

Raiders News

May 14, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Where do we find teachers?

While some of our teachers have come to us through different paths, bringing with them wonderful and useful experiences, the majority of our teachers are trained through Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. Martin Luther College is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Formed from an amalgamation of Dr. Martin Luther College (founded in 1884) and Northwestern College (founded in 1865), Martin Luther College opened its doors to the next generation of church workers in 1995. While every institution has its strengths, Martin Luther College is distinctive. It is the WELS College of Ministry. It exists solely to train future pastors, teachers, and staff ministers for the public ministry in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

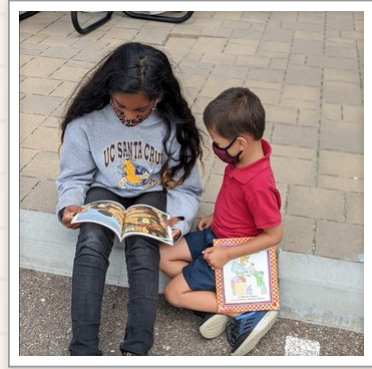
This college specifically trains teachers to serve in one of the synod's 369 early childhood education institutions, 291 elementary schools, or 26 Lutheran high schools. This is where I was trained as a teacher from 2004-2008 and received my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. Martin Luther College also offers many online and satellite courses for our teachers, preschool directors, principals, and pastors. This is where I am currently enrolled for my graduate studies. Once finished I will have my Master of Science in Educational Administration degree. They offer many more graduate studies including: educational technology, instruction, leadership, and special education.

This time of year is very exciting as the college has graduation this weekend. Along with graduation, all eligible students will receive an assignment to an elementary school or early childhood facility. These young people have studied for 4-5 years in God's Word, trained to become teachers, and now look forward to serving God's people somewhere in the United States at a WELS school just like ours. This year, we have been asking for God to bless us with a 1st grade teacher for the future. We have asked Martin Luther College to consider assigning a graduate to Reformation. We should be finding out very shortly whether or not we will be assigned one. We pray that the Lord blesses us with a worker for our 1st grade through this training process.

So, please pray with us. Pray for all of the graduates that are receiving their degree on Saturday, May 15th. Pray for all of those graduates receiving assignments into the ministry field. Pray that Reformation is blessed with one of these young people to serve here.

Romans 8:28, *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*



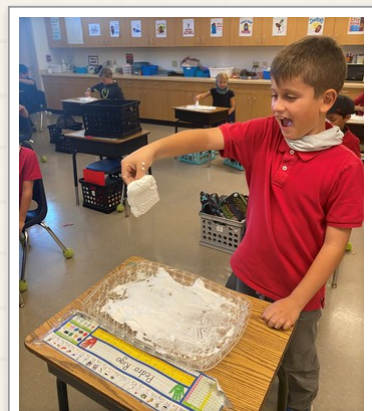


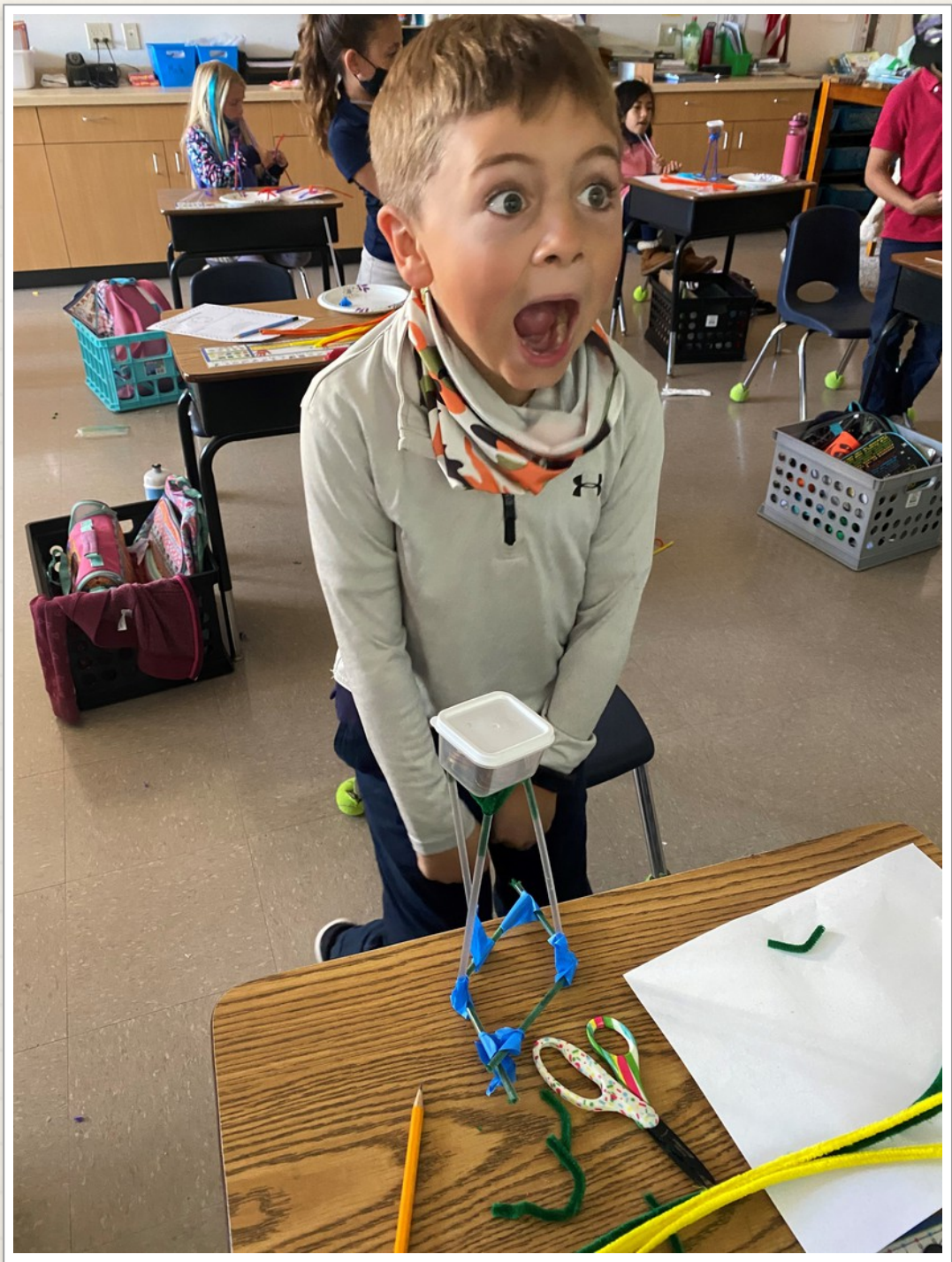
On Wednesday the upper classes read outside with the kindergarten students.

Ms. Ceci's Classroom Update

Hello from second grade! Our year went by so fast. We're incredibly thankful to have stayed safe and healthy through this crazy year. God's grace and having each other really got us through it. Our classroom actually had a fantastic year! We learned a lot, played a lot, worked hard and created great friendships and memories. We are all ready to rock third grade in the fall!

Lately we have been working hard on academics. We have had the chance to do more group projects and hands on learning with our friends! We have been doing a lot of reading and writing, creating our own stories and sharing them with the class, so many good ideas! We have also been doing fun things like art, music, and lots of building and creating with different materials. We celebrated Cinco de Mayo by learning about Mexican culture, and we're beginning to set goals and make some plans for the summer. We're definitely going to miss each other, but we'll always treasure all the knowledge we gained this year and, more importantly, the moments we shared as a class and the close friendships we've been lucky enough to create. Have a great summer everyone!







Reformation is Hiring!

Join our **Summer Camp team**! Our Summer Camp program cares for children in grades 1-7 throughout the summer with fun activities, opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends—all while staying focused on the love of Jesus. Summer Camp staff members lead and actively participate in daily activities, monitor behavior, and ensure a safe and clean program site. Staff members work together to establish a positive relationship with all program participants and their families. Requirements include: 18 years of age or older; available Monday through Friday, 6:45am-5:30pm, June through August; Enthusiasm and love for working with children; self-directed and responsible. Interested? Contact the Summer Camp team at summercamp@refsd.org.

Reformation Lutheran Preschool is in need of excellent caregivers to add to their **substitute teacher roster**. For various reasons, we need to call upon substitute or on-call staff persons to fill staffing needs due to illness, vacation or other personal time away from the classroom. Persons who can fill this role must meet the following qualifications: 18 years of age or older; high school diploma and completed 6-9 units of Early Childhood Education coursework; desire to provide loving care to children and willingness to work in a diverse multi-cultural setting; work together as a supportive team member with staff and parents; desire to actively support the ministerial objectives of Reformation Lutheran Preschool. Interested in learning more? Contact Lynelle Schleusener at MissS@refsd.org or Mike Ross at principal@refsd.org.

Coming Soon! Reformation Summer Camp June 7–August 20.

Registration is now open online.



Sunday School for Children!

Kids4Christ (Sunday School) is back in person beginning May 2. Children of all ages will meet in the gym for a fun, interactive series of Bible lessons.

When: Every Sunday 9:30 - 10:15am.

Where: PreK-K and Grades 1-5 in the gym

Grades 1-4 meet in Room 15

Administrator: Barbette Lowndes

BHLowndes@att.net

PARENT BOOK CLUB UPDATE!

All parents are invited to join us for the book club

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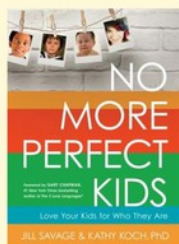
"NO MORE PERFECT KIDS"

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Read or listen (Audible) ahead of book club.

6:00 Monday, May 3 & May 17

We will meet in the courtyard at school. We will cover chapter 1-6
on May 3 and chapter 7-end of the book on May 17



One of the best gifts we as parents can give our children is to set them free to be all that God has created them to be—not forcing them to live out our dreams or comparing them to our friend's kid.

In *No More Perfect Kids*, Jill Savage and Kathy Koch equip us with the tools and perspective to:

- Identify and remove the Perfection Infection from our parenting.
- Really know each child so we can fully embrace their unique design.
- Release our children from unrealistic expectations.
- Answer the questions our kids are silently asking in a way that gives them the courage and freedom to be themselves.



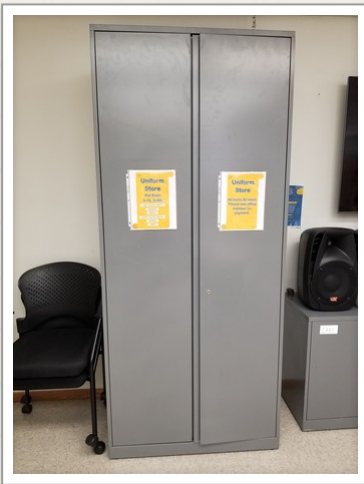
VBS Planning has begun!

Each summer, we typically are blessed to host as many as 200 children in our Vacation Bible School activities. Like with so many things in 2020, we had to take a departure from our typical VBS efforts, and we offered an online VBS program that families used in their homes. We believe that the Lord's plans will allow us to return to our typical in-person VBS program this summer, or something very close to it. When we host 200 children, we assemble a team of 75 volunteers to make it all happen! What can we accomplish together this summer with VBS to carry out the Lord's work to 'go and make disciples' here in our neighborhood?

In order to plan accordingly, we're asking you to tell us whether you can join our VBS team later this summer (July 26-30, 2021). Individuals age 14 and older can join the volunteer team, leading small groups of kids, leading activities, preparing supplies or taking on a variety of other roles. We plan to prepare a VBS program that adjusts according to the available volunteers, in order for everything to run smoothly and successfully. Please complete this survey in the next week to help us plan: <https://forms.gle/KsWWbyEsokPfRCVS9>.

And yes, families, you can pencil VBS into your calendar for July 26-30! We'll keep you informed with details as they are confirmed. If you have any questions about VBS, please contact Sarah Rodrigues (rodrigues@refsd.org) or Pastor Neil Birkholz.

God's blessings to you today!



Used Uniform Store

Have your kids experienced a growth spurt? We have a used uniform store! It is located in the library. We have shirts, shorts, pants, skirts, and dresses in all sizes. We also have preschool sizes. All items are \$2 each and will be billed through FACTS. Proceeds from the Uniform Store benefit 7th and 8th grade class trips.

Wednesday Chapel available on YouTube

Parents and families are invited to join us for our weekly chapel worship service, Wednesday mornings at 8:30am, using videos through YouTube. Chapel services, along with Reformation's weekly worship services, are available on our YouTube channel at



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0y6DBdor8AryGfhd2cfYA>.

Wednesday chapel services are streamed live at 8:30am and also posted online for viewing at your convenience. Please join your Reformation family for these worship opportunities. For more details about weekend worship at Reformation Lutheran Church (Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 8am), go to <http://www.reformationsandiego.org/worship-services/>

Reformation Family Calendar

Wednesdays at 8:30am - Live-Streamed Chapel Service - everyone is welcome!

May

Monday, May 17 at 6:30pm Parent Book Club



Worship Service - Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am

Foundations 101 - Sundays at 9:30 am

Men's Bible Study - Last Saturday of the month 9:00 am

Women's Life Group - Tuesdays starting February 9 at 6:00 pm

Parenting Book Club - May 3 & 17 at 6:30 pm

A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).



About Us



The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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