

Dear Parents,

The month of February just flew by and in a blink it will be March. We are looking forward to warmer days and getting outside more as we are sure you are too.

During this season of Lent we are focused on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As part of our mission statement, “We are hands for service”, some Lenten projects are happening here at school that your child can participate in. First, there is our **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**. Please donate non perishable food items. Students can bring them into class and the 6th grade class will be coming around to pick them up. Look at the list of items needed in the Thursday packet. The drive ends March 12th. The 4th grade classes are collecting socks for the homeless. The **SOCK DRIVE** ends March 31st.

HOT LUNCH IS BACK! Chef Jesse’s hot lunch program is back with a few changes and a new chef. All of the information is on the St. Luke Website along with the Thursday packet. The one **BIG** change is that lunches must be ordered a day or more ahead of time. There will be no extra lunches made the day of. But it is the same yummy food just packaged and delivered to your students in the classroom.

Black History Projects are due by Monday. Students have done such a nice job on them and we are enjoying watching their flipgrid presentations. We can tell they have learned a lot about their person.

We spent the month learning about the many contributions of black people from ancient times to the present. This has continued our discussions about equality, love, and justice. This week we heard the story of The Parable of the Good Samaritan and discussed how it related to racism. We also talked about what Jesus tells us about how to treat one another. In the coming weeks, we will look at the different examples of standing up for justice and equality. This will go along with our bullying prevention unit that will begin later in the month of March.

Region’s Project has been started. The children have worked out who will be completing the different parts of the project (landforms, water features....) and all have chosen state(s) in their region to cover. We have asked the children to **first** complete their notes for their part of the project and **then** to work on the slides. The slideshows have been created, themes decided, and slides added. They just need to

use their notes to **write paragraphs** about their topics, add those to the slides, and add in relevant pictures. For the state slides, the children as a region group decided on three facts that all the state slides **must** include but then the children can add more if they'd like. We will be working in class on this project all next week and they will **present on Monday, March 8th**. The children are **graded ONLY** on their notes, their slide, and their presentation. Please remind your child to touch anyone else's slide.

The trimester is quickly coming to an end in 2 weeks. Please make sure to check **PowerSchool** for any missing assignments and get them completed. We cannot accept any missing assignments after **Friday March 12th**. And please let us know when you have completed them so that we know to go back and look for it. There are so many assignments that there is not enough time to go back through each one to see if students have completed it or not. So please let us know and then we will go back and double check it. We will have it up to date by Sunday evening.