

Panther Pause

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Christmas Program - Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends that came to support the children in the Christmas Program. There was a huge turnout and a great success.

This will be the last week of school before Christmas break. Although it will be a little more relaxed here at school this week we still want to encourage you to continue getting your children to bed on time and having a nutrition breakfast. With the many additional activities that take place in the upcoming weeks it is even more important for the health, safety and well-being of your family to keep a routine as much as possible.

As this will be the last Panther Pause of the year, the staff wants to wish all our LIFE! families a blessed Christmas and New Year! See you again on January 4.



PICTURE RETAKES - For those who had pictures taken last week we were told they should be back and ready for us to send home by the 18th. Look for them in your child's backpack.

Immunizations- If your child hasn't had all the immunizations needed to attend school please make an appointment to get that taken care of. I will be sending home exclusion notices after the first of the year to all those children not in compliance.



Chili Cook Off - Plans are underway for the 21st^h Annual Chili Cook-Off. This fundraising event supports and is used to defray the cost of sending our 5th-8th grade students to the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament (L.E.S.T.) in Portland. Start thinking about what chili you will be entering and watch for more information to come. The date for the cook-off is January 22nd.



Child Care

Just a reminder ~ Child Care will be closed Dec 21 - Jan 1 for Christmas break. Our child care follows the school calendar unless otherwise specified. See you again on January 4th.

Upcoming Events –

Dec 21 – Jan 1 Christmas Vacation
Jan 4 – School Resumes
Jan 18 – Martin Luther King Day (no school)
Jan 29 – End of Semester (46 days)
Jan 22 – Chili Cook-Off
Jan 29 – End of Semester (46 days)



Christmas Worship opportunities at the Associate Churches

Grace Lutheran – 710 E. 17th Avenue in Eugene. 342-4844

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

Dec 24, 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 24, 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

Dec 25, 10:00 am

Hope Lutheran – located at 1369 'B' Street in Springfield. 746-1255

Christmas Eve Service – Dec 24, 7:00 pm

Messiah Lutheran – located at 3280 River Road in Santa Clara. 688-0735

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

December 25, 10:00 am

Pleasant Hill Lutheran – located at 84421 Gaupp Lane in Pleasant Hill. 747-8913

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 7:00 pm



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to prepare students of character, who strive for excellence academically, spiritually, and socially; students who become capable, responsible, values-guided citizens.



In Our Midst

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Zephaniah 3:15

Lawyers stand beside their clients in the courtroom. Commanders fight with their troops on the battlefield. Parents go with their children into the examination room of the doctor or the dentist. It is good not to have to stand alone in such scary places. It is good to have someone with us to help and support us.

The prophet Zephaniah gives good news today in the battle against sin and Satan: "The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst." He is not a God far off, watching from heaven, but has come to be with us. Best of all, He comes not just to support us in this fight, but to fight for us – to take on our enemies for us and to win!

In just a short time, we will again remember when our King came to us, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Not a strong-looking warrior! Our King comes today wrapped in the swaddle of water, Word, bread and wine. Still not a very strong looking warrior! But do not let the humble appearance fool you. This is our King, our Lord, come to be with us and strong to save. Therefore, we need never again fear evil.

Lord God, when I am afraid, remind me that You are with me always. I need fear no evil. Amen.