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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Mission Offering

Today, we shifted our topic study to "goodness." Over the next several weeks we will begin to dive deeper into what goodness is, how Jesus displays his goodness, and what we can do to show goodness to others.

### Miracles Truly Happen

Our dear Miss Lindsay had an appointment to go over her PET scan results on Tuesday, and the conclusion is nothing short of a miracle: in just one year, Donna's cancer has gone into remission!!! We certainly need to remember that God's mercies are new each morning despite good or poor circumstances. Blessings like this truly make us realize what an AMAZING and POWERFUL God we have! We are reminded all the time, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7) God loves us and takes care of us in the way that he knows is best. We pray God's continued blessing and healing hands on Donna!

### RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS

Re-enrollment started on Monday for current St. Matthew families. By choosing to enroll during the month of February, you secure your child's spot at St. Matthew for next year, and you receive a discount on registration costs: preschool registration is FREE, and Elementary is dis-

counted 50% to \$75. This link will take you directly to the application: <https://secure.tads.com/Go/StartAdmissionsApplication.aspx?SetupCode=ADRAS-VW6>. It is also available to you on our website [school.stmatthewspokane.org](http://school.stmatthewspokane.org) If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mr. Biebert (715)402-0094. **Enrollment is open only to current St. Matthew families through February. March 1, open enrollment for the community will begin, and registration discounts will no longer apply.**

### Basketball

The Mighty Timbers had their first win on Thursday, January 31 against Southside B!!! Well done, Timbers! Last Tuesday they played TEC, and came away with a loss. The Mighty Timbers play again at 2:30!

### Scholastic Book Fair

The last week of February we will be holding our book fair! In order to make the book fair possible, we need help from you! Miss Taasaas has put together a list of areas you can volunteer in. If you are interested, please see the attached sheet and speak with her if you can help out. Thanks in advance!

## Upcoming Dates

### January

- 5 Basketball @ Summit 2:30PM
- 9 Valentine's by Candlelight 6:30-7:30PM
- 11 100th Day of School!
- 11 Bible Basics, 6:45PM
- 13 Spiritual Growth, 6:30PM
- 14 Basketball @ Southside B 3:45PM
- 18 **NO SCHOOL—President's Day**
- 18 Basketball Tournament TBD
- 18 Bible Basics, 6:45PM
- 19 **NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service**
- 20 Spiritual Growth, 6:30PM
- 20 10:30-11:15AM PreK Visits K-1
- 20 2:30-3:15PM PreK Visits K-1
- 24 Grades 5-8 Sing 10:00AM
- 25-1 **Scholastic Book Fair Week!**
- 25 Bible Basics, 6:45PM
- 27 Spiritual Growth, 6:30PM
- 28 Book Fair Night 5:30-6:30PM

### Box Tops: Preschool vs. Elementary School

Our new competition is underway! Please keep in mind that expired box tops cannot be used. The results of the first week are as follows:

Preschool: 107  
Elementary: 5

Yikes, grade schoolers! You better get to work if you want to compete with preschool! Preschool: keep up the great work!!!

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# RE-ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!!!



## General School News – Continued

### Silverwood's Read2Ride:

#### DEADLINE CHANGE

Our contact person for the Read2Ride event has notified our school that all forms will need to be complete and mailed no later than **Friday, February 22**. This means I will be mailing them on Friday morning, so the latest I can have them in my hands is when you drop off on Friday morning, February 22. Please note this change and make sure not to be late!

### Men's Breakfast

Thank you to those of you who attended the men's breakfast last Saturday morning! There was good food, and presentations of many topics. It was a great bonding experience!

### Polos

We have several school polos available for sale in the office. The polos are \$27 each. If you would like to look at them please see Mr. Biebert in the office.

### Four Weeks of Spiritual Growth

The first Spiritual Growth bible study was held last night, and the topic discussed was prayer. Next week's topic will be "Loving God with All Your Heart." We hope you can join us for this hour long bible study!

### Mighty Timber

Mighty Timber Jr. has not yet been spotted by any students, so his next clue can be found below!

### Bible Basics

Pastor's latest bible basic class began on Monday. Please speak with Pastor West if you would like to attend these classes!

### Valentine's by Candlelight

The women of St. Matthew church are hosting a Valentine's by Candlelight Dessert event **this Saturday, February 9** from 6:30-7:30PM. This event is for any woman (or girl) from Grade 4 on up. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Mrs. Biebert and we will

## 2/8 Cleaning

Upstairs: Rowland

Downstairs: West

save a seat for you! We hope many of you can join us!

### Special Book Fair Night

Please Join Us!!!



You're invited to our Scholastic Book Fair

## FAMILY EVENT!

Date/Time/Place

Thursday, February 28

5:30PM-6:30PM

Church Basement

SCHOLASTIC

“Becoming a vegetarian is a BIG missed steak!”



# ABBYGAIL GULOV

# HAVILAH ESCALANTI



GRADE: PreK-4 AM

**FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:**

I like to play with snow, decorate the Christmas tree, and go to the pool

**SUPER POWER:**

Freeze power. To freeze all the bad people so they would be cold.

**WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?**

Cheetah or tiger because I want to be fast.

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:**

Coloring and doing projects.

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

Give ice cream to everybody.

**YOUR FAMILY:**

Daddy, Mommy, Ella (big sister), and Alik (little brother). We like to go to Chuck E. Cheese and buy toys.

GRADE: PreK-4 PM

**FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:**

Havilah likes to practice her Native American dancing.

**SUPER POWER:**

To do Spider Man webs with her hands.

**WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?**

A pony so she can run fast.

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:**

Playing and seeing friends.

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

Sing a song.

**YOUR FAMILY:**

Mom, Dad, Tristian (17), Ty (14), Havilah (4), Gretchen (2), Keanu (0).

# Classroom News

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## Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Every month there is always something to celebrate in Preschool. We just happen to be celebrating the Letter P this week. What better way to celebrate "P" than with Pajama Day! Monday and Wednesday were filled with fun. The children dressed in pajamas, brought in pillows, blankets and a stuffed animal and . . . of course, we had pancakes for snack! (Did you catch all of the "P"s?) This is a day that even we teachers get excited for! Our week doesn't stop there, though. Friday is a field trip day for our three year old class. We are going to walk to the dentist and learn how to care for our teeth. On top of all that, our theme we are covering this week and next is Five Senses. All of our centers are focused on a particular sense that God has given us. We have finger-painting, a mystery box, an optometrist center and more! Another fun learning week in preschool! Have a beautiful weekend with your family!

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## 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.
- Our new Word family is the -ig family.
- There aren't any new sight words this week. We are just working hard on reading and spelling number words (zero-ten)
- Review sight word: A list of sight words were sent home in your child's yellow folder last Friday. There will be a test tomorrow Friday, February 8 to see how they are doing.
- Math: Earlier this week we compared numbers and played WAR. This is a fun game to play at home!



#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Reading books will be sent home tomorrow. Listen to your child read their stories and sign the bookmark.
- Lightning words are due tomorrow, February 8.
- Spelling test tomorrow, February 8.

#### Memory Work for February 14:

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2:10b

### 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration



As of today, we have been in school for 98 days! The kids are so excited to reach 100 days because they know there will be a party. Our 100<sup>th</sup> day will be on Monday, February 11. We will be celebrating with a Super Hero theme! Each student will need to decorate a cape with 100 items on it. I can't wait to see how creative they are with their capes! If they want to come up with a super hero name that is even better but not necessary.

### Valentine's Day

Also that week we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday. Students need to decorate a box for all of the valentines they will receive. I love seeing the ideas that students come up with. Work with your child on this project but remember it is their box. The only requirement is that there needs to be an opening so students can put valentines in your child's box. Boxes can come to school Thursday morning or if you would like to drop them off Wednesday after school that would be fine too. (One less thing to have to remember in the morning).

Please be mindful that we have a student who has a gluten intolerance. Check the labels of the candy your child will be passing out. A lot of seasonal candies are not gluten free. Here are some suggestions that are gluten free: Sweet Tarts, Laffy Taffy, Tootsie rolls, Jelly Belly, Necco brand as well as Wrigley brand products such as Skittles, Starburst and Life-savers.



Here is a class list:

Kindergarteners: Ashlianne, Camille, Daniel, Jakob, Joanne, Marie

First graders: Alex, Ava, Beck, Chloe, Jacob, Mark

## 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

At the end of this month, our class will be attending the symphony! Every year, if possible, we see the Spokane Symphony perform at the Bing Crosby Theater downtown. It is a special show that they put on for free for 4th graders. Since we are a multi-grade classroom, we all get to go together! It is so much fun to spend some time learning about music and the different instruments that make up the orchestra. I will send home a special note next week Wednesday with more information about our field trip. For now, all you need to know is that it is on February 27 and the concert is at 12:45. I have tickets for 5 chaperones, so let me know if you are interested.

This week we learned about the city of Jericho and how following God's directions is always the best choice! Grades 3 and 4 started pattern 2 in English class and they are so excited about it! In Science class we are continuing to study the sun and our shadows. We are publishing our Memoirs this week, and will be having a celebration of our writing soon!

Just a reminder to continue working on your Valentine's boxes at home! You can bring them to school on Valentine's Day.

Blessings on your week!

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## 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

It was chilly outside but it was a blazing inferno of learning inside the classroom this week. (Boy that was cheezy!) Do I get points for trying? Let's just jump right into it:

Here is next week's memory work: **Monday(2/11): John 14:1-3, John 14:6; Tuesday(2/12): John 15:5, John 17:17-19; Wednesday (2/13): 2<sup>nd</sup> Article Thursday(2/14): Hymn 452:1; Friday(2/15): Genesis 2:18, Genesis 2:24, Psalm 127:3**

Seventh and eighth grade needs to have stopped at the library and found solid books that will help them with their history research paper. I know the library is a scary place on account of all the books, but please make time for it. I met with all the students on their research question. Ideally they should be digging into their books to start gathering information on this question. I will be helping the students turn these questions into a thesis and talking over their papers layout next week. February 28<sup>th</sup> is the due date.

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade history class is wrapping up an East meets West chapter. The Spanish are in control of North America at this point and time. But will it stay that way? Tune in next week to find out. We will be taking a test on this material next Tuesday. Students have been given their study guides this week.

The students had another day to work on their Rube Goldberg machines this week. It looks like by the end of next week most of the students should be done. I will try and get videos of these to post on our website.

We started practicing a song this week that we will sing in church on February 24. Please save this date so that your child can participate. I pray that God gives you a blessed and a relaxing weekend.

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## Weekly Message

### Life is Short

In the history of TV ad campaigns, few have been more successful than the series of commercials that ran for Chevy Trucks. The slogan was, “Like a Rock,” and if you’ve ever seen one of the ads, chances are that you’ve never forgotten the sound of the strong, gravelly voice that sang those three words. Thanks to that voice, the “Like a Rock” series of TV spots lasted for years.

The strong, gravelly voice that convinced us that Chevy Trucks are “Like a Rock” belongs to a singer/songwriter by the name of Bob Seger. And here’s the twist. If you google the song and listen to the lyrics, you soon learn that Bob Seger is not celebrating toughness or power. Instead, he is a man mourning the passage of time. As a young man, Seger sings, he was “Like a Rock.” But then the years came and went. The strength of his youth disappeared. And it all happened so quickly that Seger finds himself sitting at night in front of his fireplace bewildered, stunned, wondering where those years have gone.

The message of his song is devastating and clear: Life is short. Whether you live to be 24 or 94, the years will pass through your fingers with startling speed. And when they do, your moment on this earth is done.

Which brings us to Jesus Christ.

Without Jesus Christ, it doesn’t matter how strong you are in your youth; it doesn’t matter how successful you are in your prime; it doesn’t matter how golden life is in your golden years. Without Jesus Christ, this moment on

the earth is the best you will ever have.

On the other hand, when you walk by faith in the Savior who has washed away your sins and covered you in his holiness—when you live in him, everything in your short life changes. Regardless of circumstances, your life has eternal purpose. Regardless of difficulties, your life has eternal joy. And regardless of the pleasures or pains you experience here, you know that the best is yet to come.

#### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, my life here is short. But you are eternal. Empower me by your gospel to live my life in you. Amen.

What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short.

**1 Corinthians 7:29**