



Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

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Mr. Wilson's ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom ~ In science we have finished a short chapter on taxonomy, the science of classification. We will have a test on Tuesday and get started on our next unit, microscopic organisms. We will take a look at cell structure and view various organisms through the microscope. The final unit of the year will be on insects.

In English, we are finishing up our third guided research report. The report is on tornadoes. We are working through our steps of taking notes, citing sources, making outlines, writing rough drafts, editing and producing the final report. Hopefully, this practice will give them a good foundation for writing research reports in the future.

Our classroom is in need of plastic forks and tissue. If you are able to donate either of these items, it would be greatly appreciated! Thanks!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Van Loton's ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom ~ Tonight is the science fair so PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD HERE BY 5:40pm!! Our class will be making their presentations first, so all children need to be on time to get set up and run through everything one last time! As parents, you have a lot to be proud of and trust me, you will see all your child's hard work tonight!

~Thanks to the families who sent in plates and wipes.....we greatly appreciate your donations!

~I am still looking at doing one more field trip this year. The dates as of right now are Wednesday, May 26th-Thursday, May 27th. It would be an overnight science "campout" at Camp Killarney. We would drive out after school on Wednesday, eat dinner in the mess hall, have a fire and wait for the night skies to darken so we could enjoy a lesson on the planets, stars, and constellations. The next morning would be a later wake up with breakfast and then off for a lesson on orienteering. That would be put to use later in the woods finding animals and plants we have studied this year. Then it's back to camp for lunch and finally a canoe ride to finish off the experience. We would be on the road no later than 3pm and back home by 5-5:30pm. The cost will be somewhere around \$25.00-30.00 per child, but we have enough in the fund to cover most of each child's experience. I will need at least one father and mother to chaperone the trip with me, since we will be staying the bunkhouses. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to speak with me this coming week. I need to know before I proceed any further with the arrangements. Thanks.

Mrs. Murphy's ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom ~ The Science Fair is tonight, starting at 6:00. We would like students to be here at 5:45 so they will be ready to do their presentations. Refreshments of popcorn and lemonade will be served in the MPR.

On Thursday, May 13, the third and fourth grades have been invited to HVL. We will leave at 11:45. Students will eat lunch at HVL. They can either bring their lunch or purchase pizza for \$1 a slice. We will be leaving HVL at 2:00 to return to school. If you can drive for this trip, please fill out the driver's portion of the attached permission slip. Parents do not have to stay. You can spend the time at the mall if you wish.

Book orders are being sent home today. This is the last order for the school year. Please return them by Thursday, May 6 if you wish to purchase books.

Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom ~ We had a wonderful field trip on Wednesday. Thanks to Mr. Mamo, Mrs. Scheffer, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. Ott for chaperoning. Unfortunately, the chocolate factory was being cleaned – ugh – so we didn't get to see it operating. (I'll be writing a letter to them!) The Ford House was amazing! I have heard through the grape-vine that there are coupons in the Entertainment Book and free tickets through the library. Your kids would love to take you back there this summer and show you around.

2nd graders added subject-noun-verb-pattern-one in their English. Their pages are looking kinda scary! Remember we are singing in both services on Sunday. Please meet in the classroom at 8:15am. We'll have one more field trip on May 25th to the Henry Ford Museum. Mrs. Olson won a contest to take 35 people on a field trip and has offered to take our class as well. Thanks Mrs. Olson! Don't forget that mamas will want to spend some alone-time with their 1st and 2nd grader at our Tea Party on May 10th from 1:30- end of the day.

Congratulations to my kids! We made it through our first day all year without anyone changing their color or worm. Great job! We really enjoyed walking down to 7-11 for our surprise slurpee. I was also complimented by the staff at both of our field trips on Wednesday. They were astonished by the wonderful behavior of our students. They did a great job of letting their light shine!

Mrs. Olson's ~ Kindergarten ~ This Sunday, April 25, Pre-K – grade 2 will be singing in church. Please

have your child in Mrs. Wilson's room by 8:15 a.m. Thanks.

On Wednesday, April 28, we will take a field trip to the Marquis Theatre in Northville to see a live performance of "The Adventures of Peter Cottontail". Thank you for returning the permission slips so promptly.

On Wednesday, May 5, we will take a field trip to Creatopia, the pottery place, in Plymouth. The children will paint a pottery item of their choice, leave it there to be fired and I will pick them up a week later. The permission slip is in the Friday folder.

This week we are working on our last letterbook – letter Z. The children are getting better and better with their reading skills. Keep practicing the words on the word list.

In math we are counting by 5's to 50 and up to 100. We are learning about nickels. We also had fun playing a card game where we had to see which person had the largest number. We have compared sets of objects, identified and ordered numbers, copied geoboard designs and solved problems by drawing pictures.

Snack person for next week is Alyssa.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Gorsegner's ~ Preschool ~ Important!!! The preschoolers through second graders sing this Sunday at both the 8:30am and 11:00 am Services! Please have your child there to practice in Mrs. Wilson's room by 8:15am thanks!

This week in preschool the three's learned about the letter N and Night and the letter O and Ocutpus. Look for these letters at home. Next week, we will be making pizza on Tuesday for the letter P. It should be yummy!

The fours had a fun week as well. On Monday, we dug up the back yard to see what was "U"nderground. We found rocks, roots, bulbs, ants, spiders, earwigs, slugs, roly polys, and lots and lots of worms. We also made dirt cake on Wednesday. Thanks to the parents who donated items for our recipes. Next week, we will be learning about V and vegetables. Don't forget to send one in on Monday!

A special thank you to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Oetzel for helping out in the preschool this week. Thank you also to the Garrett family for donating cups for our preschool.

Wear a Hat to School day ~ Thank you to everyone who wore a hat and/or donated money to helped support the Arthritis Walk! Together our school raised \$114.75 for the cause! If you want to learn more, please visit our website, www.atpeacewithgod.org, and click the link for "Arthritis Walk" on the left hand side of the page. This year, the walk's honoree is one of our preschool students, Derek Affholter. Thanks again for your support!

School Registration ~ Thank you to everyone who registered your children for school next year. It really helps us in our preparations for the upcoming school year. If you didn't get a chance to register this past week, please fill out the forms that were attached to a previous note and return them to the school office sometime next week. If you misplaced the forms, we have copies in the school office. Thank you for your help!

2010-11 School Calendar ~ The school calendar for 2010-11 is available. It is part of the early registration packet. It can also be found under calendar downloads on our website, www.atpeacewithgod.org.

Panther Sports ~ Track practice will continue for students who received a letter today stating that they were chosen for this year's track team. We will continue practicing from 3:15p-4:15p. Please make sure that your child(ren) are dressed to run, jump, and throw, and also according to the weather! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Van Loton.

Support Our Troops ~ A **BIG** thank you to all who have already given items in support of our Iraq and Afghanistan troops!!! We are still in need of many items and will continue taking donations for our soldiers through this next week!! Even the smallest items from the list would be greatly appreciated by all!!

School Science Fair ~ Next Friday, April 23, is our school science fair. Presentations begin at 6:00 PM. The students in grades 3-8 have prepared a science question, formed a hypothesis, conducted an experiment, recorded their data, constructed a board to display their results, and have prepared an oral report for this fair. **All children in grades 3-8 are expected to be there on that day in order to give their oral reports to complete the project.** We hope that you will be able to come and see the projects that the students have been working on!

Kids Bowl Free All Summer Long ~ Register your child for a Summer Fun Bowling Pass and receive 2 free games of bowling a day all summer! Family pass option available: For a limited time families that register at least one child in the "Kids Bowl Free" Program qualify to purchase a family pass good for up to four adult family members to qualify for 2 games per day all summer. How the program works:

1. All of the participating bowling centers are listed at http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/all_centers.php.
2. Select a bowling center near you.
3. Register directly on the bowling center page (The registration is valid only at the bowling center where you register and cannot be used at any other bowling center unless otherwise noted.)

Once you register, you will have the opportunity to purchase the family pass. The Family Pass was created to allow for adult family members to enjoy bowling throughout the summer as well. The Family Pass starts from \$24.95 and includes 2 GAMES PER PERSON PER DAY. The Family Pass covers up to 4 adult family members. You may have 1, 2, 3, or 4 adults on the family pass. This low one-time payment covers up to 4 adults for the entire summer and is a tremendous value.

Some of the locations available are: Super Bowl in Canton, Town-N Country Lanes in Westland, Mercury Lanes and Oxford Lanes in Dearborn, Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights, Country Lanes in Farmington, Cloverlanes Bowl, Woodland Lanes, and Merri-Bowl in Livonia, Monroe Sports Center in Monroe, Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield, and Skore Lanes in Taylor. If I have not listed one close to you look on their website, there are many more.

Youth Choir ~ Thanks to our students and families for joining in worship at Our Saviour Lutheran Church last Sunday. Your song was edifying to the service and we thank God for freedom to worship in our country.

Band Notes & News ~ Attention 4th Grade Parents ~ As many of you know, your child will be required to participate in band as a 5th grader for one semester. We have discussed it briefly through the year and in May the students will be able to see and hear all the instruments in close detail so they can start to think about which one they would like to try. Decisions will not need to be finalized until fall. However, band fees/rental fees are included on the registration forms. Every 5th grader will need to pay the \$25 band fee for 1st Semester. If the student chooses to continue in band for the 2nd semester, we will bill for that later. You may have access to an instrument through a family member or a friend. If this instrument is working well and happens to be the instrument of the student's choice, then you will not need to rent an instrument. If you need to rent an instrument there are several options:

1. You may rent from Peace (we have a limited supply of instruments so please check with us to see if the instrument you wish is available from us). The Peace rental fee is \$125 per year.
2. The other option is a rent-to-own program from Marshall Music (ranging from \$25 - \$50 per month). This includes insurance, repair, and your payments go towards the purchase of the instrument if your child chooses to continue.

You do not need to rush into a decision about renting the instruments yet, as we can add rental fees later in the fall. Please be sure to include the \$25 band fee for 1st semester in your registration form. A more detailed letter will be sent home in May about our band program. Thank you! Mrs. Ott

Kroger Re-enrollment ~ Kroger has established this program to help our schools. They send a percentage of what you spend to us. It does not affect your sales or discounts that you receive with your Kroger swipe card. If you are a member of Kroger Community Rewards please re-enroll your membership during the month of April in order to continue your participation. If you do not re-enroll your Community Rewards will not continue to come to Peace. To enroll or re-enroll in this wonderful program you may go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll" or "Re-enroll." All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. Organization members can no longer scan their group's barcode at the registers or service desk. In order to have the proceeds sent to Peace you must select Peace Lutheran 9415 Merriman, Livonia, MI. If you do not have the ability to go online you may contact the office for help.

Peace Clothing Orders ~ Orders for Peace clothing may be placed online now. Peace orders are now on a safe and secure website at <http://www.americanbus.com/newaces/default.aspx?UID=peace>. Peace clothing shows church and school pride. There are color and sizing helps for each item. In the past we usually only took orders just before Christmas so our parents could order Peace clothing for Christmas gifts. With this new website you are able to order anytime and you have a much larger selection. I like the added Solar Shield clothing for sun protection. Please remember that (as in the past) since the items are embroidered with our design on it they are not returnable (unless they make a mistake on the order) so please be careful with your color or size selection.

Mother's Day Geraniums ~ Last Date to order your Mother's Day Red Geraniums is Sunday, April 25th. They are only \$3.50 each! Make your check payable to "Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild." Sign up in the Church Entry today!

Online Lunch Orders ~ We are testing out a new online lunch ordering system. Our hope is to make it easier to order lunches for the kids and easier to keep track of your orders. Your Welcome Families package was sent home last Friday. It included the information needed to login to the website and your confidential password. There will be a link under Lunch Orders on the Peace Website at <http://www.atpeacewithgod.org>

The new system will let you order lunches up to 8:00 AM Monday for the same week. Once you pass the Monday 8:00 AM time it will not let you order anymore for that week. The new site will also keep track of your money paid so you can pay ahead if you would like. You can also order lunches at least a month in advance.

You will still need to drop your payments into the lunch order box and I will credit your account.

This is a new system so we will try to make the transition as easy as possible. Please be patient if there are some issues. I will be happy to answer any question or if you are having some issues please call me (734) 968-3737.

If you aren't interested in ordering online we will still be happy to have you order with the regular ordering system through the end of the year although you will need to turn your forms in the Friday before, as it is now. This coming fall we will go strictly to online ordering.

Thanks Beth Hodgson (aka The Lunch Lady)

PLEASE HELP OUR SCHOOL COLLECT THE FOLLOWING
ITEMS TO SEND TO OUR AMERICAN TROOPS IN
AFGHANISTAN.

The following is an email that I received from a former WELS pastor, now serving in the U.S. Army as a Blackhawk Pilot on his second tour. As you will see, he and his unit are in need of our help-please consider donating any of the following items:

"Thank you so much for your interest in wanting to help our Medevac unit. My unit is located in the middle of nowhere and being Medevac - they cover many different areas. More specifically, the crews that rotate to the BMG location do not have showers, cell phone service, or good internet. So, they are bored and dirty! Our families do what they can, but any additional help given would be greatly appreciated."

Thanks and God Bless,

Commander Steven Schroeder

THESE ITEMS ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

1. BABY WIPES
2. HAND SANITIZERS
3. FOOD/SNACKS (INCLUDING MICROWAVE ITEMS)
4. MAGAZINES AND BOOKS (USED ARE GREAT)
5. DVDS (USED ARE GREAT)
6. GROUND COFFEE (FLAVORED OR REGULAR)

****MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE APPRECIATED TO HELP
COVER THE COST OF SENDING THESE PACKAGES!

Please look for the table in the school hallway to place your donated items. We will be sending these items to the troops on Friday, April 30th.

THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR HELP AND DONATIONS!

