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Important Notes:

EGLS Open House
Wed. January 28
4:00-7:00 pm.

Reading Week
January 26-30
"Vote for Books"

Reading Night
"Vote Books"
Fri. January 30
6:30 p.m.

PAWS Bake Sale
Fri. January 30
6:30 p.m.

I Promise

This week we were witness to history as the first African American was sworn into office. President Obama promised to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the duties of the office of the president. That is a very important promise, and we pray that he will be able to fulfill that promise. My record on keeping promises is somewhat inconsistent. On the one hand if I promise a student that I will help them with their assignment, I make sure that I help them. If I promise to meet with a parent, I fulfill that promise. However, when it comes to my wife's honey-do-list, I am not always as diligent in keeping my promise. I cannot truthfully say that I always keep my promises. Because we are sinful human beings we often break our promises to others. Whether it is to our children, our spouses, a co-worker or even to God, we often fall short. The good news is that God always keeps His promises. After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, He promised to send a Savior and He fulfilled that promise by sending Jesus Christ to take on our sins, suffer and die on the cross, and rise again on the third day. He also promises us in John 3:16, "*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.*" In Matthew 28:20b he tells us, "*And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.*" God promises to forgive our sins, to be with us always, and to take us to heaven. What a comfort to know He always keeps His promise!

January Calendar

- 1/23 5/6 girls vs. St. Paul's @ Zion Tourney, 4:30
5/6 boys vs. St. Paul's @ Zion Tourney, 6:50
- 1/24 7/8 girls vs. Emmaus @ MLHS, 10:30 am.
- 1/25 3-5 Choir sings, 10:45
- 1/26 Reading Week, "Vote For Books"
5/6 girls practice @ EGLS, 3:30-5:30
5/6 boys practice @ Zion, 4:00-5:30
7/8 boys practice @ EGLS, 6:15-7:45
- 1/27 RW: Dress-up Day
Red, White, & Blue
7/8 girls practice @ EGLS, 3:30-5:00
Boy Scout Meeting 7:00 pm. F.H.
- 1/28 Chapel Buddy Reading Time, 3:00-3:20 pm.
5/6 boys vs. Concordia @ Zion, 4:30 pm.
EGLS Open House 4:00-7:00 pm.
- 1/29 7/8 girls practice @ Zion, 4:00-5:30
5/6 girls vs. Mt. Calv. @ EGLS, 4:45 pm.
7/8 boys practice @ Zion, 6:15-7:45
- 1/30 PTL Reading Night 6:30 p.m.
PAWS Servant Event Bake Sale, 6:30 pm.
- 1/31 7/8 girls vs. NWLS 10:30 am. @ MLHS
7/8 boys vs. Imman.

Prayer Corner



In the prayer corner this week we pray God's blessings on the following school families: Eric and Monica Seeger-Ben PK-3 and Amalia, Rome and Sarah Seifert-Birkley PK-3, and Mr. Randy Setzer-Alex 4th and Brody 2nd. We also pray God's blessings for the following church families: Mr. and Mrs. David Bennett-Hunter, Mr. Dwight Bergner, and Mr. and Mrs. James Bernier. We pray for the father of Mrs. Shelly Skovgaard, who has broken both of his legs and is in rehabilitation and Mrs. Gertie Bessert.

Chapel

Our chapel theme this year is "Jesus gives me strength." Each Wednesday we gather as a school family to worship together. Chapel is led by the pastoral staff, Mr. Angell, Mr. Marrose, MS students and a variety of guest speakers. Parents are always invited to join us. Our next chapel is Wednesday, January 28 at 8:35 a.m. and will be led by Mr. Duane Jobst.

Our chapel offering for December and January will be going to our adopted LCMS-Mission in the Dominican Republic that in addition to outreach, supports two schools including one for students that mentally impaired.

EGLS Music News

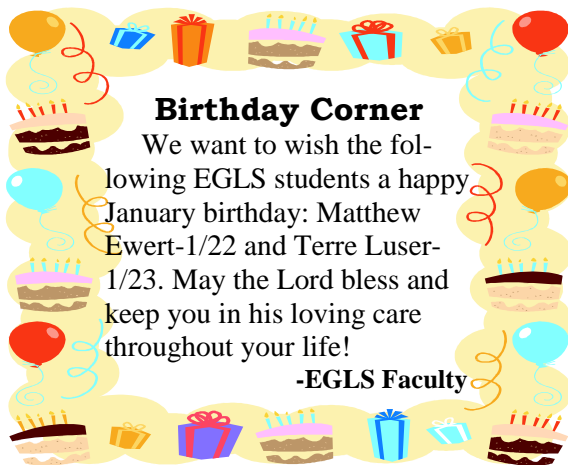
Sun. Jan. 25 3-5 Choir @ 10:45 service (10:20 arrival)

Sun. Feb. 1 Jubilate @ 10:45 service (10:15 arrival)

Sun. Feb. 8 K-2 Choir @ 8:00 service (7:40 arrival)

Thank you, K-2 Choir, for some awesome singing last Sunday. The congregation especially enjoyed your leadership on the hymn! We look forward to having 3rd-5th Choir sing this coming Sunday. Someone said there is something “fishy” about your songs! Our brass, woodwind and percussion students are preparing solos for the annual Solo and Ensemble Contest on March 14. Parents, encourage your students to practice a lot for this event!

Calling all EGL alumni instrumentalist. Join the Pep Band for the Spirit Tournament on Thursday, February 12. Meet in the Music Center at 5:45 p.m. and play at the 6:30 p.m. game. Please contact Karla Bessert at kbessert@egl.org or 262-797-2970 if you can participate.



Birthday Corner

We want to wish the following EGLS students a happy January birthday: Matthew Ewert-1/22 and Terre Luser-1/23. May the Lord bless and keep you in his loving care throughout your life!

-EGLS Faculty

Accelerated Reader Challenge

It's time! You have been asking for it! The Accelerated Reader Challenge will begin **January 26 through March 6**. The class with 100% participation that earns the highest position in their division can win a Trip to the Movies (1st Place), Papa John's Pizza Party (2nd Place), McDonald's Happy Meal Party (3rd Place), or an Einstein Bros. Bagel Party (4th Place). The top student with the most AR points from gr.1-2, gr.3-5, and gr.6-8 will win a \$10.00 Barnes & Noble Gift Card. So Read! Read! Read!

PAWS Bake Sale



PAWS (Positive, Active Wildcat Students) is sponsoring a Bake Sale on Friday, January 30 during Reading Night. The bake sale is to raise funds for a local homeless shelter. We hope you will come and listen to some great books and help PAWS support the homeless in our community.

EGLS Sports

Congratulations to our 7/8 girls for their victory over Concordia last Saturday and our 7/8 boys who defeated Trinity. The 7/8 boys won their first game of the Our Redeemer Tournament but lost the next two to finish in 4th place. This weekend the 5/6 boys and girls will participate in the Zion Tournament. The season schedules are posted on the website www.egl.org under EGLS Sports, so you can check it at anytime.

Schedule

1/23	5/6 girls vs. St. Paul's-Ocon. 4:30 pm. @ Zion
	5/6 boys vs. St. Paul's-Ocon. 6:50 pm. @ Zion
1/24	7/8 girls vs. Emmaus, 10:30 am. @ MLHS
	5/6 girls & boys @ Zion Tournament
1/26	5/6 girls practice, 3:30-5:30 pm. @ EGLS
	5/6 boys practice, 4:00-5:30 pm. @ Zion
	7/8 boys practice, 6:15-7:45 pm. @ EGLS
1/27	7/8 girls practice, 3:30-5:00 pm. @ EGLS
1/28	5/6 boys vs. Concordia, 4:30 pm. @ Zion
1/29	7/8 girls practice, 4:00-5:30 pm. @ Zion
	5/6 girls vs. Mt. Calvary, 4:45 pm. @ EGLS
	7/8 boys practice, 6:15-7:45 pm. @ Zion
1/31	7/8 girls vs. Northwest, 10:30 am. @ MLHS
	7/8 boys vs. Immanuel, 11:30 am. @ MLHS

Praise Corner

We want to thank the 4th grade Webelos Cub Scouts, Ben Ewert, Matt Ewert, Mark Midtbo, Alex Ohde, and Zachary Skovgaard for stickering, stuffing, and stamping all the Valentines created by the Chapel Families that will be going overseas to our soldiers. Ben, Matt, and Alex also worked to scrub and sanitize all of the kindergarten tables and chairs. Thanks for helping your school scouts, well done!



Parent Surveys

Parent Surveys were sent home this week. In order to help us evaluate the school program we encourage you to fill those out and return them to the office. You should have also received an e-copy that you can return by email. The class with the most responses will receive a pizza party.

Elm Grove Lutheran School

Monday 1/26	Tuesday 1/27	Wednesday 1/28	Thursday 1/29	Friday 1/30
Hot Ham Slice, Cheesy Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Bun.	Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Buttered Noodles, Peas, Pears.	Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Sauce, Corn, Peaches.	Chicken & Rice Casserole, Peas, Fruit Cocktail, Bun.	Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Celery Sticks, Banana.
Candice Luser Mike Marble	Jennifer Rentmaster Shelly Skovgaard	Nancy Ewert Carol Ewert	Candice Luser Jami Hedtke	Candice Luser Ryan/Jessica Stamm

Hot Lunch News



A big thanks to our volunteers for the week of January 19: Mike Marble, Candice Luser, Jami Hedtke, Shelly Skovgaard, Nancy Ewert, Carol Ewert, Emily Krueger, and Michelle Bellante. If you can help serve please contact the school office. The February hot lunch calendar went home this week and will be due back in the office by Mon. 1/26.

Second Quarter Perfect Attendance

We want to congratulate the following students who maintained Perfect Church or School Attendance for the 2nd Quarter: Those students include: **PK-3: Church-**Brady Stamm; **School-**Ben Krueger, Garrett Mueller, Birkley Seifert, Brady Stamm, Luke Wilinski; **PK-4: Church-**none, **School-**Tessa Bergstrom, Dominic Lagona, Heather Tampa; **K-5: Church-**Jamie Krueger, Noah Schulz, **School-**Megan Hedtke, Jamie Krueger, Cassandra Romero; **1st grade: Church-**Gregory D'Agostino, Julianne Skovgaard, **School-**Gregory D'Agostino, Sydney Friedrichsdorf, Gabrielle Harner, Julianne Skovgaard, Duncan Wierzchowski, Austin Williams; **2nd grade: Church-**Owen Krueger, **School-**Gabe Dean, Callie Hedtke, Kailyn Klotz, Owen Krueger, Anna Ohde, Hanna Radewahn, Ben Wierzchowski; **3rd grade: Church-**Anastasia Hoeg, Hannah Margrett, Hannah Schulz, **School-**Justin Fena, Anastasia Hoeg, Hannah Margrett, Alexis Romero, Joshua Zhang; **4th grade: Church-**Mark Midtbo, Zachary Skovgaard, Christine Wilcox, **School-**Ally Dean, Madeline Diehl, Jacob Harner, Tyler Hipke, Mark Midtbo, Jacob Stamm, Kathleen Wierzchowski, Christine Wilcox; **5th grade: Church-**Hannah Arnold, Elyse Hoeg, Anna McMiller, Katie Radewahn, Sarah Schulz, **School-**Hannah Arnold, Hannah Cobleigh, Elyse Hoeg, Anna McMiller, Allie Whittaker **6th grade: Church-**Ann Wilcox, **School-**Aaron Huber, Jené Kramer, Megan Rentmaster, Andrew Weymier, Ann Wilcox; **7th grade: Church-**Jacob Arnold, Mollie Radewahn, **School-**Jacob Arnold, Rebecca D'Agostino, Mollie Radewahn, Bryce Schilz, Matt Sonnenburg; **8th grade: Church-**Savannah Berry, Matt Foster, Austin Hoeg; **School-**Anthony Bagwell, Savannah Berry, Austin Hoeg, Michael Huber, Andrea Jagusch, Alyssa Krueger, Eric Weller.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Last Call for Girl Scout Cookies! Girl Scouts from Elm Grove Lutheran School's 5th grade Junior troop will be selling cookies in the lobby Saturday night, and the 1st grade Brownies will be selling cookies after services on Sunday. This is your last chance to order, since the sale ends Tuesday, January 27. Have you already ordered more boxes than you know what to do with? Consider donating cookies through the Cookie Share program. You buy the cookies, and the troops donate them to a local non-profit organization. We have troops taking donations for EGL's Bread and Fish, EGL Shut-Ins, Place of Refuge, Brookfield Rehabilitation and Specialty Care Center, and Ronald McDonald House. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Wilcox 262-574-0051 or e-mail brucekwilcox@hotmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts.



NPH Rewards Program

Northwest Publishing is now offering a rewards program that will return 1% of your purchase to Elm Grove Lutheran Church and School. In addition for every \$75 in purchases, you will receive a \$5 savings code good for your next purchase. There are three easy ways to sign-up for the program. You can go on-line to www.nph.net/NPExtra or you can call 1-800-662-6022. You can also register at the NPH store located at 1250 N. 113th St. Milwaukee, WI. We hope you will take advantage of this easy way to support EGLS.

PTL News

2009 Entertainment Books: Price Reduction! The EGLS PTL has been given several 2009 Entertainment Books to be sold. If interested, please stop by the Scrip table or contact Jami Hedtke at (262) 649-3665 or jjhedtke@wi.rr.com. Take advantage of this limited time offer for the low, low cost of just \$20, while supplies last.

PTL Parent Meeting: The 2008/2009 school year is halfway over already! Join other parents on Friday January, 30th at 6:30 pm in the CLC for a brief meeting (about 30 minutes) to discuss several school topics. While the kids are enjoying good books at Reading Night, let's take advantage of the opportunity to have some "adult" time. Everyone's input is appreciated, hope to see you there!

Martin Luther High School

Martin Luther High School is processing enrollments for the 2009-2010 school year. Eighth grade students planning on attending Martin Luther should submit their registration form to the school office. Appointments will be made in February to schedule freshman classes. You can download a registration form at martinlutherhs.org - **Admissions**. Please contact the office at (414) 421-4000 if you have questions.

Market Day

The 6th grade and Kindergarten classes would like to thank you for your order in January. As we look ahead to February our goal is \$3198 which will allow us to receive \$250 in library books from Barnes and Noble. February profits will also go to support the 4th grade field trip to the state capital in May. In February, Market Day's Frequent Buyer Program is back- so place your February order and you'll be one step closer to earning a FREE insulated bag!

Parents Night Out II



Looking for an evening of good food, good drink, and lots of fun? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The Parent Advisory Committee is sponsoring their last Parents Night Out for this school year on **Saturday, February 7** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring an appetizer and a drink to share and we'll supply the fun. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

EGLS Open House

The EGLS Open House is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 28 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** In addition to prospective families, **we would also like to invite our current families to join us** and visit the classroom that their child will be in next year. We are also incorporating some new ideas into the Open House. Our theme this year is "An Educational Treasure Hunt." Families will be given a game card with some clues that they must answer as they tour the school. If they complete the card, the children will be given a treat and parents will be entered in a drawing for a Special Prize. We also have an incentive for our school families. **Any current family that brings a prospective family to the Open House will receive \$25 off their Book and Registration Fee for next year.** If that family enrolls for next year you will receive an additional \$25 off. We will also have **flyers** available for parents to post on their work bulletin board or in stores in their neighborhood. Interested parents and congregations members will also be given an **invitation card** to share with coworkers, friends, or family. Research indicates that a **personal invitation** is one of the most effective methods of bringing new families into the school. We hope that you will take this opportunity to invite someone to join us for the Open House.

VBS Coordinator Opportunity

Is it summer yet? It may be cold outside, but it's not too soon to think about summer and Vacation Bible School at Elm Grove Lutheran Church! We are looking for a few enthusiastic individuals to coordinate VBS this year. The weeklong session is typically held the second or third week in June so we need to get the planning going and materials ordered soon. Past years' programs have drawn over 100 children from our church, school, and community who have been blessed to learn how much God loves and has saved them in a very educational and entertaining way. The VBS coordinator(s) can also look forward to working with a great group of parent and youth volunteers that have a love for children and for VBS. Please contact Mrs. Nancy Ewert, **262-786-3585**, to volunteer or ask questions about helping to coordinate EGLC's 2009 Vacation Bible School program.

