

From the principal . . .

The theme for our *ChristLight* lessons next week is **Jesus gives us courage to confess him boldly.**

In the first lesson, *The Healing of the Lame Man*, the students will learn how Peter boldly confessed Jesus to a large crowd of people in the temple. First he preached the law to show them their sins, and then he preached the gospel to show them their Savior from sin, Jesus.

We also want to be ready to confess Jesus boldly whenever we are given the opportunity. One tool we can use to do this is the “Book without Words.” This five page construction paper book can tell others the whole story of our salvation:

- Black - We are all sinful*
- Red - So Jesus’ shed his blood for us*
- White - Which cleansed us & forgave our sins*
- Gold - Heaven is now ours*
- Green – SO we can strive for Christian life & growth*

The “Book without Words” is a simple way to share the gospel promise with someone who hasn’t heard it yet. Encourage your child to use it with friends or family members who don’t know Jesus.

In the second lesson, *The Apostles before the Council*, the students will learn how Peter and John boldly told the truth about Jesus even when they faced punishment by the Jewish Council. In fact, they said they could not *help* speaking what they knew was true.

Talking about Jesus at home can give your child confidence to speak boldly, yet also gently and respectfully, outside the home. Make it a habit to pray together, to discuss Sunday’s sermon, to reassure each other of God’s presence and help, to pray with each other at routine times and at spontaneous moments.

Encourage your child to speak boldly. Like Peter and John, “We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard,” – the truth about our Savior Jesus Christ.

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Hymn of the Week - due May 21

CW #498: *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

Gr. K-2 v.1 Gr. 3-4 v. 1-2 Gr. 5-8 v.1-3

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Praise the Lord in Song: Thank you to all students who used their voices to praise God at the Ascension service. Thank you also to their families for making worship a priority. All students will have another opportunity to praise God in song at the Graduation service on Thursday, June 3rd. The service begins at 6:30. Students will meet in their classrooms at 6:15.

Resurrection Lutheran School will be **celebrating our 40th year anniversary** at this year’s graduation service. If you have pictures or stories about your years at RLS, please contact the school office.

Your servant-leader,

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Upcoming Events:

Today:	6:00pm	Athletic Banquet & Awards
Friday:	8:00am	Chapel
		Gr. 1-4 Track Ribbons
		Grade 8 spelling bee
		Nigeria Mission Presentation
	12:00pm	School Arbor Day
Monday	8:00am	Scrip Order placed
Tuesday	8:00am	Kindergarten field trip
Thurs.	6:00pm	Band / Art / Parent Appreciation

You're Invited! Our very own, 7th grade Jesse Myhrom, will be making a presenting after chapel on Friday about our 4th quarter mission, Nigeria. Join us!

A **School Arbor Day** is planned for Friday afternoon. A group lunch will begin at noon. Parents are welcome to bring along their own lunch and enjoy their meal with their children. Yard work will begin about 12:30. Grades 1-4 will have some planting projects at 1:30 while the upper graders continue some heavy work projects. Parents, friends, landscapers, and gardeners are all invited and encouraged to come out and help us beautify the school grounds.

Tools to Bring: Wheelbarrows, garden tiller, 5-gallon pails, leaf and garden rakes; pitch forks, spades, flat, and scoop shovels, gas lawn trimmers, blowers.

Softball Day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 25th. Please contact Loren Grev (753-2069) regarding your availability to still help out for the day or if this day now works for you and you would like to be a part of the event.

Attention Band & 4th Gr. Recorder Students:
We would like to collect a gift to be presented to Mrs. Jamieson and Mr. Burson at the concert on May 27th. Please send \$2 per student in an envelope labeled with the student name and grade, and then place it in the band box in the office. Thank you.

School Library – Books need to be returned. There will be no more checking out of the books for this school year. Thank you.

Band: About 65% of all band accounts are paid in full. Thank you. Please check the paper copy of your newsletter to see if you owe any amount for band. Checks should be made payable to CES with Band in the Memo section.

Basketball Camp at Resurrection will be held Tuesday evenings starting on June 15th. Grade 2-6 camp will be from 5-6pm and grade 7-12 camp will be from 6-8pm. Contact Dan Heim (356-2424) with any questions you may have about the camp.

Kids Korner

For and by the kids of Resurrection

MY PET RACCOON

When I was around 10 years old, I had a pet raccoon. He was just two months old or so, and he thought I was his mom. His name was Rascal and he was always doing something. This coon would follow me all around. He would sleep in our play house outside.

He ate marshmallows and bugs, and he drank milk from a bottle. He would also eat the cats' food. One day we went to the pond, and I went swimming. The coon followed me into the water and swam behind me.

I taught him how to climb trees and hunt for bugs and crayfish. Then one day a guy pulled into our driveway, and the coon went under his vehicle. When he left, he ran him over. That was the end of Rascal.

By Nick O'Brien - grade 7

Eyes are very special things
They help you see the light.
My eyes are blue and some are brown
And I think yours are white.
My eyes are blue, not brown, not green
My eyes are like the ocean.
And if you watch them really close
They may look like a potion.

By Ashley Johnson - grade 7

IT HAPPENED AND IT HURT

I was having a good day at daycare when it came to club day Friday. You sign up for a club on Wednesday or Thursday. You do whatever you signed up for on Friday at the end of the day. It came to Friday and I was signed up for floor hockey. I usually tried to pick a sport over an arts and crafts thing. I think my art teacher can tell you why. My counselor for this club was a cool guy, so we are talking a lot during the club (he was on my team). We took a drink break when it was halftime. When we came back, he told me, "I hope no one gets hit in the head." Oh, but somebody does, and that somebody was me. Near the end of club day, the game was tied, and we needed one more goal to win. (I remember this day really well even though I got hit in the head). We were on defense, and we stole the puck. We were bringing it up the floor when my teammate passed it to Matt B. I'm right behind him. I shout "Shoot, Matt! Shoot!" (I know, kind of a stupid thing to say when I'm right behind him.) Matt B shoots and I get a face full of stick. It split open my eyebrow. I blacked out for a couple of seconds when I heard my counselor say, "Oh, he's alright, give him some space." Well, I wasn't okay. There was blood running down my face. They helped me up to go wash my face in the kitchen. I felt really bad for Matt B because I told him to shoot and he listened. I had to get stitches on my eyebrow. Now there is no scar - which is good.

From that day, one good thing happened after I got hit. The counselors let me play on the computer until my dad got there, and he took me to the E.R.

By Aaron Swanson - grade 7

Teeth are very special things
They chomp or bite or chew.
They help to keep your tongue in place
So talking you can do.
They're lined up like piano keys,
So straight, so bright, so white.
They help you eat so many things,
Make sure you brush each night.

By Riley Brandmeyer - grade 8

Pioneer May Meeting - Tomorrow Evening - Friday May 21st

- our May meeting has been moved and will run from 6pm to 8:30pm at RLS. This will be a Fun / Game Night where we will start with outdoor games and later have a hot dog roast and s'mores. We ask the Pioneers to bring chips, cookies, or bars to share. We will start the evening with a devotion at 6pm. (In case of rain we will move indoors. This meeting is for Pioneers only.) Pickup at 8:30pm.

Teacher Tidbits

Grade 7-8 –8th grade spellers in the May 21st bee are: Hannah Koss, Hannah Limpert, Joshua Grove
Meet math – The final results are here. We ended up tied for 2nd place. There were 24 schools in our division. Three of our boys were listed as top scorers: Riley Brandmeyer, Joshua Grove, and Stewart Zahn

At the softball tournament I watched a 7th grader round the bases after hitting another home run. No one was on base this time so he could run the bases at his top speed. I'm thinking it took him about 12 seconds. He's fast and an all-around strong athlete. The name is Nick O'Brien. Now he's taken up boxing, also. I plan to see his picture and/or name on the sports pages when he's in high school.

At RLS Nick played basketball too. In the fall he plays football in Pine Island.

Nick is the only 7th-8th grader that lives on a farm. When I visited there last fall I got introduced to a mix of gardens, pastures, cattle, deer, chickens and pets that are found on this rural Pine Island "ranch." Being a farm kid myself, I enjoyed the whole tour. Nick is blessed to have this setting to keep himself busy. I almost came home with a couple kittens, but instead I opted for some garden produce including some huge potatoes.

Nick is the youngest in his family and will be the first one to come into Rochester for high school at Century.

We'll all agree that Nick has a good sense of humor. It's never very serious at his end of the lunch tables. He's somewhat of an entertainer.

Nick and his family are members at Grace in Oronoco, so he's currently writing sermon summaries for Pastor Baldauf in preparation for confirmation there next spring. Nick has been at Resurrection School since 2nd grade.

Science 7-8: The end of the year is approaching quickly. An assignment on hearing, taste and smell is due on Monday. Class time on Monday and Wednesday will be used to review the entire Human Brain and Senses unit. A cumulative test will be held on Friday, May 28th. The students understand the concepts. Encourage them to review science terms. The last class period on June 2nd will focus on investigations using the senses.

Grade 5-6 –

Grade 3-4 – We have been blessed with beautiful weather this week. Track Day was a hit! Thank you to the parents that came along to watch and help with the events. Without you, we couldn't do Track Day. The ribbons will be handed out by Mr. Zahn on Friday after the chapel service.

This past week, we've had the opportunity to get to know Miss Andrea Dorn. She is a student at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, studying to be a teacher. Miss Dorn is gaining experience to prepare for her very own classroom and is doing a wonderful job. To mention a few things, she has been: working and reading with the children in small groups, reading the afternoon devotions, teaching Christ Light and 3rd grade Reading, making answer keys to spelling activities, correcting, arranging and teaching the 2-4th graders their song for 8th grade Graduation, and on and on! We have been very blessed to have her, she already makes a fabulous teacher. THANK YOU, MISS DORN for joining us!

A few reminders of events and activities: Tonight- Athletic Banquet; Friday-Book Reports due, Arbor Day; Next Thursday-Parent Appreciation Night and 4th graders play recorders in the band concert.

Grade 2-3 –A couple of weeks ago, our spelling bee contestants competed before the whole school. For 3rd grade, Ellie took first place, Charlotte 2nd, and Jacob Demsky 3rd. For 2nd grade, Phoebe took first place, Brianna 2nd, and Salem 3rd. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done!

Thank you to Becky Worstman for organizing our Mother's Day weaving project. Sara Birkholz also helped us with the careful work we were able to do. Thank you also to the many parents who were able to help us with Track and Field Day: Corey Raymond, David Worstman, Ben Ziemer, Sara Birkholz, Laura Nelson, Ed Hiatt, Ron and Sandra Miller, and Kristen King. What a wonderful blessing to have so many to make this day a blessing to the children.

The many end of the year activities and learning experiences have been so much fun! On Friday you are welcome to participate with us at Arbor Day. The following week on Thursday evening is Band, Art and Parent Appreciation. We're finishing up some writing and art projects and getting ready to play bells and sing at the Closing Service on the following Thursday evening. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are not able to attend on Thursday evening June 3, (6:15 in the classroom). Since we play bells it's crucial for everyone to be there or to let me know ahead of time that you're unable to do so. We're working hard on the last of our science and social studies units and doing some special reading of chapter books. It's an exciting time in the classroom!!!

Grade 1 –Cathy Manulik, the public health nurse who is assigned to our school, came into our room Wed. morning. She read a story to the children about healthy fruits and how they help our bodies. She reviewed the food pyramid briefly, had the kids sort fruits and vegetables, and discussed the need for helmets when bike riding and sunscreen when they're outside.

Track Day was a hit! The weather was warm and sunny, which was a welcome change from most years ☺, and the kids had fun and did their best. Those who took between 1st-6th place will get their ribbons on Friday after chapel. It's hard to wait!

What's a whirligig? Ask a first grader if you're not sure. They made them for science class and we tested them in the wind outside on Tuesday. I heard a few children saying, "I love science!"

If anyone's looking for a summer project, there are quite a few books in our room that need to be sorted by category, have a simple label put on them, and many that need to be matched to their Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) Level. I'd happily walk you through the steps once school is done, and you could work on it at home at your own pace over the summer. My e-mail is ggrove@resurrection-wels.org if you'd like to learn more. Thank you!

Kindergarten – This is a mess. It's sticking to my hands. It was messy and sticky, but our Elmer the Elephants are cool. Check them out at the Art Fair next week. We got to play with clocks this week. They have two hands--well at least some of them do. We also looked at digital clocks--no hands. Today we took a test in reading. We are all done with worksheets. What will we do next week? We had to write 1-100. It took a long time, but we did it. Next week is our field trip. We are going on Tuesday and we get to ride a bus. Our Christ Light lessons were happy and sad. The happiest thing is that Peter and John just kept sharing Jesus with everyone even though the leaders told them to stop. We can share Jesus too.