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The Timber Times  
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### School News

#### Hooray for Spring!!!

We have been having much warmer weather this week—HALLELUJAH!! Just a friendly reminder that children should still be coming to school with a jacket of some sort. All kids need to wear a jacket (either sweatshirt, zip up, or coat) until the weather reaches 55 degrees. Morning recess still falls well below that 55 degree marker, so long sleeves are necessary! Thank you for sending a jacket with your child!

#### Teacher Conference Wrap Up

Last week your teachers hosted our WELS Pacific Northwest Teacher Conference! We had presenters who spoke on the following topics: "STEM 4 All and All for STEM" and "Identifying and Supporting Children Coping with Emotional Distress." Feel free to ask the teachers how they are incorporating these ideas into their classrooms!

#### Easter for Kids Registration

Easter for Kids registration is now open on our website! Please head to [school.stmatthewspokane.org](http://school.stmatthewspokane.org) to fill out that registration! Easter for Kids will take place **April 13 from 9:30-11:30AM**. We are planning crafts, games, and an Easter egg hunt all **FREE OF CHARGE!** Please speak with a teacher if you have any questions! We look forward to having you join us!

#### Mighty Timber

Still nobody has found our poor Mighty Timber—he is getting so lonely!!! Please look on the next page for a third clue!

#### Rec League Softball

Mr. Biebert is trying to get a co-ed rec league softball team together! This is open to all church and school members 18 or older, on a first come, first served basis. The league begins May 2 and runs on Thursdays until the end of June. If interested, please speak with Mr. Biebert (715)402-0094. We will have a couple sign up sheets available to put your name down.

#### Lent

Just a reminder that Lenten services are each Wednesday! Soup Supper starts at 6:00PM and church begins at 7:00PM. We hope you can join us!

#### D.C. Kids' Spaghetti Feed

Next Wednesday, March 27, the kids planning to go to Washington D.C. in 2020 are hosting a spaghetti dinner for the Lenten meal before church. This will begin at 6:00PM on March 27. We would like to invite everyone to come and show their support! The children are not charging for the meal, but instead ask for a free will donation if you so choose. We hope to see

### Upcoming Dates

#### March

- 20 **Lent:** 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Church
- 27 **Lent:** 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Church
- 29 **End of Quarter 3**
- 31 Preschool Sings 10:00AM

you all there!

#### Word of the Week

This week Grades K-1 used "narrow" as their Word of the Week! Check out Beck's sentence and illustration on the following page!

#### End of Quarter Three

Can you believe that fourth quarter is right around the corner?! The year really seems to be flying by! Quarter three ends **next Friday**—right before Spring Break. Please check with your children and make sure they are caught up on any missing work before the end of this quarter!

#### Spring Break

Spring Break is almost upon us! We will be off school April 1-5, so please be sure to mark your calendars! Here's to hoping the snow is melted by then!!!

### 3/22 Cleaning

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Downstairs: Reofrir



### Next Wednesday

March 27

6:00PM

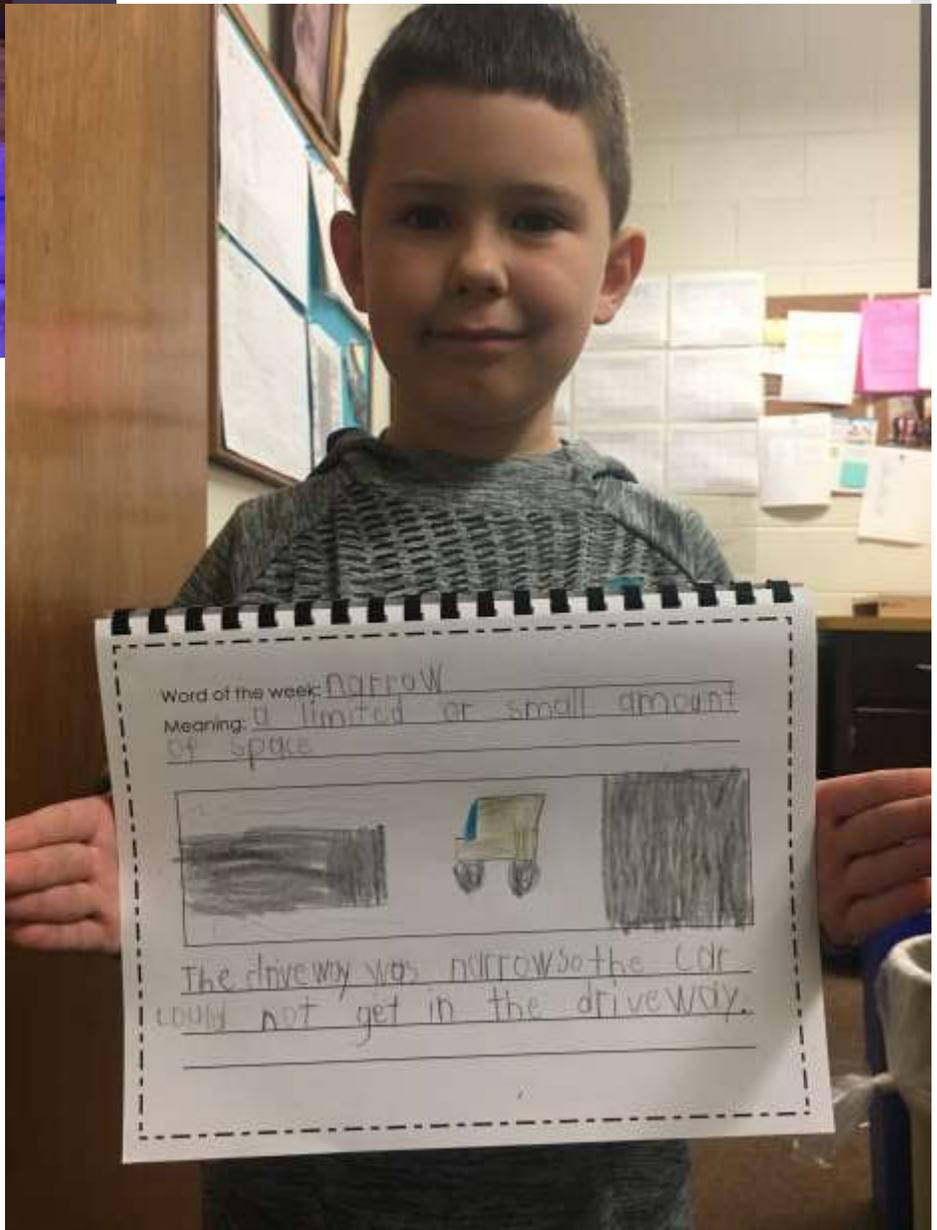
Church Basement

Lenten Service to Follow

## General School News – Continued



“Come find me! Perhaps we could even enjoy some **WONDERful** adventures together in this special **LAND!**”



Beck Thomas'  
Word of the Week:  
Narrow

# Classroom News

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## Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What a beautiful week to be back at school! We are continuing our Zoo Animal/Safari Animal Theme this week. Our Reading Center has magnetic letters to spell different animal names. Our Math Center has a Memory Game to match up numbers and/or animals. Our Drama Center has "cages" for our Zoo Animals, along with animal masks for dramatic play. Our Sensory Center has animal "fur" that the children match the animal to their fur pattern/texture. But still, the favorite center is the Science Center where we have Magna-Tiles! Not Zoo/Safari Animal related, but a great center for the children to have a lot of fun!!

This week was filled with amazing activities, also. We painted binoculars in a camouflaged pattern and wrote our names on our Safari hats. We went on a Safari hunt looking for Safari animals on Thursday and Friday. What fun we had!! We found SO MANY animals in our classroom!! Good thing we had our binoculars!

Wednesday and Friday may have been the highlight of the whole week, though. We had our annual Teddy Bear Picnic! We brought in our favorite Teddy Bears (or other favorite stuffy) and had a picnic right in the middle of our classroom with our bears!! Our bears also got special awards, too, like Most Beautiful Bear, Sparkliest Bear, Most Slept With Bear and many more. Another fun week in preschool!!

Show 'n' tell letter for the four year old classroom is "U".

Mark your calendar!! The preschool children sing in church on Sunday, March 31. We have been working for a very long time on our song and would love ALL of you to attend our worship service at 10:00 a.m. and hear the beautiful praises our children sing to our Lord!

Have a wonderful 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.
- This week we started the -ob Word Family.
- New sight word:
- In addition to their word family story, the Kindergarteners are also reading two other sight word stories called "Red, Blue, Yellow" and "I can make it!" these stories allow them to focus on reading with expression and noticing sentences with different types of punctuation. Please have your child read these stories to you at home this weekend. It will be in their yellow folder.
- The theme for our Reading curriculum for the next few weeks is Wheels Go Around.



#### 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. Please listen to your child read and then sign their bookmark.
- Lightning Words due tomorrow, March 22.
- Spelling test tomorrow, March 22.

#### Memory Work for March 21:

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6.

#### Boots and extra clothes

The weather has been so beautiful this week! The kids have been enjoying playing on the grass, but it is also pretty muddy and gross out. Please, please, please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes in their backpack in case their pants and/or socks get muddy or wet.

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## 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

It's almost the end of the 3rd Quarter! We have made it so far and the kids have grown so much. Just a reminder that one goal is for students to be self-sufficient and responsible. Please do not assist them with their morning jobs - they are very capable of doing things themselves. Same at the end of the day - please do not carry their backpacks or folders for them. They can do it! Thanks for your support with this. :-)

Please make sure your child has a sweatshirt or a light jacket. I know it is getting warmer out, but first recess is still pretty chilly!

We are continuing our study of the moon in Science class. The kids no longer need to write and draw about the moon, but they are supposed to look at it every night. We are charting the moon cycle every day at school.

Blessings on the rest of your week!

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## 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Do you feel the madness?! This week starts the insane college basketball tournament that comes every spring. We are also getting into one of the most insane times of the school year. Please stay posted to the newsletter and the school calendar for upcoming happenings and events.

Here is next week's memory work: **Monday(3/25): Ephesians 6:12; John 3:36; Isaiah 41:10, Wednesday(3/27): 3<sup>rd</sup> Article, Thursday(3/28): 474:1,4, Friday(3/29): 1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16**

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders have now studied some of the most devastating times in our country's history with WWI, The Great Depression, and WWII. We will be taking a test next Wednesday on this material. We will get slightly less depressing and we begin our study of the Cold War.

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders have been busy learning about the 13 original colonies and their founding in history class. They will be taking a test on Wednesday as well along with the 7-8th graders.

We wrapped up our study of heat with a little STEM project. I had the students experimenting to find out why salt is so effective on roads to melt ice. Ask your children what it is about salt that does such a fantastic job. We have now transferred into studying waves. We will spend next week digging deeper into this topic.

Our next D.C. fundraiser will be on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. The children will be serving a spaghetti meal during the Lenten meal here at church. There was a note sent home with more information about this sent home. Please bring your donated items in by the 26<sup>th</sup> so that we can prepare the meal.

Enjoy watching all the college basketball you could ever want!

## Weekly Message

### Moment

If you ever want to take on a sobering read, pick up a book entitled, *The Gulag Archipelago*. The book is a first-hand account of what life was like in a Soviet forced-labor camp during the 1940's and '50's. The accounts of what took place are so powerful and compelling, that in 1970 the book earned the Nobel Prize. Many consider it one of the most important books of the Twentieth Century.

What pulls you into the text, however, is not just the vivid description of what took place. Mixed in with the details of horror, cruelty, and desperation are proclamations of profound insight.

For example, the author unfolds what some Soviet prison guards were willing to do to terrorize and manipulate the inmates. But when he does, he also reveals what the guards feared the most. He says what they feared most is when they dealt with someone who knew that this life is nothing in comparison with the life that is to come—when they dealt with someone who knew

that they were only passing through this short life, and that life eternal awaited. Against this kind of inmate, the prison guards were helpless. And because they were helpless, they were afraid.

Think about that for a moment. Through faith in Jesus—who died for your sin and rose from death—you can now look the rest of your life in the eye. And you can do so with a kind of courage that makes the powers of darkness tremble. Will there be days of difficulty in your future? Yes. Will there be days of sorrow? Yes. Will there be days of loneliness, disap-

pointment, and suffering? Yes, yes, and yes.

*But our citizenship is in heaven*, God's Word says. Heaven is where we belong. Heaven is where we are going. And because that is true, the passing moments of trouble we encounter—as terrible as they may be—are only that, passing moments.

### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, the troubles I face in this world last only a moment. My life of joy with you will last forever. Help me remember this. Amen.

But our citizenship is in heaven.

**Philippians 3:20**