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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.

PreK-K Musical

Next week the Preschool and Kindergarten classes will be putting on their performance of "Too Much Noise!" We are so excited to see this show! Thank you in advance to all the work the teachers and aides have put into this production! Dress rehearsal is on Wednesday at noon; AM3, AM4, and K are performing on Thursday at 6:30PM; PM3, PM4, & K are performing on Friday at 6:30PM! We hope you can join us!

5-8 Grade Camping

Upper graders are heading out to Beaver Lodge on May 19-21! Parents, a note was sent home yesterday regarding this field trip—please return it by May 13.

Academic Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped make our academic fair a success! It was so refreshing to watch the kids display their academic abilities! Everyone did such a wonderful job!

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

If you volunteered to help set up items in the modular, please check your email—Mr. Biebert sent some information!

Piano Recital

Mrs. Roberg is hosting the spring piano recital at church next Monday 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

Next week they have practice on Monday May 9 and a game on Tuesday May 10 and Wednesday May 11. The softball tournament will be May 16 and 17. The bracket got sent home today with the kids. We are scheduled to play Lake City at 4 pm on May 16. If we win we move to play on May 17 at 2 pm. If we lose then we play right away again at 6 pm on May 16. Miss Rosenbaum will be sending out reminds with this information as well!

The track meet is scheduled for May 9 6:20-8:20 pm at Spokane Community College. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help at the meet. All athletes and volunteers are asked to

5/6 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Lee

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Lee

be there by 6 if possible! You should've received a half sheet of paper full of information about the track meet. Please let Miss Rosenbaum know if you didn't.

Meet Math

The kids received their plaque for their math competition this week—check out the picture on page 2! Congratulations again to all the 7-8 graders who overall placed 2nd in their division!

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!

Thank you to all those who have allowed us to borrow any outfits or items for the musical! It is greatly appreciated! We could still use one or two more 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](#). Have we mentioned how important it is to play with your kiddos???

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)

How can it be May already?? This month is going to just zoom by and school will be over before we know it!! We are still focusing on Frogs this week, with a little Mother's Day, some seed planting and a few play practices thrown in to make things exciting!!

Thank You SO very much to all of the families that so graciously blessed my aides and me with beautiful gifts for Teacher Appreciation Week!! We are SO blessed to have YOU in our lives!! We truly appreciate all of YOU!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!! You are all SO amazing!!

All of our Centers are still geared towards our Frog Theme. We have lily pads in our Drama Center that the children can play a bean bag toss game. Our Math Center has cards with a frog and some flies. The children need to count the number of flies and clip the clothespin on the correct number. The Reading Center is chocked full of Frog books and our Sensory Center still has gel beads, lily pads, frogs and water that the children can have fun with water play. A great week in preschool!!

Next Wednesday, May 11 at 12:00 noon, we have our BIG dress rehearsal for our musical, "Too Much Noise". A note went home this week detailing the procedure. Three year old and four year old classes are invited to attend this rehearsal. Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13 are the performance nights. Morning 3's, morning 4's and Kindergarten will perform on Thursday night at 6:30 pm. Afternoon 3's, afternoon 4's and Kindergarten will perform on Friday night at 6:30 pm. The children have been working extremely hard on this play. We hope to see all of you there!!

Next week, we will be reviewing letters "U, V, W, X, Y and Z". Four year old classes, please bring something for show 'n' tell that begins with any of those letters.

Our bible verse we will learn in class is Luke 11:28 "Hear the word of God."

Have a blessed weekend and let all of the moms in your life know that you appreciate them!! Happy Mother's Day!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Graduation

Kindergarten graduation is a month away on Sunday, June 5 at 10 am. They will be getting their diplomas as well as singing a song during the service. I will send the words home in your child's yellow folder. We are singing verses 1 and 3 as well as the refrain.

Memory Work

May 12- Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

Academic Fair

I am so proud of how hard everyone worked at the Academic Fair! I hope everyone was able to stop by and see the art that K-8th did and hear some of the speeches. God has blessed our students with so many wonderful gifts.

Too Much Noise!

Our dress rehearsal is at noon on Wednesday, May 11. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please make sure your child has their costume at school that morning.

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/Christlight

- 5/10 - Romans 1:16
- 5/12 - 1 Peter 5:8b
- Please read the Bible stories (The Coming of the Holy Spirit and Peter's Sermon) from this week with your child this week-end and sign and return the GREEN sheet.

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 9-2) will be due May 9.
- Lightning Words (Theme 9 Week 3) will be due May 13. Make sure to be turning these in or a free pass will be used.
- Spelling test will be on May 13. We are working on the vowel sound in coin. These are the words for next week: coin, soil, boy, oil, toy, point, moist, destroy, together, enough. Please work with your child to learn these words.
- Read 20 minutes a day.

2nd Grade Homework

- Spelling test will be on May 13. We are working on whether or not we need to drop the final e before adding the suffix. These are the words for next week: making, taking, having, baked, saved, loved, shaker, gamer, loveable, useless, hopeful, and bravest. Please work with your child to learn these words.
- Read 20 minutes a day.

Extra Notes

- Please bring a water bottle every day!
- Toys have been being brought to school and given to other children. Please keep the toys at home unless it is being brought to school for show-n-tell. Also remind your child not to be trading items at school. Thank you.
- Headphones will be getting sent home this week as we no longer will need them. Please do not have your child keep them in their backpack. Keep them at home.
- Make sure to have your child wear tennis shoes on Fridays.
- We will be singing "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" for the graduation service on June 5. We will be singing verses 1 and 3 along with the refrain. A copy of the music will be in your child's pink folder.

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Thank you for the outpouring of love and support during this teacher appreciation week! I have enjoyed teaching your child this year! To see all the growth and new knowledge take root really is incredible! Thank you!

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. The presentations will be presented on Monday.

Social Studies - We are wrapping up our work on our Washington State reports. They are due on Monday. Our next area of study are the Native Americans across the United States.

Reading - We are continuing our adventure with the Ingalls family in Little House on the Prairie. We have learned about digging a well and the dangers that go along with it.

Extra Notes-

- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day.
- Thank you to everyone who came to the Academic Fair and supported all our students! It was a great night seeing all the talent the Lord has blessed the students with.
- Mark your calendars, we are set to sing for graduation on Sunday, June 5th at 10 am. It will be great to hear all of the children's voices sing together one more time this year.
- The school-wide bocce ball tournament has begun! Each student partnered up with a student from a different classroom and came up with a team name. Now the fun begins during recess. Who will come out on top?
- We have a lot of summer birthdays in our classroom! So if you/your child would like to celebrate their birthday during the

school year let me know what day during their week would work best for you!
June birthdays will be celebrated the week of May 16-20.
July birthdays will be celebrated the week of May 23-27.
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

The first week of our last month of school is done! Our last MAP test of the year is done! However, the annual bocce ball tourney is just beginning. This will be our biggest tournament yet.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 5/9: Psalm 103:1,2, Psalm 118:1; Wednesday 5/11: Third Article; Friday 5/13: Isaiah 1:18, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Corinthians 9:7

Our chapter 11 test for 5-6th grade history is next Tuesday. Next week we will begin digging into the heart of the Revolution. I am excited to show the children the video that we watched in Washington D.C. in 4D about the Revolution. I will have to shake their chairs and throw snow at them in order to give them the 4D experience in our classroom though.

The 7-8th grade history class finished up their reports to Congress on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation this week. Next week we will continue to dig into this topic a bit more.

We are close to finishing up our study of the taxonomy of organisms. A test is coming soon.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach your children. During teacher appreciation week it has reminded me how wonderful my job truly is. Yes, teaching can be frustrating at times, but each day is fun, exciting, and totally worth it. Thank you for all you do to help in our partnership with your child's education.

Please don't forget to turn in your camping trip forms. It is crazy that trip is coming up already. God's Blessings on your week-ends.

The End

God has wired us for stories. Our own experience reflects this. If someone presents us with endless bullets of factoids on a PowerPoint screen, we will likely lose interest. Weave that same information into a gripping story, however, and our attention remains. It's simply how our Creator has put us together.

This probably should come as no surprise. After all, Christianity is the greatest story of all time, and a story that happens to be absolutely true. It starts with Creation, then the Fall into sin, then God's promise to send a Savior from sin. Then, God guides the twists and turns of history until the moment is right for the Savior to arrive. When he does, Jesus Christ does exactly what needs to be done to live a holy life on our behalf and suffer and die for our every sin. Then, according to his promise, he rises from the dead.

And this drama is still unfolding. You and I are fighting the good fight. We battle the temptations of the world, the temptations of Satan, the temptations of our old sinful natures. Often we overcome, but sometimes we stumble. Sometimes we fall. When we do, The Bible brings us

to repentance, Jesus refreshes us in his forgiveness, and his gospel empowers us to get back up.

Through all of this, you and I are collecting scars, but that's all right. We know it's all right because our Lord has chosen to tell us how this ultimate adventure is going to end. In the last book of the Bible, the apostle John receives a revelation of what you and I are going to see. In the end, there is victory and peace and joy, unbridled and pure. Jesus is at the center. Multitudes of angels are there. You and I are there, along with all those of all time who have trusted in Jesus. And we fill

the heavens with our shouts and songs.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for showing me how all this is going to end. Refresh me day by day as I fight the good fight. Amen.

In a loud voice they were saying:
 “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
 to receive power and wealth and
 wisdom and strength and honor and
 glory and praise!”

Revelation 5:12