



# ***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**

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

### **FROM THE School Administrator...**

Greetings! I hope that your family was able to enjoy the four day weekend for Labor Day and were able to spend it with your loved ones. Fall has unofficially started and the weather has changed to feel like it. We plan to go outside for breaks/recess/physical education as much as possible. Please make sure your child(ren) has appropriate clothing to do so.

The preschoolers started school this week. We welcomed nine new three year olds yesterday and twelve four year olds (two new ones in that group) today. We are excited that you are here!

As I have mentioned previously, please do not park between the two entrances to the school. This will hopefully reduce the chance of an accident between cars pulling in and cars pulling out. Please also do not park north of the entrance by the stairs. This will allow cars to pull up and drop students off by the stairs.

All K-8 students should enter the building by the stairs. Adults are not to use the entrance by the stairs. If you need to enter the building, please use the entrance by the office. We are trying to limit the number of "extras" in the hallways. Preschoolers are to enter the building by the office. Thank you for your understanding and help as we navigate the changes as a result of COVID-19.

If your child is absent for any reason, please email [gail.schuft@zionmayer.org](mailto:gail.schuft@zionmayer.org) before the start of the school day. If your child is absent because of any illness, please ALSO email [nurse@zionmayer.org](mailto:nurse@zionmayer.org). We are using the nurse email address to track all of the

sickness related absences. The nurse email is not monitored all the time. We have a new nurse starting this week but she will only be in the building a couple of days each week.

Outdoor Education Day is Tuesday, September 22. K-4 is headed to Baker Near Wilderness Settlement and 5-8 is headed to Lowry Nature Center. It appears that we will have to limit the amount of chaperones that can go with us. We will let you know if any classes are able to have extra chaperones go along.

The Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for Friday, September 25. Information was included in your Back-to-School folder. Our goal is that each family would raise at least \$250. This would allow us to reach our school goal of \$20,000. We are not asking that each family donate the money themselves. Please reach out to family, friends, and neighbors to ask for support. Unlike other fundraisers where selling of items earn a small 20-30% profit for the school, the Walk-A-Thon allows 100% of the profits to be put directly into the school's PTL budget. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and the money raised goes to benefit all of our students this school year – preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade. The PTL budget helps purchase items for the school AND keeps tuition down. Our special project this year is to renovate the kitchen. It is our goal to do that over the summer of 2021.

It is a joy to be in school every day and to have all of our students in the building. Thank you for your help in making this happen. Thank you also for your prayers as we go through this school year.

In His service,

Mr. Joshua Baumann



## PRAYER CORNER

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

Mon, Sept. 14 – Hazel Pohl  
Tues, Sept. 15 – Jolene Pohl  
Wed, Sept. 16 – Callen Clemensen  
Thurs, Sept. 17 – Madeline Hedtke  
Fri, Sept 18 – Hallie Hedtke

**MEET A NEW STUDENT AT ZION:** This week we welcome Simon Eichelberg to Zion's Kindergarten class. Simon was born on Feb. 12, 2015 in Minneapolis, MN. Simon has no sisters or brothers. His family lives in Winsted. Some of Simon's favorites include **Food:** Ice cream; **Color:** Green; **Book:** Pete the Cat: Rockin' in my School Shoes; **Hobby:** Swimming lessons; **Sport:** Swimming & soccer. The person Simon would most like to meet is Robin from Batman & Robin. When Simon grows up he would like to be a construction worker & a daddy. Simon's family likes swimming at the lake, spending time with friends & family, playing outside, reading books, & playing with toys. Welcome to Zion, Simon! We are very excited to have you and your family with us!



Simon Eichelberg- Kindergarten



**SCRIP SALE!!!** Special SALE on **KWIK TRIP** gift cards! Double your rebate through the month of September on all Kwik Trip (physical) cards purchased in the office. Stock up & earn a 10% rebate!



## CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY Week of Sept. 9 – Sept. 15

Thursday, Sept. 10- Jackson Anderson, Lily Tucholke  
Saturday, Sept. 12 – Callen Clemensen  
Sunday, Sept. 13- Alana Libra  
Monday, Sept. 14- Hazel & Jolene Pohl  
**God's many blessings in the coming year!**



## Exercise for Education Walk-A-Thon 2020

Our 12th annual Walk-A-Thon will take place on Friday, Sept. 25th. The money raised in this fundraiser supports our students at Zion. This year's proceeds will help renovate our school's kitchen.

This event will start with chapel outside at Zion Lutheran School. Participants will then walk the Dakota Regional Trail to St. Mark's Fellowship Center in New Germany for lunch. Please consider joining us for chapel and the walk.

### School Rewards:

\$5,000 – Extra ½ hour recess  
\$10,000 – Classrooms pick attire for a day  
\$15,000 – An afternoon of board games & snacks  
\$20,000 – Turn a day of school into a NO SCHOOL DAY on Wed. Nov. 25

Top Family Reward: Hollywood Sports Complex kids pack: 2 games of bowling up to 8 kids, 2 pizzas, & pop.

### Weekly Giveaways:

With every \$100.00 in donations that your family raises, your name will go into the weekly drawing. For any family that collects the goal of \$250, their name will be put in one additional time.

Pledge sheets are due by Tuesday of each week to be included in that week's family name drawing. (form will be returned to you the following day)

***Total Collected: \$4,070.00***

**\*\*This week's family winners are:  
Levi, Ezra, & Judah LaPlant  
Zach, Sara, & Taylor Jacobs  
Mason & Brea Hoernemann**

**Goal is \$20,000**

**Let's make this happen!!!!!!**

## Parent-Teacher Partnerships

Last year I shared the following at the Back to School Picnic. This is from the book *The Gift of Failure* by Jessica Lahey.

Parent-Teacher Partnerships: How our Fear of Failure Undermines Education – Keys to Success

- ❖ Show up at school with an attitude of optimism and trust
- ❖ Be on time
- ❖ Read the school's attendance policy and follow it (Especially COVID related)
- ❖ Be friendly and polite
- ❖ Project an attitude of respect for education
- ❖ Model enthusiasm for learning
- ❖ Make sure your first communication with a teacher is positive
- ❖ Invite teacher feedback
- ❖ Wait a day before emailing a teacher over a perceived emergency or crisis
- ❖ Let teachers know about big events unfolding at home
- ❖ Express interest in what is being taught
- ❖ Find opportunities to express gratitude
- ❖ Begin with the assumption that you have an interest in common – the student
- ❖ Protect your child's right to fail
- ❖ Give your child a voice
- ❖ Remember that truth often lies between two perceptions
- ❖ If you are concerned with a teacher's actions, talk to that teacher
- ❖ The best time to conduct a parent-teacher meeting is at a scheduled meeting
- ❖ Read the school's handbook and disciplinary policy
- ❖ Support the student-teacher partnership, even when it's challenging

### ST. MARK NEW GERMANY RUMMAGE SALE

St. Mark in New Germany is hosting an Annual Church Rummage Sale on Thursday, Sept. 17th from 8am-6pm, Friday, Sept. 18th from 8am-6pm and Saturday, September 19th from 8am-1pm. This is held in the gym at the Fellowship Center at 211 Adams Ave. S. in New Germany. There will be TONS of everything for everyone and it's all priced to sell!



### FIRST TRIMESTER MISSION CHAPEL OFFERINGS WILL GO TO.....

#### Central Lutheran School- Newhall, IA Disaster Relief

The recent severe weather in Iowa impacted Central Lutheran School in Newhall. The school is located 20 miles west of Cedar Rapids. The school lost the roof over their small gym. Part of the roof landed on the classrooms and damaged some of them. The school has suffered water damage as well. Many of the school families have also suffered major damage to their homes and properties.

First trimester goal: \$500.00

Offerings to date: **\$194.06**

#### Reminders

- ❖ Front Doors open at 8:00 and students should be in the building by 8:10. Please do not park and get out of your vehicle on the side of the street closest to the school.
- ❖ K-8 students should enter and exit from the New Addition Entrance even if a parent needs to visit the office. Adults should enter by the school office.
- ❖ School lets out at 2:50. Parents can form a line in their cars in the front of school. When you drive up, Mr. Baumann will dismiss your children.



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

Wed. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – Chapel 8:30 a.m. led by Pastor LaPlant

#### LOOKING AHEAD.....

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Outdoor Education Day  
Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – Walk-A-Thon (12:00 Dismissal)  
Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day  
Week of Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – MAP Testing