



WEEKLY NEWS

April 2, 2026

A Note From Mrs. Hengst

Dear Grace Families,

There is so much EXCITING momentum happening at Grace, and I couldn't wait to share it with you!

A brand-new basketball hoop will be installed soon near the blacktop—just in time for more fun, games, and active play for our students! This replaces the hoop that was removed during construction of our new garage, and we know it will be a favorite spot once again.

We're also giving our front entrance a fresh, welcoming look with beautiful planters and flowers. It's a small touch that will make a big difference as we greet families and visitors each day!

Get ready... the Coin Race is BACK April 13–24! This is always a student favorite, and this year all proceeds will go toward exciting playground improvements. Start collecting those coins and get ready for some friendly competition!

And finally, we are looking forward to our accreditation visit on April 20 and 21. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that makes Grace so special and to showcase the incredible work happening in our classrooms every day.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Grace community—great things are happening, and the best is yet to come!

With joy and gratitude,

Mrs. Hengst

IN OUR PRAYERS - Each week we will pray for some of our students every morning. This week we prayed for David H., Jude and Camden.

DON'T FORGET! - There will be no school April 3 and 6th for the Easter holiday.

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK WORSHIP - If you do not have a home church, we would love for your family to join us for Holy Week Worship.

Maundy Thursday (4/2) 6:30 pm

Good Friday (4/3) 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday (4/5)

Sunrise Service 6 am, 8:30 am and 10:00 am Easter Festival Service

PTLS DANCE VOLUNTEERS - PTLS is asking for your help for the upcoming Spring Dance to help make it a success. They are looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways throughout the day and evening. Opportunities include helping with setup, decorating, working during the event, assisting with the bake sale, and helping with clean up at the end of the night. They are also looking for baked goods to sell at the dance to be donated. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and sign up to help!

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 will be released in Educate on Friday, April 10th for viewing. Our 4K and 5K students will bring a paper copy home with them.

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 3 and Monday, April 6 - NO SCHOOL
- Friday, April 10 - Pajama Day
- Friday, April 17 - Favorite Color Day
- Friday, April 24 - Pattern Day



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