



Welcome Back! We hope the week of Spring Break was good for all of our ECS families. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on the students and staff as we continue learning and growing through the rest of the year.

Board News:

- Vision and Hearing screening was last week. If there is a concern about your child, you will receive a letter from our school nurse, Mel Blok. We encourage you to follow up with your pediatrician. Thank you to Lynden Christian for allowing us to utilize their equipment and thank you to Mel Blok and volunteers for administering the tests.
- Safety Concerns: Thank you to everyone who has voiced concerns and input about how to improve campus security. The board is actively exploring procedures already in place and options for improvement. If you have any ideas, please contact a board member or the office.
- The 2023-2024 Calendar has been approved and is available on the website on the parents page.
- Extra Bus Drivers: Anyone willing to learn to be a substitute Bus Driver? Please talk to Mr. Buss.

Spirit Week is this Week!

Monday: Pajama/Comfy Cozy Day

Tuesday: Nuclear Neon (Bright colors)

Wednesday: Sunday Best Day- Chapel Day so Sunday best or better (dresses, neck ties etc)

Thursday: Pick an Age, Any Age (Dress like a child, baby, grandparent 0-100 yrs)

Friday: ECS Spirit Day

Ebenezer Archery:

Ebenezer's Archery team participated in the Wolf Cup Tournament last month. For the middle school division our team placed 2nd in Bullseye and 3rd in 3D. A few archers earned individual awards and qualify to participate in Nationals at the end of this month in Utah.

Bullseye:

*Addison Blok placed 2nd overall for middle school girls.

*Chase DeJong places 9th overall for middle school boys.

3D:

*Esther Boyd placed 3rd overall for middle school girls.

*Oliver Petree placed 4th overall for middle school boys.

Way to go kids and a thanks to Bill Stinson and Alan Scott for their work with the team!!

Chapel:

This month's Chapel is this Wednesday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This chapel will feature the Springman Family and a representative from Kidstown International. You will love the talented Springmans and learning about Kidstown International. Kidstown International is the organization that the tithing funds from the Jog-A-Thon will benefit. Everyone is welcome to attend and worship with us.

Grandparents/Special Friends Night:

On Thursday, April 27, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., students will have the opportunity to share with loved ones their classrooms, meet their teachers, and see any special projects they may be working on. Our hope and desire is that this will be a special time for the students and their grandparents.

If your child(ren) have grandparents who are not able to make it or they live far away, but they still want to send a note to their grandchildren, we encourage them to either fax (360-354-7093) or send an email (office@ebenezerchristianschool.org) directly to the school. We will deliver their message to their loved one that day.

School Cleaning:

The next school cleaning is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 25, organized by the DeJong family. Check the schedule in the back of the Directory for the entire year's schedule. If you have any questions or concerns about your time and service, please contact our janitor, Brenda Sprague.

Recess Duty:

If you are able to fill either of these spots or would like to be added to our recess substitute list please contact the office. Thank you in advance!

Thursday noon recess 12:00pm to 12:40pm.

Thursday afternoon recess 1:45pm to 2:15pm.

No School:

A reminder that there will be no school on Monday, May 1 for Curriculum Day.

Yearbook Pictures:

If you are around kids at school and take pictures, please send them to the office and the yearbook. We love having pictures from a variety of sources and a variety of events; recess, field trips, classroom parties, chapels, sporting events etc. Thank you for your help!

Jog-A-Thon:

Looking ahead, our bi-annual Jog-A-Thon is set for Friday, May 12. This year's theme is "Cinco de Mayo". The funds this year are going toward new music, PE, art and recess equipment. Packets went home last week. Keep getting those pledges! Pledge forms and money are due back to school on Friday, May 19 in order to be eligible for prizes.

Daddy/Daughter Dance:

Save the date: Saturday, May 20. The Eagle Boosters will be hosting our first school-wide Daddy/Daughter Dance. More information to come.

Ebenezer Coupon Books:

Start thinking about stocking up for summer! These coupon books directly benefit Ebenezer and support many local businesses are still available for sale. If you or someone you know would like one they can be purchased in the office. Cost is \$15 per book. Any questions call the office.

SCRIP NEWS:

The next SCRIP payout will be posted in May and show up on your May tuition statement. Your last week for funds going to this payout will be May 17. Orders after that will be applied to your November payout.

*SCRIP needs your help!

We have come to realize that there is no one who is a "back up" for Swandel. In the case of an emergency; we would like to have a back up person for SCRIP. If you are willing to learn how things are done, please contact the office or email scrip@ebenezchristianschool.org. Again, you would only need to do it for a couple weeks in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

**Lynden Dollars/Community Cash is back in stock!

RaiseRight—formerly E-Scrip NEWS:

Yes, we are changing the name of E-Scrip to RaiseRight. This makes sense as the name of the App is RaiseRight and you will receive emails from that name as well.

*Your next RaiseRight payout will be posted in May and show up on your May tuition statement. The closing date for funds going towards this payout will be April 30. Orders made in May and beyond will go toward the November payout.

**Another change; Kaeli DeVries will be taking a step back from being the administrator in order to focus on their family. Thank you Kaeli for starting this program and your years of being in charge. We appreciate you!

Swandel Ekema will be adding the responsibilities of RaiseRight to her SCRIP duties.

GIFT CARD UPDATES:

>> **BOURBON GRILL:** Everson's **Bourbon Grill** has changed their gift card platform. If you possess full \$25 gift card(s) for the Bourbon, please exchange it at LC for a replacement gift certificate. This can be done at the LC office on Thursday mornings between 8am-9am. If you have questions, please contact Swandel. [Cards with partial balances can still be tendered toward a meal in the restaurant, but please alert the server as they will need to handle it with special attention.] New plastic gift cards will be available soon for purchase as well.

>> **KOHL'S:** Kohl's eGift cards are temporarily unavailable from RaiseRight due to a supplier change. You can continue to use any eGift cards previously purchased in Kohl's stores and on Kohls.com. However, the new version of physical & eGift cards [available soon] will not be able to be applied to Kohl's charge accounts balances.

>> **JAKE'S RESTAURANT/UNDERGROUND BURGER** is under new ownership and is currently closed. When it reopens (as a different dining concept) existing gift cards will be honored. Underground Burger will be located elsewhere in Lynden in the near future.

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

- **April 19:** Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
- **April 25:** School Cleaning
- **April 27:** Grandparent Night 6-7 p.m.
- **May 1:** No School, Curriculum Day