

1st LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FRIDAY NOTE

February 2, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thanks to many people we survived another hectic, but very fun National Lutheran Schools Week.

Would you believe that we are almost halfway through the 3rd Quarter? Believe it or not, it is time for mid-quarter grades. Next Wednesday is mid-quarter and midterm grades go home on Monday, February 12th. Now is a good time to check with your child and see how they are progressing with their Accelerated Reader points.

February is always a very busy month at FLS. On Sunday, February 11th, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM we will be hosting our Community Open House. We will be inviting families from the area who might be interested in enrolling their children in our school to come and tour our facility and meet our teaching staff. Mr. Fishburn, our next principal, will be joining us for this event and is looking forward to meeting as many prospective families as possible. If you know anyone who might be interested in enrolling their child(ren), **please invite them to attend.** Better yet, **offer to pick them up and bring them.**

We know that we offer a great product and we know that we offer that product at a great value. Give your friends and neighbors the opportunity to know what a **great school FLS is.** We need your help to make us grow! Growth helps us keep costs down and enables us to offer a better program. We continue to offer new activities to meet the needs and interests of our students such as a drama club for our primary students and boys' basketball. Next year we hope to add girls' basketball. All of these programs are enhanced with the addition of more students. Please help us spread the word!!!!

Mr. Fishburn will be available to meet with **current** FLS families earlier that Sunday afternoon from 1 to 2:30 PM. He is planning to spend a portion of Monday at school as well to see our school in operation.

On Wednesday, February 14th, we will be traveling to First Lutheran Church for our Ash

Wednesday Chapel. The service begins at 9:00 AM and we will need to leave at 8:40 AM. Our students should be back at school by 10:15 AM. We will need drivers to assist us getting the students to church on that day. If you are available to drive, we would certainly appreciate your help. There will be a permission slip on the back of this Friday Note.

Also on Wednesday, February 14th, we will be having Valentine's Day parties in each classroom. These parties will be from 2:00-3:00 PM. If you are interested in helping with one of these classroom parties, please contact your child's teacher. Please remember that when students bring valentines to school that day they need to include every student in their class.

Parents are reminded that we do **NOT** have school on **Monday, February 19** for Presidents' Day.

MONTHLY WALK

It will soon be time for our next walking event. It is the **Cardiac Caper** on Monday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m. During previous walks, we've had several parents and grandparents walk with us, and we would be thrilled to see more parents and grandparents join us this time. Come and model the value of a healthy lifestyle for our students. **We only walk for 30 minutes!**

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FIELD TRIP

Those students who sold gift cards from Texas Roadhouse last December will be taking a "field trip" to the restaurant this Monday, February 5th, where they will be served lunch and will get to participate in some line dancing.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

During the month of January, the students of 1st Lutheran donated \$80.12 for the Community Rescue Mission through our chapel offerings. Additionally, we raised \$343.00 through the sale of the Hershey Kisses during National Lutheran Schools Week and we received a \$50.00 donation from a friend of 1st Lutheran School to make our total donation to Community Rescue Mission total \$473.12. We would to thank all who contributed to

this gift to the Community Rescue Mission. Thanks to those who gave food and personal care items as well.

ACCELERATED READER

Monday, January 29th was the start date of the 20178 AR Challenge for Lutheran Schools. The purpose of this challenge is “to provide an incentive and motivation for our children in Lutheran schools to read more, get smarter, and have fun.” We report how many points per student we earn each week by grade level. The contest ends March 9th. We are one of about 45 Lutheran schools across the country who is participating this year. Results from this first week of competition will be reported in next week’s Friday Note.

PANTHER BASKETBALL

Congrats to the Panthers on an exciting one-point victory last Saturday against Union Christian Academy! Tomorrow we face Mountainburg in a game at Mountainburg High School at 3 pm. Go Panthers!

SOLO & ENSEMBLE

This Tuesday, February 6, students in grades 5 & 6 will be participating in our yearly solo assessment. Musicians have been practicing on a solo and in some cases, an ensemble to be performed for a judge. Our judge hears the student perform, assess his/her level, and then helps them to be better players or singers. Students are assigned a rating from I to IV based on this performance, with I being the highest. Our judge this year is a retired band and choir teacher who is fully qualified under the requirements of the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Assn. Thank you to Mrs. Norma Cholcher who gladly gives of her time and talent to play for each solo and ensemble. –Mrs. D.

ONE ACTS

An Evening of One Acts and Chamber Music will be presented February 20. The plays are student chosen and student directed. Most costume needs will be the responsibility of the actors (very simple), and sets and properties will be built by the students as well. Mrs. D.

ASH WEDNESDAY PERMISSION SLIP

The church season of Lent (Ash Wednesday) begins on Wednesday, February 14. Each year we transport our Kindergarten through Grade Six students to First Lutheran Church to begin the season of Christ’s suffering together in worship. The service begins at 9:00 AM.

We will need many drivers to help us transport the students to and from church. We rely on parents of our school to help with the transportation. If you could help with driving students, we would appreciate it. We will leave from school at 8:30 AM and return to school upon completion of the worship service. **Please return this form by Friday, February 9, 2018.**

Student Name: _____

I give permission for my child, _____, to attend the Ash Wednesday service at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, February 14.

_____ **I can drive students to & from First Lutheran Church**

I have working seatbelts for _____ students

Parent Signature: _____