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The Timber Times
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School News

Mission Offering

This quarter our chapel offerings are going to a WELS mission start up church in Seattle called Illume! So far, we have collected \$41.86. We will be giving to this mission church for all of 3rd quarter!

Vacation Ideas?!?!

Do you have a favorite getaway spot—nearby or far?! If you or your family has a vacation home or timeshare property you would be willing to donate to our auction, please speak with a teacher or Mrs. Biebert! We would love to offer experiences like this for our auction event! Thank you for considering to help in this way!

Moms & Muffins

Thank you to all of you who came to our Moms & Muffins event last Thursday! We had a wonderful time decorating mugs with the children! Miss Taasaas took some pictures of the event—you can find them on page 2.

Extra Apparel

A lot of the extra merch has been claimed, but take a look at our current inventory below! Wear your Timbers gear all over town, and help spread the word that we will start enrollment soon!!

- \$22 Youth M Sweatshirt (Green)
- \$28 Adult 2XL Sweatshirt (Black)
- \$18 Adult 2XL T-Shirt (Green)

Mr. Biebert Has a Call

Mr. Biebert is still deliberating his call to Good Shepherd in Burton, MI. If you have any input you can offer during deliberation, please feel free to reach out to him in person, or via phone (715)402-0094 or email principal@stmatthewspokane.org

Thank you for your continued prayers!

Twin Day

Twin Day was a hit! Mrs. Benson put together a video of all the twins—check that out [here](#)! In addition to the fun outfits, we collectively raised \$569.40 for the building fund, with grades 3-4 raising \$217!!!! Thank you for participating in this fun day!

Re-Enrollment

Re-enrollment has begun, and fees are discounted until February 15! Please use this [link](#) to enroll your kiddos! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Biebert! We are so excited to continue to grow our St. Matthew family!!! P.S. We have some super sweet St. Matt's items to give away after enrollment, so hurry in to get yours! Hopefully they will be available after the 15th!

DC Love Grams

The DC kids are doing one last fundraiser before their trip on February 15! On February 9-11 & 14, there will be materials set up in church for us to put together Valentine's Day cards—Love Grams! There is a flyer for this event being sent home today along with the newsletters!

Speaking of DC...

The 7-8 graders and chaperones are leaving for their trip in less than two weeks! To say they are getting excited would be a huge understatement! As the kids are tying up loose ends, they are looking for possible donations to purchase gift cards for food while they are in DC. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please leave cash or check in the office with a memo "DC food donation." Thank you!

Basketball

Y'ALL!!!! Our Mighty Timbers played their hearts out on Tuesday, and took home their first win over February 10 will be the last game. We will be having an end of season party after the kids return from the DC trip

2/4 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Lee

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Thomas

(exact date TBD). Here is the game schedule (could be subject to change):

Tuesday, February 8 - 4:00 at Lake City
Thursday, February 10 - 4:00 at Christian Heritage

After the last game, please wash your uniform and return it to Miss Rosenbaum by February 18.

Early Release

Next Friday, February 11, we have early release at noon for all elementary students! Preschool has NO AM3 year old class (PM3 WILL have school).

tubing at Bear Creek Lodge

tubing is set for tomorrow from 5:30-8:30! If you haven't decided whether to attend or not, don't worry! There are still some spots left, so drop by the office to fill out your waivers! Cost for this event is \$15/ person.

BookIt! Calendar

Please make sure your child has their February BookIt! Calendars, and that they have turned in the minutes for January! We are so proud of our readers!

1st Grade Teacher

Exciting news! Our church has approved the calling of a 1st grade teacher for next year! This means that Miss Rosenbaum will be teaching 2nd grade only—and our younger grade classrooms will have space to continue to grow while still keeping class sizes smaller and more manageable! God is surely continuing to bless our school, and we are thrilled to be adding Mr. Metzger in grades 5-6, and a 1st grade teacher as well! Our first call meeting will be held on January 27 after church.

February Calendar

If you haven't yet done so, please take a look at [February calendar](#) online. Many exciting things happening this month!

EARLY RELEASE
NEXT FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 11



MOMS & MUFFINS



Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

How can there be brand NEW centers again this week!!! Because we have a brand NEW theme this week: Farm and Farm Animals!! Our Drama Center now has a farmhouse and a barn that the children like to play with. We have farm pictures in our Art Center that the children can watercolor. The Science Center has puzzles that the children can match up the mommy and daddy animals with their babies. Our Listening Center has the book "Ten Grouchy Groundhogs. Okay, I know groundhogs aren't farm animals, but I couldn't resist!! We had fun celebrating Ground Hog Day on Wednesday. We made a headband and created a shadow craft. On Monday and Tuesday, we read the story "The Little Red Hen" and were able to retell the story during Center Time with a worksheet. But today and tomorrow will be the highlight of the entire week at preschool. We are having our Pajama Day, bringing our Pillows, eating Pancakes, and maybe even marching in a Parade during class time. Great week in preschool!!!

These past few weeks, we have added SO many wonderful families to our preschool!! God truly has been blessing St. Matthew in such a beautiful way!! Nate Converse and Olivia Pinorini joined our afternoon 4's class, Remi Ludlow, Gideon Pinorini, Liam Shannon and Hudson Smith joined our afternoon 3's class and Teddy Webb joined our morning 3's class. Come and welcome these new families to our St. Matthew family!! These are some great new families to get to know!!

Our letter of the week next week is "Qq". Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item from home that begins with "Qq".

Our bible verse that we will memorize in preschool is Mark 16:15 "Preach the good news."

No morning preschool on Friday, February 11. I will be working on building our curriculum that morning. Afternoon preschool will still be in session.

Please watch for our Valentine's Day Party signup sheet. It will be on my red cabinet when entering the classroom.

A list of classmates' names was sent home this week if your child would like to give his/her friend a Valentine during our party. We will be creating our Valentine boxes next week, so if you haven't brought in your cereal box, please do so ASAP!! We could use extra ones, also, if you have more.

Have a fantastic weekend with your family, get plenty of sleep and stay healthy!!

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. The January calendar should have been brought back by now.
- This week we have been working on the -an word family. Our new sight words are: saw, said, eat.
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: I have grit!

Memory Work

February 10- Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

100th Day and Valentine's Day

A note was sent home last week about these 2 special days. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Used crayons

If you have any broken crayons at home that you would be willing to donate I would love to have them! We will be making our own crayons for Valentine's Day and I need some extra crayons please. Bring them in anytime next week. I still need crayons if you have them.

Auction

A sign up sheet was put up on Monday. Please make sure you sign up for something otherwise I will assign you an item.

Lunch

Please send plastic utensils with your child to school I do not keep extras. Also if you send anything in a plastic bag that needs to be heated up please provide a napkin or paper plate. Thank you!

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/ Christlight

- 2/8 - 1 John 4:19
- 2/10 - Psalm 103:1
- New colored sheet: Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the YEL-LOW sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 6 Week 1) will be due February 7.
- Lightning Words (Theme 6-2) will be due February 11. Please return or a free pass will be used.

- Spelling test will be on February 4. Next week we are working on words with long e (e, ee, ea). These are the words for next week: me, see, mean, feet, eat, he, maybe, sheep, now, there. Please help your child learn these words!
- 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 February 4. Next week we are working on the silent letters wr and mb along with a few review words. These are the words for next week: wrist, wrap, write, wrench, climb, thumb, lamb, comb, first, does, goes, write. Please help your child practice spelling these words.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

Extra Notes

- A February Book It calendar was sent home this week. Continue to add minutes to it as your child reads each day.
- Continue to work on your 100's day t-shirt as well as the Valentine's box as both those days are in the upcoming weeks. I can't wait to see them!
- Our class is going to be putting together a movie night and game night themed basket. In order to put those baskets together, we need a few things donated. Please see the church entryway for a sign-up list in the next week or so. If you have something you think would be a good addition to either of the baskets please let me know!
- If you haven't returned the report card envelope, please return it to me as soon as possible.

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Reading - We have begun reading two new books by Kate Di Camillo, Because of Winn-Dixie and The Tale of Despereaux. As we are reading each chapter, each group will be taking a look at literary terms and skills, such as sequencing, genre, context clues, vocabulary, and figurative language to state a few. So much learning from two great books!

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.

Fluency - We are really working hard on building our fluency. Fluency doesn't just include how fast we can read. Fluency also includes our voice inflection, pausing and stopping at the correct places, and also phrasing our reading correcting for better comprehension. Once every week to every other week, your child will bring home their sheet for you to listen to them read, mark any mistakes on the paper, and count up their words per minute as they read to you for 1 minute. Once finished then, they will answer the comprehension questions on the back side and then hand it in the next day at school.

Extra Notes

- **100th day of School** - Everyone should bring a snack that is 100 pieces of _____. (They will not be sharing). There is a sign up sheet in the classroom for a few of the supplies we need for the 100th day. Please stop by and sign up!
- **Valentines day mailbox and Party** - Don't forget to be working on the mailbox for our party. Please bring the mailboxes to school on Monday, February 14th. There is a sign up sheet in the classroom for a few of the items we would like for our Valentine's day party. Please stop by and sign up!
- **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 was a problem with an assignment if you can't speak with me in person the next day.
- **Handwriting Contest** - The students have the opportunity to showcase their handwriting skills. A practice sheet has been sent home. We will be working on our final entry next week.
- **Report Cards** - Report cards were sent home last Monday. I only have a few more to get out to families. If you have received your child's report card please return the envelope as soon as possible to use it for future report cards this year.
- **Memory Work Calendar** - February's memory work calendar was placed in their binders on Tuesday. Please let me know if you need another for at home.
- **Mark your Calendars - Grades 3-8 sing for church on Sunday, February 27 @ 10 AM.** 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.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Thank you for all the participation in twin day this week! It was a fun little break to the week and also raised quite a bit of money towards the building of the school that is going on.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 2/7-1 Peter 5:7; Wednesday: 2/9-Romans 4:25; Thursday: 2/10-Give Me Strength, O Lord; Friday: 2/11-Deuteronomy 33:27a, Psalm 56:11

The 5-6th graders did a lot of studying for their history test this week. We took our test on Thursday, and are ready to move on to bigger and better things. Next week we will start to dig into more of the life that took place in those colonies. We will be looking at the different colonies and their development and economy.

The 7-8th graders took their "test" on the Yakama treaty this week. They were asked to write a speech from the perspective of either the tribal leader or the tribe as a whole. The students did an excellent job laying out the details, emotion, and outlook of the tribe due to the signing of the treaty. We also took some time to learn a little bit more about Arlington National Cemetery since we will be seeing it in just a few weeks. It is amazing to me the preparation they put into everything with the understanding that you only have one chance to do it right. It would be great if we had that attitude with many things we do.

We continued to look at life this week. We continued to dig into both the characteristics of life and the needs of life. We did a few experiments/demonstrations to show the importance of respiration when it comes to life processes.

The kids voted and wanted to have a Valentine's party on February 14th. The kids can bring valentines, candy, and a favorite game for this party. If you choose to participate, then please bring valentines for every student.

I hope to see you all at tubing on Friday night! It should be a fun night to get together and enjoy the snow and each other's company.

From God's Lips to Ours

Seven-year-old Charlie was playing in the yard when he heard his dad call his name. Charlie slowly walked into the garage, where his dad was working. His dad said, "I want you to go in and tell your sister it is time for the two of you to clean up the toy room. Grandma and Grandpa are coming for dinner later, and we want the house to look nice."

Charlie knew his sister wouldn't be happy to hear that message, and he wasn't either. So, instead of relaying the message, he told her, "Dad says we each need to pick up one toy in the toy room, and then we can have a cookie."

Charlie's dad was not happy when he walked in later to find cookie crumbs on top of the mess on the toy room floor.

God wanted a man named Jeremiah to give the people a message. He told him to warn the people about God's judgment for their disobedience. They wouldn't want to hear God's message, but God uncovered a clear agenda for Jeremiah: Take my message and speak it to the people. Unlike Charlie, Jeremiah faithfully did what he was told to do, even though

he would be persecuted and suffer for what he said.

God wants everyone to know and believe what he says. Many don't want to hear what God has to say. But God's agenda for us is clear: Take the message you hear and read in the Bible and speak it to others. Don't hide it. Don't change it. Don't put your own spin on it. Speak the message I give you.

God's message isn't always popular with us, and it won't always be popular with others. It reveals our disobedience and how we deserve God's judgment. But then it uncovers the truth of God's

love for us in Jesus: Jesus came to die for us, to forgive our fears, and clean up the messes we make in our lives. Jesus doesn't want anyone to die without knowing and believing that awesome saving message. God gives us the strength to speak his Word faithfully.

Prayer:

God, you've given me your Word. Help me to speak it without changing anything. Amen.

The LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth."

Jeremiah 1:9