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School News

Mission Offering & Donations for Ukraine

Our 4th quarter chapel offerings will be going to help the Ukrainian Lutheran Church and the refugees over in Ukraine. We can also help the refugees that are arriving here in Spokane. St. Matthew will be collecting donations of gently-used clothing of all sizes (from baby clothes up through adult sizes), toys, household items (towels, sheets, etc.), non-perishable food, and gift cards to stores to help out those families that had to flee because of the war. So clean out those closets and garages over spring break to help out these families! Each classroom will have a large box/bin to put the donations in beginning after Spring Break. We will be collecting items through June 1st.

If you have bigger items, such as furniture, they can be dropped off directly at the container located at Roller Valley Skate Center located at 9415 E 4th Ave, Spokane.

Read2Ride

Read2Ride forms are due TODAY! Please be sure to return to your child's teacher by the end of school! Late forms cannot be accepted.

Auction Update

We are less than one month away

from our school auction at Northern Quest! Please order your ticket today if you plan on attending! You can order by scanning the QR code below or [ordering here](#). Check out the auction event page on Facebook to get updates about the auction as well as preview some of the items we will have available for bidding!



Preschool Sings

Thank you so much to the preschoolers and teachers for working so hard and singing so beautifully this past Sunday! What a wonderful reminder of Jesus' love for all!

Academic Fair—Can You Help?

Our school's academic fair is coming up in April, and we need your help to make this a successful event! Would you consider judging speeches or helping set up? Please speak with your child's teacher or Mrs. Biebert if you are willing!

4/1 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Velikanov

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Velikanov

Upcoming Worship Opportunities

- April 6** 3:45 & 6:30PM—Driesbach Led Service
- April 10** 10AM—Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 13** 3:45PM—Good Friday Theme
- April 14** 6:30PM—Maundy Thursday
- April 15** 6:30PM—Good Friday
- April 16** 10AM—Easter Service & Egg Hunt to Follow

Pictures for Yearbook

Parents—please, please, please consider looking through your pictures and sending Mrs. Biebert some highlights from this school year if you have them! We especially are in need of sports pictures from soccer, basketball, softball, and track! Please email pictures to kayla.biebert@gmail.com by April 15. Thank you!

Speaking of Yearbooks...

If you haven't ordered a yearbook, or are unsure, please let Mrs. Biebert know you would like one. Yearbooks are \$10, and the deadline to order is April 21.

Softball

Location change: The practices have been moved to Holmberg Park since we were



able to reserve it for the times we need! Thank you for being flexible with this change. Continue to check remind for weekly updates.

Track

Track will be starting recess practices shortly after spring break. The events that your child can participate in are: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Mile, 400m relay, Mile relay, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, softball throw, football throw, and frisbee toss. Please start thinking about what your child will be participating in. Thank you for being patient while we are still figuring out details about the track meet.

Spring Break

Spring Break is next week already! Please have a safe and enjoyable time away from school, and come back refreshed and ready to make the final push to the end of the year!!!

1st Grade Teacher

We are holding another call meeting after church this Sunday, April 3. Prayers that we are able to call a fitting candidate!

Financial Aid Applications

Last week I mentioned that financial aid applications will be ready April 15th; however, TADS finished configuration early and it should be up and running now! If you are planning to apply for aid, please log in to your account and begin the process! All applications will be reviewed as they are submitted.

April Calendar

Please view the latest calendar for April [online](#). We are gearing up for an extremely busy month here so don't miss anything!

StageCraft, Props and Costumes... Oh My!

The Jr. Choir musical has been cast and rehearsals have begun! We are currently looking for a few parent volunteers who would be interested in helping acquire and build the set pieces for the scenes, as well as assist with acquiring or making props and costumes. Please contact Mrs. Most if you are interested in helping in any of these 3 areas. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Also, Jr. Choir parents don't forget to sign up for the Remind group to know about any last minute changes or reminders!

Parenting Article

Please view the latest parenting article [here](#). This article is a great reminder for every parent to be the calming force for their children when they need it most—right in the middle of a meltdown.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Thank you so much, parents, for bringing your child(ren) to church this past Sunday to sing!! The children sang SO beautifully and brought SO much joy to our worship service. So many of the members at St. Matthew shared how much they love when the preschool children sing and are a part of our Sunday service. Thank you, again, from the bottom of my heart!! It was a wonderful Sunday morning!!

It has been another fun week in preschool . . . and another fun week with our Pets Theme. We still have our veterinarian clinic set up in the Drama Center. The children are having fun checking on the pets and even making them feel better!! It sure is more fun to give a shot than to receive one!! In our Science Center, we have pattern blocks. The girls and boys can create several very colorful pets with these assorted shapes. They even design their own creations with the blocks. What great imaginations!! Our Sensory Center has a very large nest made out of crinkled brown paper. The children use tweezers to "catch" a worm (small pipe cleaner) and then feed it to the matching colored birds in the nest. This is a great activity to strengthen little fingers while having fun!!

In addition to our centers, some of the classes had fun water coloring a horse and then having it stand up on clothespin legs, while other classes were able to make a turtle and glue colorful buttons on its shell. All of the classes painted a cross with marbles. We coat marbles with paint and roll them around every which way on top of a white cross. A beautiful colorful cross is created!! They will be hanging in our classroom so be sure to come and check them out.

When we get back from Spring Break, we will be focusing on letter "Ww". Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item from home that begins with "Ww".

The bible verse we will be learning in class is I Corinthians 15:3 "Christ died for our sins."

Have a blessed Spring Break with your family. See you back at school on April 11!!

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. RETURN THE CALENDAR BY FRIDAY, APRIL 1. I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY MARCH CALENDARS AFTER SPRING BREAK.
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: I can improve if I keep trying.
- Math- Numbering a clock, telling time to the hour on an analog clock as well as a digital clock.

Memory Work

April 14- But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:31a

Academic Fair

Your child picked out a book they would like to read at the academic fair. Please practice with them. The scoring sheet will help

you understand how they will be judged. We will do the first round of judging in class on April 19th and 20th from 11-12. I still need a few more judges. Please let me know if that would work with your schedule. You will not be judging your own child.

Too Much Noise!

Please make sure you are helping your child practice their lines for the play. We went through things on Tuesday and some of the kids didn't know their parts.

Literature Bags

I will be sending home Literature Bags this afternoon. Please review the inventory sheet and make sure all books and materials are in the bag. You will be responsible for any missing items.

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/Christlight

- 4/12 - Matthew 22:37
- 4/14 - Job 19:25a
- Please read the Bible stories (Jesus is Crucified, Our Savior Dies, Jesus' Burial and Resurrection, and Jesus' Grave is Opened) from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the GREEN sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 8-1) will be due April 11.
- No new Lightning Words.
- There will be no spelling the week of April 11-15.
- Read 20 minutes a day.

2nd Grade Homework

- There will be no spelling the week of April 11-15.
- Read 20 minutes a day.

Extra Notes

- Continue to read and take the Accelerated Reader tests at home when your child finishes a book!
- March Book-It Calendars are due TOMORROW!
- Please continue to have your child bring a water bottle to school.
- The Academic Fair is quickly approaching. The five different speech categories include: four minute speaking, demonstration, poetry, prose, and storytelling. The speech your child choose is on the form that needs to be signed which is in your child's PINK folder. Please return the signed form sent home by April 13. It is important to be working with them on his or her speech as we don't have a lot of time to be practicing them in school! Thank you for your help with this!
- Consider coming to the auction April 23! We would love to see you there!
- Hope you have a wonderful and blessed spring break!

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

- It's that time of year again when the academic fair is upon us. The children will be choosing which style of "speech" they will be working on for the fair tomorrow, along with a slip of paper explaining things. We will then be getting any items together next week, but the majority of the work for it will be getting done at home. Preliminary judging will be on April 19 & 20. They will need it near perfect by these dates.
- **Academic Night judges** - I am looking for a couple of parents to help judge our preliminary round for Academic night. If you would be willing to do so, please let me know.
- *****Read for 20 minutes at home** - We will be doing D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) time in class. If we can't get to it that day, then it will be a homework assignment just without the log.
- **Accelerated Reader or A.R.** can now be accessed from the comforts of your home! Just follow to find the link google school.stmatthewspokane.org > elementary school > classroom pages > [Most]
- **Writing** - The children have been working hard on writing and sharing poetry. It has been so much fun! We have many budding poets in our class!

Extra Notes-

- **Report Card Envelopes** - Please return your child's report card envelope as soon as possible.
- **Read-to-Ride** - is due TODAY!
- **Book-it!** - is due tomorrow. I will not accept them after spring break.
- **Classroom Donations** - We are in need of some forks, spoons, and wet wipes (baby wipes from Costco). If you'd be willing to pick up a box or two from Walmart, etc. Please let me know.. Thank you in advance.

Have a blessed Spring Break in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Welcome to Spring break with Easter break soon to follow everyone! This is going to make April go by very quickly! There is however, a lot to get done in the month of April. These things would include the academic fair, auction, and a whole lot of learning. The kids will be practicing for the academic fair at school, but also will need to practice some at home as well. Please check in with your child about this, and also encourage your students to use their God-given gifts in other areas of the academic fair as well.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 4/4: Romans 3:23,24, Romans 8:1; Wednesday 4/6: 3rd Article up to "in the one true faith"; Thursday 4/7: Hymn 380

The 5-6th grade history class finished up their study of the French, British, and Spanish all competing for control in the new world. Now that the French have won the French and Indian War, we are ready to begin the road to self-government after spring break. This is such an exciting time period to teach. I am very much looking forward to our study of this content.

Now that the 7-8th graders have wrapped up their study of the Walla Walla Treaty Council and Yakama treaties, we will be starting a new study on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and its effects on Indian country. This study will take us close to the end of April.

Our last cell piece that we want to learn about before wrapping up our unit is about cell growth and reproduction. Our test on cells will be next week Wednesday. Study guides will be passed out this week.

I hope you all have an amazing spring break. Enjoy the time off with family. I pray that your break is a refreshing breakup from the routine of school.

God Bless! See you after break!

Mind Over Matter

When we face something particularly challenging—maybe even something painful—it may be that someone alongside us will offer us some encouragement by saying, “Come on, now. It’s mind over matter.” What they mean, of course, is that we need to block out the thoughts of any immediate difficulty or pain that we might experience. Instead, we need to set our sights on the reward we will receive when it’s all said and done. It’s a matter of focus, mind over matter.

But, of course, the opposite is also true. If we set our sights on failure and mediocrity, that’s what we’ll end up achieving; maybe even worse than that.

The truth is, it’s natural for sinful human beings like us to choose the path of least resistance, to take the easier way, the path that seems less painful. And that’s especially true when it comes to our spiritual lives. Instead of setting our sights on the unseen, eternal blessings that our Father has promised to give us in heaven, we jump at the chance of securing as many creature comforts in this world as we possibly can right now.

St. Paul describes this as

setting our minds “on what the flesh desires.” And he doesn’t pull any punches when he tells us what the result will be: “The mind governed by the flesh is death.” But because of our broken hearts and sinful minds, we’re doomed. Sinners can’t help themselves.

But Jesus can help us and does. Not only does Jesus assure us of our perfect forgiveness and willingly crush our eternal condemnation forever. But he gives us the gift of his Spirit, who renews our minds and empowers us to set our hearts on things above, not on earthly things. And, Paul explains, “the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”

The Christian life is mind over matter. And in Jesus, our mind in the Spirit wins.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, empower me to live according to your Spirit and set my sights on you. Amen.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:5,6