



HOME BULLETIN

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**Board News:**

- Our teachers very soon will be given Intention Slips for the 2019-2020 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.
- Ebenezer has been hosting an Open House for many years in February to invite interested people to campus about the possibility of enrolling their child(ren) here. With the great word of mouth advertising from you, we have been blessed with overflowing interest in our Preschool and Kindergarten classes. The need of a formal Open House for marketing purposes has been weighed and at this time we will not be scheduling that event. We are still encouraging any interested families to contact the school for a personalized tour. Thanks again for spreading the word about ECS!!
- Following the safety meeting led by staff in December, the Board has approved of several items to be implemented on campus, see below.
- We are glad to welcome Brenda Sprague as our new janitor! Brenda and her family have been connected with Ebenezer for many years having sent their now adult children to Ebenezer. Say 'hi' when you see her around campus.

**Campus Safety:** As part of our improvements to our school safety plan, we are asking all visitors to check in at the office when coming on campus. This includes those times when you are picking up or dropping off your child for doctor's appointments or bringing a forgotten lunch etc. If you are going to be spending any time on campus, we will help you sign in and get a visitor's badge to wear during your stay. Just dropping something off and leaving? Drop off your item in the office; we will deliver to your child. Please note that before and after school routine with parents on campus will not change. Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions.

**REMINDER:** Our annual SUB-SANDWICH SALE ends **this Friday**, January 25. Please turn in all order forms with full payment by the end of that school day. In order to be eligible for prizes, they must be turned in Friday! (Remember-everyone can earn a prize for each 50 subs sold.) Thank you for supporting our school through this sale!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The sandwiches will be made in the gym on Saturday, February 23 from 8:30am - 12:30/1:00pm. We need about 80 adult workers on our assembly lines. If you are willing to give a few hours of your time, please call/text Renee DeJong @ 360-410-6097 or e-mail [thedejongfam@gmail.com](mailto:thedejongfam@gmail.com). Moms, dads, grandparents, friends, high school students needing service hours....we really need your help! 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to sign up as well. Refreshments and fun are included. ☺ Thank you for supporting our school!

**NEEDED:** We are still collecting short stackable sturdy boxes to be used for sub sandwich sale. Produce boxes such strawberry, tomato, grape, peppers, mushrooms, etc. work best (**example picture on last page**) so if you have any on hand or see any as you are shopping, please collect and bring them to the school kitchen. Many are needed, so please continue to do so over the next month or so. Thank you for your help!!

**Jr. High Basketball:** Our basketball teams have been hard at work and ready for their first game tomorrow! **Please note:** Ebenezer will once again be hosting our home games. While we are excited to host, this will have a few challenges. Seating will be very 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. Game schedule is as follows:

Thursday, January 24: Skagit vs. Ebenezer, 3:30 - Away game

Thursday, January 31: Ebenezer vs. Cornerstone, 4:00 - Home game

Tuesday, February 5: Bellingham vs. Ebenezer, 3:30 - Away game

Thursday, February 14: Ebenezer vs. Skagit, 4:00 - Home game

We hope many of you will be able to attend some games and help root for our Eagles!

**Geography Bee:** Last Friday, January 18, our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the annual Geography Bee. The top three students were: First Place- Collin Anker, 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Second Place- David Polinder, 7<sup>th</sup> grade; and Third Place- Lance VanBerkum, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Bee and special congratulations to our top three students!

**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!

**End of Second Quarter:** Report cards will be sent home with students this Friday, January 25. There are no conferences scheduled this quarter, but if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

**Chapel:** Our next chapel will be next Wednesday, January 30 at 9:00a.m., hosted by the 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Come sing and worship with us!

**Eagle Boosters:** The next Eagle Booster meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 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 Tricia Heeringa a call at 360-318-4490.

**Society Meeting:** Plan now to attend our next Society Meeting on Tuesday, February 19 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 2019-2020 draft budget will be presented. We thank Eric Briscoe, Rob Dykstra, Kevin Roberts, Herb Stober, Marc Tinklenberg and John Tolsma for agreeing to put their names up for nomination to the School Board. Plan now to attend!

**School Cleaning:** February's school cleaning has been moved to Tuesday, Feb. 26. This avoids the Society Meeting on the original date. Families on the list will be contacted by the organizing families (Hoksbergen and Ubben). Parents are encouraged to keep an eye on the schedule in the back of the directory for when their next turn is. Questions? Give Mr. Buss a call or contact our Janitor, Brenda Sprague at 360-739-3450 .

**Advance notice:** A reminder that there will be no school on Friday, **February 15** for Teacher Curriculum Day, and on Monday, **February 18** for President's Day. Enjoy this long weekend with your family!

**K-4 Spring Musical:** Put this date on your calendar! Friday, March 15, 7:00pm. Our performance will be at Lynden Christian High School's Worship and Fine Arts Center. We are grateful to LC for allowing us to use their facilities again!

**Help needed!** We are already well into our planning for this year's spring musical, performed by the students in grades K-4. Parents, these wonderful events cannot happen without your support! Here's a list of areas we are asking for help with (even if you have students in other grades!). If you can help, contact the teacher listed who is organizing the work for that area.

**Sets/Props (Ms. Bosman, Mrs. Regan):** We have a list of props and sets that we are going to need. Contact these teachers to see if there's something you can let us borrow. We're also looking for help moving risers at LC when we get closer to the program. That would involve some muscle and a pickup and/or trailer. Contact Mr. Buss for this need.

**Memorizing lines, working with students (Mrs. Regan, Mr. McLendon):** working with students to help with inflection, clarity, etc.

**Dress/Costumes:** We are asking all the K-4 students to come with dark pants (no holes!) and a black shirt (no writing). Parents have discretion on providing this for their kids, but if you have questions, talk with your student's teacher.

**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 plan to meet on select Mondays each month beginning at 8:45a.m. in the art room. The remaining January Monday is January 28. 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. 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.

**School Yearbook:** If you have an interest in photography, digital layout and design, and preserving precious memories, the school yearbook may be an area to use those gifts. We are looking for one or two people to help preserve memories for our students to enjoy. If you might be interested or have any questions, please talk to Mr. Buss.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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:**

January 25: Report Cards come home

January 30: Chapel hosted by 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade, in the school gym at 9:00a.m.

February 4: Eagle Boosters, 8:45a.m. in the Teacher's Lounge

February 15: Curriculum Day, No School

February 18: President's Day, No School

February 19: Society Meeting, 7:00p.m., in the gym

February 26: School Cleaning

Pictured is the type of box to be collected for the Sub Sandwich making day.

