

1st LUTHERAN SCHOOL
FRIDAY NOTE
May 4, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's May and there's only 15 school days left! It seems almost unbelievable that the end of the 2017-2018 school year is just around the corner. That means there are many activities ahead of us before the last day of school. The Spring Concert, Fun and Field Day, the Preschool/Kindergarten Closing Program, the FLS Talent Show and the 6th Grade Blessing are some that come to mind. Please note that this year the Fun and Field Day activities will be held after Chapel and the Awards Assembly on the last day of school. More details will be coming.

I have been stressing to our students that they need to FINISH STRONG!! Teachers are still instructing students, lessons are still being assigned, and work still needs to be turned in. School is **still** in session! This is always a difficult time of the year because all of us (teachers included) are looking forward to the end of the school year and, more importantly, the beginning of a well-deserved summer vacation. The problem is that it is still 3 weeks away and there are lots of things that need to be finished and finished in the right way. Parents, please help your child through these final weeks by making sure they have enough time in the evening to finish their assignments and that they get enough sleep each night.

We have finished with the early registration period. Thanks to the many families who turned in their forms and fees. We are still enrolling students for next school year. We know that we offer a fine educational program 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. There are still plenty of empty seats to fill. Your personal recommendation of our school is crucial to our growth. We don't have a lot of dollars to spend on publicity, so help us promote our school whenever you can. I am sure you know at least one child who could benefit from an education at First Lutheran School.

Wednesday, May 16th, the 5th and 6th students will have their scoliosis screening done by Dr. Marilyn Barr at 2:00 PM prior to their P.E. class.

ACCELERATED READER

Congratulations to the following students who have reached new levels of achievement in Accelerated Reader:

100 Point Club

Evelyn Anderson – 2nd grade
Khloe Tritt – 3rd grade
Sam Friddle – 4th grade
Travis Loftis – 4th grade

50 Point Club

Lilly Webb – 3rd grade

Look for additional names to be appearing in the next 2 weeks as our students **FINISH STRONG** in the area of Reading this school year!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks so much to those who are continuing to send in Box Tops to school! Keep them coming! We have had another 250 submitted, bringing our total for the year to 2,883. We are far from our school wide goal of 6,000, but we are just 117 shy of the students earning another free dress day! Let's see how many we can collect in these last three weeks of

school -- just toss them in an envelope or baggie! Go Panthers!

PANTHER BASEBALL

Come out enjoy the warm weather and support our Panther Baseball Team next week at the Church League Baseball Fields on Old Greenwood Road!

- Mon. 5/7 Skokos Field @ 7:15
- Wed., 5/9 Skokos Field @ 5:30
- Thurs., 5/10 Skokos Field @ 5:30

SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for the summer program is going on now! The program runs from May 30 through August 3. You can enroll your children on a full time or a part time basis. If you are interested in more information, you may contact the school office.

CHOCOLATE BARS

Thanks to the many parents who have helped their children sell chocolate bars. We only have about 25 boxes left to sell. Selling every one of the remaining boxes will profit FLS \$750. Deadline for turning in money is Monday, May 10.

CONFIDENT HUMILITY –

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The media give confusing information about how a child's sense of confidence develops. We are told that child egos are fragile and need to be constantly supported with praise. Some parents even try to create success for their children by shielding them from any hint of failure. Unfortunately, by doing this, instead of creating confidence, we are creating children even more fragile than we imagined. In spite of what we might think, children develop confidence when they navigate tough situations, and failure is a part of that. Deep down a child knows that an easy success is not as worthwhile as coming back from a failure. So if constant praise does not raise confident children, then should we go the opposite direction? Should we be "putting children in their place" with comments that remind them they are not as smart as they might think they are? Should we nag them about their weaknesses? Should we create

struggles for them so they toughen up? That does not make sense! As Christian parents we do not want our children to constantly brag about accomplishments, yet we know it is not good for them to belittle themselves either. What we want for our children is humility. "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble'" (1 Peter 5:5b). In the Bible verse above, we note that humility is not about the individual. Humility is more about how we treat each other than how we treat ourselves. In fact, a truly humble person is not thinking about himself. The child who frequently brags and the child who frequently complains of personal failure are both in the same category of emotional unhealthiness. Humble children are healthy because the worry of self-worth is not a concern for them.

A child's self-understanding has several different aspects. There is self-concept which is a description of oneself. There is self-esteem which is the estimation of how good we are compared to others. And there is self-efficacy which is a view of how effective we are in our environment. Each of these aspects has benefits and pitfalls. For example, a strong sense of self-esteem is what we typically understand as confidence. Confidence will produce more success, but it can also fool us into thinking we can do something we really cannot do. A godly self-understanding is an entirely different thing. This kind of understanding is not dependent on your child's personal characteristics. Instead it arises from God's relationship with your child. *(to be continued next week)*

CALENDAR

- May 8 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night
- May 10 Chocolate Bar Fundraising Money Due
- May 15 Spring Concert
- May 20 PS & Kindergarten Program 2:00
- May 22 6th Grade Blessing
- May 24 Talent Show
- May 25 Last Day of School