



NEWSLETTER

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Note from the Principal

Happy Fall everyone! It has been such an amazing first month of school! Seeing the growth of the returning students and getting to know all our new students has been an absolute joy for us all. The jog-a-thon was such a blast! Seeing you here supporting the students and helping make everything run smoothly was such a blessing to us. Thank you! We want to also thank you for keeping your children home when they are not feeling good. It helps to eliminate the germs being passed around.

Fund Raising News

We just finished up the jog-a-thon and what a fun time we had! A big thank you to all those that helped! Remember, the money collected needs to be turned in to the school by Monday, Oct. 7th. You may pay through the website, be sure to get the students' name put in so that they get credit for it. You can find the link on the home page at the bottom. You can give cash, check, debit or credit card as well. The announcement of prizes will be made on Thurs. the 10th. A big thank you goes to all of you who worked so hard to get sponsors and pledges.

Coming Events

Picture Day: Pictures will be taken on Friday, Oct. 4th. The photography company would prefer that you order online. Your child was sent home with information on Monday, Sept. 23rd. If you want to pay with cash or check you may stop by the office and pick up the order envelope.

Chapel: The first Monday of every month is Chapel day. We will be taking an offering at Chapel. The money collected will be used to purchase audio Bibles for the people in the Amazon Basin.

Bottle/Can Drive: the fourth week of October, we will be having a bottle/can drive. We have special blue bags in the office for them to be put in. This bottle/can drive is to help make all of you aware of an ongoing fundraiser that we have here at the school year-round. Please do not crush the cans. The drive will be a competition between the classes with the class bringing in the most bags, based on average per student, winning popcorn and movie party.

Homework Success

Homework is the extra one on one time that each of the students need. It is a time for parents to see what their children are learning and help to be a part of their education.

We can't emphasize enough how the extra 15-45 minutes a day adds to your children's success in school. We want to encourage you to take the time each day to do this with your child. Often times your children's homework is something that they are struggling with in class and with the extra time, you will help them be able to succeed.

Reminder

Everyone who sent us their email has been sent an invite to Quickschools. Remember to check in Quick Schools to see how your child is doing. If you need information on how it works be sure to check out the instructional video on our website. We also have a handout in the office. If you have not received an invite, it is because we do not have your email, or it may have gone to your junk mail. Please stop by the office and update your email so that we can give you an invite.

We are halfway through the first quarter of school. It is a great time to check QuickSchools (Kindergarten – 8th grade students) to see how your child is doing.

Yearbooks:

Last year's yearbooks are here. Stop by the office and get one today. The cost is \$15.00.

French Class:

The 5th – 8th grade students have an opportunity to learn French after school on Mondays. Contact Mr. Hunkler if interested, at 541-659-2032.

Halloween: We do not celebrate this holiday at school. We ask that you refrain from sending your children to school with Halloween clothing or costumes on. We have chosen to celebrate the season of autumn and the time of a final harvest from the garden. It is a beautiful season full of beautiful colors that God has blessed us with and given to us to enjoy.

Preschool (3yrs) – Miss Bleeker

Our class has done a great job settling into our daily routine, making new friends and being wonderful listeners. It is exciting to see the children begin to learn some of our letters, numbers, the days of the week and months.

Our class has also been working on color recognition and becoming familiar with shapes.

Bible time is such a joyous time in our day. Together we are learning how God created the world and everything in it. Each month our class will be studying a new memory verse. For October, we will be learning about joy. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10

Pre-K – Mrs. Dahl

We've had a great first month together! Have you heard about Inchy Inchworm? How about Button Bear and Amber Lamb? These animal friends help introduce new letters and numbers. The students have learned the letters: "Ii", "Uu", and "Ee". They've learned the letters' name, sound, and clue word. This month we will finish learning the vowels and then start learning the consonants. They have learned number recognition up to five!

Most of the students know their primary colors, basic shapes, and can count beyond 10! You may want to have your child count toys as he puts them away. The class is learning how to hold a pencil/crayon properly, so as we move into more writing skills, they will be ready. They are also learning to cut with scissors during art time and on some of the daily papers. During Bible time we have been learning about creation. The children enjoy singing our Bible songs and doing the actions! Our new memory verse is Acts 16:31, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved".

Kindergarten - Mrs. Kimzey

It's hard to believe September 26th marks halfway through this quarter already. I've had so much fun getting to know each of your children and seeing their joy as we learn new things. The whole class enjoys learning through songs: the books of the Old Testament, vowels and their sounds, numbers and even some of our class rules. I am also incorporating sign language as we go through the alphabet. Also, be sure to wear VCS shirts on Fridays. Occasionally treats are handed out to students wearing their VCS shirt or sweatshirt, so be sure to wear it every Friday just in case. One last thing, money is being collected during chapel each month for audio Bibles for families in Brazil. If students have money they want to donate, it should be brought on the first Monday of each month.

1st Grade - Miss Hoyle

Our school year is off to a great start. I have a class full of students who are eager and excited to learn. I am moved by their loving, kind hearts for one another. I have already seen tremendous progress in reading, letter formation, and math skills.

In math, we're working on place value and memorizing our addition facts. In health, we're learning healthy habits to take care of the bodies God fearfully and wonderfully made. Soon we'll transition to learning about our country's history. I appreciate everyone who is working hard with their child to do reading homework every evening. Keep up the good work! Soon, we'll start spelling homework so please keep an eye out for that in their folders.

2nd Grade – Mrs. Garrett

The new school year has gotten off to a great start this year. I enjoy getting to know each one of your children and their interests. We have been learning about Jesus' baptism, the meaning of baptism, and sincerity. I do want to remind parents that spelling homework is sent home every Monday, it should be handwritten that night and brought back on Tuesday. Spelling words should continue to be practiced throughout the week and our spelling tests are on Fridays. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. Thank you and enjoy this new season into which we are entering!

3rd Grade – Mrs. Davis

The new school year has gotten off to a great start! This class has been working hard on learning to work as a team for the benefit of the whole class. They are developing good study habits and learning to be responsible for their own behavior and schoolwork. We are well into math, spelling, reading, history, cursive, Bible, and art. I think it's going to be a great year!

4th Grade - Mrs. Ellis

I hope this newsletter finds you well and excited for the month of October. Our class has made steady progress since the beginning of the year. In language we are learning subjects, and verbs. We are concentrating on multiplication, division, and story problems in math. In science the students have been learning about energy. In social studies we are learning about the geography of our great nation. Let's make October a month to remember by continuing to work hard, have fun, and make new discoveries!

5th & 6th Grades– Mrs. Violette

We are planning a trip to the Oregon Caves on October 18th with the 7th&8th graders. Handouts will be going home at the beginning of this month. We will need a few drivers, and we will be limited to 30 people total. Please contact Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Violette if interested.

Parents, keep working with your child on their math facts. Our goal is to have students know their facts by heart. An extra 10 minutes a day really does help. Our memory verse for October is Job 1:21b.

7th & 8th Grades- Mrs. Jones

We have had a wonderful start to the year. In Bible we continue the study on what makes a person wise or foolish according to God's Word. We are primarily in Proverbs. World history follows the thread of God's plan for His people in and traveling through the desert after leaving Egypt and continuing to the promised land. In literature we will be reading C.S. Lewis Master Storyteller. In science we will learn about rocks and minerals. In grammar we are working on sentence structure and improving our writing skills.

There will be a book report this month due on Oct. 29th. The students may pick a book of their choice that has 300 pages.