



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 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 this Friday, January 26. Thanks!
- Our teachers very soon will be 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 up next month too, 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 is likely full as well, waiting lists have been started, we have room in all of our other grade levels. Have these families contact Mr. Buss in the office for more information.
- Applications for 2 positions are now being accepted. We encourage you if you or someone you know may be interested to contact the office soon and talk to Mr. Buss.
 - 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 (possibly sooner) 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.
 - A half-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.

Sub Sandwich Sale Update: **THANK YOU** to all of you families who worked hard at selling sub sandwiches for Eagle Boosters! The profit from this fundraiser directly benefits our Ebenezer students. If you haven't yet turned in your selling packet, please do so ASAP so we can finalize our numbers.

Now we have a big job to do! The sandwiches will be made in the gym on Saturday, February 10 from 8:30am - 12:30/1:00pm. We need about 80 adult workers on our assembly lines. (So far, we only have about 40.) If you are willing to give a few hours of your time, please call Renee DeJong @ 354-0238 or e-mail thedejongfam@gmail.com. Moms, dads, grandparents, friends, high school students needing service hours....we really need your help! 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to sign up as well. Refreshments and fun are included. ☺ Thank you for supporting our school!

Geography Bee: On Friday, January 12, our 4th-8th grade students participated in the annual Geography Bee. The top three students were: First Place- David Polinder (6th grade); Second Place- Ezekiel Falcone (8th grade); and Third Place- Mia Apps (8th grade). Congratulations to all students who participated in the Bee and special congratulations to our top three students! A special congratulations to David Polinder who has now won 1st place three years in a row in the Ebenezer Geography Bee. He will now be taking the state test soon.

Sickness/Illness: The flu season is in full swing. We have had an increase in illness-related absences recently, about our "normal range" for this time of year.

We want to keep pushing the importance of washing hands, and washing them well. Hand washing should be done before eating, after using the bathroom, after blowing runny nose, sneezing or coughing. Flu shots are still available at MD's offices & clinics. Please help us at school by promoting good hand-washing habits at home!

Parents, please keep all children home who are not well! Any child running a fever should be held out of school for at least 24 hours after the fever goes away (without medicine helping). There will be times when parents don't know whether their child is sick enough to stay home or if they are well enough to come to school. At this point, it's a better idea to leave them home. A phrase that's common around here: "When in doubt, leave them out!" It's our experience that children who are questionable in the morning are generally being sent home during the day. The added concern of the flu and flu-like illnesses and how easily they can spread makes this even more important. Thank you for helping us keep our students and staff healthy!

Auction is coming! Our bi-annual auction is set for Friday, March 9. The theme of our event, which will be hosted at the NW Washington Fair is "To God be the Glory." Proceeds from this event will be used towards the much needed project of re-siding and repairing the elementary school building. Ways you can help:

~Donate! Do you have a business? Would you be willing to donate a service or item? If you or your company would like to be a table sponsor or you have a donation, please contact either Karla Roorda or Tricia Heeringa.

~Help with Collections! We need about 2 more people to help call businesses and gather donations for the event. This is a huge undertaking and help is needed ASAP. If you are only able to help pick up donations from businesses (after they have been called) that would be a great help as well!

~Decorations and set up! This will take place on March 8 starting at 10a.m. in the Expo Building. We need help with decorating the venue as well as setting up for the silent auction.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact one of the auction team members - Natalie Moon 305-7041, Jenn Apps 510-8274, Jayleen Corkill 318-1815, Karla Roorda 815-2019, or Tricia Heeringa 318-4490.

Report Cards: Report cards went home this past Friday. Please return them signed as soon as you can. If you have any questions please contact your student's teacher. Thank-you

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

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!

Eagle Boosters: The next Eagle Booster meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5, at 8:45a.m., shortly after school begins. The invitation to come is to all moms, dads and supporters. A nursery is provided for those with little ones. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Eagle Boosters president Jenn Apps a call at 510-8274.

Advance notice: 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!

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.

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)

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:

February 2: Chapel, in the gym at 9:00a.m.

February 5: Eagle Boosters, 8:45a.m. in the Teacher's Lounge

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 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