



**Board News:**

- Our teachers have been given Intention Slips for the 2018-2019 school year. Teacher contracts will then be issued the first part of March. We ask that you pray for them as they seek God's will for their lives and the opportunities for next year.
- Our annual Open House is coming this month and if you have any families you know who might be interested in sending their children to Ebenezer, now is the time to make those connections! While Preschool is full and Kindergarten is likely full as well, waiting lists have been started! We have room in all of our other grade levels. Encourage families to contact Mr. Buss in the office for more information.
- The Society Meeting Agenda will be sent home for our families to review very soon. The Board is looking forward to having our ECS families in attendance for the Society Meeting, Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00p.m.

**Teacher Position:** A half-time Junior High math position will be open starting next school year. The position is for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade math, taught in the afternoons. Applications can be downloaded from the website or contact Mr. Buss.

**Sub Sandwich Sale Update:** WOW! Together we have sold a record 7,327 subs!! This tradition has been going for many years and beats our last record in 2015 of 7,035. Thank you so much to all of the families who participated! With a great effort from all of our highest sellers, the top three are: **1<sup>st</sup> place**-Bennett & Brylee Jo Roorda with an incredible 1056, **2<sup>nd</sup> place**-Ethan & Aaron Cobb with 340, and **3<sup>rd</sup> place**-Abby, Eli, & Esther Boyd with 309. Honorable mention goes to Cole Scheffer with 303. These families were also near the 250 mark: Treyson Beanblossom with 272, Lane Smit with 247, Levi & Nicholas Molendyk with 245, and Lily Van Beek with 231. **You kids are awesome!!**

**This Saturday, February 10**, is our big assembly day! Thanks for all who have volunteered to help!

**PARENTS**— You are responsible for picking up your orders between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. Please don't forget! Some families will be asked to pick up orders earlier to keep work space available, and you may also request an earlier pick up time if your schedule requires. Call Renee ASAP with those requests. Your prayers for a smooth Sub Making Day are appreciated! If you have questions or would like to help, call Renee DeJong @ 354-0238 or e-mail [thedejongfam@gmail.com](mailto:thedejongfam@gmail.com).

**LAST CHANCE:** We will have some surplus sub sandwiches to sell, so if you are interested in buying any of those, please let Renee know and we will set them aside for you.

**Auction:** This MAJOR fundraising event for our school is coming soon and we NEED your help! Last week an information sheet was emailed and sent home with your child.

Please note these areas of need:

- Donation collection - pick up donations from local businesses
- Iron tablecloths - 40+ tablecloths needed wrinkle-free by March 7.
- Donation Procurement - If you have a business that would like to support ECS with a donation for the auction, please let us know. Goods, services, certificates, or experiences are all needed. Donations can be placed in the box labeled 'Auction 2018' in the office. Donation receipts are available upon request.
- Set-up Crew - Thursday, March 8 is our day to set up the Expo Building at the Fairgrounds. Tasks will include: moving tables, setting our chairs, decorating and setting tables etc.
- If you know of a business outside of Lynden that might be interested in supporting the ECS auction, please reach out to them. Many businesses are happy to give when they are asked by a trusted friend or colleague.

Please select an area above to help and contact a committee member or fill out the form and return it to school ASAP. Committee members are Tricia Heeringa (360-318-4490), Karla Roorda (360-815-2019), Jenn Apps (360-510-8274), Natalie Moon (360-305-7041) and Jayleen Corkill (360-318-1815).

**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. We thank Bryan Cobb, Eric Molendyk, Tim Tabert and John Tolsma for agreeing to put their names up for nomination to the School Board. Plan now to attend!

**Please note:** A reminder that there will be no school on Friday, **February 16**, for Teacher Curriculum Day, and on Monday, **February 19**, for President's Day. Enjoy this long weekend with your family!

**School Cleaning:** This month's cleaning is being organized by the Ellis and Haak families and is scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 20. 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!

**Class Pictures:** LifeTouch will be here on Friday, February 23 to take class pictures. Order forms will be coming home soon with your child(ren). We are in need of 2 parent helpers to be here at 8:30a.m. to help with this process. Call the office if you are able to help.

**Open House & Orientation:** Remember 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, necessary forms, and information regarding to the upcoming school year.

**Moms-In-Prayer:** Moms can make the difference as they reach out to God in prayer - moms just like you! Begin the school week with Ebenezer's own Moms-In-Prayer group as we pray for the staff, students, and families at Ebenezer. We meet on select Mondays each month beginning at 8:45a.m. in the school kitchen. **February Mondays will be February 12 & 26.** No experience is necessary and younger siblings are welcome to join us even if there is no child care; though, child care can be arranged, if desired. Interested in stepping out in faith but need more details? Feel free to email Julie Falcone at [falconemomma@gmail.com](mailto:falconemomma@gmail.com) or visit <http://momsinprayer.org/> We look forward to praying with you for our school.

**Jr. High Basketball:** Our basketball teams are hard at work and have played several games. **Please note:** Ebenezer has once again been hosting our home games. Seating is 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. February games are as follows:

Tuesday, February 6: Bellingham vs. Ebenezer, 4:00 - Boys only (Away game)

Tuesday, February 13: Ebenezer vs. Skagit, 4:00p.m. - Boys/Girls (Home game)

Tuesday, February 20: Ebenezer vs. Cornerstone, 4:00 - Boys/Girls (Home game)

**End of the Season Boy's and Girl's Basketball Tournament:**

Tuesday, March 6 all of the teams will be participating in an end of the year "tournament". Girls' teams will gather at Skagit Adventist at 4:00p.m. and the boys' teams will play at Cornerstone at 3:30p.m.

**Spring Play:** "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." is coming in March! We look forward to this performance put on by our 5th - 8th grade classes. It will be held Friday, March 23 at 7:00p.m. at Lynden Christian's Worship and Fine Arts Center. Please mark your calendars and save the date for this fun, Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah good time!

**Recess Duty Helpers:** Thanks to those who have been helping out and managing recess time for our students. There are some available recess times if a mom, dad, grandma or grampa would like to help out with recess duty. This service is very much appreciated by the teachers as it frees them up to prepare for upcoming classes, or makes them available to students that need extra help. Available time slots are as follows: Tuesdays, 12:00-12:40p.m. and 1:45-2:15p.m., Wednesdays, 1:45-2:30p.m. and Thursdays, 10:00-10:30a.m., 12:00-12:40p.m. and 1:45-2:15p.m. If any of these times work for you call the office to sign up. Thanks!

**Upcoming Calendar Reminders:**

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

February 16: Curriculum Day, no school

February 19: President's Day, no school

February 20: School Cleaning

February 22: Open House, 9:00a.m - Noon

February 27: Society Meeting, 7:00p.m. in the gym

*“Thus far has the Lord helped us”*

*1 Samuel 7:12*