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CARDINALCHATTER

2/9—Salad Luncheon 11-1 \$10 adults/\$5 children
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-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.

♥ **Salad Luncheon:** The Church ladies would love to serve your favorite salad at the luncheon. The more variety the better. They can be taken to the church kitchen on Feb 8th or handed off to a worker in front of the church on Liberty Friday the 9th from 8 Am-10Am. Join us for hot chicken salad and many others 11Am-1Pm for only \$10. Proceeds benefit the Guild projects. See you there! ♥

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.

★ ***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"***★

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

ASH WEDNESDAY is on VALENTINE's Day this year. St. Valentine was martyred for his faith in our Savior. The chapel service will be a time of remembering our sins and the reason our Lord had to die for us. The preschool classes will not attend and the other students may opt out of having ashes put on their foreheads in the sign of a cross. YOU ARE WELCOME to join us! If you have any questions or concerns, please let any of us know.

Principal--Mr. Birnbaum-- WELCOME to FEBRUARY! We passed the 100th day of school last week and we are at MID-QUARTER today so only one & a half quarters to go. Keep encouraging success through hard work and the grace of God.

CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley: Sign-up sheet is out for Friday February 16th. If you need care for that day, please make sure you sign up. There will be NO school OR Daycare on Monday February 19th.

LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning: Have a Blessed Week

♫ **MUSIC** ♫ – **Mrs. Brey** We are diving into the world of classical music! We are focusing on Joseph Bologne and W.A. Mozart this month, noting similarities and differences between the two.

Religion—Mrs. Brey- 6th and 7th grade are competing against each other in a food drive during the month of February. We are going to collect canned/boxed items for our food pantry here at First Lutheran Church. We are learning about the Sermon on the Mount and helping others in need. Please help us support our food pantry!

PRE-SCHOOL 3 – Mrs. Daine: Love is in the air! February is full of hearts and love! We are learning about God's love for us and how to love and care for each other. Have a blessed rest of the week!

PRE-SCHOOL 4 – Mrs. Colvin-- This week we are starting a new cluster - G, W and X. We are doing valentine crafts and getting ready for our Valentine's party which is on Wednesday the 14th at 2:30. If your child would like to bring valentines, please sign their name, and on the "To" leave it blank. Also, if you would like to send treats, please make sure they are wrapped and can fit in the Valentine's box. The Bible words this week are: We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19. School will be out Friday the 16th and Monday the 19th. Have a great week!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 5—Mrs. Kelly - Great Job ECE! We collected 174 food items for the 100th day of school. These will be shared with our community through the church food pantry. The cheerleaders are sponsoring another food drive this month. The class that brings the most will win an ice cream party. So, keep bringing those cans or boxes in. Thank you to those that came to sing in church on Sunday! Our Valentine boxes are ready for valentines. You may send them any time before next Wednesday which is the day of our party. Keep practicing the alphabet for Letter Master. Our Bible words this week are, Give us this day our daily bread. Matthew 6:11 and Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Psalm 118:1 Our letter cluster this week is Gg,Ww,Xx and the number 13. Have a Blessed week!

KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller: -- Thank you to the families that came to church so their child could sing! The kids can bring their Valentines at any time now. Please address the card from (your child's name) and don't put who the card is for because that way the kids can drop any card in the sacks. The party is Feb. 14 at 2:30 and you are welcome to come. Have a great week!

FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum-- Happy February! We had fun celebrating 100 days of school last week. Thank you for your canned goods and special snacks for our class. We collected 174 cans! Memory verse for Friday is Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. If you want to order books from Scholastic, orders are due today (Feb.7). Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and also Valentine's Day! We will have our Valentine Party at 2:30 and you may join us! Katy will be reaching out through Class Tag to sign up for treats for our party. We have 7 students in our class for Valentine cards/treats. We will be going to the Poncan Theater next Thursday afternoon and we are excited to see the play of Pirates Past Noon (a Magic Tree House book that we have read!). Spelling words this week are words with ou and ow. In Social Studies, we are starting a new unit on Families of long and today. In science we will learn about the reasons for the seasons. Have a wonderful week!

SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton: This week is a full week of school (yay!), but next weekend is a 4-day weekend, with no school Friday the 16th and Monday the 19th. Missing work is entered as a 0. Our Valentine's Day party is on Wednesday (game in the morning, snacks to end the day). If you'd like to send in a card or prepackaged treat, that's wonderful - please make sure that there is one for each of the 10 students in our class! Spelling and memory are this Friday. Next week, with the shortened week, tests will be on Thursday. Little House Project was sent home with your child. Writing is focused on the writing process (brainstorm, outline, draft, edit, final draft). In social studies we are finishing up economics this week! Next will be the science of our body/health! AR points were sent home also so read accordingly!

THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen: Welcome February! Thank you so much for all the birthday love that Friday. The kids made me feel loved, thank you all! This week: memory 4th Commandment and its meaning: Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them. Test: Language (Simple and Compound Sentences), 11X Fact quiz, Math Test, Reading Comprehension all on Friday. Reading: We are making our way through Ivan, we are over half way. The kids are loving it. I believe most of them will reach their A.R. goals with this book. Book Report: Everyone has a book that has been approved. Remember that project is due on February 23rd. If you have any questions, please let me know. Science: Everyone did wonderful on their plant test; we will be starting our unit on cold-blooded animals. Social Studies: We have finished our unit on the branches of government. We will be moving into a in class project. You may need

to do some of this at home. It will all be located on Google Classroom. More information will come out next week on this project. Valentine's Party: Next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30p, we will have our party. Check the Facebook page for more information. Please starting bringing in our valentines for the class, we have a total of 12. No School: We have no school February 16th and 19th. Have a wonderful week!

FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley: Make sure to dress appropriately for the weather. It is never fun to be sick! Keep reading for AR! Today was the halfway mark for the quarter AR goal. It is very rewarding when you stay on track of your goal as time goes on. Log on to see current progress! Remember to show ALL details on work, in ALL math assignments, especially with long division. We never get results we are happy with when we rush & give half effort for anything. This is true for any task in life, sports, or academics. Please sign and return the half sheet within two days (Friday) after going over the midterm with students. We have a four-day weekend the 16th -19th. Continue to work on being amazing 4th graders & giving the effort needed success! Blessings!

FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson: - - Greetings, Everyone! I hope your week has been treating you well. Believe it or not, we are halfway through our third quarter. Mid-quarter reports are coming home today with the Chatter so please look at those grades! Next Wednesday, February 14th, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party at 2:30. Thank you, Mrs. Blackwell, for organizing that for us. Students may begin bringing valentines and treats anytime...our sacks are ready. We have 17 students in our class.

Here's what's going on with academics:

Memory - 1 Corinthians 13:13 due Friday

Math - prime and composite numbers

Social Studies - 13 colonies; beginning our President's research project

Science – Matter

Language - Sentence structure

Reading - Continue Summer of the Monkeys and reading for AR

Spelling - Spelling test next Tuesday

That's all for now. Blessings to you on the rest of your week!



Basketball

Feb 8-10

6th Grade

FLS 6th grade Tournament

Feb 16-18

VG/VB

Texas State Tournament -Tomball Tx

Mar 21-24

LBAA Nationals – Ft. Wayne, IN

7th – 8th MATH – Mrs. Stewart- 8th Grade (Adv): We took the Chapter 6 Test on Monday. We reviewed chapters 1-6 on Tuesday and will move on to Chapter 7 on Thursday. In Chapter 7, we will go over systems of linear equations and inequalities.

8th Grade (Reg): We took the Chapter 6 Test on Tuesday. We have been reviewing chapters 1-6 and will move on to Chapter 7 on Friday. In Chapter 7, we will go over Percents.

7th Grade (Adv): We took the Chapter 6 Test on Monday. We have been reviewing chapters 1-6 and will move on to Chapter 7 on Thursday. In Chapter 7, we will go over Percents.

7th Grade (Reg): We took the Chapter 6 Test on Monday. We have been reviewing chapters 1-6 and will move on to Chapter 7 on Thursday. In Chapter 7, we will go over Equations, Inequalities, and Functions.

LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester: We are knee deep in all things literature! Eighth graders are viewing material to be used with their debate research, seventh graders submitted their poster timelines for their class books and are now working with their debate teams, and sixth graders are focused on their Logic and Characterization unit after having performed original monologues inspired by characters from their book.

Debates for seventh graders will take place February 13, and eighth graders will debate February 23. Be sure to have your child at school on those days as these group projects cannot be made up as solos. If your child is absent for his/her debate, (s)he will write a term paper in class in lieu of the debate that is due the following week. Lastly, the sixth-grade Narnia test will be administered February 23.

SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain: Hello Cardinal Families!! We are quickly approaching a very busy time of year here in middle school!

It is almost mid quarter..... are your grades ready for that? Parents, give them a look!

This week is full of Science!

7th Grade- Monday they started a metamorphic rock lab and we will do an igneous rock lab this week too! We will move on to a new chapter later this week!

6th Grade- we are still talking meiosis and mitosis cell phases!! We should test on Thursday!

8th Grade- tested over chapter 8 on Monday. Did a micro lab on Tuesday and are planning to move to a new chapter later this week!

8th Grade Trip: Our 8th grade trip is quickly approaching! Please make sure that you have the needed funds in your account!!

P.E.-- In PE we will start moving towards kickball. baseball as spring approaches!!

BASKETBALL - Monday night our 8th graders took their home court for the last time. I can not tell you how much joy it gives me to know how much they grew in this gym. Soon they will turn the page from FLS! We will miss them!

Both Varsity girls and Boys are looking forward to the Texas Tournament Feb 16-18 then it is on to NATIONALS! Our teams were both invited to Nationals in Ft Wayne Indiana and WE ACCEPTED the invitation! Looking forward to that! Be watching for fundraising opportunities for that!

Track/Golf: Spring means track and golf! I am making my last call for 7th and 8th graders who are interested in joining those activities!

GO CARDS!!

SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey-- 6th: Students are learning about the Middle Ages. Currently, they are exploring the feudal system and how it worked.

7th: Students are learning about human-environment interactions. After that, we are going to review as we will have our final later in the month.

8th: Students have entered our last unit before the final, which is on reconstruction.

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

First Lutheran Women's Guild ¶
Valentine Salad Luncheon ¶

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Friday, February 9, 2024 ¶
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. ¶

First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall ¶



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...Featuring a Variety of Salads ¶
...Including Hot Chicken Salad ¶
.....Coffee & Tea ¶



Adults \$10.00 ¶
Children \$5.00 ¶

Tickets available in the church office or ¶
school office and at the door! ¶

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 it's 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