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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.

LAST CHANCE—Auction!

Guys, I'm telling ya — you do not want to miss this auction! We have so many AMAZING items to bid on — stay & play packages, sports tickets, fun for the whole family, etc. The list goes on and on! **This is also a wonderful opportunity to support our special school during a time we really need it.** Our school is growing and we have been blessed with great opportunities and responsibilities to share the gospel with as many people as we can. Your donations help support the Christian education your children receive here at

St. Matt's. Final head count is due tomorrow—get your tickets [here!](#) (Or use the QR code below!)



Can't Make the Auction?

If you want to show your support, but won't be able to attend the auction next week, please use [this link](#) (or the QR code below) to donate to St. Matthew! All donations will go directly to the school Building Fund.



Academic Fair

If you are planning to do any music or special art for the academic fair, please make sure you fill out the necessary forms and give them to your teacher, so we can plan for your performance and projects!

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, soft-

4/15 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Martin

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Martin

Upcoming Worship Opportunities

April 14 6:30PM—Maundy Thursday

April 15 6:30PM—Good Friday

April 16 10AM—Easter Service & Egg Hunt to Follow

ball, and track! Please email pictures to kayla.biebert@gmail.com by **tomorrow, 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.**

Piano Recital

Mrs. Roberg is hosting the spring piano recital at church on May 9 at 5:30PM. Please plan to attend if you are a piano student! If you are not in piano, please still consider joining the audience to support your classmates!

No School—Easter Break

Reminder that we have a half day today, and no school Friday or Monday. God's Blessings as you reflect on God's great love for you, Jesus' pain and suffering for you, and the joyous resurrection—God's promises fulfilled for you!

Softball/Track

Softball has gotten underway with practices and their first game this week! Congratulations on the WIN! Please notify teach-

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tickets here!



ers if you plan to take siblings out of school to the games. Make sure to be checking remind for any new updates! Track will begin practices next week during recess (Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning, and Thursday lunch). Please make sure your child has tennis shoes at school as well as water bottles for these practices. The track meet is scheduled for May 9 6:30-9:00 pm at Spokane Community College. We are in charge of providing 6 volunteers (3 to help with the football throw and 3 to help with the standing long jump.) Please let Miss Rosenbaum know if you are able to help out on May 9.

1st Grade Teacher

After our call meeting on April 3, the congregation made the decision to put in a request for a graduate from our teacher training college — MLC. We

are praying that one of the candidates will fit our needs. MLC's call day is on May 14, so we should know by then if we will be getting a graduate. Keep praying for St. Matt's!

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.

Singing in Church

Junior Choir will be singing in church on April 24 at 10AM. Please plan to attend this service. Thank you!

StageCraft, Props and Costumes... Oh My!

The Jr. Choir musical has been cast and rehearsals have begun! Do you have any foam swords, shields, knights outfits, or medieval clothing (think king, queen, or princess) that the Jr. Choir could borrow? If so, please let Mrs. Most know.

After Easter break, Jr. Choir will be meeting on Tuesdays until 4:30 to work on music and on Thursdays until 5 pm to block out scenes and run through the musical from top to finish. We only have 13 more rehearsals until the big night!!!

Parenting Article

Please view the latest parenting article [here](#). This article offers tips for choosing STEM activities for kids!

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Welcome back from Spring Break!! What a beautiful week to be in preschool!! Throughout our classroom, we have centers that touch on our Spring theme but the our REAL focus this week has been on Jesus' death on the cross.

Earlier this week, all of our classes created a Resurrection Garden. We collected "treasures" from my backyard, decorated our Garden, placed Jesus in the tomb and even put a rock outside of the entrance to His tomb. Next week, we will see the amazing changes to our Garden after Easter morning!

The children all brought home a Resurrection Basket this week. Each plastic egg contains an item that tells about the events Jesus encountered from Palm Sunday through Easter morning. The four year old classes have eggs that go through Jesus' ascension into heaven. Your child's homework assignment for this weekend is to tell the Easter story, using the eggs in their Resurrection Basket, to at least three different people. Most of your children will be able to do this without help, but some might need a bit of guidance. There is a "cheat sheet" inside of the basket if help is needed.

We are in need of some baby wipes for the classroom – just to get us by until the end of the school year. If you could bring in a small package, it would be greatly appreciated.

Next week, the letter we will focus on is "Xx". Four year old classes, please bring an item from home that begins with "Xx".

The bible verse we will learn in class is I Thessalonians 4:14 "Jesus died and rose again."

Have a blessed Easter celebration with your family. Jesus has risen!! Hallelujah!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Book it!

We are done with the Book it! program. Thank you for faithfully reading with your child. I will be sending home your child's reading totals next week in their yellow folder.

Memory Work

April 21- Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. John 20:29

Academic Fair

Please make sure you are helping your child practice their book selection or demonstration at home. The first round of judging will be in class on April 19 and 20. This will determine whether or not your child will move on to the next round of judging, which would take place on the night of the Academic Fair.

Your child needs to bring their book to school on Tuesday, April 19. Students who elected to do a demonstration will need to bring their supplies to school on the day of their demonstration.

Too Much Noise!

Please make sure you are helping your child practice their lines for the play there are still a lot of students who don't know their

lines or don't know when they need to say their lines.

Also, I sent home the lyrics for the sheep song before Spring Break, keep practicing that song at home, most students still don't know it.

Literature Bags

Literature bags are sent home on Thursdays and are due back at school on the following Tuesday. If they are not returned on time your child will not receive a new literature bag the following Thursday. This may sound mean but I am teaching responsibility. Each time your child receives a new literature bag please go through the bag and inventory all of the items. If any items are missing please text me.

School Supplies

We are completely out of skinny black whiteboard markers. Please send a minimum of 2 whiteboard markers to school sometime within the next week or so. Black only. Thank you!

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/Christlight

- 4/20 - The Second Commandment
- 4/22 - 1 Timothy 2:3,4
- Please read the Bible stories (Jesus' Friends Learn that He is Risen, Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene, Two Disciples See Jesus) from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the GREEN sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 8-2) will be due April 19.
- Lightning Words (Theme 8 Week 3) will be due April 22.
- No spelling test for the week, but we will work on some spelling words throughout the week.
- Work on your Academic Fair speech with introduction and conclusion. Your child will be judged next week on it!
- Read 20 minutes a day.

2nd Grade Homework

- No spelling test for the week, but we will work on some spelling words throughout the week. Work on your Academic Fair speech with introduction and conclusion. Your child will be judged on it next week!
- Read 20 minutes a day.

Extra Notes

- Academic Fair - please be working with your child on his or her speech. Make sure to have an introduction and conclusion to the speech. We worked with everyone that brought their material this week. We will practice once more on Tuesday, April 19th. The pre-judging will take place on April 20-21 from 11-12.
- If you are able to help judge in our classroom on April 20/21 from 11-12, please let me know as soon as possible. We could use one more parent on each day!
- Please continue to have your child bring a water bottle to school.
- Handwriting books are coming home today and they do not need to be brought back. Take a look at how much progress your child has made since the beginning of the school year.
- The free pass activity will be taking place next week on Thursday, April 21 from 1:15-2:45. Your child may be receiving a permission slip for this please so return it as soon as possible.

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 have chosen the style of "speech" they will be doing for the Academic Fair. I am still missing some slips signed by you, the parent acknowledging what your child is working on for the fair and English class. Preliminary judging will be on April 19 & 20. Any items that are being used at home, will need to be at school on these days for the judging. These are also the days they will be graded for their assignment.

Academic Fair judges - I am looking for one more parent to help judge our preliminary round for Academic Fair on Wednesday, April 20th. If you would be willing to do so, please let me know ASAP.

*****Read for 20 minutes at home** - We will be doing D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) time in class. This is so your child has time to practice their Academic Fair project at home.

Science - We are busy learning about the plant and animal kingdoms. Pairs of students are working together to make a poster about one division in the plant kingdom. Next week we begin working on a slide presentation of one division of the animal kingdom!

Reading - We have begun our final novel of the year, Little House on the Prairie. We are learning many new words and what it was like to travel across the country in a covered wagon. Can you believe Laura and her family traveled in a wagon that was no bigger than 4 feet by 10 feet?

Writing - The children have begun working on opinion/persuasive writing. It is fun to see them grow as writers throughout the year!

Extra Notes-

- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day.
- **Classroom Donations** - Thank you to those families who were able to help us in a time of need in the classroom. We greatly appreciate you!

Have a blessed Easter! Christ is Risen! He has Risen indeed! Alleluia!!!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

From one break to another, however this break is like no other. What a beautiful opportunity to stop and reflect all that our Savior has done for us during this Easter break. We went from death to eternal life as we watch our Savior say, "It is finished." Jesus proved his victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil by rising from the dead. Why do all this? Simply because God loves you and I despite our many sins and faults. God is so very rich in mercy! I pray you have the opportunity to reflect the mercy of our Savior this Holy Week.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 4/22: 2 Corinthians 5:19

The 5-6th grade history class started a new map section this week as well as started looking at our country's path to self-government.

The 7-8th grade history class has been taking a test on the Yakama treaties in a Socratic questioning method. I have felt that this format, although different, has given me a very accurate picture of what the students truly know. I have loved listening in on their engaging questions and discussion. This is also just a great communication skill in listening and responding. The students did begin studying about the effects that the Hanford Nuclear Sigh has had on Washington's natural resources as well.

The students took their science test this morning on cell function and growth. We will start fresh after Easter break.

I pray you all have an amazing Easter rejoicing in the victory that our Savior has won for us. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

God Bless! See you after break!

His Food, Our Fill

Don't you love a good meal? Maybe it's a birthday, anniversary, or holiday spent with people you love. Or it's a special place—a favorite restaurant or a new one that comes highly recommended. Maybe it's the one favorite meal that you never get tired of.

On the night before Jesus died, he enjoyed a meal with his friends. It wasn't just any meal. It was the Passover meal, a special feast carefully prepared, served, and shared by the Jewish people every year.

The Passover was festive not just because it was celebrated with family. The Passover celebrated how God rescued the Jewish people from slavery and brought them to the Promised Land. Maybe best of all, it pictured a rescue still to come—a rescue that Jesus came to accomplish.

As Jesus sat down to that meal that night, he knew what would soon happen. He knew his body would hang on a cross and die. His blood would pour out of wounds that would be inflicted on him. He knew he would give his life for the sins of the world.

But knowing this didn't sour the experience that

night. It made Jesus look forward to it even more. The lamb killed and eaten in the Passover meal would foreshadow the way Jesus would be sacrificed to free us from our sins and bring us to the Promised Land of heaven, a sacrifice he was eager to make for you and me.

Jesus still longs to eat with us. When we hear his Word, he satisfies our hunger with his mercy and love. In Holy Communion, Jesus miraculously gives his body and blood with the bread and wine to remind us of his sacrifice and assure us of his forgiveness. With these gifts, he feeds our souls until we feast with him in heaven.

Prayer:

Jesus, you eagerly desired my salvation. Satisfy my soul with your Word. Amen.

[Jesus] said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 22:15,16