' seek with pink and red hearts!! What a fun way to end our great week!!

Next week is going to be another busy week for all of us – it's SPIRIT WEEK and our BOOK FAIR!! Please join in on the fun!!

Tuesday - Pajama Day (no blankets, pillows or stuffies)

and ZOOM teacher book reading night – 7:00 pm!

Wednesday - Hat Day (wear your favorite hat)

Thursday - Book Character Day (dress up as your favorite character in a book)

We will have our 50 cent book sale going on in church all week long!! Come buy a book and support our school!!

Next week we will be focusing on letter "Tt". Four year old classes, please bring something for show 'n' tell that starts with the letter "Tt".

Our bible verse we will be learning is Luke 11:28 "Hear the word of God."

May God bless you with a beautiful weekend with your family.

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

- 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. March Book it calendars will be sent home in your child's yellow folder tomorrow. **Please bring back the February calendar by Wednesday, March 2.**
- This week we are reviewing the –en word family and starting on the –et word family. Our new sight word is: this. Please review the words from last week: saw, said, eat, have, want
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: Some things might take me longer and that's okay!

Memory Work

March 3- For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Books!

Check your home libraries and if you have any books you would like to get rid of we will gladly take them for our book fair at the end of the month. I will have a box that you can put your books in. This is a great way to make room for all of the new books your child will find at the book fair.

BOOK FAIR!!

Make sure to check out the schedule for our special book fair days next week!

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/ Christlight

- 3/1 - 2 Corinthians 9:7b
- 3/3 - Romans 6:23
- I sent home the Bible story, "Taxes to Caesar" last weekend so if you read it last weekend there is not a new story for this week! Please make sure to sign and return the YELLOW sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- No purple bookmark this weekend. Please still find a book to read!
- Lightning Words (Theme 7-2) will be due March 4. Please return or a free pass will be used.
- Spelling test will be on March 4. We are working on more long o spellings (oa, ow) These are the words for next week: boat, slow, coat, grow, toad, show, coast, know, want, again.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

2nd Grade Homework

- Spelling test will be on March 4. We are working on the final stable syllable (ble, ple, fle, gle) These are the words for next week: table, marble, bubble, maple, simple, ripple, stifle, raffle, ruffle, eagle, wiggle, giggle.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

Extra Notes

- Please remember that your child needs a water bottle everyday!
- Please see the church entryway for a sign-up list for the auction baskets. If you have something you think would be a good addition to either of the baskets please let me know! Thank you to those who have signed up and brought in the items!
- Free Pass Activity will be on Monday, February 28.
- Next week is the Book Fair! Please note the dress up days and events for the week.
- February Book It Calendars are due by March 2nd! Please return these so that your child can be acknowledged for their hard work!

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Grades 3-8 sing for church this Sunday, February 27 @ 10 AM. We have been working so hard on our 2 songs we are singing. One of which is a two-part song that we **need every voice** to help make it sound amazing for our Savior. Please join us for worship this Sunday! This is a great opportunity to join us for worship and say thank you to the congregation for supporting your child's education here at St. Matthew.

*****Read for 20 minutes at home** - I've changed up how we are doing the Read for 20 minutes. Two days a week (Monday and Wednesday) we are having D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read) in class and three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday) the reading will be coming home along with a summary form to fill out and hand in on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Extra Notes-

- **Used Book Sale** - Does your child have a few books they don't read anymore or aren't interested in? If so, send your gently used books with your child to school. I have a box to place them outside the classroom. We will have a used book sale the week of February 28-March 4.
- **Dress-up days for Book fair/sale week!**
 - Tuesday - Pajama Day and Bedtime stories read by your St. Matthew teachers!
 - Wednesday - Cat in the Hat Day
 - Thursday - Book Character Day
- **Assignment Notebook/Planner** - Please, please, please be sure you are checking and signing/initial your child's planner each night! This informs me that you saw what they had for homework and that it was finished and you saw it! This is one of the best ways to communicate with me also if something is taking too long with your child's homework or if there is a problem with an assignment if you can't speak with me in person the next day.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

It feels so good to be back into the classroom and seeing all of the kids after the long D.C. trip. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Roberg for taking over and teaching while I was away. The 7th-8th graders will be doing a presentation on their trip and on what they learned, as well as showing some of their pictures in the near future. I will let you know when they will be doing the presentation in case any of you would like to view it.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 2/28-Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 10:31; Tuesday 3/1- John 14:2,3; Wednesday: 3/2-Luther's Morning Prayer; Friday: 3/4-Galatians 5:13, Galatians 6:10

The 5-6th graders gave their presentation on slavery in the colonies this week, and now they are preparing for their chapter test. This test will be next week Wednesday. We started reviewing this week, and I gave the students the study guide before I left for D.C.

The 5-6th graders got to be the teachers this week. They were working on creating plant cell diagrams while the 7th-8th graders were in D.C. They were able to explain the parts of the cell and what they do to the 7th-8th graders. We also took some time to look at cell tissues with the microscopes this week.

Please remember that our class sings this Sunday in the 10:00 service. We will be singing two songs. The students are singing multiple parts in one of the songs, so we really could use everyone to be there. Thanks for helping us to beautify our worship with your children's voices. Spring please come! I hope you have a wonderful weekend!



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Revenge

“Revenge is a dish best served cold.” This old saying about revenge goes back at least to the early 1800s. It means that taking revenge on someone is more satisfying when you allow a good amount of time to pass by first. From caper movies like *Ocean’s 11* to westerns like *Once Upon a Time in the West*, the cold dish of revenge makes for a compelling plotline.

But there’s a downside to revenge. English philosopher Francis Bacon put it quite well. He wrote, “A man that studieth revenge keeps his own wounds green.”

God, of course, knows us far better than we will ever know ourselves. He knows that revenge is simply a broad opportunity for my old sinful self to run amok. In the name of righteous indignation, it’s an opportunity for my old sinful self to indulge in all kinds of toxic impulses, from bitterness and resentment to arrogance and self-absorption. All of which threatens to harden my heart. All of which threaten to pull me away from the only Savior you and I are ever going to have.

When Jesus walked this earth on our behalf, not once did he ever give in to

the temptation to plot revenge on someone who had wronged him, not even as he hung on the cross. And because of Jesus’ perfect faithfulness, God has washed us clean through faith in his Son—and that includes even our poisonous thoughts of revenge against someone who has wronged us.

Cleansed and embraced by our Savior, you and I are now free. In the words of Francis Bacon, you and I no longer have to study revenge, keeping our own wounds green. Instead, you and I can bask in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. We can entrust all things to our just and good God. In-

stead, you and I can get on with the business of proclaiming Jesus Christ with our lives.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, when someone wrongs me, purge my heart of revenge. Fill me with the same spirit of forgiveness you have shown me. Amen.

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.

Romans 12:19