



# Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

“Grow” II Peter 3:18

For the Week of:  
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**Mr. Wilson's ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom** ~ It was nice to be able to meet with you this past week to discuss your child's progress in school so far this year! Please continue to encourage your children to do their best as God says, "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Also, please don't feel that parent/teacher conferences are the only time you can come in and talk about your child's progress. As I said at home visits, I consider home and school to be a team. We need to be on the same page in order to do what's best for your child. Please don't be afraid to come in and talk – anytime.

With your children's project proposals for their science fair project complete, they are ready to get working on the actual experiment part of the project. The experiment should be done during the months of December and January. We will start work on putting the boards together at school. Please continue to check in periodically with your children to find out where they are on their projects.

Your children's final forensics presentation will be this week. It will be graded and added to their English grade. Please be sure they are practicing!

Your child received his/her parts for the Children's Christmas service this past week. The parts and songs will be assigned for memory work over the next few weeks. Please be sure to check in with your child to make sure he/she is keeping up with the memory work.

THIS SUNDAY, November 15, ALL of the children in grades 3-8 will be singing in the early worship service and the beginning of the late worship service. The 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will also be playing chimes. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH BY 8:00 AM. They need to get their chimes, books, and tables ready to go. If you know your child will not be able to be here, you need to excuse the absence to me BEFORE Sunday. Unexcused absences from singing dates are treated as unexcused absences from school. Please make it a PRIORITY to have your children in church this Sunday to offer their praises to God.

Finally, I would like to get some input about a longer field trip towards the end of the year. I have been considering the possibility of going to the Washington D.C. area. I have a brother-in-law who is a Pastor in Richmond, VA. He has offered his church building as a place for us to stay if we decided to come. Richmond is basically two hours from D.C., an hour from Jamestown, and two hours from Norfolk. Please fill out the mini-questionnaire and return to me by next Friday. I am hoping to get a "committee" together to help look into some of these options. Please note on the form if this is something you would like to do. Thanks!

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs. Van Loton's ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom** ~ WE SING THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>. All students are expected to sing in **BOTH** services this Sunday. Please have your child to school no later than **8:15am** to practice in Mrs. Wilson's room. Thank you!

~I have enjoyed meeting with the parents that I had conferences with yesterday and look forward to finishing them today with the rest of you! Thanks so much for allowing me to teach your children.

~This coming Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, will be our first field trip. I would like to thank Mrs. Ott and Mrs. Hodgson for volunteering to drive. We will be leaving Peace at 9:00am and returning at, or around 2:45pm. If you plan on sending money with your child for the Imagination Station Store, please make sure they have it in a safe place all day. The museum has many interactive items for the children to participate in, and I would hate for them to lose their money. They will have lockers for the children to store their coats in at no extra cost.

~We will be playing chimes at the American House Chapel on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. There has been a permission slip attached that will need to be signed and returned by next week Friday.

~Please sign the second permission slip to allow your child to make a slurpee run with me. Every student this week passed their spelling test on the first try!!! As soon as everyone's permission slip is returned, we will run to 7-11!!! Thanks.

**Mrs. Murphy's ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom** ~ It has been great meeting with you. I look forward to meeting with the rest of you today. I appreciate the work you do with your children to help prepare them for school. God has blessed our school with wonderful families.

If your child needs more practice on their spelling, go to [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com). Once there, have them click "find a list". A search bar will appear. Have them search by teacher and enter "Janet Murphy" in the box. My name and the school name will appear. Click my name and my page appears with all of the spelling lists. They can click on that weeks unit list and either play games or be tested on the computer. We will be on unit 11 next week.

Grades 3-8 are singing this Sunday for both services. We will meet at 8:15 in Mrs. Wilson's room for a final practice. Please be prompt.

Students have received their copies of the Christmas Service. There will be a lot of memory work after

Thanksgiving in preparation for the service.

We are in need of straws. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom** ~ What a great week of learning! New things we learned this week include: vertical, horizontal and oblique line segments, adjectives, article adjectives, all about Pilgrims and the Mayflower, all about pumpkins...

I really enjoyed meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and growth. Even though your child may want to come into school by themselves because it is the "big kid" thing to do, stop in the classroom every once in a while. Our classroom and hallway are constantly changing. Your child would love to show off his/her clean desk and newest projects.

Thanks to everyone that turned in the fabulous art projects for the HVL ART FAIR. They are displayed on a table in the hallway. Have a great weekend.

**Mrs. Olson's ~ Kindergarten** ~ Today your child is bringing home Letterbook L. Please review all the pages and also the sounds for C, O, G, A, D and S. The handwriting practice sheets and little story book are in the folder. This week we learned a memory word – is. We also "read" our first sentence and learned about periods at the end of sentences.

In math we put numbers in order, identified missing numbers, and practiced counting backwards. We really liked doing the dot-to-dot pictures.

In Social Studies we are learning about continents and maps. We sing some songs to help us remember the names of the seven continents and the four largest oceans and the four directions. We also learned about some famous landmarks in North America.

This Sunday, November 15, is the last day to order books from The Adventures in Faith Book Fair from Northwestern Publishing House. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase gifts for Christmas.

We received some special mail this week when another letter arrived from the preschool. They told us all about their trip to see the dinosaurs. We will write them a letter sometime this next week.

The Christmas service is in the Friday folder. Please look it over and read carefully the letter which explains which parts we will be learning. Our parts are highlighted in yellow and the letter will explain in which order we will be learning the various parts. We will be working on these parts at school, but practice at home is vital. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Snack person for next week is Aaliyah.

I enjoyed talking with all of you parents and sharing with you how your child has progressed so far this year.

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Mrs. Gorsegner's ~ Preschool** ~ We had another great week in preschool. The Four year olds attended a field trip to the Museum of Natural History. We learned more about dinosaurs. We also continued along the alphabet with the letter f and frogs. Mrs. Hanselman even brought a frog into the classroom so we could see a real life frog. Next week, we will move onto the letter G and gum.

The three-year-olds finished up their unit on shapes. We have practiced cutting out a triangle, square, and a rectangle. Continue to encourage your child to use scissors at home. We are getting better daily. Next week, our theme will be feelings.

During Jesus Time, we learned how God was with the Israelites during their exodus from Egypt. Next week, we will learn how God provided food for the Israelites while they were in the desert. Keep checking your child's backpack for the lesson of the week.

We are diligently working on our words for the Christmas Service. Don't forget Saturday practices will be December 12th and 19th.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Grades 3-8 Sing on November 15** ~ In addition to the students singing in both services, the 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be playing the chimes and all students must be in attendance for us to play. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the church at 8:00, grades 3-6 will meet at 8:15 in Mrs. Wilson's room. If for some reason your child cannot be there, please let Mrs. Ott know so that we can make other arrangements for their part.

**Piano Notes & News:** Thanks to the following students for volunteering to play for the HVL Craft/Vendor show on Dec. 5: Joshua Taube, Lauren Bargo, Mark and Krissa Sabit, Alex Hanselman, Mikayla and Madison Ott, Annika VanLoton, Olivia and Miranda Schaeve, Chloe, Conner and Catie Henson. It should be a fun time. It's not too late if others would like to join us- just let me know. I will get a schedule to you before the Thanksgiving break. Please make November payments this week and also watch for any piano lesson reschedule notes in the coming weeks due to field trips and a short Thanksgiving week. Have a great weekend!

**Band Notes and News:** First quarter is past and this is usually a time that returning band students need to review and get back into a routine of practicing. I am expecting a lot of progress going forward, not only on our Christmas piece but also in our band book assignments. Beginners have become more comfortable with their instruments and several notes and should be able to practice for longer periods of time now (20-30 minutes for 3-4 days minimum). There are a few dates that 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders need to take note of as they are required:

Sunday, Dec. 13 7:00-7:30 @ HVL: Joint rehearsal for Christmas Concert (this will take the place of our practice during the school week since members of the new SE MI WELS Band will be joining us)

Friday, Dec. 18 7:00 @ HVL: Christmas Concert

I am also offering extra credit to any students that are willing to work on and play a few songs for the HVL Craft/Vendor show on Dec. 5. It's a great way to use our talents. Please let Mrs. Ott know if you are interested. Thanks!

**ADVENTURES IN FAITH BOOK FAIR** ~ This Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the book fair, after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase gifts for Christmas.

**Peace Clothing Orders** ~ Order forms may be found on the table in the narthex or on the coat rack outside of the office. Peace clothing shows church and school pride. We will be displaying samples or pictures on the rack outside of the office. The last order may be placed no later than Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> so that we may receive the orders before Christmas.

**Friday Lunch** ~ Friday's meal is a PTO fundraiser. If you would like to consider helping us by either serving for this meal or donating deserts or other items our children and our school would appreciate it. Thank you again for this blessing of a special meal.

**Musicians Wanted for HVL Holiday Craft/Vendor Show on Dec. 5 from 10-3** ~ Last year we were able to provide some entertainment in the form of colored bells, instruments, singing, and piano. We will again use this opportunity to share our talents and will hopefully add chimes and recorder to the mix. All ages are welcome. For planning purposes, please fill out the form below as to what events and what time your child can participate. A more detailed schedule will be made when I have an idea how many will be participating. Those that participated enjoyed playing for an "audience" last year and it helped us prepare our songs for church as well. Please fill out and return the form on the last page of this memo to the office by Monday, Nov. 9. Contact Mrs. Ott with any questions. Thank-you!

**HVL ART FAIR** ~ The HVL Art Fair will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Start thinking about the art projects you want to make. **Art projects are due today, Friday, November 13.** At that time I will give you a special number to attach to your project before you enter it in the fair. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Olson. Thank you.

**HVL Fine Arts Fair** ~ We are looking forward to the HVL Fine Arts Fair coming up next Saturday, November 21. Below are the rosters for our math and spelling teams. If your child is on either of the rosters, and you know you will not be able to make it on the 21<sup>st</sup>, please let us know as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that your students were HAND PICKED to represent our school on these teams. They have demonstrated their gifts in math and/or spelling at a very high level. Be proud of them and the abilities the Lord has blessed them with. We need volunteers to serve as judges for the above mentioned competitions. If you are able and interested please let Mr. Wilson know as soon as possible. Thanks!

Math Team				Spelling Team			
5	Lauren Bargo	6	Lydia Gutierrez	5	Samantha Sultana	6	Madison Ott
	Jacob Hodgson		Madison Ott		Noah Schaewe		Lydia Gutierrez
7	Adam Hodgson	8	Chelsea Board		Jacob Hodgson		Justin Cyr
	Benjamin Kieta		Collin Wagaman	7	Alexis Rende	8	Chelsea Board
					Benjamin Kieta		Sarah Setian
					Adam Hodgson		Collin Wagaman

**Forensics Team** ~ The following students have expressed an interest in representing our school at the forensics competition at HVL on Nov. 21.

Story telling	Humorous Poetry	Serious Poetry
Madison Ott (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Shelby Watt (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Miranda Schaewe (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Justin Cyr (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Ashley Setian (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Alexis Rende (7 <sup>th</sup> )
	Danielle McDonald (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Rachel Dunivant (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Public Speaking	Katie Ramp (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Dakota Rankin (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Benjamin Kieta (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Chris Scheffer (8 <sup>th</sup> )	
Lydia Gutierrez (6 <sup>th</sup> )		
Noah Schaewe (5 <sup>th</sup> )		

We are holding optional practices for these students after school on Monday – November 16 and Wednesday - November 18, from 3:15 – 4:15 PM. If your child is interested, they may stay after school on those days and work on their forensics pieces with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

**Christmas Present for Peace** ~ Is Peace on your Christmas List this year? By God's grace we have made significant progress on our outstanding debt and are hopeful that one additional push will help us retire these debts. The Christmas Tree in the Narthex is set up with several "gift" options for you to choose from. If you are able to give an extra gift to Peace this year (not your regular offering), we encourage you to look at the display and see if there is a gift that fits your giving range. Every little bit helps and will bring us closer to retiring our debt.

**Bible Class** ~ On Monday, Nov. 23rd at 7:15 we invite you to come to the new "Reader's Guide" Bible Class. We will study the minor prophets - that group of 12 funny names at the end of the Old Testament. Please join us!

**Peace Website** ~ [www.atpeacewithgod.org](http://www.atpeacewithgod.org) You are invited to check it out!! The Friday Facts, weekly church sermons, weekly lunch menus, maps to games, along with many other useful bits of information can be found at our church and school website.

**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.