



WEEKLY NEWS

April 10, 2026

IN OUR PRAYERS - Each week we will pray for some of our students every morning. This week we prayed for Anthony, Liam and Johnny.

PTLS MILAEGER'S MONEY FUNDRAISER - We are so excited to kick off our Milaeger's Money fundraiser - just in time for spring planting and gift giving! For each gift card purchased, Grace Lutheran will receive a percentage of it toward our PTLS fundraising goal. There are two types of cards you can purchase - live plant cards or anything in the store cards. Orders are due to the school office by Friday, April 24 and will be sent home the week of May 4th in time for Mother's Day! All the paperwork came home last week for this with every student.

END OF 3RD QUARTER - Report cards were released today via Educate for grades 1 - 7th. Our 4K and 5K students will be bringing them home.

COIN WARS - Coin Wars returns April 13 - 24th. Students brought home the flyer this week. All money raised will go toward our playground improvements!

PLAYGROUND CAMPAIGN - The Up & Down Playground Fund campaign is underway. We are removing our blue bars and replacing it with new equipment this summer. Our goal is to raise \$5000 to cover the cost of the equipment and installation. **All donors** will be recognized on our donor banner that will be hung near the area. No donation is too small to help! Corporate sponsorships are also welcome. Please contact the school office with any questions.

PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES NEEDED - Mrs. Heinen is working with our students in creating a special recycled art project in celebration of Earth Day and needs your help! Please send in clear, disposable plastic water bottles that you would normally just recycle at home. We ask that you make sure the bottle is empty and remove the labels. They can be brought to the school office anytime between today and April 20th. Thank you for helping us reuse everyday items while celebrating and caring for God's creation!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - PTLs sent home information in regards to Teacher Appreciation Week that is happening in May. Please take a moment to review those packets. There is a deadline of April 24th for anyone that would like to participate.

VBS - Mark your calendar for VBS at Grace! It will be held in the mornings June 15 - 19th.

EVENTS CALENDAR LINK - Just a reminder that our events calendar link is available in Educate under the announcements on your home page! This online calendar is "LIVE" so you will be able to view any changes as they are made. **[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)**

UPCOMING CASUAL DAYS or IMPORTANT EVENTS:

- Friday, April 10th - Spring Dance
- Friday, April 17 - Favorite Color Day
- Friday, April 24 - Pattern Day



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