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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Dads and Donuts

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us between 7:45 and 8:45 on the basketball court where you will get to enjoy donuts and milk while you create a fun project with your child(ren). A coffee cart with also be available for you to purchase your favorite morning beverage. Moms, grandmas, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. are more than welcome to come if dad is not available. We will also have members from our church who are available to chaperone your child if a family member is unable to attend. Please remember this is a school day and students should arrive no later than 8:30 am. Following this event we would love for you to join your child for chapel. Pastor West will have a special service geared toward dads and their role in their child's life.

Please use [this link](#) to sign up by September 13<sup>th</sup>.



### Annual Church Campout

Don't forget — our annual retreat is September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. We HIGHLY recommend attending this fun weekend — it truly is such a relaxing time! Your kids will get to spend time outside of school with friends, you will get to know other, and DRUMROLL PLEASE — all the meals are cooked for you!!!! Please consider joining us, whether it's for the full weekend or just a portion. Pastor West can answer any questions you have (509)217-9617. Forms were sent home last weekend and are due on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Need a new form? Talk to your child's teacher:)

### Panda Express Fundraiser

Start planning — on September 19<sup>th</sup>, we are working with Panda Express to

raise money for St. Matthew! The most exciting part—this event is a virtual fundraiser, meaning that you can use the code ANYWHERE in the US! You can share this with friends and family who may not be close to Spokane! All they need to do is order online (for pick-up or delivery) and enter the promo code on [this page!](#) 28% of all sales on September 19<sup>th</sup> go back to our school. Please share, share, share this information! If you need any more reason to eat out, grades 5-8 have a soccer game, and the field is a whopping 2 minutes from the nearest Panda—parents can order during half time and pick up after the win vs. Lake City!



### Junior Choir

Please remember to return the participation form by tomorrow, Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Our first rehearsal will be Monday, September 9. Thank you!

### Music Lessons

All music slots have been filled, but please still reach out to Holly if you would like to be added to the wait list (509)991-7411. Please be on the lookout at the end of next week for an email from Holly regarding your child's specific day/time, as well as some more detailed information regarding music lessons. Thank you!

### K-4 Soccer

The kids had their first practice yesterday. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rosenbaum via remind.

### 5-8 Soccer

Practices are underway for the older kids. Next week there is practice on Tuesday and Thursday at the normal time. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rosenbaum via remind.

### Pokemon Club

All participation forms should have

## Upcoming Dates

### September

- 4 5-8 Soccer Practice — 4:00-5:15PM  
Linwood Park
- 5 First Day of School — 3's Classes
- 6 Pokemon Club — Mrs. Most's room  
3:45-5:00
- 8 Youth Group @ the Gaulke's — 5:30-7:00PM — 10005 N Moss Lane
- 10 5-8 Soccer Practice — 4:00-5:15PM  
Linwood Park
- 11 K-4 Soccer Practice — 3:45-4:45PM  
Linwood Park
- 12 5-8 Soccer Practice — 4:00-5:15PM  
Linwood Park
- 12 Fall Walk — Preschool 4's Classes
- 13 Fall Walk — Preschool 3's Classes
- 13 Pokemon Club — Mrs. Most's Room  
3:45-5:00
- 16-20 MAP Testing
- 17 5-8 Soccer Practice — 4:00-5:15PM  
Linwood Park
- 17 DUE DATE — Camping Retreat Form
- 18 K-4 Soccer Practice — 3:45-4:45PM  
Linwood Park
- 19 PANDA EXPRESS Fundraiser — All Day! (Online Orders w/ code 925853)
- 19 Dads & Donuts — 7:45AM
- 19 5-8 Soccer Game vs. Summit 4:15PM

been handed in to Mrs. Most. If you would still like to participate, please let her know, as she would like to know how many will be attending so she can plan accordingly. The first meeting will be tomorrow, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### St. Matt's Youth Group

Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to the first youth group night of the school year THIS SUNDAY! Join us at the Gaulke's home — 10005 N Moss Lane — from 5:30-7:00PM. These evenings are a great way to get together with other young people in Christian fellowship. We hope many of you can make it!

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL!!! Our first week is underway!! Our four year old classes have already been doing a great job of listening and they are following directions SO well!!! A lot of new rules to learn, but they are doing fantastic!!! Our three year old classes have their first session tomorrow - this will be a day of new beginnings for them (and you parents, too). I have NO doubt this will be an amazing time for them, also!!

This week, our theme is Welcome to Preschool. We have watercolors in our Art Center and Back to School books in our Reading Center. The children learned that God is in heaven and yet is ALWAYS with us.

Next week, the four year old classes begin Show 'n' Tell. A note went home regarding our procedure. Please read the newsletter each week so you know what Letter of the Week we will be focusing on.

Next week, Thursday and Friday, we have our first field trip to Linwood Park. Parents, Grandparents and siblings are welcome to join us.

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| 4's AM Leave at 9:00 | Return at 11:00 |
| 4's PM Leave at 1:00 | Return at 3:00  |
| 3's AM Leave at 9:00 | Return at 11:00 |
| 3's PM Leave at 1:00 | Return at 3:00  |

Please sign up for Remind. Your classroom code went home this week. What an easy and efficient way for us to communicate throughout the year!! Thank you!!

#### NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- \* **Christ Light Bible Story** - "God Creates Our Beautiful World"
- \* **Bible Memory Verse** - Genesis 1:1 "God created the heavens and the earth"
- \* **Theme** - Apple Week
- \* **Snack Person** - 3's AM Benny 3's PM Navie 4's AM & PM Zeke
- \* **Upcoming Events** - Sept. 12, 13 - Fall Walk  
 Sept. 19 - Dads 'n' Donuts  
 Sept. 23, 26 - RED Day  
 Sept. 27 - No School  
 Sept. 30, Oct. 1 - Picture Day  
 Oct. 7, 8 - Hidden Acres Field Trip (Green Bluff)

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

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Communication-** If you know your child will not be at school I would like a handwritten note brought in. If your child is absent for an illness a text the morning of would be appreciated. You can find my cellphone number at the top of this newsletter.

**Morning jobs-** It is your child's responsibility to do their morning jobs without reminders from you. Please feel free to come in to the classroom so I can get to know you more but let your child practice their independence by completing their jobs on their own.

A few reminders from last week:

**Lunch-** I do not have utensils available for students to use at snack and lunch so please remember to pack them each day that your child needs them.

**Shoes-** Please make sure your child is able to take their shoes off and put them on independently. If your child is not able to tie yet please provide shoes that either slip on or Velcro.

Nightly homework:

- Read with you for 20 minutes
- Practice Memory Work

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

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

We are off to a good start for the school year!

In ChristLight we are learning about Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Flood. In Reading we are still reviewing letters and their sounds, as well as some sight words. In Math we are working on counting and writing numbers and number words. In Writing we are working on putting words in alphabetical order, and in Science we are learning how to use our five senses to make observations, just like scientists do.

On Sunday, September 22nd at 10:00 a.m. our students will be singing in church. We are singing a beautiful song called "Speak, O Lord."

Next week's memory work is a beloved Bible verse, John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that

whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
God bless you and yours. Have a nice weekend!

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

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

#### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 9/10 - The First Article of the Apostles' Creed
- 9/12 - Psalm 37:5
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Cain and Abel; The Flood) with your child during the weekend.

#### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day.
- Next week, we will be working on the phonics skill of identifying long vowels a, i. These are the words for next week: cake, mine, plate, size, ate, grape, prize, wipe, race, line, pile, rake, gave, bike, mistake, while. Test will be on Friday.

#### Extra Notes

- Math - we have been working through unit one of addition and subtraction facts. Our focus this week was doubles, doubles +1 and doubles -1, and adding three single digits together.
- Reading - this week we focused on talking about families and social relationships. We worked on words with short vowels o, u, e. We also learned about Venn diagrams and how to compare and contrast a piece of text.
- Science - this was our first week of science. We started with an introduction unit, which is going to talk about scientists and the scientific method.
- Writing - we are working through end punctuation (periods, question marks, exclamation points).
- Social Studies - we started unit one which is focusing on family ties (matches well with our reading lesson this week). We talked about relatives, ancestors, and traditions.
- It can get pretty cold sometimes at school with the AC on, so it would be good to have your child pack a light sweatshirt for the classroom.
- If you would like to order something from scholastic, please let me know by September 30. When you order, our classroom earns points that we can use to get some new books for our library. You can order online with this link: <https://orders.scholastic.com/YFD4Z>
- Continue to ask your child if they have homework and check your child's backpack for any important notes throughout the week.
- Life skill #1 - we will be doing 4 life skills throughout the year. Our first one will be cutting fruits and vegetables on September 20. If you would like to help out by either donating some fruits and vegetables or by helping assist in the classroom, please reach out to me or speak to me at pick-up or drop-off. Thanks in advance for your help!

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

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

#### Christlight/Memory Work

- 9/10 - Psalm 37:5
- 9/12 - Hebrews 11:1 & OT Books of the Bible
- 9/13 - A Portion of the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read the two stories with your child (The Flood & The Tower of Babel)

#### Homework

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

#### What are we learning?

- We are learning about place value and patterns in math. The kids have gotten to find the pattern as well as know what place value each number is in.
- Social studies we have been working with different types of maps. The kids got to create their own map.
- In science we have been talking about life cycles and the students will get to do an activity with that next week.
- We started Sarah Plain and Tall in reading class. The kids are enjoying it so far.

#### Extra Notes

- This week's spelling words all have either /oi/ or /oy/ sounds.
- Please be working on spelling words with your child, their spelling words are in their assignment notebook.
- As the weather is getting a little colder in the mornings, please send a light jacket with your child.
- Please make sure your child is wearing closed toed shoes to school, we have had a few injuries lately.

Have a great weekend!

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

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Thank you to all that checked in on me during my time away with feeling under the weather. I appreciated the well wishes. I am feeling much better thanks to the time off and long weekend we had to help recovery.

**Reading** - We have begun our first novel, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. This is one of many novels we will use to answer our Essential Question for the year, "What life lessons can we learn from literature?"

**Science** - We learned about four basic ways to test for mineral identification and put those to the test to identify six different minerals in class. We looked at their hardness and compared it to Mohs' hardness scale, color, luster, and streak. I really love nerding out/sharing my love for minerals and rocks, maybe even creating a few new rock hounds along the way too!

**Social Studies** - We have begun to learn about our wonderful home state of Washington starting with its geography. Our focus for this first chapter is, "How does geography shape the way we live?" and working on asking questions about what we read as we go through the chapter to be better nonfiction readers.

#### Extras

No question and answer forum after school today. I apologize for this as I unknowingly double booked myself. But, next Tuesday, I am planning on hosting another question and answer session/forum right after school, beginning at 3:45 and lasting for about 15-30 minutes. During that time please bring any questions or concerns you may have so you can get clarification (I'm sure others have the same question too). I will also go through a few other items that you may have questions about in the future. If this day doesn't work for you and you would like to speak with me, please reach out ASAP. I really want to make this year the best it can be for everyone and nip any confusion from the get go.

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

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Alright, so I sat here for at least five minutes trying to think of an interesting introduction, and I've got nothing. Sometimes teachers get a writer's block too. We're just going to push past it this week.

In Religion classes this week, we are learning about Cain, Abel, and Noah, and how sin kept changing the perfect plan God had for His creation. In math classes, we are getting close to the end of our chapters, and both 5th and 6th grade students are looking to have a test next week. In Science class, we are looking more at elements and Mendeleev's periodic table. In English class, we are learning the basics of how to plan and write an essay in preparation for essays that students will be writing later this year. In Reading class, the assessments for citing evidence and making inferences were returned to students Wednesday. Remember these can be revised and returned for a new grade. Finally, in Social Studies, we are starting a basic study of regions of the world in preparation for our dive in ancient civilizations.

Thank you for the quick responses about visiting our classroom and letting your students visit the preschool classroom. I'll be able to parse through that information this weekend and start getting dates scheduled and communicated back to you.

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

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Hello everyone, we are having a good week so far. Some items of interest –

There have been some students that are not completing their homework for the next day. When asked about it I get the excuse that they were too busy last night, I don't know, and I didn't have time to do it. I am giving plenty of study time at school, so this shouldn't be an issue.

You will notice that I am circling words that are misspelled on student assignments. I am teaching students the importance of correct spelling in written communication. If they ask me how to spell a word, I guide them towards "Dictionary.com" or a hard copy of a dictionary. I want them to become responsible for their writing.

I was asked about grades. Every night I correct all student work that is handed in during the day. So, all grades will be current. You may also notice that I put a dash in where there is a missing assignment. All work is due the next day unless I specifically tell the students differently.

I am glad to hear that several of you are referring to my Planbook for student work. I try my hardest to keep that up-to-date. There were some of you that were looking for assignments from a previous week and reported that it didn't show up. I have corrected that problem. You are able to see one week prior and several weeks ahead now. Thanks for the letting me know about the issue.

The students will be singing in church on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. With that in mind, they will memorize the three verses they are singing. All students have been given the words to the hymn. The first verse was due today and the other two verses will be assigned next week.

Please continue to check your child's grades as we go through the quarter. No one should be surprised by any low grades. Each student has the opportunity to correct all D's and F's. Please encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity.

Mr. Z

### Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Listening Before Speaking

Every year during back to school night, I talk about the importance of listening before speaking. This can be a tough thing to put into practice, and I was reminded of this last week. I often give my students little challenges or questions to answer to get prob-

lems removed from a particular assignment on any given day. On this particular day, I realized how annoying the walkie talkie that I didn't charge was. The nasally voice on the walkie talkie repeatedly kept saying "Please change your battery", to which I said: "Be quiet walkie." Anyway, after the 10<sup>th</sup> time of hearing this saying, I decided I would give the kids the challenge of who could best duplicate the walkie talkie man's voice and repeat the saying. No sooner after I had said "Who can....." did one of my students raise their hand and stand up. I asked the student what they were doing, and they said that they thought I was going to say "Who can best imitate Mr. Biebert?"

Well, obviously I had to hear the impression, so I had the student come up and imitate me aka roast me. I was reminded of a couple of things that day. Listening before speaking is a powerful skill to make sure we have all the information, and that apparently I sound very annoying when I am teaching math.....which you all probably knew.

I pray you all had a restful Labor Day weekend, and have been having a wonderful week back at school.

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## A Heart that Trusts

I like to cook, but I don't always like to follow recipes. Sometimes, I leave out a key ingredient or substitute a more common one. Other times, I add a twist. Sometimes it works. Sometimes, it's a disaster.

Adding our own flavor and interpretation to God's Word, substituting an idea that's more common today, taking away things we find unappetizing, or adding our own twist to make it more palatable is a recipe for disaster. Taking away something can take away the comfort we have in Jesus! Adding something can add a burden of guilt and uncertainty.

That's why God's Word comes with a warning—do not add or subtract. That would be a recipe for disaster. He gives this warning because he wants what's best for us. "Just trust me!" God says. Trust the words that God has spoken. Trust that he knows what is best for us because he designed and created us to live as his children. Trust that he knows how best to bless and meet our spiritual needs because he became human, walked in our shoes, and then died to save us. Trust his royal de-

creed that declares us forgiven and made holy because of Jesus.

Rather than being cooks in the kitchen trying to concoct our own philosophies and teachings, God invites us to feast on his every word. He invites us to sit at his table and feeds us all that our souls need. He feeds us free of charge because Jesus has picked up the tab. We savor every morsel of God's Word because it nourishes our souls and satisfies us like nothing else. We follow him with a heart that trusts every word that he speaks.

### Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the price you paid and giving me an endless serving of your grace. Amen.

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Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

**Deuteronomy 4:1,2**