

1st LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FRIDAY NOTE

January 12, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Report cards for the Second Quarter have gone home with our students today. Please ask your child(ren) for their report card. If you have any questions about your student's report card, please contact the student's classroom teacher.

Parents, don't forget that there is **no school** on **Monday, January 15th** because of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

National Lutheran Schools Week, January 21 – 26, is almost here and we are looking forward to a busy and fun week. This year's theme is "It's *Still* All About Jesus: Yesterday and Today and Forever" and it is based on Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever," This verse provides a fitting purpose for our week of celebration. We give honor and glory to the same Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as our ancestors did when they founded First Lutheran School 164 years ago. It also affords us the opportunity to join with more than 2,000 schools in giving thanks and praise to the great God we serve.

We begin this annual celebration on Sunday, January 21st with our students singing at First Lutheran Church at the 8:45 AM service. Both choirs have been working hard on 2 songs that they will be singing. All FLS students and their families are encouraged to join us for worship that morning.

One of my favorite activities will start on Monday. We will be participating in another Online Mission Trip brought to us by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Last year we went to the island of Madagascar; this year we are going to the nation of Cambodia in Asia. The program consists of four 20-minute videos that highlight for our students the mission work that is being done in Cambodia. In addition, we will learn about the geography of Cambodia as well as the history and culture of the people. On Wednesday, our students will make postcards to be sent to the children of Cambodia.

Parents are encouraged to join us on Wednesday for Chapel led by Pastor Merrill and to stay to watch the finals of our School Geography Bee following Chapel. The top ten qualifiers from Grades 4-6 will answer questions about maps and world geography and culture as they attempt to be our school's representative to the State Geography Bee.

This month our chapel offerings are going to the Community Rescue Mission. We are also collecting applesauce cups, fruit cups, packages of cheese and crackers, animal crackers, juice boxes, and small lotions, shampoos, conditioners, and soaps. These can be brought at anytime to our school during the week.

Thursday night is our Curriculum Fair, which is highlighting the area of math this year. Student projects will be on display. Please come at 6:00 PM and compete in a math quiz bowl challenge against the Sixth Grade. They and their parents will be serving dinner beginning at 5:00 PM that night as a fundraiser for their trip to New Life Ranch at the end of the year.

On Friday, we invite all FLS friends and family to join us for doughnuts and our "Morning Meeting" beginning at 7:45 AM. We will be done by 8:25 AM. See how we begin each day at 1st Lutheran School where it's STILL all about Jesus.

PRINCIPAL CALL

First Lutheran Church has extended a Call to Mr. Samuel Fishburn of Webster Groves, MO, to be our next principal, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Fishburn is currently teaching third grade at Christ Community Lutheran School near St. Louis. He has served there for the past 5 years and is very involved with technology integration and curriculum development. He visited with both school and church leadership here in Fort Smith over the Christmas break. Please include Mr. Fishburn in your prayers as he seeks the Lord's guidance in his decision.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget to be sending in Box Tops!! We are behind on our 2017-18 goal of 6,000 Box Tops, but there is plenty of time to turn that around. Please raid your pantry, ask friends, family & co-workers for help, and let's collect as many as we can! Every Box Top submitted is real money for First Lutheran School! Plus, each time 1,000 Box Tops are collected, elementary students earn a Free Dress Day and preschoolers earn an ice cream or donut party!! We are getting close to our first 1,000!

PANTHERS 4th – 5th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

We started the New Year strong with a victory against previously undefeated Christ the King last Saturday.

Tomorrow we head to Cedarville where will face Mulberry at 3 pm. It's a little bit of a trek, but come on out and support the Panthers if you can!

CHOIR

Our students (all K-6) will be singing at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 21 at the 8:45 service. Students need to arrive by 8:30 to get seated and organized. We will be singing a song that has been written especially for the 2018 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. Another song we will be doing is a very popular song you will love! It's so fun for me to hear my students singing such spiritually strengthening music! Students may dress in nice church clothes or school uniform. See you next Sunday, January 21! ~ Mrs. Davis

BAND

Fifth and Sixth grade Band students are working on their solos for Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 5. Please encourage your child to practice extra for this special performance. All students have a solo which challenges their ability level and will help them grow musically and intellectually. The assessment will take place during school hours on February 5. ~Mrs. Davis

PALS MEETING

PALS will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mon., 1/15	NO SCHOOL/DAYCARE
Tues., 1/16	PALS Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Fri., 1/19	Monthly Walk at 1:35 p.m. Spirit Night at Cherry Berry
Sun., 1/21	Students sing at First Lutheran Church Worship service begins at 8:45 a.m.
Wed., 1/24	Geography Bee at 8:40 a.m. Grades 4 – 6
Thurs., 1/25	Curriculum Night and Sixth Grade Dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m.
Fri., 1/26	Join us for donuts and our morning Opening from 7:40 – 8:25 a.m.
Wed., 1/31	Spirit Night at Five Guy's Burgers



National Lutheran Schools Week Messages and Hershey Kisses

Parents and church members may send a small bag with Hershey Kisses and a message to students at First Lutheran School. If you, a grandparent, or a friend would like to purchase one for a child, we will type your message, attach it to a bag of Hershey Kisses, and deliver it to the classroom of the student for **\$1.00**.

Please fill out a separate form for each child who will receive one. Using the form below, enclose your money, and return it to the office **no later than Wednesday, January 17th**. Messages will be delivered Monday, January 22nd.

***Please fill out a separate form for each child.**

Delivered to: _____

Grade: _____

The message is: _____

From: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

This is a fundraiser for the Community Rescue Mission.