



HOME BULLETIN

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Board News:

- Enrollment for next year: The School Board and Education Committee are requesting from our families their enrollment intentions for next year. **This is especially important for next year's Preschool and Kindergarten classes.** Planning for next year's class sizes is being done now and having the best information from you helps in this process. Families have received a form to fill out asking for their intentions for enrollment next year. We ask that it be returned to the office ASAP and no later than January 26. Thanks!
- The Board is now accepting applications for a long-term sub for Mrs. Laverman's position as she goes on maternity leave. This half-time math position would start sometime in early March and go through the remainder of the school year. Please contact Mr. Buss with any questions or to ask for an application. You can also download one off the home page of our website.
- The Board is accepting applications for a part-time Junior High math position starting next school year. The position is for 7th & 8th grade math, taught in the afternoons. Applications can be downloaded from the website or contact Mr. Buss.

A blessed New Year to all! We hope everyone enjoyed the time spent with their family during the Christmas Break. We've had a wonderful first half of the school year celebrating God's goodness and faithfulness to us. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on the students and staff as we work together through the rest of the year.

Sub Sandwich Sale: Our annual Sub Sale is here! Order forms went home with your youngest child **LAST Friday, January 5.** If you did not receive your packet for some reason, please call Renee DeJong @ 354-0238 and she will take care of you. (Be sure to check backpacks first! ☺) You'll have 2 weeks to sell these handy, filling sandwiches, and the deadline for sending order forms back to school is **Friday, January 19.** To be eligible for prizes, students **must** have their order forms turned in by the end of that school day. Please include the checks/cash when returning your order forms.

The sandwiches will be made on Saturday, February 10 and will be ready for pick up in the gym between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. Parents—mark your calendars!! We also need 80+ adult volunteers on that Saturday morning to help make the subs. (starting time 8:30 a.m.) Dads-Moms-Grandparents—refreshments and fun are included! ☺ Please consider giving a few hours of your time and give Renee DeJong a call @ 354-0238 or e-mail thedejongfam@gmail.com if you are willing to help. This is the only item Eagle Boosters is asking all students to sell this year, so we are really hoping all of our families will participate in this fundraiser and sell lots & lots of delicious sub sandwiches! Last year we made 7100 subs (not quite our record, but close!), with \$13,000 profit. If every student met a goal of selling 50, we'd have a successful sale! For our families who are new this year, here's what we're selling: each individually wrapped buttered sub roll will be filled with ham, turkey, 2 kinds of 100% cheese slices, and sells for \$3. They freeze well and are great to have on hand for lunches and meals on-the-go! Also delicious toasted in the oven and served as melts. On behalf of Eagle Boosters, THANK YOU for supporting our Ebenezer kids. Renee DeJong, Becky Henry, and Lori Molendyk

Thank You! THANK YOU so much for the generous contributions that totaled \$3,216.00 to help the children of Belaire, Haiti. You have given enough funds for the classroom teaching aids/decorations, the French Bibles, the Music books, and the music recorders with money to spare which we will put to good use in the Belaire Christian School. God provided so much more than we imagined for this project and we are very grateful for your support!!!

Geography Bee: We will be having our 4th-8th grade Geography Bee this Friday, January 12 in the school gym at 9:00a.m. We welcome any parents to come and watch.

The end of our Second Quarter of school is this Friday, January 12. Report cards will be sent home with students the next Friday, January 19. There are no conferences scheduled this quarter, but if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Reminder: No School on Monday, January 15 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Auction Help Needed: The Auction Committee is looking for 'Auction Donation Callers'. Letters are being sent out to local businesses letting them know about our auction and requesting items to be donated. We are looking for people to make follow-up calls to businesses to check in with them. A list of 15-20 businesses would be given to each caller. Please contact Tricia Heeringa to help out or if you have any questions at 360-318-4490 or email at tjheeringa@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration to be part of this very important fundraiser!!!

Hot Lunch: Due to the change in size of our school and the organization and planning that is needed to provide this great option for our families and students; there will be a new streamlined Hot Lunch Form coming home with your students. Please be watching for that to come home in the next couple weeks with your child.

Milk Program: The end of the 2nd quarter also marks the end of our milk program for the first half of the school year. Order forms went home last week for those of you who would like to reorder and were due back today. Cost remained the same as first semester. For those of you who paid for the whole school year your student will automatically be put on the second semester list. If you're not sure you chose this option you can call we will gladly check the list. Also, now is the time to switch flavors if desired; please contact Mrs. Tjoelker or Mrs. Van Beek in the office.

School Cleaning: This month's cleaning is being organized by the Corkill and Whitehead families and is scheduled for next Tuesday evening, January 16. All parents should review the schedule in the back of the directory for the months they are assigned to help clean the school. If you have any questions or concerns about your time and service on these dates, please contact Mr. Buss. Thanks!

Chapel: Our next chapel will be Friday, February 2 at 9:00a.m., hosted by the 5th graders. Come sing and worship with us!

Jr. High Basketball: Our basketball teams are hard at work and have already had their first games. **Please note:** Ebenezer will once again be hosting our home games. While we are excited to host, this will have a few challenges. Seating will be very limited with only one side of the gym with chairs for spectators. Be prepared to be standing. While we encourage many to come out to cheer on our teams, home games this year might be the best place for just immediate family and grandparents to attend. Thanks for your understanding. January games are as follows:

Tuesday, January 16: Ebenezer vs. Bellingham, 4:00 - Boys only (Home game)

Tuesday, January 23: Skagit vs. Ebenezer, 4:00p.m. - Boys/Girls (Away game)

Tuesday, January 30: Ebenezer vs. Cornerstone, 4:00 - Boys/Girls (Home game)

For a complete list of games and times, please contact the office.....

The Rachel Vekved Memorial Scholarship was established to provide our community with a lasting memorial of Rachel Vekved, a bright and God-gifted student, who was called home to be with Jesus on January 27, 2009 following a tragic automobile accident. Rachel was on her way to Ebenezer Christian School where she was attending second grade.

This memorial scholarship provides community, friends and family an opportunity to remember Rachel through contribution into the memorial fund. The memorial fund receipts are prudently invested with the annual investment proceeds being gifted to those families who have a student entering the second grade at Ebenezer Christian School. This gift of a tuition scholarship in the name of Rachel Vekved will be in the amount of the annual investment proceeds, being equally distributed to each second-grade student's family.

The Ebenezer Christian School Endowment Foundation Board of Directors manages the memorial fund account.

Those who desire to give towards this **Memorial Scholarship** should make checks payable to: **ECSEF-Rachel Vekved Memorial Scholarship** account at 9390 Guide Meridian Rd. Lynden, WA 98264

Those who wish to give in Rachel's memory to the **Foundation** should make checks payable to **Ebenezer Endowment Fund** at 9390 Guide Meridian Rd. Lynden, WA 98264.

(Contributions to the Ebenezer Endowment are invested and investment proceeds are annually distributed to the school to benefit the schools overall operation needs and assist in tuition reduction for all families)

Open House & Orientation: Our annual Open House and Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, February 22 from 9:00a.m. till noon. This time every year we set aside a day to welcome new and interested families in the community to visit campus and see what Ebenezer is all about. We need your help in spreading the word to your friends about how Ebenezer Christian may be their school of choice! With your help we can make sure as many people as possible learn about the great Christian education students receive at Ebenezer.

For our existing families: If you have a child coming to Preschool or Kindergarten next year, this is for you too! Please plan to attend, at 10:00a.m., this special time of introduction in the Preschool or Kindergarten classroom with your child. You will receive the class handbook and necessary forms and information specific to the upcoming school year. RSVP in the office to this informative orientation so we can adequately plan for this event.

Society Meeting: Plan now to attend our next Society Meeting on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00p.m. in the school gym. At this very important meeting you'll hear updates on committee work, elect new Board members and the 2018-2019 draft budget will be presented. Plan now to attend!

Calendars: ECS families are once again asked to collect last year's God's Creation calendars that we as a school sell. If you or those you have sold to still have their 2017 calendar bring them in to the school office soon. The beautiful pictures on the calendars will be made in to wall hangings for an orphanage in Haiti through Starfish Ministries.

Photos: We continue to move right along in this school year and with so many things happening for each classroom the office and teachers cannot capture them all. If you have helped in a classroom, gone on a field trip or been able to photograph moments in your child's class with your camera and would like to share those to be used in the Eagle Edition or Yearbook, please put them on a disc or email them directly to the yearbook committee at yearbook@ebenezerchristianschool.org Thanks!

Inclement Weather: If weather dictates we close school, please listen to local radio station KWPZ (106.5 FM) or go to www.kgmi.com for listings of school closures. KGMI no longer broadcasts school closures for smaller private schools in the county due to the sheer number of them. We will also have updates posted on our school website's home page, www.ebenezerchristianschool.org prior to any announcements made over the radio. If you check our webpage often, don't forget to hit the "refresh" button on your browser to make sure you're getting the most updated information!

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

January 12: Geography Bee, 9:00a.m. in the gym

January 15: Martin Luther King Day, no school

January 16: School Cleaning

January 19: Report Cards come home

February 2: Chapel hosted by 5th grade, in the school gym at 9:00a.m.

February 10: Sub Sandwich assembly day, beginning at 8:30a.m.



“Thus far has the Lord helped us”

1 Samuel 7:12