

NOTES and NEWS

First German Ev. Lutheran School www.firstgerman.org February 26, 2010

CPO - PASSING THE BATON

Because of the Pioneer Pancake Breakfast event this Sunday, we are not going to be having our scheduled CPO. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to support our Pioneer program and a great opportunity for you to share some fellowship time with each other. We will be back on schedule for March 7th.

FOOD IN MARCH

March 7th – Strzyzewski / Fischer

March 14th – Korte /

March 21st – Steckmesser / Haupt

March 28th – Knutson

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY, MARCH 5th!!!

Our Annual Family Fun Night will be held next Friday evening, March 5th. The schedule was printed and sent home early this week. We really want all of the families of our school to attend. We are working hard to organize activities that will appeal to all ages. Please fill out the return slip and send it back to school, by *Monday*. If you lost your slip or the slip never reached your house, please contact Mr. Leckwee for another copy. We need a count for the pizza order by Monday, the 1st. Remember to send the money with the note.

We also need a person to be in charge of the students in the lunch room while Mrs. Fischer runs the fish pond. Let Mr. Leckwee know if you can help out. Don't miss this evening of fun for the whole family! If you see faces you haven't seen before, introduce yourself and let them see what a friendly family we are here.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER DRIVE

Sunday School is sponsoring a church-wide special gift drive to help support those who unfortunately have to deal with domestic violence in our community. A list of items being collected on the table in the hallway outside the Pastor's offices. We will also have tables/boxes in the hallway at school and church for this collection until February 28th. Please help us collect various items during the month of February for the Domestic Violence Center.

FG OPEN HOUSE

March 17th - 19th is going to be our annual school open house. Parents, Grandparents, and any other visitors are welcome to join us at any time during those three days. Please feel free to wander the building and sit in on any classes that you choose. You are also invited to stay for lunch "on the house" during any of those days. We also encourage our school families to invite other visitors or interested parents to come along as well. We hope to see you down at school on any of those days.

OLYMPIC DAY – SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to a scheduling conflict with the field, our Olympic Day is changed from Tuesday, May 26th to Friday, May 22nd. Monday, May 25th is our rain date. We have always had a lot of support and help for that day, and we wanted to make sure you had enough time to make schedule changes if you needed.

COIN WAR IS DECLARED!

See the attached note regarding the 2010 version of our annual Coin War. There have been a few changes in the upper grade classrooms. Please support our good cause and allow your child to join in this fun competition between the classrooms.

WACKADOO ZOO MUSICAL

Our school musical will be presented on Friday, March 26th, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Children in grades 1-4 will perform "Wackadoo Zoo." All students in grades 1-4 should have brought home a note last week with costume details etc. If you need another copy, contact Miss Wordell.

I would like to decorate the stage with **larger size stuffed animals**. Think hug-able size or larger, no small hand held ones, please. If you have some stuffed animals that we could borrow for a couple of weeks, please bring them to Miss Wordell's classroom *beginning on Monday, March 15th*. It might be a good idea to put your name or initials on the tag if the animal has one. I will put them on with some masking tape otherwise. They will be returned after the March 26th performances. Thank you!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS LENTEN SERVICES

In order to avoid the traffic problems in front of the school we ask that you not stop in front of the doors when you pick up your children after school, but find a parking spot and your children can come to the car or you can come in and get them.

This is a big concern on Wednesday nights when there are a lot of people coming into the parking lot for church. When cars are stopped in front of the school it creates a bit of a traffic jam on 8th Street.

SPIRIT CONTEST WINNERS

What a great showing of First German Lutheran School Spirit over the past 3 weekends of basketball tourneys! It was hard for our secret judges to pick just one group of spirit leaders. We seem to have a wonderful **family** of spirited folks! This year our contest winners are . . . ALL OF YOU who showed up, had a lot of fun, let your light shine, and supported our teams! See the Spirit photo soon to be displayed in the trophy case. Thanks for making the Lutheran tourneys a place with a positively great atmosphere!

LUTHERAN PIONEERS

Pioneer Sunday / Pancake Breakfast / Pinecar Derby - Sunday, February 28th — Children will attend the 8:00 a.m. service as a group. The Pancake Breakfast will be served from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the school gym. The entire congregation is invited to the pancake breakfast. We will serve *all you can eat pancakes* with butter and syrup, sausages, applesauce, peaches, strawberries and beverages. A freewill offering will be taken for the breakfast. An invitation is extended to everyone to come and watch the Pinecar Derby which will begin at 1:00 p.m. and stay for an ice cream sundae after the race.

The Pioneers (parents and/or children) are invited to help set up for the pancake breakfast. ***We will set up about 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. We can use some electric griddles for frying pancakes.*** Bring them down on Saturday if possible. Children should meet in the gymnasium by 7:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. We will sit up in front of church as a group. Parents who have been assisting with the Pioneer ministry during the year are invited to sit with us.



AMVETS COMPETITION

There a number of contests being sponsored by AMVETS Post 99 and Ladies Auxiliary 99 in Manitowoc. The deadline for these contests is Thursday, April 1st.

Flag Drawing Contest for children in Kindergarten and Grade 1. Draw a 50 star U.S. Flag on 9" x 12" construction paper or poster board.

Americanism Poster Contest for children in grades 3 and 5. Create a poster on 9" x 12" construction paper or poster board. The poster must address the theme "Why Do We Celebrate the 4th of July?" Write a 50 word or less explanation of your poster on the back side.

Americanism Essay Contest for children in grades 6-8. Write an essay on the theme of "Why Do We Celebrate the 4th of July?" 6th grade - 200 words or less; 7th & 8th grade - 300 words or less.

Amvets Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse Contest – Create a poster or short story or poem addressing the theme "There is No Use for Drug Abuse". Kindergartens through grade 5 are to make a 9" x 12" poster with a 50 word or less explanation on the back side. Grades 6-8 are to write a short story or poem (250 words or less).

Request additional information from your teacher or from Mr. Schwark in the school library on Friday mornings. First German School has had winners in the Local, State and National Contests every year for a number of years. We would like to continue doing so. Thank you for your efforts.

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

MLHS Sunday Showcase – March 7th – 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Silent and live auction items, food, musical entertainment, kids' games, and much more make this a great event for all ages! Bring the family, friends and neighbors. Enjoy a great day on MLHS' campus. Proceeds from this year's event will be used to replace the gymnasium bleachers. Preview the auction items by visiting the MLHS website at www.mlhslancers.com. Can't wait to see you there!

Visit www.mlhslancers.com/publications to view the entire MLHS calendar, including all sports schedules as they change!

Upcoming Events

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| Tue., 3/2 | -MLHS Board of Control Meeting
(6:30 p.m.) |
| Sat 3/6 | -WSMA at Valders High School |
| Sun., 3/7 | -MLHS Sunday Showcase Auction
(11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) |
| Fri., 3/12 | -Friends of the Lancer Fish Fry @
American Legion (811 Jay St., Mtwc)
(4:30 – 9:00 p.m.) |

CLASSROOM NEWS

Sonshine Preschool Notes from Mrs. Schaller

The Bible story for March 1st - 5th is “Jesus Rides into Jerusalem.” The 3’s will be starting ‘In Like a Lion,’ so look for lion projects. The 4’s will be finishing the letter O and starting the letter P.

Kindergarten Notes from Mrs. Fischer

The Bible lesson *Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet* showed us that Jesus acted like a servant for his disciples to show he loved them. We should follow Jesus’ example and serve or help others as much as we can. The second lesson was *The Garden of Gethsemane*. There Jesus prayed to his heavenly Father. He knew his Father would hear his prayers and answer them according to his will. We, too, can pray to God at all times. He will hear and answer our prayers in the way that is best for us.

The math centers for this week focused on counting by 5’s. On the computer, there was a game using a vending machine and the children had to put in the exact change. In the Writing Center, they practiced counting by 5’s from 5 to 100. In another center, they counted by 5’s on a map to find buried treasure. In the fourth center, they had to match nickels to price tags.

Please do this home practice with your child for letter *N*. Your child will bring home a capital *N* made out of poster board. Your child should turn the *N* so that it is backwards and glue it onto a piece of newspaper. Cut around the *N*. When you turn it over, you should have a *N* shaped piece of newspaper. Your child will also be bringing a highlighter home. He/she should highlight some of the *n*’s or *N*’s he/she can find on the newspaper. Try to find at least 20 *n*’s. Please return the highlighter and the newspaper *N* on Monday.

Upcoming Events

Wed., 3/3 — *Max and Ruby* @ the Capitol Civic Centre (10:00-11:00 a.m.). We will walk over to the theater. The children sing in the 4:00 p.m. Lenten Service. We will meet in the kindergarten room by 3:45 p.m.

Fri., 3/5 — Family Fun Night @ First German

1st and 2nd Grade Notes from Mrs. Korte

We will start to practice our play parts on stage starting on Monday. Every child has a part to say and we are singing many songs too. Please keep the date of March 26th open for that is the day we present our play. Please let me know now if you know your child will not be able to attend.

I have the three chaperones for the “Max and Ruby” play. Thank you so much for volunteering to help out.

We sing on Wednesday, March 3rd, at the 4:00 p.m. service. We will take the children over right from school. We are expecting that all will be staying for the service. If this doesn’t work out for you, you need to let me know before that evening.

Upcoming Events

Fri., 3/10 — Family Fun Night begins @ 4:00 p.m. If any parents are available to help out right after school. It would be greatly appreciated!

Sun., 3/7 — Sunday Showcase @ MLHS

Wed., 3/10 — “Max and Ruby” @ Capitol Civic Centre (9:30 a.m.). Kindergarten through 2nd Grade sing @ the 4:00 p.m. service.

Thurs., 3/11 — Field Trip to see “Aladdin” (10:00 a.m.). We will leave school @ 9:30 a.m.

Sun., 3/21 — First German Art Fair (have projects to school by Friday) along with the Scholastic Book Fair.

Fri., 3/26 — School Musical @ First German (all students must be there) (10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)

Wednesdays — The Lenten Services will be held at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. with the Soup & Sandwich Supper in between the services.....come and enjoy!

3rd and 4th Grade Notes from Miss Wordell

Thank you for returning the field trip permission slips so promptly!!! We could use one more **driver to help transport students to the “Aladdin” show** on Thursday, March 11th. A pick up at school about 9:30 a.m. and a pick up at the theater to return us back to school is all that would be needed. Let me know if you could take 4 students.

Our first **Social Studies test** is coming up next Friday. Notes will be sent home on Wednesday or Thursday for studying.

Our first **U.S. State Capitals quiz** will be coming on Monday, March 8th. Students should know the 11 Northeast Region capital cities and states.

There is a study sheet listing the U.S. capital cities and states in the Home Study Folder.

The First German Art Fair is coming up in March. We will be making sculptures at school that will be entered in the Fair. If your child would like to enter another project, they are welcome to do that. Projects brought from home will be judged and awarded ribbons.

Upcoming Events

Mon., 3/1 -Return Reading Log #21
Fri., 3/5 -Spelling Test # 20
-Social Studies Test

Mon., 3/8 -State Capitals Test #1-11
Mon., 3/8 -Return Reading Log #22
Fri., 3/12 -Spelling Test #21

Fri., 3/19 -Art Fair deadline

5th & 6th Grade Notes from Mr. Siegler

The Art Fair is coming up pretty soon. Be about your project.

This next week we will be viewing a few videos about the Civil War. I think the topic deserves more than the chapter our textbook devoted to it.

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Tests and quizzes for 3 - 1 to 3 - 5

Mon. Reading quiz
Spelling test
Science test chpt 13
Math test
Tue. Catechism quiz Q 110 - 111
Wed. No tests
Thur. Spelling pretest
Fri. Catechism quiz Q. 112 - 113

7th & 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Menk

Progress reports were sent home today. Please look them over, sign the bottom of the slip, and have it returned to school by Tuesday morning. Many of you are making regular use of the computer files-fantastic. If you need help accessing that information, please let one of us know.

March book reports are oral presentations. Students still complete the card, only this time it includes a timeline of life events. Students then make a presentation to the class as if they were the person

read about. Props and costumes are optional but do add to the interest of the presentation.

Art Fair projects are due at school on March 16th. Students will complete a project name, grade, and category slip at school. The best projects will be taken to MLHS for their Art Fair judging and viewing by everyone on Academic Fair day, March 20th.

Thanks for all of your prayers and encouragement this past week. My back muscles are slowly recovering. The doctor doesn't think the pain is related to spine or nerve injury which was great news to hear. Recovery is just going to take some time.

Just a reminder **we sing this Sunday in the 10:30 a.m. service.** We will sing in the front of church between the readings. Students are welcome to wait in the lobby until it is time to sing and then leave afterward if they already attending the first service. Thanks for your cooperation.

7th & 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Leckwee

Keep an eye open for the kids looking over their history and science. We have an epidemic in the classroom of children not being prepared for class. All it takes is a couple of minutes to review the lessons of the chapter. It makes all the difference in the world as to how much they really do remember. These comments are coming off of a test we took this week, in which the grades could have been a lot better than they were.

Upcoming Tests

Thurs., 3/4 -Science
Fri., 3/5 - Math

SPRING PICTURE DAY

We will be having a Spring Picture Day on Tuesday, March 16th. Brochures and information will be coming home next week Friday.

