

PANTHER PRIDE

Peace Lutheran School News

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FEBRUARY



- 05 Cadet Band
- 10 Hot Lunch
- 11 Sunbeams, 3:00-4:30 PM
- 12 After School Activity
WSBT Tour, 3:30 PM
Cadet Band
- 14 Friendship Sunday, 9:00 AM
Breakfast and Talent Show after Worship
- 15 Girl Pioneers
3:00-4:30 PM
- 19 All School Field Trip - Play at IUSB
Cadet Band
- 24 Grades 1-8 Sing, 6:30 PM
- 26 Hot Lunch
Cadet Band --
Mandatory "Dress" Rehearsal
- 28 Winter Band Concert at MLHS, 3:00 PM

Come Join Us!

We're looking forward to our annual Talent Show on Sunday, February 14. It's Friendship Sunday . . . we're hoping to have many guests for our worship service at 9:00 AM.

Following the service, we will have breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, and then our students and their families will entertain everyone with a variety of talents. We can't wait to share our talent with all of you. Come and bring a friend or two!

From Our Principal

Mr. Pleuss - Upper Grades

Students contributed \$83.64 in mission offerings the first quarter of the school year. This offering was sent to the WELS Lutherans for Life organization.

Our new mission project for the third quarter is the Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM). This mission is responsible for the day to day work at a medical clinic in Zambia and another in Malawi. Tens of thousands of people are treated at these free medical clinics each year. Eleanor Koester made a presentation to the school in January about the Central Africa Medical Mission. Come into school and see the mission bulletin board located in the hallway for more information and pictures about CAMM.



On Friday, February 19, the entire student body will be enjoying an outing to IUSB's stage production of *Alice in Wonderland*. We are looking forward to the field trip.

Please keep Mr. Babler in your prayers as he deliberates his Call to Divine Savior Lutheran Academy in Doral, Florida. Mr. Babler will need to decide where he feels the Lord can make best use of his gifts and talents--either here at Peace, or at Divine Savior. Please speak to Mr. Babler and offer him your support and encouragement.

**Don't forget our Lenten
worship services:**

Wednesdays, 3:30 & 6:30 PM

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

Lower Grades

Mrs. Pleuss

*In God I trust; I will not be afraid.
(Psalm 56:11)*

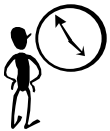
After a break for the Christmas Bible lessons, we have returned to our study of the Old Testament. We learned about how God chose Gideon to be a leader of the Israelites at a time when they were facing a strong enemy, the Midianites.



Gideon's first reaction when God came to him was, "Why me? I'm not special or important." But God reassured Gideon that he was the perfect choice, because God Himself would be with Gideon in battle. And we know that God did help Gideon to win a great victory for Israel.

We may at times feel just as weak as Gideon did. But we need to remember that no matter what challenges or difficulties face us, God will be with us. My students remind me every day of just how simple things seem through their eyes. When we learned about Gideon and his fear, they were quick to express their confidence that God would help him (and us) in any trouble.

We are continuing to work on our reading skills. First graders are striving to read more fluently and with expression. Second graders are enjoying longer length stories with more challenging vocabulary. Both grades love to sit in while the others read. Oftentimes, everyone is at the teaching table to hear the story, whether it is in their grade's book or not.



In math, first graders are working on concepts involving time. We've learned how to tell time to the hour and half hour. We've also worked with days of the week, months of the year, and reading a calendar.

Second graders have just started adding two-digit numbers with renaming. Everyone is excited to be doing more difficult problems involving "carrying to the neighbors."

We had quite a celebration this past Thursday. It was our 100th day of school! The children brought groups of 100 things to share with the class. We had 100 beads, 100 crayons, 100 magnets, and more. Two of the children brought 100 candies,

which they graciously shared with the class. One of the highlights of our day was making a special project . . . a chain of 100 straws to take home.

Middle Grades

Mr. Babler



Cold and snowy weather often makes us feel like bundling up and staying home. Zebulon Pike, the Pioneers, and Lewis and Clark were not in any mood to stay home. These brave people traveled west and explored new territory in America. The fifth grade is beginning a study of westward expansion in social studies. We will study these explorers as well as others. We will also take an in-depth look at the travels of Lewis and Clark, including activities coordinating with the recent Westward Series nickels.

In a few weeks, we will be attending a play based on Lewis Carroll's book *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Prior to attending the play, we'll take time to read the book and explore the connections with other fictional writing.



Grades 7&8 have been studying rockets and spaceflight lately in science. They have already made rocket powered vehicles (with balloons and straws, not real rockets!), and are now looking at various shapes and designs of rockets. Soon, grades 5-8 will learn about our upcoming science fair. They will be choosing and carrying out different experiments and preparing a display board to show their results. Watch for more information about this shortly.

Also coming up this month will be our Valentine's Day party. Please look for a note to be sent home with more details about our activities that day.

Aluminum Can Drive



Thank you, Sarah Hopper, for recycling the cans in January.

Just a reminder . . .

If possible, please crush your cans before dropping them off. Your efforts will make it **much easier** for those who take the cans to the recycling center. Proceeds from our aluminum can drive are added to our School Friends treasury.