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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.

Auction This Weekend!

Thank you to all of you who have read my rambling auction posts for the entire school year! Our auction event is this Saturday at Northern Quest. Those of you who are coming to the auction, please be on the lookout for an email with several additional details to help you navigate the event space. If you are not planning to come to the auction, please pray that the event is successful, brings glory to God, and provides great opportunity to focus our mission on the reason we are fundraising—to reach more students and

families with the wonderful gospel message through our school!

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.



Handwriting Winners

Please take a look at the pictures on page 2! Our school submitted entries at each grade level for the Zaner-Blozer handwriting competition! From those entries, Georgia Hohenthal (2nd grade) and Finley Rolston (K) both were the top handwriters in the state!!! Congratulations to both girls! They are advancing to the national level for handwriting! Woohoo!

Yearbook Deadline

Today is the last day to order yearbooks for your kiddos! Please speak with Kayla Biebert (715)402-0114 to order yours! Many of you purchased yearbooks at the beginning of the school year on orientation night, but it doesn't hurt to check with me to be sure:)

Academic Fair Food

Food will be served at the academic

4/22 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Velikanov

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Velikanov

fair, thanks to two board of education members, Tony Diaz & Mark Gaulke! Thank you so much gentleman! Hot dogs will be grilled in front of church, and tables will be set up around there for you to enjoy your meal as you are able! Think of it like a free concessions—come and grab a quick meal between speeches or the music competition!

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!

Softball/Track

Schedule CHANGE: The game scheduled on April 25 has been rescheduled for May 4 same time and same location. There will be NO practice on April 25.

The track meet is scheduled for May 9 6:30-9:00 pm at Spokane Community College. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help at the meet. The track athletes had a chance to sign up for the events they would like to participate in. We will spend the next two Fancy Fridays practicing most of the events.

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

Academic Fair Next Friday!
5pm - 8pm

we should know by then if we will be getting a graduate. Keep praying for St. Matt's!

Financial Aid Applications

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 **this Sunday, 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 11 more rehearsals until the big night!!!

Parenting Article

Please view the latest parenting article [here](#). Thinking of creative art ideas? Here are some to try!



*Handwriting
Accolades*



Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Jesus Christ is Risen!! He is Risen Indeed!! Hallelujah!!

Welcome back to preschool!! Our focus this week is on Jesus' resurrection. Last week, each class was able to build their own Resurrection Garden. We gathered treasures from my backyard to decorate the Garden, we lay Jesus in the tomb, and of course, we placed a rock at the opening of the tomb, so no one could get in and no one could get out. We came back to school after Easter and we now can see just what happened after 3 days of Jesus being in the tomb!! Our Resurrection Gardens have been transformed!! The grass has grown, the stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty - "He is not here!! He is alive!!" What a beautiful Resurrection Garden we now have!! What an amazing visual for the children to see and understand!!

This week, all of the classes were able to create an Empty Tomb project. Every child was able to "roll" the stone away from the tomb and say, "Where is Jesus? He is not here!! He is alive!" What beautiful words for our children to always remember!!

On top of all of these activities, we also were able to celebrate a color this week!! BLUE!! What a fabulous day to wear BLUE on Thursday and Friday!! Of course, we get to play the infamous game of hide 'n' seek with blue ovals – with the lights on AND with the lights off!! Great fun celebrating BLUE!! What a FUN day for the preschool classes!!

May 12 and 13 are the dates for our upcoming musical, "Too Much Noise". We have been working extremely hard on our songs, but will need a little help on our "Sheep" song. A copy of the lyrics and the motions went home this week. Please work with your child on this song. The words aren't easy. I also sent home your child's chosen animal for the play along with costume ideas. If you should have any questions, please ask!! This will be an amazing performance!! We can't wait for you to see it!!

Next week our letter of the week is "Yy". Four year old classes, please bring something to school for show 'n' tell that begins with "Yy".

Our bible verse we will be learning in class is John 20:29b "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Hope to see all of you at our Silent Auction this Saturday night. Please come out to Northern Quest Casino and support our school!!

Have an amazing weekend with your family!! Please stay safe and healthy!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Book it!

In your child's folder you will see a certificate with the total amount of minutes read. Wesley Gaulke was our top reader with 7,476 minutes during our 6 months of reading! Everyone did a great job reading! Keep up the good work! Reading 20 minutes each night is still part of your child's homework.

Memory Work

April 28- So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Academic Fair

Judging for the Academic Fair took place on Tuesday and Wednesday. I will have your child's total points to you as soon as possible so you know whether or not your child will be participating next Friday in the Academic Fair. Everyone is encouraged to come and support the other students. Your child's art will be on display. When the evening is over you may take their work home with you.

The Academic Fair is a great way to showcase talents of our students. Not everyone is an athlete and we want to celebrate all of the wonderful abilities our students have.

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. They need to know when it is their turn to speak. Many kids are waiting for me to tell them when to speak, that should not be the case, they need to know when it is their turn.

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.

Costume suggestions will be sent home shortly.

Literature Bags

Literature bags are going home today. Please make sure you inventory the bag BEFORE your child starts taking things out. Let me know if any books are missing, otherwise you will be responsible for purchasing any missing items.

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! Some of you have already purchased new markers for your child, if you have not brought new markers please do that as soon as possible.

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/Christlight

- 4/26 - The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- 4/28 - Matthew 28:19-20
- Please read the Bible stories (Jesus Appears to His Disciples, Thomas Believes, and Jesus Meets His Disciples in Galilee) from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the GREEN sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 8-3) will be due April 25.
- Lightning Words (Theme 9 Week 1) will be due April 29. Make sure to be turning these in or a free pass will be used.
- Math flash cards will be coming home tomorrow. Please work with your child on both sets (plus 9 and subtracting a number from 10).
- Spelling test will be on April 28. We are working on the long i sound spelled y. These are the words for next week: by, my, fly, cry, why, pry, multiply, ever, around.
- Read 20 minutes a day.

2nd Grade Homework

- Spelling test will be on April 28. We are working on a few rules to make words plural. These are the words for next week: parties, candies, cities, boys, donkeys, leaves, shelves, wolves, knives, elves, wish, many.
- Math flash cards will be coming home tomorrow. Please work with your child on both sets please (subtracting 9 and subtracting 8).
- Read 20 minutes a day.

Extra Notes

- Academic Fair - If your child was chosen to advance to the final round, please be working with your child on his or her speech. Make sure to have an introduction and conclusion to the speech. I was impressed with all of the speeches that the students gave. They did a nice job. The final round will take place on April 29.
- Please continue to have your child bring a water bottle to school.
- Make sure your child has tennis shoes on Friday for PE. Thank you!
- Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help judge this week for the academic fair speeches. It was greatly appreciated!

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Thank you to all of you for all the extra work at home that went into the Academic Fair presentations. The children did amazing work in such a short period of time. Thank you also to all of the parents who volunteered to be judges! It was so appreciated! Thank you!

Science - We are busy learning about the plant and animal kingdoms. 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. What happens in a day as you travel across the prairie in a wagon? Ask a third or fourth grader to describe it for you!

Extra Notes-

- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day.
- MAP testing is coming up the first week of May.

See you at the Auction on Saturday! Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

I pray you all had an amazing Easter celebration! It was important that we took time to focus on the reason for our salvation. However, now we make the last push towards the end of the school year. It will be extremely busy, but fun and exciting all at the same time.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 4/25: Galatians 3:26, 1 Peter 2:9; Wednesday 4/27: 3rd Article; Thursday 4/28: Hymn 152: 1-3,8; Friday 4/29: Mark 10:45, John 14:14

The 5-6th grade history class is taking a lesson in perspectives as they study the build up to the American Revolution. Half of the class has been tasked with seeing why the British were frustrated with the colonists, and half of the class has been tasked with looking at why the colonists were frustrated with the British. Perhaps as I get older my perspectives have changed, but I felt more for the British than I had in year's past. Although I am happy that we have the country and freedoms we have today, I can't say that the way the colonists went about getting it was entirely appropriate.

The 7-8th grade class has finished up all their Socratic method tests. These took a bit longer than expected simply due to the great discussion that took place. However, we are ready to move on! We are going back to our discussion on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and its effects on Washington State and the Native Americans that live there.

Science was life changing this week as we studied the taxonomy/classification of organisms. We got to listen to the world's greatest boy band, The Taxonomy Boyzzzzz, sing for us what this taxonomy thing is all about. Students realized the difficulty that there must be in classifying organisms with the estimated 1.4 million out there that have been named.

April has been a blur and extremely stressful and busy. I am sure you are feeling it to. There are always responsibilities outside of work that many of you have. School has the auction and academic fair coming up. Spring extracurriculars have started, and it all combines to be one hot mess! Here's to praying that May is a bit more peaceful for all of you.

I hope to see many of you at the auction this weekend. It should be an extremely fun night coming together to support our school. God's Blessings on your weekends!

Hidden Victory

A little girl turns around in a department store, expecting to see her daddy. But he's not there. Panic.

A woman gets up and goes to the kitchen, expecting to see her husband. But he's not there. Grief.

Friends go to the arena, expecting to see their favorite performer's last concert. But he's not there. Disappointment.

A man goes to the courthouse, expecting to confront his attacker. But he's not there. Anger.

"He is not here."

Those four words don't typically evoke positive feelings. But on the morning of Jesus' resurrection, the angel's sermon brings joy and hope bubbling to the surface because those four words are followed by one overpowering truth: He is risen, just as he said. Amid all of life's disappointments, we have a God who keeps his word.

Jesus is not here because he has risen and ascended to God's right hand. He's gone to prepare a place for us. But if he's gone to prepare a place for us, that

means he's coming back.

Until then, we will still be scared, sad, disappointed, and angered. But let's not forget what promise opened for us when that stone was flung from its place. Jesus may be hidden from our eyes, but we can always find him in his word. He meets us there with his peace, his joy, his satisfaction, and his grace, and his promise that he will work good for us.

We will not stay in doubt, fear, pain, and sorrow. We will not stay in the grave. We will not stay in our mortal, perishable bodies. We will not stay on this earth, groaning under the weight of sin, but when he comes

back, he will take us to live with him on a new earth, cleansed of all evil.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I am so glad that you are not here, that you are risen, just as you said. It means I can trust that you will keep all your promises to me. Amen.

Suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them . . . [and] said to them. . . .
 "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

Luke 24:4-6