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The Timber Times
September 6, 2018

School News

Preschool

PreK-4 is underway for the year and Pre-K 3 begins tomorrow! I think the general consensus is everyone is EXHAUSTED, but more importantly, HAPPY! :) Please pray for the children, parents, Miss Lindsay, and our wonderful aides—Miss Holly, Miss Angela, and Miss Laurie as they begin a new year!

Newsletters

Don't forget—our newsletters are available online this year! We hope that is able to provide you with just one more way to stay in touch with us.

Mission Offering

After some deliberation, our faculty has decided to send our chapel offering to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NV. This is the excerpt from the email we received from the administrator for WELS Home Missions:

"Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, a Home Mission congregation in Las Vegas, Nevada, dedicated their new church facility on August 19th with 165 people attending. Over the course of six Sundays during the summer months, Shepherd of the Hills was blessed with more than 100 first time visitors. A new Early Childhood Ministry Director was assigned from Martin Lu-

theran College to start a new preschool. She will be leading the effort to receive official licensure of the preschool, with prayers that enrollment can start in late Fall or early January. During that process, the church will be resurrecting their Toddler Time program to garner interest for the new preschool and engage families in the community with the new church."

Bible Boot Camp

Bible Boot Camp started yesterday! We are looking forward to learning more about the Bible and growing together in the Word. This class provides you to learn the basic truths of the Bible that we teach your children here at St. Matthew, and also get in spiritual shape! If you would like to join, please speak with Pastor West! And remember, childcare is provided!!

New Sermon Series

Pastor West will be starting a sermon series on Genesis beginning **this Sunday, September 9!** All are welcome to attend! Come and learn more about the first book of the Bible with us!

Student Spotlight

This year we are continuing one of our favorite parts of the newsletter, the "Student Spotlight!" This spotlight offers a chance to get to know the

Upcoming Dates

September

- 7 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 12 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 13 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. BIEBERT!**
- 13 Soccer @ Summit 2:00
- 14 HALF DAY—Release at 12:00
- 14 **Outreach Event—Northtown Mall 3:30-7:30**
- 17-21 **MAP Testing Week**
- 18 Soccer v. CCA 3:30
- 19 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 20 Soccer @ Southside 3:30
- 24 Soccer v. PCA 3:30
- 26 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 27 HALF DAY—Release at 12:00
- 28 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 30 PreK-8 Sing 10:00AM

students here at our school a little better. This year we are focusing on the preschoolers!

Half Days

Don't forget about our half days this year! The first one is on Friday, September 14. We will be using the extra time that day to begin a new curriculum study!

Outreach Event

Next Friday, September 14, we are looking for a couple of volunteers to help out with an outreach event at Northtown Mall.

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First Soccer Game
Next Thursday
Summit Christian Academy
2:00

Cheer on our Mighty Timbers!!!

General School News – Continued

This event will take place from 3:30-7:30PM. If we had about four volunteers, we could do teams of two for 2 hour shifts. At the mall, we will be provided a table, linens, and chairs. We are able to provide an activity or information about our school. Please come see Mrs. Biebert if you would like to volunteer or if you have any ideas that would make our booth rockstar material!

Soccer

Ah, another season for the Mighty Timbers! We are extremely excited to see what our team can accomplish this year! Your child should have received a packet of information if they were interested in soccer. If you have not gotten one, please see Mrs. O'Haver. Please make sure they sign the purple soccer requirements sheet and turn it into their teacher. Practices will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-5:00, with these exceptions: September 14, and October 19. Games are in the packet and also on our website.

Soccer Practice Change

Last week in the soccer blurb I mentioned we will not be having practice on September 19. This was a mistake!! Practice WILL be held Wednesday, September 19 from 3:30-5:00PM. Sorry for the confusion!

Air Quality

Just a reminder that if the air quality dips into the unhealthy range, we will not go outside for recess. If your child is especially sensitive to the smoke, please let us know if there is a way we can accommodate him or her. Thank you for your help!

Aftercare

We are offering aftercare every day from 3:45-6:00PM. If you are planning to use aftercare, please let your teacher know no later than THAT MORNING. This allows the aftercare supervisor enough time to plan accordingly. Thank you!

Piano Lessons

We are looking for students who would like to tickle the ivories this year! Talk with your children, and if piano lessons are something they would like to take part in, please let Mrs. Biebert know! We have limited availability this year—only 12-13 students. The teacher does lessons for 2nd grade on up. Lessons will tentatively be starting in October!

Donna Lindsay Benefit Night

This event will be taking place Friday, September 28 from 6:00-8:30PM. We hope all of you are able to attend this event! There are also numerous ways you can volunteer to help out—setup, clean up, food service, etc. Another huge help would be putting together a basket to donate for the silent auction.

Questions? Contact Kayla Biebert (715) 402-0114 or Holly Roberg (509)991-7411.

I have included a poster of the flyer in the newsletter here. If you go to our website, you can copy and paste this link to register: <https://holly.therobergs.com/donna/>

8/31 Cleaning

Upstairs: Aronson
Downstairs: Aronson

Dutch Bros. Cards

Pick up your Dutch Bros. fundraising cards from any upper grader planning on attending the D.C. trip in Spring 2020! They are available for \$10 each, and have a \$20 value. Let the fundraising and coffee drinking commence!

Classroom News

Beginning this issue, the teachers will be writing a little something about the goings-on in their classroom throughout the week. You can find that on page 4!

Scrip

We are participating in the Scrip program once again this year. For those of you not familiar, Scrip is a rebate program. Shop your favorite stores with Scrip gift cards and earn money back for your tuition and St. Matthew! For more information, please contact Mrs. Biebert (715)402-0114, and visit the website at www.shopwithscrip.com

Background Checks

If you did not do a background check last year, and are planning on participating with school field trips or volunteering with the children in any capacity, please go to our website and click on the "Get Involved" tab. From there you can begin an online volunteer application, which is free to fill out. We ask that you have this information completed before you do any type of volunteering with the school! Thank you for your help!

Donna Lindsay Benefit Fundraiser

Please join us for this catered, fund-raising event that is intended to garner prayer, service and financial support for Donna Lindsay's battle with cancer!

- Catered BBQ dinner
- Free childcare
- Silent auction
- Live music
- Team Lindsay Merchandise booth

Event Details:

- Friday, September 28, 2018 6:00-8:30 PM
- Spokane First Church of the Nazarene GYM
- 3004 N. Country Homes Boulevard Spokane, WA 99208



*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1*

Online Registration open!

- Click here to [register](#) through Spokane First Church of the Nazarene's website.
- Use the "Other" Row
 - ★ **Other Donation row MUST include Donna Lindsay and the number of Attendees.
- Suggested donations are \$15 per adult and \$10 per child

Get event updates by following the Donna Lindsay Benefit Fundraiser Facebook Page



We need your help! If you would like to volunteer for this event please email Holly.Roberg or call/text 509-991-7411

Special Thanks





ELLIE ROBERG

OLIVER ROBERG



GRADE: PreK-4 AM

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FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play Legos, play Barbies, swimming.

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Swimming, play games, camping, water slides.

SUPER POWER:

Stretchy—I think it's cool.

SUPER POWER:

Fly.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

Dog—because I like them.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

Penguin—slide on ice instead of running.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

The new cubbies.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Playing at recess.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Sit in my chair.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Call my Mom!

YOUR FAMILY:

Mom, Lucas, Oliver, and Dad. We like riding bikes.

YOUR FAMILY:

Mommy, Daddy, Lucas, and Ellie. We like to play Mario.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What an amazing few days we have had already in preschool. The four year olds began on Tuesday, and the 3 year olds begin on Friday.. Yes, we always start out laying the foundation of the school rules and getting along with friends, but there is SO much more! New routines, new schedules, new friends to play with and new things to learn each and every day. This school year has started out so wonderful and I am looking forward to the beautiful months ahead. Thank you, parents, for your deep involvement in your child's life. Together we will take them on this preschool journey full of learning and fun. I can't wait to see their growth and development, academic and spiritual, this school year.

K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

Homework

Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Focus letters for the week: Bb, Ss, Mm. Review these letters with your child. Have them point them out on signs, in books and around the house. What sound do they make? Have your child practice writing the letters.
- We read "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" this week. Ask your child to retell the stories to you.



First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Lightning Words due September 7.

Memory Work for Thursday, September 13:

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:3,4



Pirate Day

Pirate Day is Wednesday, September 19! Your child may dress up as a pirate if he/she would like to. Please leave all weapons at home. Friendly pirates only.

Please speak with me if you would like to donate **individual** bags of Pirate's Booty as a morning snack.

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Welcome back to school!

This year I am trying to collect a variety of picture books that teach children important life lessons. If you can help by donating one of the books on the chart (or a different one that has an important lesson to teach) I would greatly appreciate it! If you are willing to donate a book, please tell me so that there are no duplicates. The "Book Wish List" is on the next page.

Hopefully you all saw the Postcard Challenge note that went home in the Monday Folder yesterday. We will be collecting postcards the first 2 quarters of school. Remember, the two rules are that it must be mailed from that state, and it must include 1 fact about the state.

I will be ordering our September Book of the Month very soon. Right now I have 7 students who are interested. If you are interested, please let me know by this Friday.

Mrs. O'Haver's Classroom News
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Book Title	Author	Lesson Taught	Name of Donator
Unstoppable Me	Dr. Wayne W. Dyer	This book includes 10 important life lessons for children.	Donated – Thank you!
The Juice Box Bully	Bob Sornson & Maria Dismondy	Empowering kids to stand up to others	
Greatest Homework Excuses Book	Fourth Grade Students of Sycolin Creek	Honesty is the best policy.	
Enemy Pie	Derek Munson	Enemies might make great friends instead.	
Do Unto Otters	Laurie Keller	How to be a good friend and neighbor	
The Best Part of Me	Wendy Ewald	Body image, self-esteem, diversity	
What if Everybody Did That?	Ellen Javernick	Shows the consequences of thoughtless behavior	
A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue	Julia Cook	Tattling vs. warning others about something important	
The Recess Queen	Alexis O'Neill	Conflict resolution	
Lacey Walker, Nonstop Talker	Christianne C. Jones	Importance of listening instead of talking	
Train Your Angry Dragon	Steve Herman	Teaches patience and anger management	Donated – Thank you!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Welcome back everyone! I know this is the second week, but this is the first teacher section for the 5th-8th grade. So, let me take this moment to let you know that I am so happy your child is in my classroom this year. This is going to be a fabulous year. We have so much to learn and so many areas to grow.

So far, I think the memory work formula has been working this year. I was very nervous to give the students all the memory work for the entire year. I know this can be a little overwhelming for the students to see all at once. I can assure you that all the students were able to accomplish this amount last year. Most students are way ahead of schedule and have been very responsible and faithful in getting memory work done this year. If the students keep up the pace they are at, then they will be done with the whole quarter or year before they know it. Please let me know if you have any questions about this format.

We picked up where we left off last year in science class learning about acids, bases, and salts. We learned how to identify characteristics of both bases and acids this week. We will start testing everyday products next year to see if they are acids or bases next week. We should wrap up our study of acids and bases and move on to salts next week as well.

Look for more information on an upcoming field trip for the upper graders. The 7th-8th graders are studying Washington state history this year. This field trip will be in connection with our study. Stay tuned....

I hope the 3 day and 4 day week have helped you all ease back into school this year. Next week will be our first full week. We will see how it goes. God's Blessings on your weekend!

Weekly Message

Heart Problems

Nancy was concerned about her husband. His lifestyle choices made him a perfect candidate for heart problems. Even Ken's doctor agreed. Ken was overweight. He got little exercise. He was under a great deal of stress. What was most troubling was his attitude. Every time Nancy encouraged him to change, he replied, "You have to die from something."

In many ways I can be like Ken, especially when it comes to the spiritual condition of my heart. Jesus wants to claim it as his own, but often I reject that claim and live my life the way I choose. This leads to a struggle between what is good and God-pleasing, and what could lead to my eternal condemnation.

My heart is the problem. Jesus' warning to his disciples is one I need to take seriously. I may believe my heart is filled with good intentions, but the opposite is true. By nature, it is filled with evil thoughts and desires which result in evil actions. In the end, I either must confess I have a heart problem or deny it.

What a blessing it is that Jesus opens my eyes with

the warning he gives. Not only do I need to see the horrible condition of my heart, I must acknowledge it. Once I admit my heart has a problem, my Savior leads me to look to the cure he provides.

In Jesus, I have forgiveness for the evil condition of my heart. In Jesus, I receive the desire and the strength to change. In Jesus, I have his peace which continually guards my heart and life. It is only Jesus' undeserved love, his sinless life, and his triumph over every evil that replaces what exists by nature, repairs the damage, and renews my heart for a life of loving service.

This new life and new heart is mine only by faith in Jesus. And though I may never be completely free

from heart problems in this life, I can live in hope. Jesus continues to call me, change me, and claim my heart as his own.

Prayer: (Psalm 51:10)
Create in me a pure heart,
O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

"From within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly."

Mark 7:21-22