

**Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School  
March Newsletter**

**This month we introduce to you the students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Teacher is Mr. Dean Wass.**



**Students**

Alyssa Brune  
Erika MacDowell

Jordan Melcher  
Marilyn Melcher  
Kevin Oetting  
Eric Rabel  
Kevin Schueler

**Parents**

Jim/Rhonda Brune  
Jani MacDowell  
Sean MacDowell  
Matt/Tammy Melcher  
Brad/Chris Melcher  
Bryan/Jennifer Oetting  
Michael/Gemila Rabel  
Jeff/Julie Schueler

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**Birthday Greetings**

Happy Birthday and God's blessings to our Wyneken family members celebrating birthdays in March.

**Faculty/Staff-** Mrs. Connie Embler(aide); **Students-** Jay Scheumann, Delaney Knipstein, Natalie Dicke, Taylor Rhymer, Emilie Reinking, Robert Bergman, Sarah Kleine, Alyssa Selking, Jacob Baumann, Carissa Schultz.

**Baptismal Birthdays**

At the beginning of each month during our chapel service we will give thanks and remember in our prayers our children and our faculty/staff members who are celebrating their baptismal birthdays for that month. Those remembered in March are: *Faculty/Staff:* Mrs. Janine Albert (Pre-school teacher), Mrs. Emily Nelson (music director), Mrs. Tammy Melcher (childcare director) – *Students:* Kord Fuelling, Andrew James, Amanda Rabel, Leyna Macke, Dylan Lengerich, Natalie Dicke, Tori Miller, Jorden DeBolt, Joe Marbach, Hanna Walker, Eric Rabel, Robert Bergman, Kathy Jenkins, Taylen Melcher, Garrett Schieferstein, Brian Gallmeyer, Madison Schieferstein, Pate Tinsley.

**ISTEP SPRING FIRST TESTING, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADES, BEGINS MARCH 1 and CONTINUES THROUGH MARCH 10. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS FOR YOUR CHILD DURING THIS TIME IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.**

**Lutheran Schools Week March 7-13, 2010**

**Securing Each Child's Future – For a Life of Service      1 Cor. 12:5**

Lutherans Schools across the nation and around the world will be celebrating Lutheran education and the impact it has on the lives of students and families. Lutheran schools are a great place for children to grow in knowledge and faith in God. The message of the Gospel that is taught has the power to transform lives as students grow into the people God wants them to become. To join in this celebration, the following events/activities are being planned at Wyneken.

Monday, March 8 – Joint Opening Worship Services; 1:00pm, Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grades at Emmanuel (Soest), and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades at St. John (Flatrock); Tuesday-Friday, Bible Bingo, each classroom; Wednesday, All School Luncheons; Thursday, Rollerskating at The RAGE, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 12:30-2:00pm; Friday, Rollerskating at The RAGE, K-4<sup>th</sup> grades, 12:30-2:00pm; Friday, FAME Assembly at Belmont, 10:00-11:30am, K-5<sup>th</sup> grades; Friday, Volleyball Tournament, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 1:00pm.

**Science Fair News**

Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades Science Fair participants. Some very nice projects were turned in. Special recognition goes to Blake Bulmahn and Alyssa Strickler (8<sup>th</sup>), Tim Kiess (7<sup>th</sup>), Emma Norder (6<sup>th</sup>), and Kaley Butler (5<sup>th</sup>) for being selected as the top 5 exhibitors at this year's science fair.

Also, Congratulations goes to Andy Blomenberg, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, who won first prize in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle School Bridge Design Competition held at Science Central on Saturday, February 13. The event was sponsored by the Anthony Wayne Chapter of the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. Judges included professors from IPFW. Students had to design a two-foot span bridge using less than 200 popsicle sticks and only wood glue. Scores were based on a combination of bridge weight, deflection, and load. Andy's bridge withstood over 200 pounds of load and scored 3,758 points. Second place recorded only 1604 points and last year's winner had a score of 2,692. One official remarked that he usually doesn't see scores as high as Andy's until the high school competition. Four other teams from Wyneken competed: Jay Scheumann and Spencer Shoup; Kamio Gilreath and Carissa Schultz; Taylen Melcher, Josh Brune, and Tim Kiess; and Kathy Jenkins, Meghan Quinn, and Hannah Johnson. Students could participate as individuals or in teams of up to three. Nine different schools fielded 33 teams. Attendees were also able to tour all the museum's exhibits including the traveling Hubble space telescope display from NASA. Our thanks to Wayne Scherry for bringing this competition to our attention and to Thrivent for providing some bridge building kits.

**WYNEKEN SPRING BREAK WEEK IS MARCH 21 – MARCH 27.**

### **Spring Enrollment**

Enrollment forms for the 2010-2011 school year are being prepared at this time and will be mailed to Wyneken families in by February 28 and are to be returned by March 15. If you know of a family who is interested in sending their child to Wyneken, please have them contact the school (639-6177) to be placed on our mailing list as soon as possible. If you have had a recent change of address please contact the office so we may update our records. Thank you.

### **Market Day**

**Pick up date/time is Thursday, March 4, 6-7pm.** \*\*Market Day orders must be picked up at the pick up date / time each month. If you are unable to come in at that time, please make arrangements for someone to pick up for you and your order must be pre-paid.

### **Scrip**

**Meijer gift cards are now available in denominations of \$25 and \$100.** Scrip is available daily in the school office and after church services on Sundays or call a scrip representative (Barb Bulmahn, Paula Werling, Jane Kleine, Sarah Butler, Kim Weiland). The Wyneken PTL will be treating the students and staff to a reward breakfast of juice and donuts on Thursday or Friday of next week for the Christmas Contest sales last December.

### **Lunch Coordinator**

Wyneken parent, Kim Tinsley, is stepping down from her position as Lunch Coordinator (daily receipts) at the end of this school year. If you are interested in taking over this **volunteer position**, please contact the school at 639-6177. There will be considerable training time required during this last semester to be ready in time to take over for the 2010-2011 school year.

### **Third Quarter Chapel Offerings**

Mr. Joe Boway, a native of Liberia, knows the effect Lutheran schools can have. His Christian faith is a credit to the missionaries who first shared the Good News with him. Now he is establishing Lutheran schools in the rural countryside of Liberia so that many more can know Jesus, their Savior.

We want to help Mr. Boway build another new school. Together with the other 20 Lutheran schools in Northeast Indiana, it is our goal to raise money for this building project.

We pray that we will be able to extend the ministry of Lutheran schools to children and families halfway around the world.

### **Clothing Collection**

It's time to take a good look at your closet! And in doing so, you can help those in our community who have a real need for clothes. As part of our third quarter chapel focus, and in correlation with National Lutheran Schools Week, the Fourth and Sixth grade students will be collecting clothing during the week of March 8-12. All Wyneken students are being asked to start collecting **gently used or new articles of clothing**. This will give you plenty of time to go through your clothes and ask neighbors, relatives, and friends for their extra clothing. **Clothes should be in good condition and not torn or stained.** Think of excess that you have and think of those in need. Let's work together to make a difference in the lives of those near us and spread Christ's love in our actions. **We will begin accepting the clothing the week of March 8-12. Please DO NOT bring in your clothing donations before then. Thank you.**

### **Wyneken vs K105 Fundraiser-March 2**

The game of the century! Being sponsored by the Wyneken class of 2011. Don't miss the Wyneken All Stars vs K105 Basketball game on Tuesday, March 2. Doors open at 6pm and game tip off is at 7pm. Cost is \$3/adults and \$1/students. Wyneken coaches are playing along with some help from their kids! It's time to see if they can play what they preach! Representing St. John will be Steve McBride (coach), Ron Bultemeier, Kenton & Grant Kleine, Conner Emenhiser; Representing Zion will be Dean Wass, Kent & Clayton Stoppenhagen, Kent & Elizabeth Kiefer; Representing St. Paul will be Rich & Jon Skaggs, Bill & Joey Johnson, Paul & Breanna Hockemeyer and Becky Grimm. Also, featuring an awesome cheer squad of Mrs. Janine Albert, Mr. & Mrs. Timm, Mrs. Pam Brewer and Mrs. Stephanie Comer along with our own 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheer squad. There will be door prizes, sumo wrestling and raffles. Bring the entire family for a great evening of fun and entertainment!

### **Wyneken Athletics**

Coaches for our JV program are needed for the upcoming school year: JV Boys Soccer (August 2010) and JV Boys and Girls Basketball (October 2010). If you are interested in coaching either of these sports or know someone who would be, please contact our AD, Tammy Shoup at [wynekenathletics@aol.com](mailto:wynekenathletics@aol.com). Thank you.

### **Camp Lutherhaven Retreat**

Bring out your family to the rolling hills of Camp Lutherhaven for the March Family Retreat on March 6-7. An optional Friday overnight is available on March 5 for those families who would like to have a longer "mini vacation". Spend quality time together while enjoying the beauty of God's early spring creation. You can call the camp office for more information at 260-636-7101 or go on line at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org). Sign up your family today!

### Church Dinners

Zion (Freidheim) Soup & Sandwich Dinner on Sunday, March 14, 10:00am-1:00pm, with a Craft/Bake Sale; St. John (Bingen) AYCE Fish/Tenderloin Dinner on Sunday, March 21, 10:30am-1:00pm, with a Craft/Bake Sale. **DRIVE THRU AND CARRY OUT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT BOTH DINNERS.**

### **TOGETHER TIME – From The Home & School Connection Newsletter – March**

As your children grow up, they will get busier with friends, homework, and after-school activities. Try these ideas for spending time together now – you'll build bonds that will keep you close later.

#### **A few minutes:**

- Have breakfast with your child/ren and talk about what's happening in school that day. Tell them what you're doing, too. Some days, you might walk or drive them to school and continue that discussion.
- If a babysitter or relative watches your child/ren after school, start a ritual of calling during that time. Ask your child/ren specific questions about their day, such as: "What did you write about in your journal?" or "What games did you play at recess?"

#### **An hour:**

- Schedule a date with your child/ren each week. Let them decide what to do. You can go someplace, like a park, or stay home and play with toys in their room.
- Learn something new together, and practice it for an hour a week. Play a fun board game or cards. Get a book or visit a web site that explains how to do magic tricks or decorate cakes, etc.

#### **An evening:**

- Make the last Friday of each month "Family and Friends Night." Let your child/ren invite a friend over – you'll motivate them to keep participating as they get older. Play board games, cards, watch a movie, or plan an easy dinner (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, spaghetti).
- On a weeknight, surprise them by stopping in to watch their dance class, sport practice, choir rehearsal, etc. Then everyone go out for a treat afterwards (ice cream cones or sundaes).

### Parent Power

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your child brings home. Fill out any forms that are to be returned and return them right away.
- Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out at home or school.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and other school events regularly.

**Worth Quoting:** "Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best." *H. Jackson Browne Jr.*



**March 14 – Daylight Savings Begins!**

**March 20 – Spring!**