

Faith Lutheran School News & Views



Spring Fundraiser

Whoo's Reading, our annual spring fundraiser, will begin March 19.

What is Whoo's Reading?

Whoo's Reading is a read-a-thon where each student gets 'sponsors' to support them in their reading. Some collect money for each book they complete, others are supported with a one-time contribution. Either way, we raise funds for our school and the kids bury themselves in books and read, read, read! It is definitely a win, win!

To make it more exciting, each student is given a special login to the Whoo's Reading webpage, where they can track their reading, earn points, and play with their personalized "owl-vatar" character. Students love this fundraiser!

Instructions to set up your online account will be sent home on Friday, March 12. Please assist your child setting up the account and sending an email to invite friends, family, co-workers, etc. to sponsor his/her reading.

Payment can be made online with a credit card or by check made out to FLS PIE and brought to the school office.

Prizes will be awarded to our top readers and sponsorship collectors.

Top readers for each week will receive gift cards for ice cream and other treats.

Principals Ponderings

I had a thought a couple days ago about the season of Lent. I am aware that many of you are not familiar with the liturgical church year, so maybe the use of a simile can bring some clarity to the meaning of Lent. — Lent is like the pandemic of the Coronavirus. It causes stress in our lives. It is mysterious in that there are not clear, definitive answers for all the questions it brings forth. It is a time we look forward to having be over! While we are in the midst of it, there is great hope that the future will be very different. When it is over, there will be huge celebrations focused around new life and the freedom to share the love and care that has been hard to see and feel for a time.

Empathy is probably one of the most important qualities to develop as a life skill. This past year has proven to be one of, if not *the* most stress-filled years for people across the entire globe. While this fact is not a pleasant one to ponder, it has been a great comfort to countless people that we have all been in this dark and difficult time together. The millions of lives cut short by the virus and the families left with the inconsolable grief at the loss of their loved one or ones is only somewhat lessened by the fact that the survivors are not alone. Millions of "others" identify with their loss and pain. The question of why some have been effected more severely than others is timeless but, oh, so much more poignant in this time of pandemic.

Lent is a period of time set aside to understand that we, human beings, share a common problem called sin. It does not impact or effect us all in the same way. It causes all of us seemingly insurmountable suffering at different times and various stages of our individual lives, but there is no escaping that it is real for every one of us whether or not we admit or acknowledge it. The only good news in considering this state of being is that God has chosen to be the ultimate example of understanding and empathy through His Son, Jesus. Only as we grasp His sacrifice of death on our behalf, can we truly appreciate what Easter, His resurrection, means for the joyous freedom and hope of new life He promises each of us.

Online Auction

In years past Faith Lutheran has held an in-person auction in May. These events have themes that many people tend to follow as they are deciding what to wear. The annual auction is a great event that connects the Church, School, Childcare, and Community Center. It has provided a time for fellowship with friends and a time to meet new people.

Unfortunately, last year we were unable to hold an in-person event and couldn't pivot to an online auction. This year we will be holding an online auction in May. Keep watching the Newsletter for specific dates.

Chapel

March 17 at 9:00am

Mr. Neumiller

March 24 at 9:00am

Mrs. Koehler

April 2 at 9:00am (Good Friday)

Mr. Neumiller



Upcoming Events

Mar 12 Early Release at 11:30am

Mar 15-16 No School Parent Teacher Conferences

Mar 19-Apr 11 **Whoo's Reading**

Mar 23-24 Spring Pictures

Mar 30 Passport Testing

How You Can Help Make The Auction a Success?

The Auction Committee has been meeting and working on a list of ways you can help with the auction. We are looking for business that would like to sponsor the auction. Sponsors will have their business logo displayed on our auction site. We are also looking for donations for the silent auction. Do you have a vacation rental you could donate? Do you have sports tickets? Do you know anyone that sells Pampered Chef, Thirty-One, Scentsy, or any other businesses that would be willing to put a basket together to donate? Maybe you or someone you know is crafty and would be willing to donate some handmade goods. If you have any questions or would like some donation forms to solicit donations please reach out to Mrs. McMillen (r.mcmillen@flschool.org).

Hot Lunch Menus

The April menu, will go home on **Friday, March 12.** and is **due Thursday, March 18.**

At this time, **only cash or checks are accepted, no credit cards.** No child will go hungry. If your child doesn't have a lunch, we will feed him/her, but all unordered lunches result in a \$5 charge.



Please no late menus!

AUCTION



Piano Lessons at FLS

With the new trimester beginning on Wednesday, March 17th, some of you may be interested to know that there are available, half-hour time slots for piano lessons. The spring trimester might be a great time for your student to investigate whether or not they have a gift for tinkling the ivories! If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact the school office. Your information will be shared with Lynette Neumiller, Faith's piano instructor.



Spring Break Information

Many families have contacted Mr. Neumiller or the school office inquiring about plans for spring break the week of April 5-9. We appreciate everyone being conscientious about the pandemic situation and we thank you for your continued diligence in following Faith's mitigation measures. Although the updated guidance put forth by Governor Inslee for Washington State has not yet specifically addressed out of state travel, the fact that many businesses are able to open at limited capacities seems to have allowed for less restrictive limits. Mr. Neumiller believes that travel over spring break is acceptable without the restriction of quarantine afterward as long as families remain aware of the level of risk they may come into contact with and/or notice any symptoms in family members during or upon their return. He requests that parents keep student(s) home if they or any family member has symptoms as a matter of precaution for the Faith community.

As long as we all remain aware of our surroundings, make caring for the people around us a priority, and honestly follow through with continuing the mitigation measures that make sense (washing hands, distancing when we can, wearing masks as often as possible, etc.), venturing out to enjoy spring break should be a great time to get on with life a bit!!



March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Chapel-Mrs. Broman at 9am	11	12 Lunch menus go home	13
14	15 No School Parent- Teacher Con- ferences	16 No School Parent - Teacher Con- ferences	17 Chapel- Mr. Neumiller at 9am P.I.E. Meeting 6- 7	18 Lunch menus are due	19 Popcorn Friday Spring Fund- raiser starts	20
21	22	23 Spring Pictures	24 Spring Pictures	25	26	27
28	29	30 Passport Testing	31			

Things to Remember:

- Office@flschool.org to your e-mail safe sender list.
- Make sure you have downloaded and are using the health screening app prior to dropping your child of at school.
- Lunch menus went home March 12 and are due March 18.
- Spring Pictures are March 24 and 25.

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