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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.

THANK YOU!!!! <3

I am so blown away by the love and support that was shown last week-end at the auction!!! I am so incredibly thankful to God for each of you who prayed, volunteered, and/or donated to this event to help make it successful! The more I think about it, the more I can't help but thank God for his hand in everything at St. Matthew over the years! We are INCREDIBLY blessed to have the family here that we do, and that family extends so much further than even I realize sometimes! It was so special to see current school families, church

families, and many alumni all together in one place! I am truly so appreciative of each and every one of you! Thank you for making the auction a success!

Auction Donation Total

Thanks to many generous donations, we were able to raise \$19,____. What a blessing this money will be for our growing school!

Academic Fair

Reminder that our academic fair is taking place tomorrow evening! If your child is doing a speech, please arrive no later than 4:45PM and make sure you know which classroom you are presenting in (sheet sent home earlier this week, and also posted on classroom doors). Dinner will be provided outside throughout the duration of the event — hot dogs, antipasto tray, veggies, chips, etc. Please come and support the kids!

Yearbooks

If you haven't paid for your yearbook yet, please make sure to do so. They are \$10! Books should arrive before the end of the school year, so kids can sign each other's before summer starts!

Modular Setup Crew?

We are looking for several volunteers to help set up tables and other classroom items for the modular classrooms. This will make the transition so much easier for the teachers when we are finally able to move into the classrooms! If you are able to help us out, please speak with Mr. Biebert. Thank you!

4/29 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Martin

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Martin

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.

Meet Math

Our upper grades competed in Meet Math—a math competition between WELS schools. Our 5-6 grades placed 6th out of 21 schools, and 7-8 grades placed 2nd out of 19 schools in their division!!! Individual accolades are for the following students:

- Mae Landrus (6th grade) — 6th place
- Liam Tumlinson (6th grade) — 5th place
- Karalina Van Horne (7th grade) — 3rd place
- Leah West (7th grade) — 1st place

Congratulations on your achievements!!! Please check out their pictures on page 4.

Academic Fair TOMORROW!
5pm - 8pm

Softball/Track

Softball has a game next week on Monday 5/2 and Wednesday 5/4. Make sure to be checking remind for any updates. Also make sure to be communicating with the teachers if you plan to take a sibling out of school to the games. The track meet is scheduled for May 9 6:20-8:00 pm at Spokane Community College. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help at the meet. All athletes and volunteers are asked to be there by 6 if possible! The track athletes had a chance to sign up for the events they would like to participate in. We will spend Fancy Fridays practicing some of

the events.

Junior Choir Singing

Thank you to all those in Junior Choir who sang at church last Sunday! It was truly a beautiful Easter reminder!

StageCraft, Props and Costumes... Oh My!

We are still looking for foam swords, a couple of shields, and medieval/renaissance dresses. If you have any that we could possibly borrow, please speak with Mrs. Most. Parents of cast members, your child will need black leggings, athletic

pants, or sweatpants to wear during the show. Thank you for making sure your child has those ahead of time.

Parenting Article

Please view the latest parenting article [here](#). This article highlights some reasons why outdoor play is essential for all kids.

May Calendar

Our May calendar is available to view online. Please take a look — May is one of the busiest school months for us all!

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

A brand new week in preschool!! 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 has some cutting pages with frogs on them. The kids can practice their scissor skills and cut on the lines around the frogs. 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!! All of the classes had a great time making a Frog puppet this week because "We are Hoppy to be in Preschool!"

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 and animal sounds!! Our musical, "Too Much Noise!!" is going to be a great hit!!

Musical Performance Times:

Thursday, May 12 6:30 pm
Morning 3's, Morning 4's, All-Dayers and Kindergarten

Friday, May 13 6:30 pm
Afternoon 3's, Afternoon 4's and Kindergarten

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

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

Our bible verse that we will learn in class is Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always." Have a great weekend with your family!! May God bless your family time together!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Math

We compared numbers using the card game WAR. The kids really enjoyed it! We didn't use A, J,Q,K so if you decide to play at home just know we were only working with numbers.

Memory Work

May 5- The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58:11

Academic Fair

The Academic Fair is this Friday. If your child is presenting they need to be at school by 4:45. Anyone is welcome to come! 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!

Instructions for costumes went home yesterday on an orange piece of paper. Let me know if you have any questions. We had 6 practices this week for our musical. I am so proud of how hard my students are working!

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 some-time 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

- 5/3 - Revelation 2:10b
- 5/5 - Romans 8:28a
- Please read the Bible stories (Jesus Ascends Into Heaven and A Replacement For Judas is Chosen) from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the GREEN sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 9-1) will be due May 2.
- Lightning Words (Theme 9 Week 2) will be due May 6. Make sure to be turning these in or a free pass will be used.
- Spelling test will be on May 6. We are working on making words plural by adding -es. These are the words for next week: dishes, dresses, boxes, beaches, wishes, kisses, classes, brushes, before, after. Please work with your child to learn these words.
- Read 20 minutes a day.

2nd Grade Homework

- Spelling test will be on May 6. We are working on contractions this week. These are the words for next week: I'll, she'll, it'll, can't, didn't, couldn't, don't, haven't, I'd, we'd, you'd, he'd. Please work with your child to learn these words.
- Read 20 minutes a day.

Extra Notes

- Please bring a water bottle every day!
- The academic fair starts at 5 pm tomorrow evening. I hope to see you there!
- MAP testing will be taking place next week. Please remind your child to take their time and do their best!
- We are about to start the last month of school. It is crazy how fast this year has gone by. I have loved being your child's teacher throughout this year and I hope that we all finish the year strong!

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

We are working hard at finishing the year strong with great effort on our work! We are working on a classroom bingo game and if we earn a bingo, then we will have 10 fun activities/days for the last 10 days of school. We are also working on an individual bingo with a special prize just for them! I can't wait to see who gets bingo first!

Science - We are busy learning about the plant and animal kingdoms. This week we began working on a slide presentation of one division of the animal kingdom! They have received a rubric to go along with the instructions to know exactly what the criteria is.

Social Studies - We are continuing to work on our Washington State reports which includes state symbols, famous Washingtonians, our history, and explorers.

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 and settle in a new place. How do you build a log cabin, a door with no lock, and a chimney? 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 next week. Please help your child's success, by having them get a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast the next morning.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Thank you to so many of you who came, helped out, or prayed about the auction. It was a wonderful night to thankful for the school that God has given us!

Please note: Next week is our last MAP testing session for the week. Please try your best to have your students at school and breakfasted up so that they are in their best state of minds for their testing. Thank you for helping out!

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 5/2: Romans 5:1, 2 Corinthians 8:9; Wednesday 5/4: John 8:31; Thursday 5/5: Hymn 138 Friday 5/6: 1 Timothy 2:5, 1 John 2:1

The Revolution has begun, or has it? We have started to look at some of the early battles of the Revolution, however, we have discussed that even after a few battles had started, both sides had many who still were not wanting full on war. Hannah Roth and Hannah Benson got to play act the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga. Hannah Benson played Ethan Allen, and Hannah Roth played the role of the Lil' Rat, a British General.

The 7-8th grade is preparing a report to Congress on the Nuclear Hanford Reservation. They are working in groups of three and each one of them has taken a role. One is going to be an ethnographer, one a ecologist, and one is a Native representative. They have each been tasked with researching information that will hopefully lead Congress to more quickly find a resolution to the lingering effects that are still around from the Nuclear Reservation even today.

We are still studying how taxonomists classify animals in science class. The students are creating notecards to classify different divisions of plants and different phyla of animals.

I am excited to see the children display their God-given academic abilities tomorrow night at the academic fair. I appreciate you supporting your children's academic abilities.

I pray you have a blessed weekend. Enjoy the Spring Weather!!!



Mae Landrus

Karalina Van Horne

Leah West

Liam Tumlinson
(Benjo giving his best Liam T. impersonation haha)

Resurrection Proof

Have you ever been channel surfing late at night and come across one of those infomercials with the super energetic spokesperson? After a few minutes, you start thinking, “Maybe I do need one of those salad spinners. After all, they do come in six amazing colors. And I really should eat more salads.” Those infomercial producers know you won’t purchase something on blind faith; you need proof. And if you see that proof—that the product really works—maybe you’ll consider buying theirs. That’s why the spokesperson for the salad spinner is energetic, happy, and in great shape. If you act now, this can all be yours for just \$19.99.

The disciples wanted proof. They had seen Jesus die. His body had been taken off the cross and placed into the tomb. The disciples had been shaken. What they didn’t know yet was that Jesus had risen from the grave. He was alive. Jesus, on Easter evening, appeared to those shaken disciples and set their minds and hearts at ease.

But Thomas wasn’t there. So, Jesus appeared to him a week later. He didn’t have to, but our patient

Savior reached out to Thomas and gave him what he was looking for: proof. What was unbelievable just a few days ago, wasn’t so far-fetched now that Thomas could see Jesus with his own eyes.

We have doubts, fears, and struggles too. Our patient Savior comes to us with promises that are always reliable. He points us to the cross—proof our sins are forgiven. He points us to the empty tomb—proof that he lives and that the Father has accepted and approved of his payment for sin. He holds out his scarred hands and assures us we have peace with God. No need to act now or make a payment;

Jesus already has!

Prayer:

Lord, in my times of doubt, strengthen me with your promises. You died for me. You rose again. You are with me always! Amen.

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

John 20:26,27