



THE MUSTANG Memo

...a newsletter for Zion Grade School's families and the congregations of Zion and St. Mark's

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Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ! Christ Centered – Academically Strong – Respectfully Operated

FROM THE School Administrator...

We have been blessed with great weather for the walkathon, for the track and field day for 5-8th grade and now we pray for favorable weather for play day. We hope you can join us for this annual event as Zion students compete against the other schools. Thanks to all the parents who signed up to work at the events and concessions. We appreciate you!!

We are quickly winding down to the last weeks of school. Please remember to have your child turn in library books, have your lunch account paid up and tuition taken care of.

Don't forget our PTL Family Banquet is Sunday, May 20th following the 10:30am service. This is for the whole family. It is a potluck so bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy some great food. We thank PTL for supplying the meat for our lunch. We'll be giving out awards to all of our students and congratulating our 8th grade students and our kindergarten class! Hope to see you there!

There is still a rather large box of lost and found items in the hallway. If you have time, please take a look through it!

Don't forget, yearbook orders are due Wednesday, May 16th!

Our closing chapel service will be Friday, May 25th at 1:30. We will also be doing kindergarten graduation during this service. Parents, grandparents and others are encouraged to join us as we celebrate the close of another school year!

Mrs. Thomas

Woo Hoo!

This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Take some time to let your teachers know what a great job they do and share an encouraging word– it makes a world of difference!!!



Play Day – Friday! Friday, May 11th – All day

Explanation: Each year we set aside one day for play day which is a track and field day between Zion and two other schools. This year ZION is hosting the event. Your child will be participating in events all day long. The day starts at 8:40 with a chapel service and ends after the All School Relay in the afternoon. With Zion hosting the event this year we need ALL available parents to be able to help out and run games or do concessions. It is a fun day of cheering on the Zion student body. Your child can either purchase concessions or bring a bag lunch. Please let Mrs. Thomas know if you have further questions. Parents can take their kids home with them after the events, but please check in with your classroom teacher first.

Reminder:

Set Up and Volunteer meeting
Thursday, May 10th at 7:00pm
In the school gym!

Captains of events should plan on attending so Mrs. Shannon Aurich can give you instructions for your particular event. All set up volunteers need to be at this meeting as well!



Chapel Offering for FOURTH QUARTER will go to:
 Feed My Starving Children
Chapel begins each Wednesday morning at 8:30

FOURTH QUARTER MISSION CHAPEL OFFERINGS
 WILL GO TO.....

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

This organization was started in 1987 by businessmen who wanted to feed the starving children around the world. It is a non-profit agency.

The numbers

- 18,000 children die each day due to starvation
- 19 cents pays for ONE life saving meal
- Each meal has all the nutrients a child needs for an entire day.

Fourth quarter goal: \$400.00

Offerings to date: \$ 276.58



Zion Vacation Bible School

Zion's VBS is fast approaching, and we need your help. VBS Volunteer Registration is now open. Whether, you are willing and able to help 1, 2, 3, 4, or all 5 days, we would greatly appreciate it! Zion's VBS runs from June 11-15 (9am-noon on Monday, 9:30am to noon Tues.-Fri.). Volunteer Orientation is Sunday, June 10 at 5pm. So, if you are able to lend a helping hand as we seek to Share Hope and Teach Christ to the children of our community, then please register as a volunteer by filling out a form in the narthex, at the school office, or by going on-line at www.zionmayer.org. Thank you! Please also note that registration for VBS child participants (4 years old through those entering the 5th grade) opened on Sunday, April 29. Thank you!



Academic skills over the summer?

Have you ever wanted your kids to keep up on math and language art skills over the summer, but weren't sure how to do that? We have books in the office you can look at and an order form is attached to the back of the memo. All orders can be placed by you, no need to go through the school.



Power of Devotions at Home

SURPRISE!

By Max Lucado

"No one has ever seen this, and no one has ever heard about it. No one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. Isaiah 64:4"

For my birthday recently, Denalyn planned a surprise family evening at a restaurant. I knew about the restaurant part, but not about the half dozen families joining us.

It had been a lazy day and I wasn't all that eager to go out, so I suggested we postpone dinner. Boy, was I surprised! My family made it clear. We were going out to eat. Not only that, we were leaving on time.

My attitude was "why hurry?" My daughters' attitude was "hurry up!" Why the big deal? Only when we arrived did it all make sense.

Surprise!

They knew what I hadn't. They knew about the party—and they did everything necessary to make sure I didn't miss it.

Jesus does the same for us. He knows about the party. Jesus is happiest when the lost are found. For him, no moment is greater than the moment of salvation!

Max Lucado



Choir dates for students:

May 20 – (K-7) Sing at Zion 10:30am



8th grade picture collages

As part of the PTL Spring Banquet on May 20th, the 8th grade students should be making a picture collage that will be hung in the gym. It typically is a collage of pictures from young to now.



PRAYER CORNER

Please keep the following students in your prayers on the day indicated:

- Monday, May 14 – Tristan Carlson
- Tuesday, May 15 – McKenzie Mitteness
- Wednesday, May 16 – Hannah Truniger
- Thursday, May 17 – Nick Lundgren
- Friday, May 18 – Maddy Miller

Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thes. 5:16-17



SCRIP – SCRIP

May Music Month

Remember that May is music month. ALL of scrip profits go towards helping our music program and the students who participate in them.



Paper Trailer!

The Paper Trailer will be at St Mark School Parking lot beginning Wednesday, May 9, 2012 and will be there until Sunday, May 20, 2012. Please help support the kids at both congregations by bringing over any paper or cardboard and FEED SACKS during this time. Many have paper boxed up and stockpiled, so please contact any one of the Zion 5th or 6th grade families to help if you have a larger amount to unload. The students will be at St. Mark on Wednesday, May 9th at 4:00 to help unload if you need it. Please call Sandy Miller at 353-2433 if you have any questions. Thanks for your support!



2011-2012 YEARBOOKS

The order forms already came home on the memo. The cost is \$10.00 and should be sent in to Mrs. Shipler by Wed. May 16th. Please make checks payable to Zion PTL. Yearbooks can be picked up mid July.



Health Corner

By Amy Tollefson, RN-School Nurse

Summer activities:

Week #2 Test Your Knowledge

True or False: Tanning indoors (tanning beds) reduces your risk of skin cancer.

Answer: False- Indoor tanning devices use UV (ultraviolet) rays. Over exposure causes the same damage to your skin as outdoor tanning...you can actually be increasing your cancer risk.



CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY:

Week of May 11 - 17

Saturday, May 12 – Brock Hoesse
Tuesday, May 15 – McKenzie Mitteness

Happy Birthday and God's many blessings in the coming year!!



Exercise for Education Walk-A-Thon 2012

Donations to date: **\$16,497.45**

100 Years

Zion Lutheran SCHOOL

Now that is something to celebrate!!!

100 year celebration – we have much to be thankful for! Zion Lutheran School will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary this fall. Would you be willing to help and serve on a committee to recognize this joyful event? Please contact Kris Thomas in the school office if you are willing to help or have any great ideas! Thanks in advance for supporting the school!

THANK YOU

A big "THANK YOU" to Korrine Kramer for making Pete the Cat "shoes" for the Kindergarten class's skit for the Variety Show!!

SALT – SALT – SALT – SALT – SALT –SALT

The 5/6th graders will now be taking over the salt sales for the next DC trip. If you are in need of salt, please call any current 5/6th grade student or **Gordy Chmielewski at 952-457-5303 or Greg Miller at 612-719-0799**



Spring All School Awards Banquet

Sunday, May 20th
12:00pm in the school gym

Explanation: Every year the PTL sponsors a spring banquet. Over the years this has become a special celebration for ALL the students. We have Kindergarten recognition and the 8th graders are our VIP's of the day! Eighth grade graduation will be during the 10:30 service on this day! The 8th grader's sit at the head table and each of them creates a collage of their growing up years for the event. All the students have their artwork from the school year displayed around the gym. We also award other achievements for the year such as honor/merit roll, spelling bee winners, athletics etc. This event is for the whole family and extended family if you wish. The PTL provides the meat and potato for the lunch and it is potluck (provided by all the families) for any of the other items. This lunch starts at 12:00 following the 10:30am church service. The 7th grade parents are in charge of planning the event. We hope to see all of you there!



SCRIP – SCRIP

Need Mother's Day gifts?

Scrip in the office:

- Applebee's (8%)
- D'Vinci's (10%)
- Papa Murphy's (8%)
- Frost & Steam (10%)

ScripNow! online:

- amazon.com (4%)
- Barnes & Noble (9%)
- Shutterfly (9%)

Questions? Contact Sarah Bokenewicz via FastDirect or email: sbokenewicz@frontiernet.net.

HELP!

POP UP TENT!

Vacation Bible School decorating committee is in need of a canopy quick style pop up tent for the week of June 11th - 15th. Please contact Shelly Kahl at 952-270-6399 if you are able to help out. Size of tent is roughly 10'x8' or 12'x12' and has a canopy only with no sides.

Dates to keep in mind:

- May 11 - Play Day at Zion
- May 17 - PS field trip - Children Museum
- May 20 - PTL Spring Banquet 12:00
- May 22 - End of year field trip to Fort Snelling (5-8)
- May 23 - End of year field trip boat ride K-4
- May 25 - Last day of school and closing chapel with kindergarten grad. at 1:30.



Join us on an Amazing Desert Journey!

We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help in the **Kitchen**. If you are able to help serve snacks only 1 day or all 5, we would appreciate your help!

This year, **Childcare** will be available at Christ Corner for Volunteers with kids too young for VBS (3 yrs old and younger). *Please note on your registration if you'll be needing childcare, including the number of children and their ages. Or maybe you'd be interested in being a Volunteer *in* Childcare—please note that, too!

Registration is now open for Volunteers *and* for Kids! You can register online at zionmayer.org, or pick up a form in the school office or church narthex. Questions? Contact Sarah Bokenewicz via FastDirect or sbokenewicz@frontiernet.net.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

Fri. May 11 – Play Day

Wed. May 16 – 8:30 Chapel led by Pastor LaPlant

Looking ahead:

May 20 – Spring Banquet

May 22 – End of year field trip (5-8)

May 23 – End of year field trip (K-4)

May 25 – Last day of school

Congratulations for setting new records at the LHS Track and Field Day!

Hannah Truniger – 1 mile and 800m

Rhett Kovar – Long Jump

Mya Chmielewski – 400m