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CARDINALCHATTER

2/14- Valentine /Ash Wednesday
2/15-Kdgn-3rd grade to Poncan Theatre 1Pm
2/16 OK Teacher's Conv. NO SCHOOL
2/19-P/T Conf NO SCHOOL
2/20-99th Church Anniversary

2/20-M.S. Golf Tournament Mtg 5:30 Fellowship Hall
2/22 Class Pictures/8th gr Pictures/ Spring Pics
2/23 Middle School Winter Dance 7-9 P.M.
3/3/24-Middle School Choir
3/8-4th-8th Academic Bowl

★ *Fundraiser: Middle School Washington D.C. Trip Fundraiser Opportunity Tues Feb 20 5:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall*
Middle School Winter Dance Friday Feb 23rd 7-9 P.M. "Winter in Hawaii" ★

Mrs. Sibley's class won the Spirit Stick decorating contest. The next contest will be a canned food drive and the winning class will win an ice cream party donated by Oklahoma labels and the contest ends on Feb 20th. All cans will be donated to the church food pantry.

INK & TONER RECYCLING: Help us keep your costs down! If you have a new or used ink or toner cartridge that you are done with, please send them with your student and the teachers will get them to the office. We recycle these and earn credit on the supplies that the school purchases each month. THANK YOU for your help with this!

Yearbook: Please send in photos of sporting events, class parties, and field trips!! yearbook@flcspc.com

Principal--Mr. Birnbaum-- The season of Lent in the church year starts today with Ash Wednesday. There are forty days until Easter without counting Sundays. Those 40 days are a time to give up something to remember Jesus giving up so much for us and sorrow over our sins. Sundays are reserved for celebration of LIFE and resurrection. Join us for worship on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 during this time of Lent.

CARDINAL CARE – Peggy Peters: The sign-up sheet for Friday February 16th has been pulled. If you are needing daycare for that day, you must be on the sign-up sheet or contact Peggy to see if there is room to be added. Thank you!

LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning: Happy Valentine's Day! I hope everyone has been having a wonderful week. Last week in STEM we talked about pixel art and the history of graphics and what we use today. We have enjoyed being creative and making our own! If your child is still working on their AR goal, the school library (admin building) has great new books!

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey** -We are continuing our study on the Classical Era and talking about orchestral instruments. The students have been focused and pointing out things they notice and how this music is similar and different to what we've talked about before.

Religion—Mrs. Brey- -No memory work this week. We are talking about Jesus' ministry and the miracles he performed. The students are asking lots of great questions and getting involved!

PRE-SCHOOL 3 – Mrs. Daine: We are having so much fun exploring God's love for us and what it means to give love! We will continue with a letter a week, counting, shapes, and colors.

PRE-SCHOOL 4 – Mrs. Colvin-- We are continuing our G, W, and X cluster this week. Thank you to the parents that sent goodies for the Valentines party! There will be no school Friday the 16th,

and Monday the 19th. The Bible words this week are: [Forgive]...as the Lord has forgiven you. Colossians 3:13. Have a Blessed week!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 5—Mrs. Kelly - Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you for sharing your children with me and allowing me to share God's love with them! Thank you for the thoughtful valentines! Happy Birthday Brynlee! The spirit food drive ends on the 20th if you would like to donate for it. No school on Friday the 16th and Monday the 19th. Picture day is next week on the 22nd. Forms came home last Wednesday and need to be returned by picture day. Our Bible words this week are Though I was blind, now I see. John 9:25 and You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:31 We are still on the letters Gg,Ww,Xx, and the number 14. Keep practicing for Letter Master. Have a Blessed Week!

KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller: -- Thank you to all the parents that came and helped at our valentine party today! Our field trip to the Poncan Theater is tomorrow on Thursday the 15th. If you want, please bring your child's booster seat with their name on it because I can't keep track of all of them. We will take the church van and Mr. Birnbaum will drive. We will leave by 12:30 and return by 2:30. No parents on this trip, sorry. Lunch will be at school that day. Have a fantastic valentine week!

FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum-- Happy Valentine's Day and the start of Lent Season! Thank you, parents, for providing goodies for our Valentine Party! This week we started learning the Fruits of the Spirit verse, Galatians 5:22-23. We are singing the Fruits of the Spirit song to help us learn the words. These verses will be said to me next week Friday, Feb. 23. We are still collecting canned goods for the next couple weeks for the Cheerleader competition. The winning class will get an ice-cream party. We are looking forward to our trip to the theater tomorrow (Thursday). Please remember your child's booster seat if needed. Next week Thursday, Feb. 22 is picture day. Forms were sent home last week. We will have individual and class pictures. Spelling words this week are words with oo and ew. In Social Studies we will compare homes, clothes, and transportation of today and the past. In Science we will learn the importance of our heart! Teachers will be attending a conference in Edmond on Friday, enjoy your 4-day weekend. Jesus loves you!

SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton: Happy Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday! Thank you to all who showed love for me and the students with games and treats! Tomorrow is our Poncan Theater field trip. No school this Friday or Monday, as Friday is teacher professional development and Monday is President's Day. Because of this, our tests are tomorrow. Memory this week is the 6th Commandment with its Meaning; next week's memory will be the 7th Commandment with Meaning. Reading is Little House in the Big Woods. Comparison projects are due Tuesday, Feb. 20. Science this week is healthy living and next week is magnets and motion. We'll be taking orders for chocolate bars this week so that we can sell enough to earn a profit, but our economics unit is otherwise over and successful! Thank you for coming in to sample the chocolates - it was amazing!!

THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen: Good luck to all the basketball players and families traveling this weekend. Play hard CARDINALS!!! This week: Remember we have a short week this week and next. Test are all TOMORROW (reading, math 3x facts, language). Memory: 5th Commandment: You shall not murder. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need. Picture day: Next week is picture day, a form went home last week. If you missed placed it, please get with Lori in the office. Book Reports: Reminder these are due NEXT WEEK (February 23rd). Please let me know if you have any questions. A.R. next week we will finish Ivan and have a movie day. This will really help everyone's goals as it is a five point book. Kids are doing AMAZING with A.R this quarter! Have a wonderful four day weekend!

FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley: After looking at the calendar, I noticed that there is not a lot of time left in third quarter. Please continue to help the kids to show the effort needed to finish out this grading period strong. Zeros in the grade book do make for unwanted grades. Good effort with corrections is truly helpful and do raise grades to where they are needed. Please use Fast Direct to see grades and missing work. We are really going into new material that requires time to think,

process, and respond to more complex detailed questions. It is really necessary to be organized, study & practice for what being asked. Continue practicing the multiplication table; we are now doing long division & exponents that require exceptional math fluency. Help the kids to be patient to be with these specific & detailed processes. Ask the kids the winners of the Valentine's Day Contest; the boxes were AMAZING! Keep reading for AR; goals end at the end of this quarter. Some need a bit more to go to make goals; some have already made and exceeded goals! Please check AR to see where the kids are at. Let's not change books when we are close to finishing and being ready for a test. Picture day is next Thursday. Blessings on this long weekend praising God. See you Tuesday!

FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:- - Happy Wednesday! We sure had a lot going on today. We have entered the season of Lent today with our Ash Wednesday chapel service this morning. Valentine's parties were this afternoon. Thank you, Mrs. Blackwell and all our parents for planning a great party! The kids and I appreciate you. Here's what's going on in class this week:

Memory - Philippians 4:8 due next Tuesday (02/20/24)

Math - Greatest Common Factors

Social Studies - Chapter 5 The New England Colonies

Science - Chapter 3 Matter

Language - Compound vs. Simple Sentences

Reading - Summer of the Monkeys; continue reading for AR

Spelling - Test on Tuesday. Next test is next Friday

Blessings on the rest of your week!

Basketball



Feb 16-18

Mar 21-24

VG/VB Texas State Tournament -Tomball Tx

LBAA Nationals – Ft. Wayne, IN

7th – 8th MATH – Mrs. Stewart- 8th Grade (Adv): We finished up reviewing last week and started chapter 7 this week. Chapter 7 covers systems of linear equations and inequalities.

8th Grade (Reg): We finished up reviewing last week and started chapter 7 this week. Chapter 7 covers percents.

7th Grade (Adv): We started chapter 7 last week and will continue this week. Chapter 7 covers percents.

7th Grade (Reg): We started chapter 7 last week and will continue this week. Chapter 7 covers equations, inequalities, and functions.

LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester: SIXTH GRADERS laid down the law this week, having imagined themselves as kings 👑 and queens 👑 of a faraway land like the one depicted in their book *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. They also considered being First Lutheran School's supreme lawgiver. Honestly, I was digging some of their ideas! For the rest of the week, these students will tackle the remaining study guides to prepare for their upcoming literature TEST. Meanwhile, SEVENTH GRADERS are rocking their DEBATES! Monday, they requested final rounds 🗣️, even; so, I reached out to teachers Tuesday to ask whether they would be willing to accommodate such, as grade-level rounds would require debate finalists to sacrifice an afternoon class for about two days this quarter. If all are in favor, then those dates will be announced. Plus, parents are welcome into the room to watch their child in the finals. More details forthcoming. EIGHTH GRADERS are rocking and rolling, too; working hard to prepare for their well-researched DEBATE that will take place next week. This "ain't their first rodeo," 🤠 so I'm anticipating a lively,

astute exchange in which students impress themselves and one another. Seriously, these eighth graders understand defending a stance!

Other than that, middle schoolers are looking forward to the four-day weekend that is upon them. I, of course, am looking forward to seeing them again Tuesday. Remember that you are blessed ☺, and make today count!

SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain: Happy Love week, Cardinals! How cool is it that that Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day fall on the same day this year? Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent and leads us up to Easter! The greatest act of Love!!

7th Grade has a party on Wednesday- THANK YOU Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Hill for throwing our party!

IN SCIENCE!!

6th Grade- we finished up our chapter about Cells! We will finish this week with online labs to reinforce what we have learned!

7th Grade- We have been working on rock identification! We will move on to the next chapter "The Changing Earth" We will really dive into the differences in world view on the earth. This will be an extensive chapter so please ask your students about it! They will be learning lots of cool stuff!

8th Grade- We recently tested over Chapter 8 and are on to Chapter 9- The Microscopic Worlds. We will be discussing the Kingdoms of bacteria, eucabacteria, protista and fungi! We will do some pretty neat labs in this one too!

8th Grade Trip: Please keep getting your balances paid for the trip.

P.E.-- we are playing kickball this week!

BASKETBALL – Basketball- while others seasons are winding down, we are still trucking! Varsity girls and boys are headed to Texas this weekend for the Texas Lutheran Regional Tournament! Please pray for safe travel and strength for the players!

VARSITY GIRLS AND BOYS ARE HEADED TO LUTHERAN NATIONALS!! We will travel to Ft Wayne Indiana in March for Nationals! This is a great honor and very exciting! We will be doing fundraisers to assist with travel costs so please be watching for those!!

GO CARDS!!

SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey-- 6th: Students are learning about life in the Middle Ages. Students should be able to explain what the Feudal system was by the end of the week.

7th: Students are taking their finals this week!

8th: Students are wrapping up their unit on reconstruction. Next week will be a review week before their final.

**First Lutheran Church & School—Growing up into Jesus,
Reaching out with Jesus, Walking together in Jesus**

The middle school winter dance is quickly approaching! The cost is \$5 per person if paid in the school office by Friday, February 23rd. At the door, the cost will be \$8. (Half will be given to the Lutheran church pantry fund, and the other half will go towards dance expenses and our DJ.)

Winter Dance Theme: Winter in Hawaii

When: Friday, February 23rd

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Where: FLS gym

Who is invited: All FLS 6th, 7th, and 8th grade middle school students only. This is not considered a "date dance." The winter dance is a time for all the students to dress up, have fun with their friends, and listen to good music. Also, please remember that this is a middle school dance. Fancy cars, suits, and dresses are not necessary. Let's save that experience for our students when they go to their high school prom.

Chaperones: Mrs. Harbo and the middle school teachers. Parents are welcome to stay and take pictures when you drop your student off but should plan on leaving by 7:30.

Dress: This is a semi-dressy dance. No sweats, shorts, or t-shirts. Ladies - dresses or pants. Dresses may not be strapless. (Spaghetti straps are ok for the dance only.) No heeled shoes at the dance. Please follow the school dress code for appropriate length and fit of your dress. Gentlemen - Button-down shirts or polos. Slacks or nice jeans. (No very distressed jeans or jeans with holes.)

Food: The student council will be providing snacks and drinks. However, it is strongly encouraged that you eat dinner before coming to the dance. In past years, a parent or two from the class will organize a dinner for the students. If your class chooses to do this, please take into consideration the cost of the meal so every student can afford to go.

Washington D.C. trip fundraising opportunity for all 6th - 8th grade students!

FLCS is hosting its annual fundraising golf tournament on Friday, April 5 at Wentz Memorial Golf Course. All 6th-8th grade students will have the opportunity to sell sponsorships for the tournament. Students will keep 20% of each sponsorship they secure, and it will be applied to their D.C. accounts.

Just to give you an idea of how this can add up...

\$100 - hole sponsor (\$80 FLS/\$20 student)

\$300 - Cardinal Sponsor (\$240 FLS/\$60 student)

\$800 - Corporate Sponsor (\$640 FLS/\$160 student)

You do not have to know anything about golf to participate! We will be meeting to discuss and answer any questions you may have. Here are the details:

Date: Tuesday, February 20

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: FLC Fellowship Hall (the green doors at the top of the stairs to the church)

Who: all FLS parents/students in grades 6-8

What:

- Explaining how the fundraiser works
- Explaining the hole sponsor breakdown
- Handing out sponsor sheets and tournament information
- Signing up to secure sponsors for our golf tournament
- Answering any questions you may have

Questions: contact Mrs. Harbeson through FastDirect