



# Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

“Let Your Light Shine”

For the Week of:  
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**Mr. Wilson's ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom** ~ HVL's Hawk for a day is on Wednesday, October 14. Attached to this note is a permission slip. Please fill it out and return to school by Monday. We will need a couple of drivers. Please note if you can drive on the form. The event is scheduled to end at 3:30 PM, so please make arrangements to have your children picked up at HVL. If your children need a ride back to school, please let me know and I will be able to bring them back.

On the back of the Hawk for a Day slip is another permission slip for our field trip to Crosswinds Marsh on Thursday, October 29. We will be taking a canoe hike of the marsh and will also attend a program on insects (We will be studying more in depth in science later on in the year). I will also need drivers for this field. Please note if you can drive on the form and pray for good weather.

MEAP tests will start on Tuesday, October 13. We will have the first portion of the English/Language Arts test on that day. On Thursday, October 15, we will be taking the second part of the English/Language Arts test. Please be sure your children are well rested and have had a good breakfast to prepare for the tests!

If you haven't done so already, please be sure to send \$4 to school with your child for the science fair display boards.

Just a reminder that each week your children will be bringing weekly grade sheets home. Please be sure to sign them and send them back on the next school day.

Next week is a short week due to Teacher's Conference on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Tuesday is also our activity day so be sure to dress appropriately.

Your children's midquarter reports are attached to this note. You can also access them at [www.engage.com](http://www.engage.com). You will need to create an account with the pin number you chose at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. VanLoton's grades are also posted. You will need to use a separate pin number that was sent home last week to access those grades. This website is also a great way to find out if your children are missing any assignments. If there is an "m" in place of a grade, that means the assignment is missing. Please make use of this valuable tool!

Have a great weekend! Go Bears!

**Mrs. Van Loton's ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom** ~ This coming Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, our school will be heading to HVL to watch the African Acrobats perform at 9:00am. If you are planning on driving for any of the classrooms, please be at school by **8:30am**. This will give us plenty of time to load cars, park, and get seated. Thanks and see you then.

~Please take note of what team your child will be on for Tuesday's Activity Day. Have them wear a t-shirt with that color so that we can keep teams easy to keep track of. If you have any questions about this day, please direct them to Mrs. Murphy.

~The students have ordered their science fair exhibit board. They were able to choose from 6 different colors. These boards came to a discounted cost of \$4.00 each, which is a huge savings of at least \$10.00 if you were to buy them at Michael's Craft Store. Please send in the money as soon as possible. Thank you!

~Please sign and return your child's midquarter report that came home today.

**Mrs. Murphy's ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom** ~ Although it is hard to believe, midterm report cards are being sent home today. Please look them over and discuss them with your child. When you are finished, please sign and return them to school on Monday.

Sadly, I must remind you that there is no school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. The teachers will be attending conferences in Lansing. I know that my students will be devastated at having so many days off of school.

Since this will be the last Friday Facts before our field trip, I want to remind you not to order lunch for Tuesday, October 13. Students as well as chaperones need to bring a sack lunch with a beverage. Some chaperones still have not sent in their \$10 payment. Please send it by Monday if possible.

We will be taking our MEAP tests the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>. It is important that students get a good night's sleep as well as eating a good breakfast to help them perform their best.

**Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom** ~ We sing in the 8:30 service this Sunday. Please be in the classroom at 8:15, "bathroomed" and ready to rehearse. Remember that this is a school day.

**REMEMBER THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS NEED TO BRING BOOSTER SEATS TO GO ON ANY FIELD TRIP.**

I have the following drivers for our field trip on October 13<sup>th</sup>: Tamer (4 kids), Hodgson (5 kids), Meyers (2 kids), Nelson (3 kids), Sabit (2 kids), Sultana (5 kids), Wilson (5 kids). Anyone else interested in chaperoning is welcome. Let me know... More information will follow for drivers.

I have the following drivers for Monday, October 5: Alcala (2), Van Loton (4), Hedger (2), Ostella (2). Please be here at 8:40 so we can assign you your children.

It took us 23 school days, but we finally did it; No late slips on Thursday!!!! Way to go. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are not doing a lot of cashing in for flashcards. We need to get on that, please.

1<sup>st</sup> graders may now microwave lunches. Remember, that we don't have Ramen Noodle Cup-o-Soup or Easy Mac. I'm sure they'll enjoy the break from sandwiches. ☺

Mid-Quarter Reports are included in the clear folders, as well as October Memory Treasure calendars. Book orders came in. Thanks to Mrs. Thompson for sorting through them and organizing the orders. I do have one extra order that did not have a name included. The order is for \$7 and includes For the Love of Autumn, and Rainbow Magic Fairy – Halloween. See me to claim your books.

Check out our website. On our classroom webpage, I included a section with links to educational websites. Take a special look at Spelling City. I uploaded all of our spelling words by unit, so that your child can practice and play games with their upcoming words. It's fun!!!

As always, please come talk to me with any questions or concerns that you may have. You're doing a great job of staying on top of everything.

**Mrs. Olson's ~ Kindergarten** ~ This Sunday, October 4, pre-school – grade 2 will sing in church for both services. We will sit together as a group for the 8:30 a.m. service and sing at the beginning of the 11:00 service. The children will meet before church in Mrs. Wilson's room for a short warm-up practice. The children have learned all the words – thank you for the extra practice at home.

On Monday, October 5, we will be going to HVL at 9 a.m. to watch a group called the African Acrobats direct from Kenya. Please remember to leave your child's booster seat at school that morning. Thank you for returning the permission slips.

We are currently working on Letterbook G which we will finish next week. Please continue to review the sounds of C, O and G with your child.

Next week will be a short one. Monday is the field trip to HVL, Tuesday is Activity Day (remember that your child may stay for lunch that day) and Wednesday-Friday there is no school because we teachers will be attending Michigan District Teachers' Conference on those days.

The snack schedule for October is in the Friday folder. I will bring snack for Monday so we won't have a snack person until the week of October 12 when Cameron will be our snack person.

This past Saturday (Sept. 26) was Teacher Appreciation Day at the Henry Ford in Dearborn. During an informational presentation a drawing was held for a free class field trip to either Greenfield Village or the Henry Ford Museum. To my great surprise and delight my number was called as the winning number. I have one year in which to use the trip. I was also happy to learn that the first and second grades can also be included on the field trip. Mrs. Wilson and I are excited about planning a field trip to Greenfield Village sometime in the spring.

Enjoy your long weekend! GO SPARTANS!!!

**Mrs. Gorsegner's ~ Preschool** ~ We had quite a busy week in preschool. We have been practicing our song for Sunday, October 4th. We can't wait to share it with you. All preschoolers are singing in both the 8:30 and 11:00 am services. We would also encourage you to stay for Preschool Sunday School between services. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Both classes are both turning into little chefs. The three-year-olds made deviled eggs while we learned about Humpty Dumpty and the fours made doughnuts in the shape of various "B" items. It was loads of fun!

Next week, the four-year-olds will meet at Real Life Farms at 10 am on Monday. On Tuesday, the threes will meet at Plymouth Orchards at 10 am. Then for the rest of the week, there is no school so Mrs. Gorsegner can attend conference in Lansing. I am looking forward to learning about new ways to become a better teacher.

A special thanks to Stephanie Garrett and Kelly Oetzel for helping out in the preschool this week. We love the help.

Have a great weekend!

**Hot Lunch Change** ~ There is a new box and a new location for your lunch orders and money. All orders should be placed in the new black box hanging on the wall across from Mr. Wilson's room on the south end of the building. If you need order forms they are located in the clear plastic box next to the new black box.

**Volunteers Still Needed** ~ We could still use a few more people to help out for activity day on Tuesday. The jobs are easy to do and a lot of fun. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Murphy.

**Save the Date** ~ the children in grades K-8 will sing in church on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Panther Athletics** ~ CONGRATULATIONS to both the soccer and volleyball teams for making the League Tournament this weekend. You can catch both teams in action at Zion Lutheran in Monroe. Games start at 9:30 am. Play well and have fun everyone!!!

**All volleyball and soccer uniforms must be turned in no later than MONDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>. After this date a \$10.00 late fee will be given. Please return all uniforms to MRS. VAN LOTON.**

**Michigan District Teacher's Conference** ~ There will be no school on Wednesday – Thursday, October 7-9, due to the Michigan State Teacher's Conference in Lansing, MI. We hope that you enjoy the long break with your families!

**PTO Fundraiser** ~ PTO will be having a restaurant fundraiser Tuesday, October 6 from 4pm until 10 pm. Just bring in your Noodles flier (or just let them know you are there to support Peace!) and we will receive 25% of all our sales. If you are a Noodles regular, don't forget to buy your gift cards while you are there!

**Rummage Sale** ~ It is time again for HVL's Fall Rummage Sale. Clean, usable items can be brought to HVL 9am-4pm on October 5 and 6. The sale will be Thursday, October 8, and Friday, October 9, from 9am-5pm; and Saturday, October 10, from 9am-noon. Thank you in advance for your much appreciated donations. Please, no upholstered furniture, computer equipment, TV's, or electrical items that do not work. Questions? Please feel free to call: Diane Wendland (734-445-9763) or JoAnn Ruth (734-420-0237).

**Crafters and Vendors** ~ Looking for Crafters and Vendors for the 2nd Annual Craft/Vendor Holiday Open House at HVL on Saturday Dec. 5th. Please contact Michelle Ohlsson at 734-420-2709 or michelleohlsson@yahoo.com for more information.

**Sunday Mornings** ~ Your opportunities to hear about Jesus don't end with the church service. Peace offers Sunday school and adult Bible class on Sunday mornings. The Sunday school will be studying the New Testament lessons from Christlight while the elementary school is studying the Old Testament lessons. The adults have their own course of study. They will finish up the lesson on Islam and will begin a new lesson on what faith means. You are all welcome to join us. Sunday school and adult Bible class start at 9:45.

**Can You Help?** ~ An elderly gentlemen who lives in the area of Newburgh and Ford Road would like to attend worship services at our church. Unfortunately, he does not have transportation. Would you be willing to help? If so, please contact Pastor Kieta at the church office.

**Time is Running Out!** ~You may not have heard, but the Thrivent Giving Plus program is being terminated at the end of this year. But that means that you can still take advantage of the program until December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are a Thrivent member and if you fill out a simple form, Thrivent will match ½ of your contribution to Peace Lutheran School, up to \$600 for each adult Thrivent member (so a husband and wife can give \$1200 and Thrivent will add \$600). You can even do paperwork on gifts you've already given! Thrivent will allow you to match for two different institutions, so you can also give a gift to HVL or to MLS and have it matched to the same levels. If you are a Thrivent member, this is a great opportunity to maximize your giving to the Lord. Please don't let the year close without making full use of your ability to match funds.