

LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our mission at First Presbyterian Day School is to educate and equip students to change the world for God's glory.

Elementary Chapel — *We had our first chapel on Tuesday. FPD faculty member, Mr. James Moore shared a message about the importance of being a friend to all of those around you each and every day. He shared how important it is to be kind, understanding, and loving to all. He reminded us that we all need friends that lift each other up, just like Jesus did in his daily walk.*

Parents and visitors are always welcome to join us for chapel. Chapel dates will be announced in newsletters and will also be noted on teachers' blogs. We will have a special marked section for parents and visitors, as classes also have assigned seating areas. Know that you are always welcome to get up and come down to the front to take pictures or video. 😊 Our next chapel date will be Tuesday, September 25th @ 12:05pm

FPD's ANNUAL FUND>>> We are proud to recognize that our Elementary staff has already donated and are 100% in participation and support of this year's annual fund. WE would love for our parents to be 100% with us! **THANK YOU** for giving if you have already. Please think about giving if you have not. **Any amount** is appreciated and recognized as participation! Your donation can be designated to any specific area you choose or to the general Annual Fund. The teachers and support staff believe in offering our students the very best experiences and opportunities... just like you! With this being said, the challenge is on...make a donation of any amount and you count in getting to the 100% goal with our parents!! **We would like to be able to give our students the largest Elementary School Popsicle Party ever for 100% parent participation... remember any amount counts!** You may donate online or send in a check to FPD and mark annual fund in the memo blank 😊

"Rumpelstiltskin Private Eye" **It is almost time!!** The play will be performed Sept. 25th at 7pm; Sept. 26th at 1pm; and Sept. 27th at 7pm in the Clark Fine Arts Auditorium. Come enjoy this show brought to life by a grand group of 3rd-5th grade students. Adult admission is \$5; all students free. Great fun! Bring a friend. For all ages!

BIRTHDAY SNACKS: If you would like to send a snack on your child's birthday, please **FIRST** contact your teacher several days in advance so they can work into their schedules. You may then either send the snack in the morning with your child or drop it off at the elementary office. We love celebrating with our students!

The Treblemakers Orff Ensemble is getting underway for the 2018-2019 school year! All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are invited to audition. A letter explaining the audition process went home in signed papers this Thursday. Auditions are next Wednesday, September 19th. Please contact Mrs. Krejci with any questions!

BACKPACK Ministry- Needed items: Vienna sausages, Juice pouches (ex. Capri Sun), Juice boxes, Applesauce, Pudding cups. We have a collection box in the Elementary front hallway. This ministry recycles plastic grocery bags also 😊

The 2018-19 **Lower School Parent and Student Handbook** is posted on FPD's website for reference. Please review this updated version and let me know if you should have any questions. Teachers appreciate your support in reviewing the student pledges with your children as our teachers do.

*** Mark Your Calendar

- **Tomorrow- Sept. 14th- Dress Down for Jay's HOPE -\$1 donation-** students may wear jeans, Viking spirit tops, hats
- **Monday. Sept 17th- FPD Family Night-** spend some quality time enjoying each other, doing something as a family- **technology device free!**
- **Sept.19th- 3rd- 5th Treblemakers tryouts**
- **Lower School Chapel** - Tuesday, September 25th, 12:05-12:30pm. Parents are always welcome!
- **Rumpelstiltskin Private Eye** play- Sept.25th, 27th @7pm, Sept. 26th @ 1:00pm

Looking ahead...

- Oct. 5th- FPD Homecoming
- Oct. 8th and 9th are student holidays. Note there will be no Viking Clubhouse or Viking Crew on these days being non-school days.