



**Celebrating our 14<sup>th</sup> year of Christian Education**

# ***DLS NEWSLETTER***

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Jesus said, "behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" - Matthew 28:20

Friends of DLS,

The Bible tells us that forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1:1-3). Though unseen, He is with us always (Matthew 28:20) sitting at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty and ruling over all things. Of course, the devil, as our accuser, is constantly pointing his finger at us, but Jesus is our advocate and He is constantly making intercession for us. As our advocate, Jesus is constantly showing the Father the marks in His hand and His side. As our advocate, Jesus is constantly pleading our case. As our advocate, Jesus is constantly making it known that He bled, died, and rose again and that all our sins are forgiven.

In Christ,  
Pastor Cearlock

## **ELIJAH – GOD’S FAITHFUL PROPHET**

Tickets will be taken to the Bell Tower tomorrow for the DLS Musical, "Elijah – God's Faithful Prophet"! Performances will be at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. You will still be able to purchase tickets in the morning at DLS, and then tickets will be sold at the theater each night as well.

## **GREAT GIVE DAY**

Great Give Day is today! This is a "great" way to give to Dubuque Lutheran School! Not only is your donation 100% tax-deductible (remember to save the email receipt for your records); gifts made on GGD are amplified by bonus dollars from local corporate sponsors. Credit and debit cards are accepted; the minimum donation is \$10 and there is no maximum. Visit [www.GreatGiveDay.org](http://www.GreatGiveDay.org), create a profile for login and go to Dubuque Lutheran School. Thank you for your support of DLS!

## What's Average?

This week I want to share what average is and talk about our test scores. The average "bell-curve" grade is a "C". For this article I will share that a middle of the road "C" at DLS is 75%. My class expectations are that we do our best and aim for what I consider average, a "B" or 85%. We may never get to 85%, but that or higher is what we shoot for. In the same manner, when doing spring achievement tests we expect students to be at their grade level plus how many months we have covered in the current school year. In our case that means my 5<sup>th</sup> graders should be at a grade equivalent of 5<sup>th</sup> grade 8<sup>th</sup> month.

This year's class has all been here a minimum of 3 years and 60% of them have attended DLS from Kindergarten on. Of the 60 tests or evaluations the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade just tested on, the **lowest** score was 6<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> month or 4 months ahead of where that student should be. Here are the average scores of this year's graduates (they should be at 5.8): English Language Total (Reading/Writing) 10.5, Math 8.3, Core (reading/math) 9.2, Social Studies 10.3, Science 10.4, Complete Composite (overall) 9.6. These scores come from the Iowa Test (formerly Iowa Test of Basic Skills). These scores vary slightly, but have been consistently this high for the 14 years DLS has existed. Congratulations future world changers!

-Mr. Kuske

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

DLS will be entering a float in the Dubuque Memorial Day Parade again this year, and preparations are being made. Sara Gansemer will again be heading up the organization of the event. Students and families are invited to help us create and decorate the float after school on a day preceding the event. If you would like to help with this fun project, contact Sara Gansemer at [sarag112785@gmail.com](mailto:sarag112785@gmail.com).

On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the parade will begin at Jackson Park and will end in the Washington Park area. Parents, families, and friends of the school are welcome to travel with the float during the parade. Wear your DLS apparel if you have some!

## MILE RUN

The students will be doing the mile run on the morning of Friday, 5/19. Please have your student wear their fastest running shoes that day. ☺

## RETURNING FAMILY HANDBOOKS

Thank you to those families who have returned their family handbooks. If you still have yours, you can return it in the family folder container outside the school office. We will need everyone's binder back so that we can put it together for next school year. You will receive a new Family Handbook at home visits. Thank you!



## DLS LUNCH

DLS will have all of the lunch duties covered for next school year except for the coordination of the volunteer calendar. If you would be interesting in helping out in this area for next year, this would be a great help to DLS. If you do have an interest in helping in this area for next school year, stop by the office. Thank you!

## ECO-MEET

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi River Eco-Meet on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Some of the presentations they will see are "Water Safety", "Fish of the Mississippi", "Prairie of the Midwest", and "Forests Are More Than Just Trees". We do have drivers to and from Eagle Point Park that day. We will be preparing to leave at 8:30 am and will be heading back around 2:15 pm.

### **SERVICE OF RECOGNITION**

The Service of Recognition for our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students is on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All DLS students need to be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 6:45 pm to practice our song for this very special celebration.

### **K-2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE LUTHER MANOR TRIP**

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> our K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students will be taking a field trip to Luther Manor to celebrate National Nursing Home Week with the residents. They will be attending a carnival at Luther Manor at 1:30.

### **ADOPT A GUINEA PIG**

Always wanted a guinea pig....Just afraid to ask? Well here's your chance. Jodi Lockwood (former DLS parent), is looking for a good home for S'mores. If you have an interest, let her know at [mnijlockwood@gmail.com](mailto:mnijlockwood@gmail.com). Thanks!



### **VOLUNTEER SPOT**

Want to help? Here is an area where we will have some volunteer opportunities. Here are some ways to help:

1. Participate in Great Give Day today!
2. Go to Chick-Fila on 5/23 for the DLS Spirit Night.
3. Be the coordinator of our hot lunch volunteer calendar for 2017-18 school year.
4. Help with the DLS Memorial Day parade float. Contact Sara Gansemer at [sarag112785@gmail.com](mailto:sarag112785@gmail.com).

### **CALENDAR DATES TO NOTE**

May 11 – Musical Rehearsal – Students will need to be picked up at Bell Tower Theater at 3:30 pm

May 11 – Great Give Day

May 12 – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Eco Meet Trip 9 am to 2:30 pm

May 12 & 13 – Bell Tower Musical “Elijah – God’s Faithful Prophet” - 7:00 pm

May 13 – Iowa District East Track Meet at Williamsburg, Iowa

May 18 – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Trip to Luther Manor – 1:30 pm

May 19 – Mile Run in the morning

May 19 – Students sing at Our Redeemer – Service of Recognition - 7:00 pm

May 23 - DLS Spirit Night at Chick-Fila - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

May 24 – Tournament of Tales

May 25 – Cookout at Eagle Point Park

May 26 – Chapel - Last Day of School/Cookout – Early Release - 1:10 pm

May 29 – Memorial Day Parade