



Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

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Mr. Wilson's ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom ~ 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! **Please have the gifts here by Friday!**

Our first Christmas practice is tomorrow from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Please have your children to school by at least 8:50. They should go to their classrooms. The last practice will be December 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

Our field trip to the Health Exploration Station is this Monday, December 14. They have a program geared for 7-8th graders on the human body. It fits in perfectly with your science unit. We were asked if we could move our start time back to 10:30 AM. As a result, I am asking the **drivers (Bodnar, Board, and Kieta) to be at school by 9:45.** Since our start time was pushed back, we'll get lunch at McDonalds on the way back. **Please send some money with your children for lunch.**

Included with this note is your child's midquarter report for the second quarter. Please sign the envelope and return to school on Monday. If you have any questions about your child's progress so far this year, please feel free to give me a call.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Van Loton's ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom ~ Progress reports were sent home today. Please sign them and send them back on Monday. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me!

~Just a reminder that the first of two Christmas program practices is tomorrow, Saturday, December 12th. Please have your children at school a few minutes early so they can hang up coats, run to the bathroom, and get started right at 9am. We will excuse the children as close 11am as possible.

~Next week Friday is the school wide Christmas party. As a class we will exchange a small gift as we have done in the past. Please keep the cost to around \$5.00-\$7.00. As soon as the gift is wrapped, it can come to school and be placed under the classroom Christmas tree. Girls will buy for another girl, while the boys buy a gift for another boy. Please just write "girl" or "boy" on the gift tag. Your child can also place their name on the gift tag, so the children know who they received their gift from.

~This coming Monday is our field trip to the American House in Livonia. I have Beth Hodgson, Susan Ott, and myself driving. Drivers, please be ready to load students up at 10am. We will be playing Christmas songs with our chimes for the residents. What a great opportunity to witness our faith and use our God-given talents!

~This weekend we have another opportunity to spread the Good News of Jesus' birth. The PTO will be Christmas caroling to some of our congregation's shut-ins this Sunday, December 13th. We will be meeting at school around 2pm, going out to sing, and then returning after to enjoy everyone's soup! Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Murphy's ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom ~ We have been working very hard on our Christmas memory work. Don't forget we have a rehearsal this Saturday at 9:00 in the church.

Mid term report cards are being sent home today. If you wish your child to do some extra credit work in a few poor subjects, just let me know. Basketball players especially need to watch their grades. Three late slips or "F's" in a one week period will make them ineligible to play.

Christmas gifts for the school party can be brought in and placed under our tree at any time next week.

Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom ~ The kids are doing a great job on their Christmas parts. We have that entire part learned, so I will be sending home a different part for them to work on next week. We say it a lot during the day, so just practice it at night.

2nd graders added nickels to their collection of coins that they work with daily. It really threw them for a loop. We also worked with Venn Diagrams, digital dates and recipe reading. 1st graders are making progress with subtraction, counting by 2's and telling time to the hour. Keep working on those flashcards. It makes a HUGE difference.

Thank you to Mrs. Kieta for helping with the parent gifts this year. She took each child out of the classroom to begin your gift. Thanks for sharing your afternoons with us! Thank you also to Nick's family for sharing a Christmas tree with our classroom. Remember to bring in your child's exchange gift sometime next week.

HELP! We have the squeakiest desks on the face of the earth! Anyone available to WD40 them? Stop in anytime after school.

HELP! You have the smartest children ever. We had over 100 "cash-ins" this week. If you see anything in the clearance bin or at the dollar store to contribute, it would be appreciated.

Mid-quarter reports are included this week. If you have any questions, I am at your "beck and call." Thanks for all the prayers for my "daddy." He is home from the hospital and on the road to recovery.

See you Saturday at 9am for Christmas practice!

Mrs. Olson's ~ Kindergarten ~ Please check your child's folder – it has a special Christmas activity that you can do with your child. Also look at the Bible story projects.

We have been working hard on learning our Christmas parts. Thanks for your help at home. Please continue to practice – thanks. Remember that we have a Christmas practice tomorrow morning and next Saturday from 9-11 a.m. It is vital that your child attend this practice.

The Christmas party is next Friday. Please send your child's gift for the gift exchange sometime next week.

Some children have brought the shoebox to school. Please bring it by Monday if you have not already done so. Thanks.

Your child is bringing home Letterbook E. Please check the folder for letter practice sheets and the little booklet. Now the booklets have some words for your child to read. The children are getting better and better at sounding out words.

Snack person for next week is Alyssa.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs. Gorsegner's ~ Preschool ~ This week in preschool, we celebrated the theme Christmas. We made candy canes, trees, and poinsettias. We talked about angel Gabriel's visit to Mary and the message he gave to her. We also sent home the name your child drew for the Christmas gift exchange. You can bring the gift to school anything before Friday the 18th. This Saturday, the 12th, is our first Saturday practice. It will run from 9-11am. Please plan on attending.

We are getting very excited to share Jesus' Birth with you and all of the congregation on December 20th. Here are some things to remember for the service. If you would like to take pictures during the service, please turn off your flash. Also, if you would like to video tape the service, please stay in the back of church in the narthex area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next week, we will continue to learn about Christmas and the Birth of Jesus.

Car Seat ~ If you are in need of a car seat please contact Lynn Kenworthy at (313) 530-2904. She has two car seats in almost new condition that need a good home.

Lost and Found ~ A women's watch was found on the playground. If you lost a watch please see the office.

Detroit Lions Tickets ~ Pastor Gibbons has tickets available for the Detroit Lions – Chicago Bears game on Sunday, January 3rd. They are \$22 a piece and are located in The Family Fun Zone. If interested, please call Pastor Gibbons at (734) 968-3523 as soon as possible. First come, first served.

PTO CHRISTMAS CAROLING ~ Join us for a fun afternoon of Christmas caroling to shut-ins from our congregation on Sunday, December 13th. 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.

Christmas Luncheon ~ Thank you to Beth Hodgson and Gina Ramp and Becky Kieta for this wonderful meal!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Peace is very blessed to have such wonderful parents who are able to use their time and talents to bring us these very much appreciated blessings.

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 calling tree that was sent home last week. If you need an additional copy please see the office.

Piano Notes & News ~ Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas music at the HVL Craft/Vendor Show. Many people enjoyed the atmosphere and it was fun to share our songs! Watch for a schedule next week for pre-service music. We will work on Christmas songs next week and play a few games. Have a great weekend!

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 ~ Our concert is coming quickly on Friday, Dec. 18th at 7:00 PM. Students should meet at 6:15 to warm up. On Thursday, December 19th from 7:00 to 7:30 PM we will have a dress rehearsal at HVL. It is extremely important that all students attend this rehearsal as it is our one and only chance to practice with the whole group. I am planning on every one being at the practice and concert. Thanks!

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. So far I have received a candy donation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Murphy.

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

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).

Midweek Advent Services ~ Our church is still conducting midweek Advent services. The service dates and times are listed below. As the world prepares 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 16th at 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 **TODAY**, Friday, December 11th. The delivery date is December 17th. Please make plans to pick your order up on that day because we do not have enough refrigerator space to hold those orders. Thank-You, Thank-You for your appreciated support.

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.



Scrip Gift Cards ~ make excellent gifts for your family, friends or co-workers. The last date to order scrip to receive it for Christmas is **THIS MONDAY**, December 14th, before school starts. 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.

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.