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*The Timber Times
March 27th, 2025*

School News

Softball/Track & Field

First practices were on Tuesday. No practice today due to the half day. Next week, there is practice for both sports Tuesday and Thursday. See the google calendar for times.

Early Release

School lets out at NOON today, and no AM4 preschool.

Pokemon Club

The Pokemon club will be meeting this Friday, March 28 @ 3:45 in the church's basement. We'll be building new thirty card battle decks. Please bring your favorite Pokemon type cards (ie. grass, fire, lightning, etc.). It would help if you have an ex, V, or GX in that type (We don't have extra of these kinds of cards). I have some starter decks to get you going as we learn more about building battle decks.

The Vine — Rummage Sale Donations

If you are doing some spring cleaning and looking to donate unwanted items, consider giving them to our sister church so they can use it for their annual rummage sale! Pastor Schultz will be arranging a time at the end of April to pick up said items. Please speak with Jacob if you'd like to arrange for items to be collected. Thank you!

Panda Express Fundraiser

TOMORROW!!! Order your Panda Express online any time tomorrow using [this link](#) or the QR code below to support our DC kids! NOTE: only online orders using the specific code on the site will go toward the total;) there is also a flyer on page 6 if you'd like to share with a friend!



Lenten Worship

Lenten worship continues on Wednesdays after school until Holy Week. Please join us for these services —

they are a great way to keep your focus on the life of Jesus throughout the Lenten season! Also, the DC kids are hosting the Lenten suppers after church — they would love to serve you and are asking for donations for their upcoming trip!

DC Kids — Yard Work Help!

Please consider having the DC kids help you with your Spring cleanup needs! To schedule your yardwork appointment or learn more, please contact Hailey Landrus at 509-552-9989.

Pre-Filled Easter Eggs

Let the DC kids stuff your Easter eggs this year! Please see the flyer on page 7 for more details. Deadline to order is next Friday, April 4th. Thank you!

Report Cards

Since 3rd quarter is ending tomorrow (!!!) please keep an eye out for report cards on Monday.

Singing in Church

Grades 5-8 will be singing this Sunday in church! Service begins at 10AM. Please also note that Sunday School and Bible Class will be held at 9AM if you'd like to attend that as well!

DC Hot Lunch

Next Friday, April 4th the DC kids will be serving hot dogs! A sheet is being sent home today; please return it by next Wednesday, April 2nd. Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up quickly — May 5th-9th! Please let me know if you have any fun ideas or would be willing to help in some capacity to make the week special for our favorite educators! Speak with Kayla (715)402-0114.

Photos???

If you could look through your phones and send any sweet school photos you have I would be very appreciative! I am beginning to put together our year-book, but the more options I have for photos, the better:)

Upcoming Dates

March

- 27 Early Release — NOON / NO AM4 Preschool
- 28 Quarter 3 Ends
- 28 Grade 2 Field Trip — Mobius
- 28 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 28 Panda Express fundraiser
- 30 Grades 5-8 Sing — 10AM
- 31 Report Card Handout

April

- 1 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Holmberg Park
- 1 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 2 Lenten Worship — 3:45PM w/ Supper to Follow
- 3 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Holmberg Park
- 3 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 4 Easter Egg Order Deadline!
- 4 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 7-11 No School — Spring Break
- 15 Softball Game @ Christian Heritage 3:30PM
- 15 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 16 Grade 3 Field Trip
- 17 Science Competition — AM
- 17 Early Release — NOON / NO PM4 Preschool
- 17 Maundy Thursday Worship — 6:30PM
- 18 Good Friday Worship — 6:30PM
- 18-21 No School — Easter Break
- 22 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Holmberg Park
- 22 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park

Chapel Offering

Today is our last day to give to Pastor Weibe in Kelowna! I will update you of our total collected next week!

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

What a beautiful 3-day break from school we all had last week!! Okay, we teachers still had "school", but we learned some wonderful things at our conference!! A lot of useful information we get to put into practice regarding assessing our students!! It was fun to be the student for a while!!

What a fantastic week to be back in preschool!! New Theme . . . New Centers!! Our new theme this week is Bugs and Insects. We discovered that one of the differences between a bug and an insect is that insects have 6 legs. They also have 3 separate parts that make up their entire body - this is SO different from a bug!! We had fun looking at pictures of critters and, based on the above criteria, we determined whether it was a bug or an insect.

We have pictures of different bugs and insects in our Math Center. The children are able to use pattern blocks to create beautiful and colorful critters. These have not been in our center for a while, so the kids are loving them, again! We have dried split peas that fill a bucket in our Sensory Center. The kiddos use tweezers to find hidden bugs and insects in the peas. No fingers, please - only tweezers!! They have fun hiding them again for their friends. What a great way to strengthen their little hands for more fine motor skills to come!!

Our Drama Center now has a life-size beehive!!! WHAT?? AND . . . a lot of happy bees buzzing around the hive!! You'll have to come and check it out!! The children learned how bees make honey!! They can share it with you - you'll get a kick out of "their" version!!

On Monday and Tuesday, the children created the bees that are flying around our hive. We also made some spider headbands this week. The kids needed to count the number of legs for their spider and glue them down . . . eight LONG legs!! So, is a spider an insect? Your child knows!!

The four-year old classes had a great time visiting Kindergarten this past Tuesday. They created their own owls after Miss Taasaas read them the story, "The Little White Owl". We always have fun in her classroom!! Thanks, Miss Taasaas and all of you Kindergartners!! We loved our time with you!!

NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

Christ Light Bible Story: "Pilate Says That Jesus Should Die."

Bible Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:21 "Christ suffered for you."

Theme: Bugs/Insects

Letter of the Week: V

Snack Person: 3's AM Giovanni 3's PM Navie 4's AM Rocky 4's PM
Brandon

Upcoming Events: Apr. 7 - 11 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Apr. 14 & 16 Preschool Easter Egg Hunts
Apr. 17 NO PM PRESCHOOL - Curriculum Study
Apr. 18 - 21 NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
May 8 & 9 PreK-1 Musical 5:30 PM

Have an amazing weekend with your family!! See you next week!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Book Bracket- We have determined a winner! Ask your child which book won!

Report Cards- Report cards will go home on Monday. I will be including their XtraMath progress reports, as well as their color and number word assessments.

Math- This week we began our money unit. The kids are doing great counting pennies, next we will be counting nickels and then eventually counting them together.

Spring Musical- This year we are doing the play "BUGZ". On Friday in your child's yellow folder there will be a packet with your child's speaking parts, as well as costume suggestions. Please work with your child on memorizing their lines and speaking CLEARLY AND SLOWLY.

Reading- We finished up our short I unit. I will send home their booklets home on Friday. We are now working on short o. The kids are doing such an amazing job reading, I'm so proud of them!

Sign in- I would like the kids to start writing their middle name as their morning check in. Please text me your child's middle name.

Nightly homework:

- Have your child read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar.
 - Read the short a,e,i booklets as a review.
- Memory work

- XtraMath

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

I hope you had a great five day weekend! We really enjoyed the teachers' conference and learned a lot of interesting things. This week in ChristLight, we finally studied the story the kids had all been waiting for: David and Goliath! David had great trust in God, and God used David to defeat the Israelites' enemy.

In Reading we are learning how to spell and read the ow sound, sometimes spelled with ow, as in cow and sometimes spelled with ou, as in found.

In Math we are continuing our chapter on shapes and geometry.

In Writing we are learning about asking sentences (questions) and exclamatory sentences and their punctuation marks.

In Social Studies we are learning about landforms and weather. In Science we are working on our Science Showcase projects.

Next week we will start practicing our play, which is BUGZ! If your child went to St. Matthew pre-school, then you may remember they performed this play when they were in the 4s class. I will send home the play script with your child's lines highlighted tomorrow in their home folder, as well as costume ideas. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask! Our memory work for next week is 1st John 1:7 The blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin.

Have a wonderful weekend! God bless you and your family!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 4/1 - 1 Timothy 2:3,4a
- 4/3 - John 14:19b
- Please read the Bible story from this week (David and Goliath; David and Jonathan; David Shows Kindness to Saul) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your March Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week we are working on "oo" as in book. Here are the words for next week: took, books, foot, hoof, cook, nook, hood, wood, stood, shook, crook, cookbook, look, good, crooked, bookcase. The test will be Friday, April 4.

Extra Notes

- Math - we started chapter 10, which is focusing on fractions. We have learned about equal fractions, fractions equal to 1, and numerators and denominators.
- Reading - The kids got to read a story called "The Mysterious Tadpole". This story is a fantasy, which is a story that could not happen in real life. We worked on story structure - characters, setting, plot, problem and solution. We worked on the phonics skill of oo, ew, ue, and ou.
- Writing - we wrapped up our informational writing unit. This week, we finished our last fact page, conclusion, and the table of contents. We will look at Haikus next week.
- Science - This week, we learned about Uranus and Neptune.
- Social Studies - This week, we learned about Ruby Bridges and Benjamin Franklin.
- Last week, we did our third life skill - sewing. The kids got to practice different methods of hand sewing with cardboard hearts. Then they made their own pencil case/wallet. They did a really good job.
- Field trip is tomorrow. Chaperones, please plan to arrive at school at 12:45 so that we can leave at 12:50. A remind will be sent out tonight as well.
- Report cards will be going home on Monday. Please return the envelope signed by next Friday. Reach out if you have any questions.
- March book calendars are due on Tuesday, April 1.
- Our classroom is in need of baby wipes and paper plates. This should be the last donation needed for the rest of the year. If you are able to donate something, we would gladly appreciate it. Thank you in advance!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 4/1 - Matthew 26:41 & Ephesians 6:1
- 4/3 - A Portion of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- 4/4 - The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words
- Xtramath practice
- Add minutes to the March calendar

What are we learning?

- In math we are looking at congruent shapes, coordinates, symmetry, and transformations.
- In social studies we are learning more about the West. The students did a Reader's Theater at the beginning of the week

that talked about the West.

- We just finished Edward Tulane this week, the kids really enjoyed the book. Next we will start working on figurative language.
- We are working on friendly letters in our writing class.

Extra Notes

- The second checkpoint for science is due April 4th, please be working with your child at home to have that completed.
- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- New spelling words will be in your child's Friday folder.
- Our next field trip will be on April 16th. I will have a field trip form ready by next week.
- March calendars are due next week, please get them in for a pizza coupon.
- The end of the 3rd quarter is this Friday, only one more quarter left!

God's blessings on your weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Our lessons for this week are 4A - "David's Kindness to Saul" and 4B - "David Mourns Saul's Death." We've been looking at how these tie in with our memory work for the week (Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 22:39b, & the 5th commandment) and to our lives as redeemed children of God.

Reading - The Mouse and the Motorcycle has been very entertaining. But how is it that a mouse and a boy and a mouse and a bellhop can communicate with each other? Why does the motorcycle move when making the Pb-b-b-b sound? These are our questions of the week.

Math - Fractions are the name for our lessons this week and finding them on a numberline, estimating, equivalent fractions, and factors are the game? I am looking at changing up some things in math class and trying what I learned at teachers' conference last week. I will be correcting daily assignments/practice, but not entering a grade in the gradebook on Jupitered, other than to say it was collected. After practicing a concept for a few days, I will then assess them on it and that will be what goes in the gradebook. So that means smaller, more frequent assessments to double check levels of learning.

Science - Our assessment over Light & Sound will be this Friday.

Soc. St. - "Working in Washington" is our final chapter. This week we have been learning about the many industries that have a home in Washington.

Extras

- The quarter ends tomorrow. Please check Jupitered for any late or missing assignments. Report cards will be coming home on Monday.
- Please mark your calendars, grades 3-4 will be singing in church on Sunday, April 27 at 10:00am.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

I didn't have a student message of the week today :(I've been playing catch-up since the conference last week and clearly need to pull myself together. We'll be better next week WHEN THE FOURTH QUARTER STARTS! (Did that go by fast? It felt fast.)

In the classroom this week, we are studying the early days of David's story and his interactions with Saul, while also wrapping up the Commandments with the coveting commandments. In Math classes, 5th grade had a test on multiplying decimals while the 6th grade had a test on displaying and interpreting data. In Science class, we are studying classifications of vertebrates and invertebrates, and will be soon studying the science and theories behind embryos and the way they develop. In English class, we took a look at irregular verbs this week, and are coming to the end of our verb unit soon. In Social Studies, we finished up our chapter on Ancient China with our first test that only relied on notes! Finally, we did not have a Reading class this week, instead using that class time to catch up on missing work, redo assignments for improved grades, and get ready for the science competition on April 17th.

We have our next field trip on the calendar! We will be visiting Fairchild Air Force Base on April 25th. More details will be coming soon. Many thanks go out to Mrs. Corr for helping get that scheduled!

Please join us at St. Matthew this Sunday for Sunday School at 9:00 and worship at 10:00. Our students have been practicing to lead the congregation in worship with the song "His Mercy is More" during the 10:00 service, and I think the Sunday School teacher for 5-8 is pretty fantastic as well.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Please refer to My Planbook whenever your child is absent from school. This way they can keep up with their assignments.

<https://app.planbook.com?t=2011934&k=1234&v=W&y=92524834>

This past week we looked at the topic "When Someone Deliberately Keeps Living a Sinful Life?" during our Bible class. The students had to answer the following question – What is my responsibility in this situation? How can I approach or confront them? What is the end result if they continue in their sin? What is the only way back to the Father's loving care. The memory work they had for this lesson was Gal 6:1 and Matt 18:15.

The seventh-grade math class took has been working through Data and Statistics. They have covered such topics as histograms, stem-and-leaf plots, and box-and whisker plots just to name a few. They will be looking forward to Venn diagram, multiple line graphs, and scatter plots.

The students started chapter 11 "European Transformation" in history class last week. They will continue by looking at such topics as "Balancing Power", "The Age of Industrialism" and "Belief and Expression". That should bring us to the end of the chapter at which time they will begin a chapter review of the material taught.

Earlier this week the students learned about ectotherms – those organisms that cannot regulate their own body temperature. They also covered reptiles and amphibians that are part of the ectotherm class. We will discuss fish which are also part of the ectotherm family.

In English class we have been learning about capitalization. This seems to be a hard concept to grasp because I see capitalization mistakes pop up in other assignments. I pray they will continue to improve in this grammar concept.

We will be close to finishing the "Westing Games" book this week or early next week. I am currently look to see what book we will discuss next.

Quote for the week – "kuuuu"

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

1st Grade Teacher

There is not a huge update here in the fact that we have a 1st grade teacher, but there is an update on the procedure in place. We just recently approved at a recent church council meeting to issue a call for a 1st grade teacher. This call should take place in early April if everything goes well. Synonymously, we will be letting our teacher training college know that we will be desiring a graduate if our call gets returned. This would be similar to the process we went through to receive Miss Rosenbaum and Miss Broyles at St. Matthew. Our school board is excited about both options, because either option gives us a well-qualified teacher to be in our 1st grade classroom. We will be updating you on when the exact date for the call meeting will be, and we will also update you on if that call gets accepted or returned.

Lastly, if you didn't see it in my last newsletter, but are interested in getting more information about earning \$75 towards your tuition every time you work an arena event through our school, then please speak with me.....I'll set you up!



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Repent!

Charlie is in prison. He might be there for the rest of his life. He hurt people, and that's how he ended up in a cell. He doesn't like it in prison. However, he is glad that he got caught. It woke him up to see that he had a problem. Charlie has since acknowledged not just the sins that landed him in the penitentiary but all the sins in his heart that warranted him a sentence to hell for eternity. By the grace of God, he knows that Jesus has taken away all his sins, and because of Jesus, he will one day live free forever in heaven! He thanks God that he discovered this before it was too late.

Pain and punishment are, at times, blessings from God. They shake us to our senses. People had come to see Jesus because they were in pain. And when they did, Jesus told the people a vital truth that we all need to remember—we need to repent. We need to acknowledge our faults before God and confess the sin that deserves the full wrath of Almighty God. But then,

with joy, we need to turn to the one who has paid the price of our sins. We need to turn to Jesus!

I pray that you don't end up in prison like Charlie. However, if God allows pain to strike your life, perhaps God is using it to call you to repent. And when you do, he is there with open arms, full of mercy.

Prayer:

Dear God, I confess to you the sins I know and the sins I am unaware that I have done. I beg for your mercy, O Lord. Trusting in my Savior, Jesus, I rest in your grace. Amen.

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Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Luke 13:1-5