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The Timber Times
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School News

Upcoming Youth Group

Youth group is this Sunday from 4-5:30PM! We are heading to Eagles Ice Arena to do some ice skating! If you would like to attend but haven't paid yet, you can still pay at the door! We are looking forward to this get-together!

Track & Field

Track and Field has their second meet next week Wednesday (May 7). Details are still being figured out and some details may change, so please stay tuned for those details. Track and Field will also have their end of the season party at school on May 15 3:45-4:30 - popsicles will be provided.

Softball

Softball had two games this week! Next week, they have two more games! Game 1 is on Tuesday, May 6th at Lake City. Game 2 is on May 8th at Linwood Park against Faith Christian. See the google calendar for times and dismissal. Please keep communicating with your child's teacher if you are taking other siblings out of school to attend the games. Thank you!

Miss Taasaas Meal Train

Thank you for everyone who has volunteered to make a meal so far! If you'd like to sign up for a meal, there are still spots — use [this](#) link! Please sign up for a meal as you are able. Thank you!



Spring Yardwork Help!

There's still time to reserve one of four remaining dates and hire a group of 6th/7th graders to help with your spring yardwork! They earn money for their educational trip to Washington DC next year, and YOU get help with that pesky yard project you've been putting off. It's a win-win! Just look at the next page to see what these kids can do.

Available yardwork dates: May 9, May 10, May 16, May 17

Contact Hailey Landrus (509-552-9989) today to reserve your yardwork date before time runs out!

Pokemon Club

The Pokemon club's last meeting will be tomorrow, Friday, May 2nd from 3:45-5 pm. A note was sent home last week about the End of the Year Tournament on Saturday, May 17th from 3-5pm. If your child still needs a copy of the note, please have them stop by Mrs. Most's classroom to pick one up.

BookIt! Celebration

We are heading to Chaos to celebrate the students who completed at least 5 bookit calendars throughout this school year! This outing is set for May 14th in the afternoon. A note went home last week if this event pertains to your child. Please fill that out and return to your child's teacher as soon as you are able.

DC Hot Lunch

Pizza is being served for lunch tomorrow! If you haven't returned your slip or paid yet, please reach out to Naomi Foxall 208-859-1456.

Piano Recital

Our Spring piano recital is right around the corner — please save the date for May 13th at 5:30PM

Junior Choir

Our next scheduled rehearsal is on Monday, May 5th from 3:45-4:30 pm. Each child brought home a flyer with the QR code for purchasing tickets to the game on Thursday, May 8th. Each choir member receives a free ticket to the game. The game begins at 6:35 pm and we will sing around 6:30 pm. We will meet at Avista Stadium at about 5:55 pm so we can warm up and head onto the field at 6:15 pm.

25-26 School Calendar

Don't forget — you can find next year's calendar on our [website](#) if you need it for planning purposes.



Teacher Appreciation Week

I just have to say — you parents are incredible!!! Thank you to all those who have signed up to help out, donated

Upcoming Dates

May

- 1 Softball Game @ PCA 4:00PM
- 2 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 2 DC Hot Lunch — Pizza!
- 2 Pokemon Club 3:45-5PM — Church Basement
- 5 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM—Mrs. Most's Room
- 6 Softball Game @ Lake City 3:30PM
- 6 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 7 Track & Field Meet 5:00PM @ SFCC
- 8 Softball Game vs. Faith Christian 3:30PM — Linwood Park
- 8 PreK-1 Musical 5:30PM
- 8 Junior Choir Sings Anthem @ Avista 6:30PM
- 9 PreK-1 Musical 5:30PM
- 13 Softball Game vs. PCA 3:30PM — Holmberg Park
- 13 Piano Recital 5:30PM
- 14 BookIt! Event @ Chaos Arcade 12:50PM
- 15 Softball Game vs. Christian Heritage 3:30PM — Holmberg Park
- 15 End of the Year Party — Track & Field
- 16-17 Grades 7-8 Campout
- 16 Early Release — NOON
- 17 Pokemon Club — End of Year Tournament 10AM-NOON
- 18 Confirmation Sunday
- 19-20 Softball League Tournament — TBD
- 21 Grade 4 Concert @ The Fox — 10AM-NOON
- 22 Preschool Graduation 5:30PM
- 23 Last Day of Preschool!

money, or reached out to me so far! The big week starts on Monday, and there is still time to donate or volunteer if you'd like! Check out the page on our website for details.



Carnival of Thanks

Please save the date for our end of the year "Carnival of Thanks!" We are so grateful for all of you amazing students and parents, and we want to send of this school

More news
on the next
page!

year in style! Please see the flyer on the next page for more details, and [RSVP here](#).



Rafting Adventure — Memorial Day

If you would be interested in rafting the Lochsa River on Memorial Day with a group of people from St Matthew, please speak to Pastor West. This is a highly regarded river by whitewater enthusiasts. The cost will be about \$200.

A Few Dates to Save

- “Bugz” The Musical — May 8 & 9 @ 5:30PM
- Last Chapel Service — May 30 @ 10:00AM *first graders will be receiving their bibles during this service*
- Graduation Service — June 1 @ 1:00PM *K-8 sing during this service*

BEFORE



AFTER

You are invited to...

A CARNIVAL OF THANKS

Thursday, May 29



3:30-4:45 - Games

4:45-5:30 - Food

5:30-6:00 - Outdoor Concert

Activities

- concert
- lawn games
- prize giveaway
- bouncy house

Food

- hot dogs
- chips
- apples
- popcorn

Please RSVP online by May 9

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

What another amazing week in preschool!! We are starting our new theme of Ocean. But first, we needed to finish up our marble painted crosses!! All of our classes completed this project and they are hanging in our classroom for all to see!! Come and see that "Jesus Has Risen!"

We had fun painting paper plates all red this week. We are going to create crabs in a few days with red legs and googly eyes!! Just wait and see!! They will come home soon!!

We have Pete the Cat in our Listening Center. He has his Four Groovy Buttons. The kiddos get to listen and sing along to this fun song!! We have some fun Ocean pictures in our Art center that the kids can watercolor. We also have a great Ocean puzzle that the kids can create in our Reading Center. Lots of fun times in our Centers.

We have been focusing on our musical, "Bugz" these past few weeks. We have been practicing with Kindergarten and First grade these days. Your kiddos have probably been singing several songs at home!! Encourage this singing!! It is going to be an amazing performance!! Come and join us May 8 and 9!!!!

NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

Christ Light Bible Story: "Jesus Goes Back to Heaven."

Bible Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 4:14 "Jesus died and rose again."

Theme: Ocean

Letter of the Week: "Xx"

Snack Person: 3's AM Blair 3's PM Penelope 4's AM Westley 4's PM Zeke

Upcoming Events: May 8 & 9 PreK -1 Musical 5:30 PM

May 22 - Preschool Graduation 5:30 PM

May 23 - 3-Year old Graduation - in class

Have a great weekend!! See you next week!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Word of the Week: flee. Ask your child to tell you what the word means and the sentence that they wrote in their journals! I can't wait to see the pictures!

Spring Musical- A note is going home tomorrow regarding next week. Costumes, dress rehearsal and cookies is the topic! I am excited to see the play and all of their hard work they are putting in.

ABC Countdown- Thank you for reaching and offering donations! The kids will be so appreciative! I hope they have been keeping you up to date about all of the fun things they have been doing for each letter!

Communication- Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the subs if you have any questions about anything. Last week a teaching schedule, with phone numbers was sent home, there is also a schedule posted on the door. You can also speak with Mr. Biebert.

Headphones- This week the kids finished up their last MAP tests for the year. Results will go home in a few weeks. We no longer need headphones so they are being sent home today as long as they finished both tests.

Nightly homework:

- Have your child read with you for 20 minutes.
- Memory work
- Keep practicing the lines. **They need to speak S L O W L Y and clearly!**
- XtraMath

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

We have had a busy week, with MAP testing, special classes, and lots of play practice!

In ChristLight we learned the exciting story of Elijah challenging the prophets of Baal to see who was the true God. The people found out for sure that God was the only true God when he sent fire down from heaven.

In Reading we are learning the oi sound, as in boil and toy, and the aw sound, as in paws and sauce.

In Math we finished up our lessons about coins and money and have turned our attention to telling time to the hour and half hour. In Music we are working on rhythm and the notes so and mi, and in Spanish we are learning weather vocabulary.

Next week is our play performance! We will have two dress rehearsals on Wednesday. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING THEIR COSTUME TO SCHOOL NEXT WEDNESDAY, MAY 7! Thank you! Also, please bring some kind of treat to share after the performance on Thursday, May 8. Thank you!

The play is really coming along. Thank you for your work in helping your child learn their lines and for getting a costume together for them. The show is super cute and the kids are doing a great job!

Memory Work for next week is Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. God's blessings on you and your family! Have a good weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 5/5 - 2nd Article of the Apostles Creed Part 1
- 5/7 - 2nd Article of the Apostles Creed Part 2
- Please read the Bible story from this week (A Boy Comes Back to Life; Naaman is Brought to Faith; God Sends Jonah to Nineveh) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day.
- Spelling: we will be working on ai, ay, igh, and y. Here are the words for next week: aim, snail, bay, braid, ray, always, gain, sly, chain, shy, bright, fright, tray, try, contain, and thigh.

Extra Notes

- Math - we learned about area, grams, kilograms, liters, and volume. We are almost done with this chapter, which leaves the last chapter to start introducing multiplication and division. The kids have been waiting for this chapter for a few months now!
- Reading - The kids read the story "Yeh-Shen". This fairytale story was about Yeh-Shen, who was a girl who grew up in China. She lived with her mean stepmother and stepsister. The story is very similar to Cinderella, so we compared and contrasted it to this story. We also worked on the letter combinations of ow, and ou. Lastly, we reviewed the sequence of events.
- Writing - we got to learn about bio poetry. A bio poem is written about your own life. It has 10 lines. Each line has a specific prompt to answer. The kids have started their poems, but since we had MAP testing this week, they will finish them next week.
- Science - we finished our plant unit this week. We started our last unit, which is going to help us learn about the engineering process.
- Social Studies - we learned about more holidays! This week, we talked about New Year's Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, and Memorial Day.
- We finished our last round of MAP testing this week.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 5/6 - 1 Timothy 2:3,4
- 5/8 - Matthew 28:19
- 5/9 - The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read these Bible stories with your child (Elijah & Elisha and The Shunammite Woman)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words
- Xtramath practice

What are we learning?

- In math we are working on long division.
- In social studies we are looking at the pacific region. The students did a comprehension activity on the reading.
- In reading we have started Charlotte's Web, so far the students are enjoying the book.
- In science we are learning about different types of fossils.

Extra Notes

- If your child is looking for something extra to do at home, they can be practicing their cursive writing. We have a final write coming up in the next couple of weeks.
- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- New spelling words will be in your child's Friday folder.
- Thank you for bringing your child to sing on Sunday, they sounded wonderful!
- I will be out of town from May 1st- May 4th for a friend's wedding. Please text Mr. Biebert with any questions or anything that comes up during Thursday and Friday.

Enjoy your weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Our lessons for this week are 8A - "Elijah and Elisha" and 8B - "Elisha and the Shunammite Woman." We've been learning why God is the Lord of life and death, how precious the gift of life is, and when our time of grace on earth is done, God will call us home, and we can have a victory celebration!+

Reading - Chiaroscuro, an artistic technique, the name of the second book, and the name of a rat, who we find loves the light.

But why, dear reader, does he love the light? What happened to him to cause a rat to love light?

Math - We are wrapping up our chapter on Fractions this week and will begin 2 digit division next week.

Science - We have moved on to the animal kingdom and the students are working on a powerpoint presentation to share with the class about a division of the animal kingdom and how they have adapted to their environment.

Extras

- Thank you to those families who were able to join us last Sunday. The children's voices were beautiful!
- We could use a few more kleenex boxes and wet wipes to help us make it to the end of the year. We are out of kleenex other than what we have in the classroom right now. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance!
- Please help your child remember to bring their water bottle to school every day, especially as the days are getting warmer, so they are drinking enough water.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our student message of the week comes from Kate, who says: "It's the last month of school!" Was that fast? I think that was fast.

In the classroom this week, we are learning about the split between Judah and Israel and the prophets sent by God during that time. In Math classes, the 5th graders are practicing measuring with metric units while the 6th grade had a test on proportions. In Science, I've had to make a change to my plans for the rest of the year because the website I use for lesson plans suddenly dropped them all. So we are doing an abbreviated end to our study on Creation and evolution, with a study of the debate between Bill Nye and Ken Ham in 2014 about the topic to end our unit. In English, we continue to learn about adjectives. In Reading, we had a test last week on finding the meaning of words based on context, using evidence to support inferences, and examining author methods for learning about character habits. We are continuing to practice some of those skills, and are adding in others like interpreting figurative language and explaining the structure of sentences and paragraphs. There is no Social Studies this week due to the special classes schedule.

We completed our MAP testing this week. Once all students have finished I will print and send home the results.

Thank you to Mrs. Ferre, Mr. Hallauer, Mrs. Hohenthal, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Turner for driving and chaperoning students for our field trip last week to Fairchild Air Force Base, and especially to Mrs. Corr for coordinating all the activities along with driving and chaperoning. We will have pictures available soon to view online and hopefully added to the photos on the railing outside the classroom.

The students have been working toward some end-of-the-year rewards recently, with the next one up being a pajama/fort/movie afternoon. I'll let you know when the time comes if they've earned it (probably soon, at the rate they're going.) Other potential rewards on the horizon include walking to Linwood Park for lunch and recess, or walking to Rosauer's to buy lunch and eat in the dining room up front. Permission slips for those will be sent home as appropriate.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Please refer to My Planbook whenever your child is absent from school. This way they can keep up with their assignments.

<https://app.planbook.com?t=2011934&k=1234&v=W&y=92524834>

This week in Bible class the students were asked "Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?". The goals of the lesson are to show students that God promises to hear and answer their prayers in the way that is best for them, to develop a spiritual attitude by submitting to God's will and believing his promises, and to develop a spiritual habit of praying continually. Their memory work for the week also reinforced the same spiritual ideas – Luke 11: 9,10 and Ephesians 3:20.

The seventh-grade math class will have learned about polygons (interior and exterior angles of polygons, convex and concave polygons, and regular polygons), triangles (acute, obtuse, right, equilateral, isosceles, and scalene triangles), congruent triangles, and how to construct triangles.

The students took a test on India earlier this week. They have begun a study of "China and the West". They will have learned that China was considered the Central Kingdom in Asia, the challenges to China namely Western trade, complete a map study of Southeast Asia, and the Christian missions to China.

This week in science class the students will continue to go on-line and view the different habitats of zoo animals and compare them with their natural habitats. They have several categories of animals they are researching – reptiles, birds, mammals, amphibians, and aquariums. This has been a great research project for the kids.

In English class the students have begun their study of plural nouns and their uses.

After the Easter break, the class will begin to read "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe". This should be an exciting book to end the school year.

Quote for the week – In Christ all things are possible.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

The Last Push!

Oophta! Can you believe that we are in May already? There are always lots of things going on during May as we make the last push towards the end of the school year. There are sports seasons to wrap up, different grades have their spring play, graduation, our annual appreciation dinner, teacher appreciation week, and many other things. Please take extra time to try and stay informed so that something doesn't get missed with so much business going on. We will still send out our weekly newsletters.....please read, we update our Google Calendar monthly.....please subscribe, we will put information sheets on the doors.....please don't ignore. We want you to leave every week saying, "Oh I'm informed, I'm super informed." Let us know if there is something we can do to keep you even more informed.

I plan to start sending out tuition agreements during the last week of May for our next school year. I should have all of these finished by the end of our first week in June. So, if you don't get yours right away, it is likely because your last name was Zebra and you weren't the first person on my list. Although I may start in reverse alphabetical order this year just to be a little wild and crazy.

Lastly, I will make my plea to help us refrain and control the annual spring drama. Yes, it happens every year. A full school year is a long time for us all to be together. Students get annoyed with other students, random weird acts of flirting pop up, students get annoyed with teachers, parents get annoyed with teachers and students, and teachers get annoyed with everyone.....jk. But, the reality is this happens every year. I think the devil works a double shift in the spring of the year to try and get everyone's feathers ruffled. While no one our campus is perfect and immune from the effects of sin, let's not forget that we are a team. We want the same goal of seeing all of our students and their families to grow spiritually and achieve academically. So, when drama arises this spring, don't forget to be a good listener, put yourself in another person's shoes, and please talk to the person directly that the situation involves. I have yet to see a problem that has gotten solved by ranting about the issue to someone who it didn't involve.

May God grant you all a blessed end of the year. May the only drama you find be at the end of the year Prek-1st grade play "BUGZ". Have a blessed weekend.

The Alpha & Omega.

We were lying awake on the cool grass on a quiet country night, staring up at the sky. Suddenly, the stars started to move, leaving a brief burning trail as they streaked across the heavens. At one point, the trail of one meteor, as thick as my finger, arched from one horizon to the other. Yet, I couldn't even share it with others. The moment was gone before I could even say a word.

Now, imagine something even more glorious. Our Bible reading for today states that one day, Jesus is coming back. Whether we are awake or asleep, alive or deceased, everyone who loves him and those who rejected him will see him. This isn't some frightening fairytale. It's a fact.

No one will miss it, but some will miss out. You see, this is no ordinary event. Because Jesus, who was pierced for our transgressions, is returning to set all things right. Those who loved him and longed for his return will weep for joy. But those who rejected him will weep in despair.

But we don't want anyone

to miss out. So, whether at work, school, home, on the road, or out in public, live with purpose. Every blessing we receive and every challenge we face takes on a deeper meaning. Life isn't about surviving; it's about preparing ourselves and others for eternity. Those blessings and challenges are all opportunities to point others to the hope we have in Jesus. He's coming to make all things new.

Sometimes, life moves pretty fast. Sometimes, life moves pretty slowly. But Jesus reminds us that he remains the same—yesterday, today, and forever. He was there in the beginning, and he'll carry you to the end. So, love

boldly. Speak gently. Serve joyfully. The King is coming!

Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus, strengthen my faith, fill me with joy, and give me opportunities to point others to you. Amen.

*Want more daily devotions?
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“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:7,8