

# NOTES and NEWS

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## APPROVAL RATINGS

In this week's USA TODAY newspaper, there was an interesting story about President Barack Obama's approval ratings after 6 months in office. Several polls have indicated that more people disapprove than approve of Obama on four domestic issues: the economy, taxes, health care and the federal budget deficit. Those are the issues that are close to home. So, the President has some tough policy decisions to make because public opinion does affect the way the president operates. Will he continue his current course of action? What changes will or should he make? Ultimately, I'll leave those decisions up to the elected officials God has placed over us.

But, we run into the same "approval rating" in our own homes, don't we? Maybe it's not as clear cut as it is with presidents and representatives, but sometimes as parents and spouses, we might feel like our approval ratings are slipping. It might be a struggle to get the homework done or the room picked up or the dishes cleaned. Should we change our encouragements? Should we let opinions around us change the way we operate? If the way we operate is not in line with God's Word, then YES! But if we are doing our best under God to rear children and love spouses, then NO! That's what Paul said to young Titus, as he struggled with approval ratings. It's a message worth taking to heart:

<sup>11</sup>"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. <sup>12</sup>It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. <sup>15</sup>These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you." (*Titus 2:11-15*)

*Pastor Schaefer*

## CPO - October 4<sup>th</sup>

ALL ARE INVITED! If you haven't attended our Christian Parent Organization, we meet at 9:15 a.m. in Mr. Leckwee's classroom. It's the first classroom on the first floor of the school. We will be wrapping up our discussion on the topic of WORKING TOGETHER, and beginning a new topic, DISCIPLINE. The new lesson is designed to (1) help us grow in our understanding of some of the principles God gives us about discipline, (2) help one another with ideas that have worked for us, and increase our ability to use discipline in a God-pleasing way for God-pleasing results.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Don't forget about the times you have been given for Parent/Teacher Consultations. If for some reason you can't make the time given make sure you contact your teacher to reschedule.

## NO MORE SHORTS

This week was the last week for kids to wear shorts to school. As the weather gets colder, we find it just easier to say no shorts until May.

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> is going to be the Picture Retake day. If you are a Pre-Schooler and you didn't get your picture taken the first day, this is your chance. Anyone who isn't happy with the first picture, this is your opportunity to get that redone. Any questions please contact Mr. Leckwee.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>

We are having our first School Assembly on October 9<sup>th</sup>. It is entitled **The Magic of Science** and it is a 45 minute presentation explaining that magic isn't really magic. It is different forms of science. We did make a day change to the 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in learning about science, you are invited to attend. There will be two showings one at 9:30 a.m. and another at 10:30 a.m.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The grade school Cross Country Meet is Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. at MLHS. We have two practices before the meet on October 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> right after school. If you have not already signed up and would like to participate, contact Marty Schaller at 242-2806 by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.



## SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to all the soccer teams for a great season. The A-team had an undefeated season, and that hasn't happened in a long time. They got second place in their division on Saturday. The B-team showed great improvement by the end of the season. Good job kids.



It is so great to see the little D-teams playing. Thanks to all the parents who helped out at the games and with putting the nets away this week.

## VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Although they have yet to beat the coaches in a scrimmage, they are improving by leaps and bounds. Both teams are playing well together. They are passing the ball, and getting three hits more often than their opponents. If they keep that up, the winning will follow. They are prepping for their big tournament at MLHS on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. They will play at Bethany on Friday and Kiel on Saturday. The B-team girls will play at Brillion on Wednesday. Have fun and keep up the hard work.



## HOOPS & JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

*Hoops For Heart* and *Jump Rope For Heart* has taken place this week Thursday and Friday. We had a terrific time. All students from grades 1 thru 8 participated for an hour each day. We had our fun, now the work begins. All envelopes need to be turned in to the school library by **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** with a check made out to: **A M E R I C A N H E A R T ASSOCIATION**. The envelopes can be dropped off anytime next week. Looking forward to a great response.



## NOTES & NEWS BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive Notes & News by e-mail or just one copy of it, please stop in the office and see Mr. Leckwee.

## LUTHERAN PIONEERS

*Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - Michigumi District Bike Hike* - Information for the Bike Hike was sent home today. Please return the permission form to the school library by Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.



*Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - Annual Costume Party* will take place from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Parental assistance is requested to help set up for the party beginning at 2:30 p.m. Children should not be dropped off before 3:30 p.m. unless parents are assisting with set up. Parents and children are encouraged to come in costume. Costume judging starts at 4:15 p.m. sharp with lunch at 5:00 p.m. and games to follow. Please pick your children up by 7:00 p.m. Non-Pioneer members may attend the party but there is a charge of \$2.50 to cover the cost of lunch. Thank you for your cooperation.



## BOXTOP CONTESTS

Another game sheet was sent home today. Turn them into the library and receive your prize and other game sheet. Play all month long. These sheets count towards the *Principal for a Day* contest.

## MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

*Jr. Lancer Youth Football* - Boys in grades 5-8 from throughout the Federation comprise these teams, and play right on Lancer Field. Remaining games include: 10/6 vs. Kiel (H); and 10/13 vs. Reedsville (A). All games begin at 4:30 p.m. Come and cheer on your future Lancer gridiron greats!

*Friends of the Lancer Celebration* - This annual post-Homecoming event for all alumni, parents & friends of MLHS is scheduled for Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> following the football game. Tickets are available in the MLHS office and at all Lancer home sporting events. Don't miss the fun!



## Upcoming Events to Remember

- Fri., 10/2 -MLHS Homecoming Football Game vs. Hilbert - 7:00 p.m.
- Friends of the Lancer Celebration (to follow )
- Sat., 10/17 -Grade School Volleyball Tourney @ MLHS
- Sun., 10/25 -MLHS Fall Concert - 7:00 p.m.

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# CLASSROOM NEWS

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## **Sonshine Preschool Notes from Mrs. Schaller**

Parents, check out the stars on the bulletin board. It's just inside the classroom door on the left. The Bible story next week will be "Jacob's dream". The 3's will start a theme on apples. The 4's are back to letters: B, b & C, c.

## **Kindergarten Notes from Mrs. Fischer**

In the Bible lessons we talked about how Jesus was not just a man. He is our God who loves us. He showed his love best when he died on the cross to take away our sins. But Jesus shows us his love in other ways too. He uses his almighty power to take care of us. When we have a problem, we do not have to worry because Jesus said, "*Cast all your anxiety on me*". He uses his almighty power to solve our problems in just the right way at just the right time.

The new concept in math is story problems. We will do lesson 18 at school but also go through it at home. The directions are on the lesson page.

Did you see the pictures in the hallway of the children with their goofy glasses on? They had fun finding uppercase and lowercase g's in the room.

They started new reading center activities on Wednesday. In the Art Center they are creating a picture that goes along with the alphabet book *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*. In the Reading Center they are discriminating between the initial sounds of *o*, *c* and *g*. In the Writing Center the helper is reading the book *God Loves His Precious Children* to them. Then in their Drawing Journals they print the sentence *God is good* and draw a picture to go along with the sentence. They also are dictating a sentence or two to the helper to print into their journals. In the Listening Center they are hearing the book *Two Cool Cows*. And on the computer they are working with sentence formation.

The children saw a video of the book *Gregory, the Terrible Eater* which is about a goat who does not want to eat junk like other goats, but would rather eat vegetables, fruit and fish. The children get to feed our hungry goat, Gus, who is on the *G* bulletin board. I will give each child 2 Ziploc bags. In the bag marked g , put something that begins with *g*. In the bag marked g, put something that ends with *g*. Have your child bring the bags on Tuesday so I can staple

them into Gus's tummy. Thank you.

Remember there is **NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY. ON TUESDAY THE CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12:00 P.M. BECAUSE ALL THE OTHER GRADES WILL BE EXCUSED AT THAT TIME.**

## **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Notes from Mrs. Korte**

Thank you to Mrs. Peitersen, Mrs. Kolar, and Mrs. Schmidt for driving for our field trip this past week to the Manitowoc County Airport and the Greg Klein residence. Alex Hartman won a flight on the Powered Parachute. All the children enjoyed learning about flight.

"Jump Rope for Heart" was held this week. The children really enjoy this fun event. Thank you to the moms who came to help us out. We learned important information about keeping our heart healthy.

There will be no spelling list this coming week.

### Upcoming Events to Remember

Mon., 10/5	-No School -Pastor/Teacher Conference -Parent/Teacher Consultations
Tues., 10/6	-Noon Dismissal (No Bus) -Parent/Teacher Consultations
Fri., 10/9	-Lyceum at 9:30 a.m. -12:50 p.m. MLHS (leaving school at 12:30 p.m.)
Fri., 10/16	-Wilfert Farms (leaving school at 10:00 a.m.)
Sun., 10/18	-8:00 a.m. singing in Church
Sun., 10/25	-10:30 a.m. singing in Church

Mrs. Korte

## **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Notes from Miss Wordell**



The students in grades 3 and 4 will be singing at the 8:00 a.m. church service **THIS SUNDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>**! Students should meet up in the church balcony near the organ. Please be prompt. We will be singing near the beginning of the service. After the students sing, they will return to their families for the rest of the service.

If for some important reason your family will not be able to attend church please let me know immediately. We will also need your students to sing at the 10:30 a.m. service on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The "Box Up Book Report" project is due by Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. If projects are finished earlier, students may bring them to school before October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Bob the Caterpillar has made a chrysalis. Stand by for future updates!

*The Nifty Knitters are very popular and not just with the girls. If anyone would like to donate more of the small circle sized knitters, please let me know. We have several boys that are interested in making scarves also. Thank you!*

#### Upcoming Events to Remember

Sun., 10/4 -8:00 a.m. Church Singing Gr. 3 & 4  
Mon., 10/5 -NO SCHOOL - Consultations  
Tues., 10/6 -Return Reading Log #4  
-NOON DISMISSAL - Consultations  
Thur., 10/8 -Science Test  
Fri., 10/9 -Spelling Test #4

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Sun., 10/11 -10:30 a.m. Church Singing Gr. 3 & 4  
Mon., 10/12 -Return Reading Log #5  
Wed., 10/14 -Book Report Project Due  
Fri., 10/16 -Spelling Test #5

#### 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Notes from Mr. Siegler

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade began some geometry in math class this last week. This is very important material because without geometry, math would be pointless. (To me, lines like that are like rays of sunshine.)

#### Tests and quizzes for 10 - 5 to 10 - 9

Mon. Calendar quiz  
Tue. Catechism quiz Q 36 - 37  
Spelling test  
Wed. Math test  
Reading test  
Social studies test chpt 3  
Thur. Spelling test  
Reading test  
Fri. Catechism test Comm 1  
Social studies test unit 1

#### MISSION FESTIVAL BAND

Thank you to the members of our band and handbell choir. Your extra effort to add special music to our Mission Festival service was greatly appreciated. Many positive comments were made by guests, members, and parents—well done.

#### SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR

A Social Studies Fair note was given to students on Tuesday. Deadlines were listed as were reminders of what to do each week. An additional copy is attached to this week's notes and news. Each child's fair handbook contains information about each requirement. A score sheet is also included in the handbook so you know what is expected. Several of you have asked about display boards. They will be available once display plans and research have been checked. Thank you for your assistance in making these projects possible.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Notes from Mr. Menk

Progress reports were handed out today. These progress report slips should be brought along with you to consultations.

I look forward to seeing you at consultations. We will look over several student papers, share recent lesson topics, answer questions, and review student goals for the year.

Book reports are due October 19<sup>th</sup>. All books have been chosen. Regular page number check - ins and partial summaries will be completed throughout the month.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Notes from Mr. Leckwee

Next week we are going to have a Chapter 2 Test in History. There are a lot of names they need to memorize, so please encourage (that is a polite word) them to study that this weekend. We are also going to be having a Chapter 3 test in Science. We are discussing the three different kinds of rocks. They will be using the 5 rocks that they are to have by today and try to identify them as one of the three types. Encourage them to be prepared for that test. The past tests haven't been scored as high as I am sure we would all like.

**REMEMBER**  
**MONDAY - NO SCHOOL**  
**TUESDAY - NOON**  
**DISMISSAL**

**NO MORE SHORTS UNTIL**  
**MAY.**