



# NEWSLETTER

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**April 2025**

## **Note from the Principal:**

Spring is here, and what a wonderful season it has been so far! I want to start by giving a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Spring Carnival and Silent/Live auction a success. Whether you volunteered your time, donated items, or came out to support the event, we are so grateful for you. It was a true blessing to see our school community come together for such a fun and meaningful time.

April brings even more opportunities for our students to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship. We're looking forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, and Math Olympics. Thank you for continuing to encourage and support your children as they work hard and shine the light of Christ in all they do.

Let's finish the school year strong! As always, if you need anything, my door is open.

**Enroll now for the coming School Year:** Last month we sent home a re-enrollment form to secure your child's spot for the 2025-2026 school year. Please fill it out and return the form along with the registration fee ASAP. We will be opening enrollment to outside families starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. May God bless you and guide you as you make plans for your child's/children's futures.

**Nutrition and your child's success:** If you want to give your child a successful day at school, be sure to start their day out with a healthy breakfast. It should be full of protein and healthy fats. We also ask that you be aware of the food that is going in their lunches. High protein and vegetables are most important. Please limit the fruit, carbs, and sugar items. We ask that you not send any type of soda or sugary drink. Thank you!

## **Opportunity to sow into a mission trip:**

Our first-grade teacher, Melissa Hoyle, is heading back to Kenya at the end of June. The team will be working with local children's ministries and literacy programs. The goal is to build bridges with the church and the surrounding villages as well as provide support for the literacy program. Melissa would appreciate your prayers! If you would like to support her financially, please visit her fundraiser page: <https://www.mercyinc.org/campaign/kenya-literacy-trip-june-2025/fundraiser/52/>

## **Coming Events:**

**SAT Testing:** Testing for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking place on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to get your children to school on time and to make sure they eat a healthy breakfast and get a good night's sleep.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** April 11<sup>th</sup> is conference time for parents and teachers. Your scheduled time is attached to

this newsletter. This is a time for parents and teachers to talk about how your child/children are doing and how to best help them to finish the school year strong. We ask that children not attend conferences.

**Math Olympics:** The Math Olympics will be coming up on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. All students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will be participating. The day will consist of three math challenges that get progressively more difficult. Students must finish with a high percentage of correct answers to move on to the next test. An awards ceremony will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon to recognize the winners in each grade and those who had exceptionally high scores. If you would like to attend the awards ceremony you can come to the gym at 2:30. We will need parents who would be willing to grade the students' test throughout the day. Please look over the attached form for a time slot that works for you and return it ASAP. If you have any questions, ask Mrs. Thomas.

## **Fund Raising Notes:**

What a fun time we had at the carnival and silent auction. We were able to make about \$10,00 from this event. Thank you for your generosity. A big thank you goes to all of you who donated items or your time to work at the carnival. We couldn't do it without you!

You can also help us by signing up with the different companies that continue to help us. You can pick up the information on the school bulletin board by the stairs in the foyer. When you sign up, the school will get a percentage of what you spend. It doesn't cost you anything and every little bit that is given helps us keep the cost of tuition down. Thank you!

## **Congratulations:**

### *Students of the Month for February were:*

Preschool – *Gemma Freitas*

Pre-K – *Addison Egbert*

Kindergarten – *Sawyer Delay*

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – *Autumn Rylander*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – *Liam Striplin*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – *Jarred Houston*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Elyse Shoemaker*

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Adelyn Kimzey*

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Sam Johnson*

### *Students displaying Christian Character for the Month of February were:*

Preschool – *Paisley Davis*

Pre-K – *Alita Turner*

Kindergarten – *Dekker DeKoekkoek*

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – *Luna Wilber*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – *Deklyn Stansbury*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – *Johnny Steelman*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Elizabeth Hoyle*

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Everett Johnson*

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Braxton Shoemaker*

**Preschool – Miss Bleeker**

I hope you all had a wonderful spring break. As we start into our spring months we will be planting many types of seeds.

We will also be learning about shapes and colors.

Our memory verse for April is “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” Proverb 15:1

We will be learning our letters W, X, Y, Z and numbers 11 & 12.

Remember the homework papers will earn a sticker for their charts. More importantly, the extra help at home helps to reinforce what they are learning in class.

**Pre-K – Mrs. Dahl**

March seemed to fly by! I hope you had a nice spring break. Here we are officially in springtime and our last two months of the school year. The students and teachers are so happy to get to play outside again.

We have learned the name and sounds of the entire alphabet. The rest of the school year we will continue to practice reading blends, one vowel words and a few sight words. The students get excited when they find our sight words in books.

We are counting to 60 officially but sometimes continue to 100. Your child should be able to recognize all the numbers up to 12.

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> is our parent/teacher conference. Please plan to attend.

A good foundation is being established to prepare your child for 5-year-old kindergarten next year. I encourage you to begin thinking about your child’s next year of schooling, signing up early for kindergarten will ensure your child’s place in the class.

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Kimzey**

I can hardly believe we have made it to April already. This school year is quickly coming to a close. It has been such a joy to see all the growth throughout this year. Besides our new Bible verses we’ve been learning throughout the year, we’re still enjoying focusing on Colossians 3:23, “Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord and not for man.”

A few of our accomplishments are that we have finished up social studies and have transitioned into science. We have also finished reading all the Old Testament stories in our Children’s Bible, which equals roughly 150 stories and have moved on into the New Testament. Thank you for entrusting us with your children daily. It is truly a blessing to get to spend time with them each day.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Mrs. Hoyle**

I hope that everyone enjoyed their spring break! It’s hard to believe we’re in the last couple of months of school. I look forward to connecting with everyone this month for parent/teacher conferences.

We have recently started our science unit study, and everyone has been so excited to start working on their

science notebooks. We’ll learn about our senses, matter, insects, and our solar system.

In math, we’re up to the 11 family so keep practicing addition/subtraction facts at home. A great place to do this is in the car on the way to or from school. Please continue working on reading homework every evening since our books are getting more advanced. It’s been so exciting for me to see how far all the children have come in their reading abilities.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Garrett**

Spring is here, and we are making flowery projects in art and learning about the Good Samaritan in our Bible lessons. The emphasis is on what real love towards others looks like.

In Math we are getting into multiplication and the beginning stages of division.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Davis**

Happy Spring! It’s been a long winter, with some crazy storms. I’m sure we are all ready for some sunshine. Third grade recently finished their second book report. I am proud of their efforts in their reports and presentations in front of the class. Well done!

The students are working hard in all subjects, learning to problem solve and the importance of repetition in learning. Blessings!

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Ellis**

I hope everyone enjoyed Spring Break. It’s conference time and the start of our last quarter. This month we have the Math Olympics where your students will get a chance to show all they’ve learned.

We will be finishing up our last book report for the year. Science will change to Health and First Aid. Bible verses will be the whole armor of God in Ephesians 6:14-18.

I am looking forward to meeting with you for conferences on Friday, April 11.

Have a blessed month!

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Mrs. Violette**

This month, we’re excited to begin our Health unit, where students will learn about the human body and what goes on inside. We’re also diving into country reports, giving students the chance to explore different cultures and geography.

Our book report will be a formal report this month. Please ensure your child is reading their own book regularly. If they’re struggling, encourage them to read aloud at home and ask questions to help with comprehension.

Lastly, a reminder that Outdoor School (ODS) money is due by the end of the month. Thank you for your support in helping students stay on track with their learning and responsibilities!

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Mrs. Kaily**

I hope everyone had a wonderful and refreshing Spring Break. We are just beginning our fourth quarter of school. Conferences are on April 11th. I look forward to meeting with you. The week of April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> is SAT Testing. Attendance and proper sleep are important.

Book report for this month is on a historical fiction with 300 plus pages. The report will be due on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remind your child to bring their book to school each day so they can read in their free time. The current event this month will be assigned on the 1<sup>st</sup> and due on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a history report on a famous inventor that is due on April 25<sup>th</sup>.