



# Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

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**Mr. Wilson's ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom** ~ We started dissecting the frogs today. We learned about their integumentary system (skin), skeletal system, and muscular system. Next week we will look at the digestive, respiratory, and circulatory systems. I am hoping to post some pictures on our website so you can get a chance to see what we are working on at school.

We will be having a school-wide Christmas party on Friday, December 18. If anyone is interested in helping to organize that party, please let Mrs. Murphy know. We will be having a gift-exchange on that day for our classroom. Boys should bring a gift for a boy and girls bring a gift for a girl. Please keep the gifts in the \$5-7 range. Be creative! They can bring their gifts any time from now until December 18.

We are expecting all children to be in attendance for the Christmas service on Sunday, December 20. If you know your child will not be able to be there (especially if they are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade), please let me know as soon as possible. We have also scheduled two practices in December in order to allow all of the children participating to practice. The two practices will be December 12 and 19 from 9 to 11:00 AM.

It doesn't appear as if the field trip to Washington D.C. will work for all of our families. As a result, we will try to schedule a shorter trip (possibly to Chicago again) later on in the year. Please look for more information in future newsletters. Thank you to those who volunteered to help plan the trip. I still may be asking for your help!

I have scheduled a field trip to the Health Exploration Station on Monday, December 14. They have a program geared for 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders on the human body. It fits in perfectly with your science unit. Permission slips are attached to this note. Please fill it out and return it by next Friday, December 9.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs. Van Loton's ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom** ~ Our class is working diligently on the Christmas program, learning our Bible verses and new songs. We will have our first Saturday practice on December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9am. See you then!

~Your child has come home with their last book order forms before Christmas. If you would like the order for Christmas presents, then please place the order in an envelope and write "Christmas" on the front. I will hand them to you then privately. Remember that all checks are written to "Scholastic" and cash must be the exact amount. Thanks!

~This week our class welcomed a new student into the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. His name is Dillan and if you happen to see him around school or in church make sure to say hi.

~Next week Friday is the mid-way point of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and you will be receiving your child's progress report for this quarter. However, you don't have to wait till the progress report comes home to see how your child is doing, just check engrade!

**Mrs. Murphy's ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom** ~ This week I all third and fourth graders have been reciting multiplication fact groups. If they can recite each of their groups in less than 30 seconds they qualify for the end of the year slurpee run. Joseph and Matthew have already qualified and are working towards earning 100 tickets by reciting their groups in less than 20 seconds. Way to go boys! Some third graders have recited a couple of their groups and we haven't even begun to study multiplication in math yet. Super!

As mentioned in another spot, we will be having a gift exchange. The cost of the item should be about \$5 – \$7. Girls bring a gift labeled "Girl" and boys label theirs "Boy". They may bring their gift in any time before the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom** ~ The school Christmas party is Friday, December, 18<sup>th</sup>. We will do a gift exchange in our classroom. Please purchase a toy \$5-\$7. Boys buy a boy gift and girls buy a girl gift. Shop those dollar stores and clearance sections! As soon as it is wrapped and labeled, you can send it to school. Does anyone have a small Christmas tree that is not being used? We don't have a classroom tree...

Memory treasure calendars for December are included this week. The format is slightly different. If your child is not able to recite their memory treasure on the day that it is due, they have been staying inside for 1<sup>st</sup> recess to learn it. Please make this a priority.

Christmas service rehearsal is already NEXT SATURDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am. It is vital that your child is here if they will be participating on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your "alone time" to wrap presents or grab a coffee.

**Mrs. Olson's ~ Kindergarten** ~ Please check your child's folder - it is really full this week. Please read carefully the special parent letter.

We have been working hard on learning our Christmas parts. Thanks for your help at home. Please continue to practice – thanks.

Your child is bringing home letterbooks. Please check the folder for letter practice sheets and the little booklets. Now the booklets have some words for your child to read. The children are getting better and better at sounding out words. There is a new word list sheet in the folder.

This week we learned how to tell time to the hour. Each child had a small clock to use for practice. Ask your child to tell you the time when it is on the hour. We also worked with pennies and practiced buying things with them.

Snack person for next week is Joey.

Don't forget about the Holiday craft/vendor show at HVL tomorrow, December 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

Have a great weekend.

**Mrs. Gorsegner's ~ Preschool** ~ This week in preschool, the threes learned about the different seasons. We made a book that tells about the seasons. Read it with your preschooler and see what they learned about the seasons. The fours learned about the letter H and animals homes. They also made a book about animal homes. They can read it on their own. Make sure you pull it out of their folders and give it a read. We also celebrated two birthdays: Derek and Isabella. Happy Birthday!

In Jesus Time, we learned how David fought Goliath and trusted that God would be with him. We also trust that God will take care of us and also be with us.

Next week, both classes will have the theme of Christmas. We are continuing to work on the Christmas Service. Next week, December 12th is our first Saturday practice from 9-11am.

Just a reminder...winter is here. Please dress your child accordingly! We still try to play outdoors. Please make sure your child has mittens, hats, and boots. (Don't forget to label them!) Thanks for your help.

Many parents know of fun, cheap, and even free entertainment places and restaurants. We are sending home a note asking parents to share their free and cheap ideas. We will gather the ideas and send out a letter including all of them. Thanks for sharing your secrets with us!

**PTO CHRISTMAS CAROLING** ~ Join us for a fun afternoon of Christmas caroling to shut-ins from our congregation on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be plugging in our crockpots of soup before we caravan around town. We will return to church at 5 to enjoy each other's soup creations. Last year we had over 30 people. **The kids loved it!** It made a huge impression upon them to see the faces of our members light up. Plan to be here. Questions? See Mrs. Wilson.

**Panther Athletics** ~ Thank you everyone who came to the Parent-Coach meeting this past Tuesday. Just a couple reminders:

-All sheets needed to be handed in today, if you forgot, please have them in no later than Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. I need to make emergency booklets for the coaches,

- All teams start practicing next week. Please try to drop off and pick up your child(ren) on time, or have other arrangements already set. Coaches would like to get home in a descent time.

- As for physicals, I have heard that some of you are having difficulty getting appointments by this coming Monday's practice. If that is the case, please try to have your child's physical taken care of by the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. If that is still a problem please speak with Mrs. Van Loton.

**Christmas Luncheon** ~ Last Chance to sign up for the Christmas Lunch? Mrs. Hodgson will take orders up to the start of school Monday morning December 7th for the lunch on the 11th.

December 11<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Homemade Christmas Lunch ~ Turkey Dinner with all the fixings!! The cost is \$2.50 for each meal. Thank you to Beth Hodgson and Gina Ramp for this wonderful meal.

**School Closings** ~ When the weather stations are predicting snow or dangerous, frigid, arctic air please stay tuned to the television and/or radio stations for school closing announcements. We announce our school closings on television channels 2, 4, and 7, also on AM Radio 760 (WJR) and 950 (WWJ). Please be sure to check the above resources before sending your child to school, especially on extremely cold or snowy days. If our school should close for any other reasons we would use the (attached) calling tree.

**Piano Notes & News:** Those students who signed up to play this Saturday at the HVL craft/vendor show are anxious and ready. Don't forget your music because I will probably not have an extra copy.

Last week there was a sign up for pre-service music but not many responses. Please check your calendars and encourage your children to use their talents. I would like to get a schedule completed by next week so that we can prepared. The form is on the last page of the memo and should be returned by Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Thank-you to those that made December payments this week. There are only 2 more weeks until break so please make payments next week if you have not already done so. Thanks!

**Youth Choir Note** ~ Please make a note on your 2010 calendar that our next singing date is **Sunday, January 24** in both services. It seems very far off in the future but will sneak up quickly when we return from Christmas break. Thank-you!

**Band Notes & News** ~ The students should be making progress on their Christmas song. If you don't recognize any Christmas melodies, it may be because they have a harmony part or something completely different but will sound beautiful when we all play together. Keep encouraging them! Due to a conflict with the practice on Sunday, Dec.13, we had to reschedule it to **Thursday, Dec. 17 at HVL from**

**7:00-7:30.** This will be one day before the concert which is on Friday, Dec. 18 at 7:00. It is extremely important that all students attend this rehearsal as it is our one and only chance to practice with the whole group. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

**Christmas Treat Bags** ~ If you wish to donate items for the Christmas treat bags, please send it to school by Friday, December 18. We are planning on 125 bags. If you wish to help stuff the bags, please come to the final rehearsal on Saturday, December 19 at 9:00. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Murphy.

**School Christmas Party** ~ This year we would again like to hold a **school-wide Christmas party before our Christmas break. The party will be Friday, December 18, starting at 10:00 AM.** Similar to our activity day, we would like to have snacks, games, and crafts for the children on that day. We plan to hold a party organizational meeting next week Friday (Dec 11), right after school. **If you would like to help out at the party, or have a great idea, please speak to Mrs. Murphy or Becky Kieta.**

If you wish to donate food for the school party or if you can help out at the party, please contact Mrs. Murphy.

**Holiday Craft/Vendor Show at Huron Valley Lutheran High School** ~ on December 5th from 10:00-3:00 pm. Bring your family and friends and come shopping for all your Christmas needs or pick up some home baked good from our bake sale for the holidays!! 45+ crafter and vendors will be available including: cash for gold, haircuts, waxing, and massages. There will also be fund-raising tables for the HVL juniors, seniors, and Hawk Singers. \$1 Admission. Can't wait to see you there!!

**Christmas Service** ~ **On Sunday, December 20, in both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services, we will be having a joint Children's Christmas service with the school children and Sunday school children.** The children have the wonderful opportunity to lead the worship service through their narration parts, recitations, and songs. Since most of the children will have individual recitations, solos, narration parts, etc., we are encouraging ALL of the children in K-8 to participate in BOTH of these services. If you know that your child will NOT be able to make these services, we need to know ASAP so they will not be assigned a part. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on that day, so we will have a light breakfast between the services for the children.

~ Due to congestion issues, **we are strongly encouraging our school families to attend the following services** based on your last name. Thanks for understanding.

**Affholter ~ Meyers – 8:30 AM Service**

**Miller ~ Wilson – 11:00 AM Service**

**Christmas Service Practice** ~ Most of the song and recitation practice for the Christmas Service will be conducted during school hours. However, since this is a JOINT service with the Sunday School, and there isn't a time for us to practice the logistics of the service, **we will have two joint Christmas service practice next Saturday December 12 and also Saturday, December 19, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.** Again, it is EXTREMELY important that your children attend these practices. If they can't make it, please let us know.

**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. (If you plan on writing a check please make it payable to Peace Lutheran and place it in the envelope for the bill you have chosen).

**Picture Retake Day** ~ will be **THIS** Thursday, December 10th at 9:30 AM. Fall portraits are head-and-shoulder photography that chronicles your child's passage through the school years. Ideal for framed display and gift-giving, these portraits are also used for yearbooks, class pictures and student ID cards and many other services provided to us, including the Smile Safe Kids Program. The **SmileSafe Kids** program is a picture ID card provided at no cost to every student who gets their photo taken to help your family stay safer and respond quickly if your child is missing. Even if you do not plan on purchasing the pictures please have your child photographed to ensure they will be included in the yearbook and receive their free ID card. On picture retake day your child will need to have their order form with payment.

If you are unhappy with your pictures for any reason you are welcome to have them retaken on the retake day for no additional fees or you may return them to Lifetouch for a full refund. If you are returning your child's pictures to get a different pose, they will need to have their original picture packet that they are returning to present to the photographer on retake day. If you have any questions please contact Lifetouch at (800) 927-5221.

**Midweek Advent Services** ~ Our church is still conducting midweek Advent services. The service dates and times are listed below. As the world begins to prepare itself for the Christmas season, we hope and pray that you will be able to join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

Wednesday, December 9 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 16 7:00 P.M.

**Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser** ~ Last week we sent home the pizza kit order forms. If you need extra please let me know and I can send some home with your child. It helps during the busy holiday and during basketball season to have a quick and easy dinner. There are also cookies and pies to eat and enjoy or to give as Christmas gifts. The money raised will help pay for a badly needed new phone system. All orders will be due no later than next Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The delivery date is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program** ~ We have received a check from Krogers' in the amount of \$188.00. Thank you to everyone who participates in this very east program. If you currently shop at Krogers you probably already have a swipe card that you use to In this new program they will use your Kroger card that you have always used to save money at Kroger. You must register the card online to have the benefits go to your favorite school. You will still receive your discount prices but they will send us additional benefits. Let us know if you do not have web access, we can help you with that.

- Simply register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (Peace is 83027) or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

**Blood Drive** ~ Wednesday, December 16, 2009, HVL will be hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross. It will be held from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is a wonderful way we can show our love in our community. Please consider donating. You may call the HVL office to set up an appointment or just walk in. HVL phone # (734) 525-0160.



Gift cards make excellent gifts for your family, friends or co-workers. The last date to order scrip to receive it for Christmas is December 14<sup>th</sup>. Attached is an order form for scrip. Some of the retailers are offering even more than what is listed as a special for the holiday season. If you would like to receive an extra order form you may pick one up in the church entryway or across from Mr. Wilson's room. You may also download a form from our website under downloadable forms at [www.atpeacewithgod.org](http://www.atpeacewithgod.org).

Your **normal** spending money goes farther by earning money for you and your school and church. Please pick up a list of the retailers who offer us Scrip rewards. If you normally shop at any of these stores please consider purchasing Scrip Gift Certificates from us. We all need groceries, and gas for our cars. If you don't need these items maybe your family members or friends do. Place orders in the scrip box in the MPR (on the piano). Orders will be placed Monday mornings at 8:30 AM and you will receive your order by Thursday, you can pick them up in the office.

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Please list your 1st and 2nd choice below and return this form to Mrs. Ott by Friday, Dec. 4. Thank-you!

\_\_\_\_\_ (Child's name) would like to play pre-service music for

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, Dec. 16 Advent Service 7:00

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, Dec. 20 Children's Christmas Service 8:30 service

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, Dec. 20 Children's Christmas Service 11:00 service

\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24 7:00

\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Day Service Dec. 25 10:00

\_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Eve Service Dec. 31 7:00

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, January 3 8:30 service

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, January 3 11:00 service  
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