

Faith Lutheran School

News and Views

October 19, 2009

School Calendar

Oct. 21 Chapel 8:45 a.m.

Oct. 23 **Harvest Carnival 6-8 p.m.**

Nov. 10 Veterans Day Celebration 2 p.m.

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

School/Childcare Closed

Nov. 12-13 Photo Retakes

Nov. 18 P.I.E. Meeting

Nov. 23rd Teacher Prep Day

School Closed/Childcare Open

Nov. 24-25 Parent-Teacher Conferences

School Closed/Childcare Open

Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Break

School Closed/Childcare Closed

P.I.E. Fall Fundraiser Update

The Big Kahuna Fall Fundraiser was a huge success. The numbers are in! Your sales totaled \$12,349.00. Faith Lutheran School PIE earned \$4,159.00 from this fundraiser that will go towards updating technology in the classrooms. We are so thankful to everyone who participated.

Our top seller is Conner Marrs from 1st Grade.

Congratulations Conner!

The winner of the Ice Cream Sundae Party is:
Mrs. Broman's Class.

Mark your calendar for Nov 6th. A special assembly will be called to announce the Grand Prize winner of the scooter. Nov 6th is our delivery date for cookies. Check the newsletter for updated information on pick up times. A special thank you to Angela Spence for chairing this event.



Harvest Carnival Is Almost Here

This year's Harvest Carnival is this Friday, Oct. 23rd, from 6 to 8 p.m. The carnival is an annual event hosted by Partners in Education (P.I.E.) where students play games. Food (pizza, hotdogs, chili, etc.) is sold in the fellowship hall. Costumes are welcome, as long as they are FRIENDLY! No masks, please!

Tickets are on sale starting Monday. Early-Bird tickets are 5 for \$2.00 Mon. – Thurs. All day Friday, tickets are 4 for \$2.00. Tickets may be purchased at the school office or in childcare. Tickets will also be available during the carnival.

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How many tickets should I buy?
Remember, you don't need the exact amount. This is a fundraiser. Consider the following: Each game requires 1 ticket to play. An average meal of 1 jumbo hot dog, 1 soda, and 1 bag of chips will cost 12 blue tickets.

Remember: bring some cash to throw your teacher in jail. Any teacher and Mrs. Avery can be thrown in jail for \$5.00, another \$5.00 will get that teacher out. Last year Mrs. Avery didn't go to jail once! A notorious individual (your principal) will be in jail until bail is met. Proceeds will go towards new tables for the pre-school/pre-K rooms. The slammer will open at 6:30 and the prisoner rotation will continue through 7:30. Let's meet our goal of \$300!



Harvest Carnival Help Needed!!

We still need some help to make this work:

- **Cake's needed for cake walk** hosted by childcare/please bring Friday.
- **Assorted bagged candy** – bins are located near the office & Childcare.
- Classrooms need volunteers for their games.

- P.I.E. needs help serving food in the kitchen.
- Prize booth needs volunteers
- The jail needs to be assembled (A power drill is needed)
- We need to borrow a bale of straw
- A volunteer to help Carla set up Prize Booth after school in Mrs. Bley's room the day of the carnival.

All time qualifies for stewardship hours!

There are numerous things to do at the carnival. To volunteer, please sign up in the school office. Watch for a "Harvest Carnival how to" coming soon! If you have any questions, please call Carla Whiting (Kate's mom) at 493-0246.

Veteran's Day Celebration

I would like to personally invite all the parents, grandparents, and relatives of our students that have served in the US armed services, or are currently serving our country to our Veteran's Day Celebration on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. We would like to celebrate your dedication to our fine country and the example you set for our youth. The celebration will start at 2:00 p.m. and the students would love to see our servicemen and women dressed in their uniforms.



Students are encouraged to wear **(Red, White, Blue)** our nation's colors as well as Faith Lutheran School colors!

Hot Lunch Menus Due

Hot Lunch menus are due in to the office **no later than** Friday, October 23rd. Please note the change on the menu for Fridays. You will need to check the box for which type of milk your child will be drinking. This will help us to order the correct amount of milk every week. Thank you!

Fall Photo Retakes



Fall photo retake day will be Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th beginning at 8:30 a.m. These will be the only retake days at Faith Lutheran.

To have your child's photo retaken, send your original photo package to school on either of the retake days. Your child must return it to the photographer. (You cannot keep it to compare to the new photo!) If you did not order photos in October, but have had a change of heart, visit the school office and pick up an order envelope.

Tuition Reminder

Tuition payments are due on or by the 5th of each month. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the office. Thank you!!

Calendar Changes

All Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten classes are going to have a combined Christmas Service this year. It will be on **Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m.** Kindergarten classes will join the 1st – 6th Grades for their service on **Friday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.** There will be a cookie reception after each service.



A Slice of P.I.E.

P.I.E. Meetings

The **P.I.E. meeting schedule** for the 2009/2010 school year has been set in advance. Save these dates for your calendar so you don't miss a meeting!

All meetings will be held in Mr. Lueck's 3rd grade classroom. Childcare is provided in the pre-school room.

November 18th – 6:00 p.m.

No December Meeting

January 6th – 6:00 p.m.

February 10th – 6:00 p.m.

March 10th – 6:00 p.m.

April 14th – 6:00 p.m.

May 26th – 6:00 p.m. (Last meeting)

HELP WANTED!!

Family Fun Nite is scheduled for Feb 6th and is in need of a chairperson. This position needs to be filled by Nov 18th to have ample planning time. If you are interested and need more information, please call Carla Whiting at 493-0246.

Box Tops For Education

The Box Tops contest for the classes continues! You have **until October 30th** to bring your box tops to your child's classroom. The class that collects the most box tops will win a pizza party.

Chapel



Please join us for our chapel services:

Oct. 21st 8:45 a.m.

Oct. 28th 2:45 p.m.

Nov. 4th 8:45 a.m.

Missionary Allen Larsen will lead us on October 21st. A guest, Pastor Knutzen, will lead on October 28th. Pastor Matt will lead chapel on November 4th. Our chapel offering during October & November continues to go to Lutheran Bible Translators.

Allen Larsen will be here to share about the great things God has done among the Garifuna people. Come join us this Wednesday to hear about his mission work.



From the Principal

Wow! What a great dedication! The students sang so beautifully. Thank you to all of you who were able to celebrate and dedicate the Multi-Purpose Building to God's Glory. This building is a great addition to our campus and I know God has great plans for us to use it to further His kingdom in this community.

The teachers attended a workshop on Differentiated Instruction this past week. The workshop focused on how classroom instruction can reach the different learning styles of students. Do you know how your child learns best? Some students learn best by hearing, others by seeing, or talking about what they are trying to learn. Still others need to feel, touch or be moving while they are learning. Knowing a child's learning style is very powerful in helping them be the best student they can be.

The Harvest Carnival is great fun. I'm excited about being put in jail as long as I have company. Keep those teachers in jail with me; the more the merrier. Although I would also like to get out and enjoy the other festivities. You can help the cause by putting the teachers in jail and bailing them out.

Thank you to all of you that have already put in a great amount of work in preparing for the carnival. Many helping hands make the job easier and provide a fun time for all. Thank you, Carla Whiting for organizing this "funtastic" school event.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on November 24 & 25, 2009. This is a wonderful chance for you and your teacher to collaborate face-to-face. Though the conference may seem too short, the ideas that come out of the meeting will help you, your child, and your teacher.

Mrs. Cindy, Mrs. Koehler and Mrs. Suelzle each have an extra load of families to meet with. Since they often need more than one day for conferences, their conference days and times can vary. If your child has one of these teachers, check your classroom newsletter for conference information.

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Broman, Mrs. Klumb, Mr. Lueck, Mrs. Bley and Mr. Brown will post or send home conference schedules.

Please be on time to your conference. If you arrive late, your teacher will either need to shorten your conference time (never good!) or push back everyone after you (also never good!). Thank you in advance for being thoughtful about timing.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Faith Families,

Many thanks to the school children and families for their participation in the dedication ceremony on Oct. 11th. It was wonderful to hear the children sing! About 320 gathered to celebrate what God has done. It was a great day that marked the beginning of an even better future for the Lacey community and Faith.

So what's the latest on the building? We still need a permanent occupancy permit. By the time you read this, the congregation will have voted to obtain a loan from Lutheran Church Extension Fund for bonding as the county and city require. The City of Lacey will then install remaining water meters. We will also have to pay a "traffic mitigation fee" of \$8,000. So...it's likely a matter of a few more weeks for the occupancy permit to be issued. That will be a joyful day! It's very close!

If you've ever moved into a new home, you know there are additional expenses. Same goes for the multi-purpose building. One way you can help fund and furnish it is by buying "scrip"--which are gift cards available at face value. If you haven't done so already, please check out the scrip info station by the school office. Scrip is available for most places you already frequent. It's a unique way to give because it doesn't cost you any additional money--just a little planning. So far, we have raised \$581 in free money--and this is just the effort of a relatively small group of families who

realize its potential. Scrip can be as big as we make it.

That's the news. I feel this is an exciting time in the life of Faith. If you have any questions or comments about Faith and its ministries, please feel free to visit with me or contact me, faithpastor@comcast.net.

See you at the Harvest Carnival!

Pastor Matt



Passport Checking

Grades 1-6 Passport Club map testing will be Thursday, October 29th. We periodically give prizes to those who consistently name all the countries.



Chess Club Reminder

Chess club meets every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Mr. Lueck's room. Students in 2nd grade through 6th grade are welcome. There is still time to join.

Board of Education

Next Board of Education meeting is Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Education City

Education City is an exciting online teaching and learning resource for Pre-K through 6th Grade, with engaging activities in Language Arts, Math and Science, all mapped to individual state standards. Faith Lutheran has signed up students from Kindergarten through 6th Grade for this academic year.



Computers

Thank you to the Board of Education for approving the purchase of five computers and printers for use in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Pre-K, and Child Care.

What does your child do at computer time? 3rd & 4th Graders are working on keyboarding and strengthening their skills in math and reading at the Education City web site. The younger grades are also using the Education City web site to support their Language Arts, Math, and Science Curriculum. Mrs. Broman likes to have her students practice their spelling words on the computer. Mr. Brown is teaching his class Microsoft Word and Excel, internet safety, and how to use the internet. He also plans to teach his class on how to make a Power Point presentation.

Faith Lutheran School Closure Information

Snow Closures

Faith Lutheran follows North Thurston School District on weather closures, late starts. The quickest way to find out North Thurston's plan is to log on to:
www.nthurston.k12.wa.us.
It's faster and more accurate than TV or Radio.

When hazardous weather conditions impact our school, Faith Lutheran School follows North Thurston School District for (WEATHER RELATED CLOSURES ONLY)

You may also refer to MIXX 96.1 FM or KG4 1240 AM. KOMO 4, KING 5, KIRO 7 news.

Please be patient, there may be a delay in making announcements. In the event of a power outage during school hours, our Crisis Management team will meet to determine what if any accommodations need to be made. We are fortunate to have a good source of natural light to each of our classrooms. At any time, parents may choose to remove their child from school.

Please be sure to sign-out at the front office.