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The Timber Times  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## School News

### Mission Offering

Our fourth quarter mission offering is going to the missionary work happening in London. You can navigate through the WELS missions page [here](#). \$36.93 has been collected so far, and we have a goal of \$350 before the end of the year!



### Mr. Zabel's Call

Mr. Zabel has accepted the call to serve as our 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher! We are so thankful for this wonderful news and look forward to meeting David and his wife, Sue, in person! If you would like to reach out to welcome him, please email him at [leba-z6@yahoo.com](mailto:leba-z6@yahoo.com)

### Silverwood Tickets

If your child participated in the Read2Ride program, please double check your email for their ticket. I sent out all tickets already, so if you are missing yours, please text me (715) 402-0114 with your email address and I will resend the ticket. Thank you!

### Chaos BookIt! Celebration

This event is for all kiddos who completed at least 5 BookIt! Calendars. If you haven't yet done so, please return the permission form for your child. Thanks!

### St. Matt's Hand-Me-Down Merch

Have something that no longer fits you? Please bring it by the office! We will post it for other families so we can keep all our sweet apparel on the kids instead of tucked in the back of your closet! Thanks for donating!

Also, we currently have a Youth M and a Youth XS available. If your child would fit either of these sizes, please come pick up the shirt in the office!

### DC Parent Meeting

Parents of kids in 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, please attend the parents informational meeting this upcoming Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 in Mr. Metzger's room. Thank you!

### Teacher Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating our teachers during the week of May 6-10! Please [head here to our website](#) for all pertinent info — schedule of events, sign ups for volunteering/donating, and teacher favorites! All conveniently located on one webpage! Please note, teachers may not have their favorites page available quite yet, check back online next week for updates!

Especially important, please click through the links to volunteer to help or donate items to make the week possible!

### WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS!!!!



### WA529 Art Contest

The deadline for this contest is next Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Talent Show/Skit Night!!!

Turn in your initial forms by tomorrow, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Parent Conversations

How can we help our overwhelmed teens? Read through some encouragement [here](#).



## Upcoming Dates

### April

- 24 Softball Game vs Lake City 3:30PM
- 28 Grades 3-8 Sing 10AM
- 4/29-5/3 MAP Testing
- 29 Jr. Choir Practice 3:45-4:15PM
- 29 DC Initial Meeting 3:45PM — Mr. Metzger's room
- 30 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 30 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park

### May

- 1 BookIt! Celebration — Chaos Arcade 1PM
- 2 Softball Game vs. Christian Heritage 3:30PM — Linwood
- 2 Track & Field Practice 3:45-4:15PM — at school
- 3 DC Hot Lunch — Hot Dogs
- 3 Many Teacher Appreciation Donation Items Due — **DOUBLE CHECK!**
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week!**
- 6 Jr. Choir Practice 3:45-4:15PM
- 7 Softball Game @ PCA 4:00PM
- 7 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 8 PreK-1 Musical — Dress Rehearsal 10:30AM & 2:30PM
- 9 Track & Field Practice 3:45-4:15PM — at school
- 9 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park

### 3-8 Sing

Grades 3-8 will be singing in church this Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Please join us!

### Pastor West Call

Pastor West has received a call to serve in La Crosse, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and reach out to him with questions or encouragements. Pastor's cell is (509)217-9617.

### DC Hot Lunch

Our next hot lunch will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the kids will be serving hot dogs. Please fill out the form sent home last week if your child would like hot lunch on May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Deadline to return form in May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**More news continued on next page...**

### Softball

Softball won their first game last week! They lost on Tuesday vs. Christian Heritage. They have another game today at Linwood Park. We would love to have you support the athletes so feel free to attend their games. Next week they have practice on 4/30 and a game on Thursday May 2 at PCA at 4 pm. Please continue to communicate with Miss Rosenbaum if you have any questions.

Message from Hailey Landrus after the game on 4/18:  
*Your Mighty Timbers softball team came home with a victory after an impressive offensive and defensive performance against its first opponent, Lake City Academy, in Coeur d'Alene on Thursday, April 18. All 16 Timbers players batted, and they collectively racked up 10 runs on 23 hits! Meanwhile, Liam Tumlinson struck out 11 batters and walked only 2. Final score: St. Matthew 10 - Lake City Academy 7.*

### Track & Field

Yesterday was the first track meet! Thank you to all the parents who helped work the meet. No practice today! Please note the two changes to the calendar: May 2 and May 9 practices will be 3:45-4:15 at school! This is updated on the google calendar. Please continue to communicate with Miss Rosenbaum if you have any questions.

### Junior Choir

After our long break from meeting, we will be having Junior Choir this Monday from 3:45-4:15 pm. I am shortening our time together as we only have the anthems to work on for the baseball game on May, 16. Here is the link to buy the [tickets](#).

### Night with the Indians

Our first Indians night is Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>! Please join us in this fun celebration! The Junior Choir will also be singing the National Anthem that day! View the flyer to the right for more information or use the link in the Junior choir blurb to purchase tickets!





## ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

# \$10,000 GRAND SLAM NIGHT

## THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

Feeling lucky? If a Spokane Indians player hits a grand slam home run at any point during the game, one lucky fan will win **\$10,000!**

GATES OPEN @ 5:30PM

1ST PITCH @ 6:35PM

AVISTA STADIUM

Call (509) 343-OTTO (6886) with any questions!

JOIN YOUR GROUP!

Tickets can be purchased at the QR code below:



## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

It was a brand new beautiful week!! And also, a brand new theme in preschool!! This week we are learning about Frogs and their life cycle. Every center focuses on our Frog Theme. Our Drama Center has a Sand Table that the children can use magnets to move frogs around. Our Art Center now has a bingo dot page with a frog on it. We haven't had these dotters out for a while. What a special Art treat for the kids!! Our Sensory Center has water, water beads, lily pads and frogs. The children have fun putting the frogs on the lily pads and playing in the water. Our Science Center has the life cycle of a frog. The children can match up the pictures from frog eggs, to tadpole, to froglet to adult frog. What fun to see how a frog grows!! Some of the classes had a great time making a Funny Frog using circles, and triangles while some others were able to create a Frog headband.

A majority of this week has been spent on play practice. A lot of time needs to be devoted to our group practices leading up to our performance nights. The children are working SO hard on their songs!! Our musical, "E-I-E-I Oops!!" is going to be a great hit!!

#### Musical Performance Times:

Thursday, May 9 5:30 pm

AM 3's, AM 4's, All-Dayers, Kindergarten and First Grade

Friday, May 10 5:30 pm

PM 3's, PM 4's, Kindergarten and First Grade

A list of costume suggestions was sent home last week, along with your child's choice of animal. If you should have any questions regarding your child's costume, please feel free to talk with me!! I have a few headbands/head pieces if you would like to borrow one for the play.

Next week, we will concentrate on letter "Yy". Four year old classes, please bring something from home for show 'n' tell that begins with the letter "Yy".

Our bible verse that we will learn in class is Luke 11:28 "Hear the word of God."  
Have a great weekend with your family!! May God bless your family time together!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Short o words-** A booklet is going home in your child's yellow folder. Please have them read a few pages to you each night during your nightly reading.

**Spring sports-** Many of the kids have mentioned that they are playing sports. I told the kids I would be happy to come and watch a game as long as I know a few days in advance and I don't already have something planned. Please let me know of any upcoming games.

**Spring Play-** Just a reminder that our dress rehearsal is on Wednesday, May 8. Your child needs to have their costume on that day.

**Life skill-** I STILL need lots more help in order for our sewing project to be a success. There is a sign up sheet on our classroom door. The students are really excited to make their own stuffed animal but I really can't do it alone.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

I'm so excited, I just wanted to share this with you: there was a moose in our house's front yard this morning!

Things are getting busier around here! We are practicing for our play quite a bit, and we've started our school-wide Bocce Ball tournament at recess.

Please keep our first grade student, Quinn, in your prayers; she broke her finger and will need surgery on it.

Our Memory Work for Tuesday, April 30 is The 7th Commandment: You shall not steal. and for Thursday, May 2, Psalm 50:15

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

God's blessings to you and have a wonderful weekend!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

#### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 4/30 - Matthew 28:19-20
- 5/2 - Revelation 2:10b
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus Ascends into Heaven; A Replacement for Judas is Chosen)

#### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day.
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- Continue to work through the xtra math program.
- Spelling: next week we are starting unit 4! We will be learning about word parts. Some words can be broken into word parts that include prefixes, suffixes, and base words. A base word is a word that cannot be broken down. Prefixes are added to the beginning of base words and suffixes are added to the end.

#### Extra Notes

- Writing: we are starting our unit on poetry, starting with talking about a Haiku poem.
- Math: a group started their chapter on measurement while the other group is working on division with and without remainders.
- Social Studies: we are finishing our unit on holidays. The kids got to create a holiday they would like to add to the list of holidays they already celebrated.
- Reading: one group started reading the boxcar children and the other group is finishing James and the Giant Peach.
- Science: we have moved onto our next unit of working through the engineering process. This unit, the kids are going to be able to make boats out of materials they are given.
- If you have any pictures from our field trip last week, please send them to my email: [erikarosenbaum@stmatthewspokane.org](mailto:erikarosenbaum@stmatthewspokane.org)
- We could use a few more baby wipes and tissues. If you are able to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

#### Memory Work a week ahead

- 4/30 - Matthew 28:19, 20
- 5/2 - Matthew 18:20
- 5/3 - The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- It is really important your child is practicing memory work at home, so they can recite it on the due date. If they don't say on the due date, they will be staying in from recess until they can recite it.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (Doubting Thomas & Jesus Appears in Galilee)

#### Homework

- Work on spelling words for the week
- Continue to work on xtramath

#### Extra Notes

- MAP Testing starts next week, please make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and eating well.
- Please turn in hot lunch forms with money if your child plans on getting hot lunch.
- New spelling lists have been sent home in your child's folder.
- 3rd-8th is singing on April 28th at 10am (This Sunday) please plan to attend.

Have a great weekend!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**Word of God** - Jesus prepares his disciples (and us) to be witnesses is the theme of our lessons this week. In response we eagerly go and tell others about Jesus the Savior in accordance with the Great Commission.

**Reading** - We have been introduced to a new major character in our book, Chiaroscuro, is he good or bad? He likes the light, but lives in darkness. What does this mean with symbolism?

**Social Studies/Writing** - Every student has chosen which National park they will be doing research on and writing about. We will be doing a majority of the work in class. If I send it home, it is because they are falling behind on what needs to be done. Please help them to catch up, as I will be doing the same in class. Thank you in advance for the help.

#### EXTRA NOTES:

**Save the date** - Grades 3-8 sing during the worship service **THIS** Sunday, April 28 @ 10:00 AM. Can't wait to worship with you!

**Spokane Symphony at the Fox Theater** - I will be sending home more information with the permission slip next week as I will need a count for how many seats to be reserved by May 3.

**Field Trip to Rosauers** - May 8 from 1-2 pm

**National Park Pass Information** - Here is the link: [Every kid Outdoors](#).

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

We have just a little bit over a month of classes left in the year! I'm trying to keep the learning activities fresh so the kids don't get bored and slide into the end of the year. Keep an eye out for that lazy slump at home and if the adults can keep encouraging (or prodding) the students along, we should be able to finish the year strongly.

Toward that goal of a strong finish, we are watching a video this week called [The Road to Emmaus](#). Part of the discussion is how well it represents the Biblical account from [Luke 24](#), and part of it is when we could share this video with someone else in our own lives. Please feel free to check those out and have a similar discussion with your child!



In other classes, the 5th grade math students are learning about area with square units, while the 6th grade math students are finishing their chapter on how fractions, decimals, and percentages are related. In science class, we are learning about heat transfer and how to speed up and slow down that process. In social studies, we have begun our study of original documents from the American Revolution as part of our structured academic controversy to help us determine whether the American Revolution was virtuous or not. Finally, in English class we have completed our study of the parts of speech and have begun to practice with proper punctuation.

Last of all, some of our students have decided to participate in a class skit for the talent show. This will not count as an individual performance, so students can still sign up to demonstrate their own talent if they'd like. As of right now, 14 of the students are going to perform a song parody with their teacher about being ready for summer break.

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Let the bocce begin! This week we started our annual bocce ball tournament, which means that spring and the fourth quarter are well underway. We really only have about a month left in the school year, and it is going to go fast.

Next week's memory work is:

Monday 4/29: Psalm 31:15a, Psalm 90:12, Proverbs 6:6; Wednesday 5/1: 1 Corinthians 10:31, Galatians 5:13b; Thursday 5/2: Hymn 391:1,4-6; Friday 5/3: Deuteronomy 8:17,18, Psalm 24:1, Luke 16:13

History class this week has focused on two different aspects, but really, they both go hand in hand. We identified all the different countries and cultures that heavily influenced the PNW, and we also identified how this influence led to the growth of 4 major cities in the area: Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, and Spokane. We are currently looking at the period from 1880-1910 and seeing how much changed in the PNW during this period. The population, for an example, rose from 75,000 in 1880 to 1.2 million in 1910 in Washington State alone. You'll have to tune in next week to learn.....the rest of the story. (Little Paul Harvey shout out for you)

We began a new unit this week on genetics and mutations in science. Along with this study, we started out by looking at traits and the different variations that we see in traits. The students may be asking you some questions as well in connection with traits, so if you get asked.....sorry!

We sing this Sunday in the 10:00 service. I appreciate you taking the time to have your students come for the service so that they can participate with their class in singing.

We found out this last weekend that Mr. Zabel has accepted the call to come and serve at St. Matthew. I look forward to working with him to determine teaching duties between the two of us moving forward.

I pray that God gives you a safe and blessed weekend! See you Sunday!

WA529 3rd Annual

“What is your dream job?”

# ART CONTEST



Enter April 1 - May 1, 2024\*



How does your child imagine their future?  
Give them art supplies & find out!



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GET or DreamAhead  
savings account!



## HOW TO ENTER:

1. Go to [529.wa.gov/art-contest](https://529.wa.gov/art-contest) or scan the QR Code below.
2. Read important details, entry requirements, and Official Rules.
3. Students independently create art showing their dream job.
4. Parents check that art meets entry requirements and confirm that **WA529** or **Washington College Savings Plans** is visible on art.
5. Parents complete online entry & submit art

\*Contest opens April 1, 2024. All entries must be received by 11:59 pm on May 1, 2024.



# DREAM. CREATE. WIN.



## The Good Shepherd Knows

A fan can know a lot about a celebrity on a superficial level. They can know the celebrity's birthday, life story, and so many other details. However, if they were to bump into each other in public, the celebrity would know nothing about the fan. It's a one-sided, superficial relationship at best.

Have you ever thought of your relationship with Jesus in the same way— "I know a lot about him, but does he really know me?" Or maybe you are searching the Bible to learn more about God and what he's like, but does he really know you? It's actually the other way around. Jesus, your Good Shepherd, knows you. And not on a superficial level. He knows you better than you know him. In fact, he knew you, loved you, and laid down his life for you before you ever came to know him.

Before the sheep realized the danger, the shepherd knew and acted to save the sheep. Before it ever dawned on us how much we needed Jesus and his salvation, he laid down his life for us. He knows his sheep. He knows you intimately. At first thought, it might startle you to realize

God knows you that well. Perhaps there are things about you that no one else knows, and it would terrify you if they did. Jesus knows those things. However, it didn't lead him to run away or shun you. It led him to lay down his life for you. Listen to what your Good Shepherd calls you: my sheep!

He knows your deepest needs better than you do, and he knows how best to meet them. He knows the guilt you've felt and the trouble you've experienced. He takes you in his arms, cleanses you of all guilt, and calms your troubled heart. Your Savior knows you and loves you.

You are his!

### Prayer:

Lord, shepherd me through the ups and downs of life and grant all that I need, as you know best. Amen.

*Want more daily devotions?  
[I get them here!](#)*



[Jesus said] "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

**John 10:14,15**