

1st LUTHERAN SCHOOL
FRIDAY NOTE
October 19, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to thank all of our parents for their commitment to their child's education. Research has repeatedly shown that effective communication between school and home is essential for student success.

During the past 40 years that I have been at FLS, I would estimate that we probably have a 98% attendance rate for parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences. In fact, I've only had one parent not show up for their scheduled conference or fail to pick up their report card. That is one of many reasons while our students are so successful.

Second Quarter has begun which means that students are really beginning to get into the "meat" of the curriculum. There is a lot of review during the First Quarter as teachers assess their students and discover their academic needs. But as we move forward, more and more new concepts will be introduced and expectations will continue to be high as students are given opportunities to explore and interact with new ideas.

Last quarter I challenged our students in Grades 2-6 to meet their grade's point goal for Accelerated Reader. Out of the 48 students participating in the program, 45 met their point goal! In addition, their comprehension scores were above 90%. We are going to start now working on the same goal for Second Quarter, but this time we want everyone to reach their goal. Thank you to everyone who supported 1st Lutheran School at our last Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse. Thanks to the many supporters, we received a check for \$175.00

Our next 2 Spirit Nights are coming up quickly. We have a Spirit Night **tomorrow**,

October 20, at Cherry Berry Frozen Yogurt in the Pavilion near Petco. We receive 10% of their sales between 4-8 PM. I hope to see you there! Then next week we have another Spirit Night at Chuck E. Cheese on **Wednesday, October 25**, from 3-9 PM.

Next Friday, we will be sponsoring the 11th Annual FLS Golf Tournament at Fianna Hills Country Club on Friday, October 27th. Lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 noon and there will be a shotgun start at 1 PM. The tournament committee has been very successful in getting sponsorships; right now, we are still looking for teams to play. The cost is \$600 for a team or \$150 per player. There are prizes for 2 flights. If you are interested in playing, or know someone who is interested, please contact Greta Barr at 462-2690. The funds raised from this event will go to the Annual Fund that enables us to offer tuition assistance to families.

Of course, don't forget the **really BIG EVENT** of the month – **The Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation** on Saturday, October 28th. We have a full day planned, concluding with the Reformation Walk from 3-5 PM.

HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP DAY

Friday, October 27, will be a Student Council dress-up day. Students may wear their Halloween costumes to school. No gory costumes, demons, witches, zombies, etc. If you have any questions regarding the appropriateness of a costume, please contact Mrs. Nieting in the school office. Judging will take place, so start planning your costume!

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

The weather is finally beginning to change and, as we begin putting on those warmer

clothing items, please keep the following things in mind:

- Only polo-style shirts with a collar and two or three buttons must be worn Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays.
- French blue Lands' End "Chapel" shirts must be worn every Wednesday.
- On Fridays students may wear their Spirit shirt or the above polo-style.
- Long-sleeve shirts or turtleneck shirts may **not** be worn under short sleeve polo shirts or short sleeve chapel shirts.
- Plain blue denim jeans may be worn on Fridays with shirts tucked in.
- Only solid color tights or leggings may be worn.

Plain, navy blue sweatshirts, or navy blue cardigan sweaters may be worn over uniforms.

Spirit Shirts are coming soon. Spirit Shirt order forms will be sent home with students next week.

CHAPEL OFFERING

This month's chapel offering is going to the Ronald McDonald Family Room, located on the 4th floor of Mercy Hospital in Fort Smith. The Family Room is designed to provide a place of rest and relaxation to families of children ages 21 and under who are being treated at Mercy Hospital. They support both daytime visitors and overnight guests. Communal sitting areas, dining room, fully stocked kitchen, laundry room, and four bedrooms are just part of what the Ronald McDonald Family Room has to offer, all at no cost to families. In the six years they have been open, the Family Room has served over **2,470 families** with NICU or Pediatric patients. We have collected \$103.05 this month. Next week is our last Wednesday to collect offering for this cause.

BOX TOPS

Search your pantries!! Ask your friends & neighbors to help too!! Our current count is only 714 Box Tops! We need all the Box Tops we can get by Friday, October 27th, so we can get them submitted by the fall check deadline. Last year, by spring, we reached our goal of 5,000. Our goal this year is 6,000 (which would be \$600 for FLS!!)...so, we have a long way to go!! Remember each time we hit a thousand, students earn a free dress day (preschool earn an ice cream or donut party).

TRIKE-A-THON

The Preschool Trike-A-Thon was a huge success and so much fun! Thanks to all the volunteers and to those who donated to our event. Our little riders raised over \$750 to help the kids at St. Jude Children's Hospital!

EARQUAKE! CONCERT

Grades 5 & 6 will be attending the Fort Smith Symphony EARQUAKE! concert Monday morning. Please make sure to sign the permission form your child brought home today. We will need several drivers for this event. Usually this concert is scheduled in the spring, but this year they changed it to October 23. Thank you! ~Mrs. Davis

DON'T FORGET

First Lutheran School and Preschool/Daycare will be closed November 20 – 24, 2017.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| ✓ Fri., 10/20 | NO SCHOOL/CHILDCARE |
| ✓ Fri., 10/20 | Spirit Night at Cherry Berry |
| ✓ Tues., 10/24 | FLS Open Gym 6:00 – 8:00 |
| ✓ Wed., 10/25 | Spirit Night at Chuck E. Cheese |
| ✓ Fri., 10/27 | Annual Fund Golf Tournament at Fianna Hills |
| ✓ Fri., 10/27 | Halloween Spirit Day at FLS |
| ✓ Tues., 10/31 | ADH Flu Shots at FLS |
| ✓ Thurs., 11/9 | Science Fun Night |