

Mission Statement

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From the Principal

Our FVL theme of <u>Overflow with Hope</u> has an April emphasis on Resurrection Hope (1 Peter 1:3-5). "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior during the Easter Season, it is also a good time to reflect upon the inheritance believers have in Christ. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and subsequent resurrection from the grave, give us daily assurance as we celebrate our "new birth into a living hope." Christ died once for all believers, we can look forward to his second coming with joy and anticipation, knowing that "Heaven is our Home."



Built on the Rock

This week, we were witnesses to the pouring of the foundation of the new building. It is truly an exciting time as you can really see the work turning from digging to building. The student created prayer stones will be added to the basement floor at a later date to be determined. Please continue to keep our building project in your prayers as the work continues to move forward.



Forward Exam

Initial Forward Exam testing is almost complete. Makeups, for those students who were absent will take place beginning on April 14 and run through next week.

Warmer weather

Warmer temperatures present an opportunity to parents to review the dress code with their children. The full school handbook can be found online. References to the Dress Code can be found on pages 11,12 and 17. Please take a few moments to review this with your children.

Summer Care Sign Up

We will be offering summer child care during the following weeks:

- May 26-29
- June 1-5
- June 8-12
- August 24-25

Please watch for a signup that will be sent out with our Eagle next week.

School News

Athletics-Mr. Jammer

Track practices are underway. We have been informed by Trinity, Brillion, that they will not be hosting their track invitational this spring. It was tentatively on the calendar for May 6.

(Visit our Fox Valley WELS Athletic League website fwal.org to learn more.)

Praise Chimes - We ring chimes this Sunday (April 16th) in the late service. Meet in my classroom at 10:10 for a warmup. There will be no Wednesday morning rehearsal on the 19th; we will resume Wednesday rehearsals again on the 26th.

Technology- Mr. Brennan

With Forward testing in full swing we are seeing some favorable results from our network realignment. However, it is still clear that 50 students testing at the same time slows our network down very noticeably, thus limiting the other classrooms. We have recently purchased new monitors to test with Mr. Miller, Mrs. Hepner, and Mrs. Rivers in the office.

Extended Learning- Mrs. Plitzuweit

This quarter is all about flexibility! We have several days of standardized testing, teacher absences, vacation days, meetings, etc, to work around. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we adjust. Please take confidence that our students' academic growth and success is always a priority and we will make sure these schedule adjustments do not influence that goal.

PTO

Family Fun Night is coming up! PTO is hosting activities in the gym. We need about six volunteers to run them. We will have a bounce house, Giant Jenga and Giant Connect Four. Please check out our sign up or contact Brittany Rivers to see how you can help. Our April meeting is next Monday. We will be planning end of year activities so join us in person or online.

Wizard of Oz

We are on the home stretch! We are still in need of various props. You do not need to have a student in the play in order to provide props. Take a look at the link provided and let Mrs. Plitzuweit know if there are any of these items you can provide. Thank you! WOZ Props List



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Classroom News

7 & 8-Mr. Brennan

With Easter having come and gone (Happy Easter by the way), we are in the homestretch. 5 weeks will go faster than we think, especially when we add in the fact that they will be busy. We have Wizard of Oz practices, track practices, and Confirmation all on our calendars. We need to stay focused and still use the gifts God gave us to the best of our abilities. Once Forward testing finishes the 7-8 graders will be encouraged to work on their "Travel Asia" projects which will be due May 11th. Summer vacation will be here soon enough, just not yet.

We sing at Messiah on 4/30 at 10:15 AM.

5 & 6-Mr. Jammer

Other than a few students who were absent, our classroom has completed the Wisconsin Forward Exam testing. These students will be scheduled to make up the tests they missed next week. Even though it seems spring and warm weather has arrived (or at least for the past few days), encourage your child to try and stay focused on lessons and assignments as our school year comes to an end. In science, we started looking at Earth's moon. Students are asked to keep a moon log over the next week. Be sure that it is posted at home and recorded periodically over the next week. The best time (unless you're a night owl) is to check the position and phase of the moon first thing in the morning. You will find it just above the horizon in the southeast morning sky.

4-Mrs. Hepner

We are almost done with all of our Forward testing! With the heat this week, please make sure your child is drinking enough water and getting plenty of sleep. The classroom is very warm this week along with the weather being nice, but please remember the proper attire that can be worn according to the dress code. An email went home about our 4th quarter field trip and a note will be coming home soon. Please sign up to chaperone as this is looking to be a really exciting field trip for all!

3-Mrs. Loescher

We're enjoying the weather this week. Recess seems much longer when we don't have to put on all the winter gear before we play! We are halfway through our Wisconsin Forward testing. Looking ahead, we are planning a field trip with the fourth grade to the National Railroad Museum on May 5th. More info soon for those interested in chaperoning.

2-Mrs. Bakeberg

Your children sang beautifully for the Easter services! We are reading chapter books in reading class, have added milkweed bugs to our life cycle studies, and continue to practice writing informational pieces about ocean animals. Our room is very warm, and we can't always open windows due to the construction, so they can dress for a warm classroom. We let fresh air in whenever the noise decreases.

1-Mrs. Blum

We are loving this warm spring weather! We had Science outside this week, observing what grass and other plants need to grow. The kids have been working really hard to follow the group plan in PE so that they can do lots of fun activities with the parachute. It is very fun to watch! We have begun learning our song for Ascension in May and have started our countdown to becoming 2nd graders! Time is really flying!

K-Mrs. Jammer

We enjoyed the warmer weather and liked how quickly we could get outside without all the winter gear. We wrote an "All-About Book" on an animal of our choice. We are still quite dependent on teacher help when writing. In math we compared and analyzed 2-D and 3-D shapes. Look for these types of shapes in the world around you. We have enjoyed using the parachute in gym class. We are noticing how trees change in the spring.

3K & 4K-Mrs. Zabell & Mrs. Nelson

We are doing sensory and motor work with push pin designs and piggy toe pickup. Planning and problem solving are some key skills as we build marble runs. Peg boards are giving us opportunities to talk about patterns and shapes and letters and numbers. We continue to rejoice in the fact that Jesus is risen indeed!

From the office

We will be offering all students a special pizza lunch on May 2 please keep an eye out for the order form and return it to school as quickly as possible.

Upcoming Dates

4/17 - PTO Meeting @ 5:30pm

4/21 - Family Fun Night

4/25 - Early Release @ 2pm

5/5 - 3rd & 4th Field Trip

5/5 - Confirmation Rehearsal

5/7- Confirmation Sunday

5/8 - PTO Meeting @ 5:30pm

5/10 - Track meet @ FVL

5/12 - Silent Auction @ 5pm

5/12 - Grades 5-8 Drama Production @ 6pm

5/13 - God, Mom & Me Tea @ 10 am

5/12 - Silent Auction @ 2pm

5/12 - Grades 5-8 Drama Production @ 3pm

5/15 - Grades 1 & 2 Field Trip

5/19 - 5K Field Trip

5/19 - Whole School Field Trip

5/25 - Last Day of School - Half Day - Early Release at 11:30am

5/25 - Graduation Service @ 6:30pm

TBD - End of year school dance

TBD - End of year movie night

You can find a link to the full school calendar <u>here</u>. You can find our Google Calendar <u>here</u>.



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