



HOME BULLETIN

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Board News:

- **Society meeting:** Thank you all who attended last night's meeting. It was a good night, well attended, and a good time for families to connect around the school they love so well.
- **Teachers retiring:** We regret to say that at the end of this school year we will be saying good-bye to these teachers who are retiring: **Mrs. Van Andel, Mrs. Regan, and Mrs. Swier.** The Board extends its deepest gratitude for their years of fantastic service to the school and its children.
- **New Board Members:** The Board thanks all the men who were willing to have their names on the ballot for serving on the Board. At the meeting last night Eric Briscoe, Rob Dykstra, and Herb Stober were elected.
- **Snow Day Makeup:** To make up enough of the time lost due to snow to be in compliance with state standards, the Board has decided to move our Spring Conferences. We will now have a full day of school on Thursday, March 28; Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Friday, March 29.
- The Education Committee and the Board have begun the process of filling positions that are open for next year. Your prayers for wisdom and guidance are appreciated.

Sub Sandwich Update: This Saturday, February 23, is our big assembly day! THANK YOU to all who signed up to help! Please be here at 8:20a.m., unless you were asked to come earlier. We are still in need of at least 5 adult helpers (even if you can only commit to a few hours). Also, looking for a few people to come about 10:30/11:00 to help finish up for a few who have to leave early. Please call Renee at 360-354-0238 or 360-410-6097 ASAP if you can help out.

PARENTS— You are responsible for picking up your orders between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. Please don't forget! Some families will be asked to pick up orders earlier to keep work space available, and you may also request an earlier pick up time if your schedule requires. Call Renee ASAP with those requests. Your prayers for a smooth Sub Making Day are appreciated!

LAST CHANCE: We will have some surplus sub sandwiches to sell, so if you are interested in buying any of those, please let Renee know and we will set them aside for you. If you have questions, call or text Renee DeJong @ 360-410-6097 or e-mail thedejongfam@gmail.com.

School Cleaning: Next week Tuesday, February 26 is our next school cleaning. 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.

Chapel: Our next chapel, which is hosted by our 5th and 6th grade classes, is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, at 9:00a.m. in the gym. We invite any of our parents to come enjoy this time together.

Mid-Winter Break: A reminder that next week there will be no school on Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1 for Mid-Winter break. Enjoy spending quality time with your kids!

Eagle Boosters: The next Eagle Booster meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 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.

Hot Lunch Make-up Day: On Friday, March 8, there will be a makeup chicken strip Hot Lunch since we missed a week due to the snow.

Archery: Keep our archery team in mind as they prepare for the state tournament, the Wolf Cup, held on Saturday, March 9. Our school, along with the Whatcom Homeschool Archery Team, will be hosting the local satellite competition (along with four other satellite locations) that day. Team scores will be tabulated along with almost 1000 other archers across the state. Interested in helping? Talk with Mr. Buss. One thing we are in need of: cardboard sheets appx. 30" square to place on the target faces. If you come across large sheets of cardboard, please bring them to school. Another way you can help for the tournament is to be a line judge for a couple hours the day of the tournament. Talk to Mr. Buss for details. Thank you!

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. Veldman, 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.

Cell Phone/Electronic devices: As a reminder and clarification, students are not to use their cell phones/electronic devices during the school day, including (but not limited to) calls, texting, videos, and picture sharing. While we respect parents' wishes for student use, messages for students during the school day should go through the school's office. To avoid disrupting classes, parents are asked to call the school office if they need to contact their student. Cell phones/electronic devices that are used inappropriately will be taken by the classroom teacher and returned to the student at the end of the school day. This includes sharing of content (music, videos, apps, games) of any sort, and also applies to bus rides and field trips. For electronic content, it's great to be selfish! What you may allow for your student to have access to may not be what others allow, so please keep it to yourself. ☺

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 February Monday is February 25.** 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 or visit <http://momsinprayer.org/> We look forward to praying with you for our school.

ITBS: The Iowa Test of Basic Skills for grades 3-8 are scheduled for March 4-8. Be looking for more information from your child's teacher.

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.

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

February 23: Sub Sandwich assembly, in the gym

February 26: School Cleaning

February 27: Chapel hosted by 5th and 6th grade, 9:00a.m. in the gym

February 28 & March 1: Mid-Winter Break

March 4: Eagle Boosters meeting; 8:45a.m. in the teacher's lounge

March 9: Wolf Cup at Lynden Middle School

March 15: Spring Program, Lynden Christian Worship & Fine Arts Center at 7:00p.m.

March 28: Snow make up day

March 29: Parent/Teacher Conferences