



## WEEKLY NEWS

May 21, 2026

**IN OUR PRAYERS** - Each week we will pray for some of our students every morning. This week we prayed for Mrs. Taggatz, Mrs. Mendez, Mrs. DeVries, and Mrs. Heinen .

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IMPORTANT NOTES** - On May 29<sup>th</sup> there will be **NO AFTERCARE and NO PM BUS TRANSPORTATION at the end of the day**. This is our last day of school and students will be dismissed immediately following our closing chapel and awards ceremony. Our 4K & 5K students will also receive their certificate at the closing chapel and awards ceremony. All students should arrive to school at the normal times. Parents are welcome to join us at 10:15 for these events that begin at 10:30.

**CELEBRATION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE** - Don't forget to RSVP for our upcoming brunch to celebrate some of our amazing staff anniversaries: Mr. Gettelman 20 years, Mrs. Heinen 15 years, Mrs. DeVries 10 years, Mrs. Mendez 10 years, Mrs. Dena 10 years Mrs. Tindall 10 years and Mr. Hengst 5 years. Your family is invited to join us for this celebration on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 in the school gym. Please [CLICK HERE TO RSVP!](#)

**FINAL REPORT CARDS** - Final report cards for grades 1 - 7 will be viewable on Educate as of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Our 4K and 5K students will be bringing their final report cards home on Thursday or Friday of next week.

**PLAYGROUND CAMPAIGN** - The Up & Down Playground Fund campaign is underway. Please take a moment to read the update that was sent out last week from Mrs. Hengst. **If your student brought in coins for the coin race, please let the office know! Your families name needs to be added to the sponsor banner! Please contact the school office with any questions.**

**NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK** - Join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> for a fun night out at the Milwaukee Milkmen game while supporting our PTLs field trip fund! For every ticket purchased, \$3 goes to the fund for our students! Order your tickets today: [CLICK HERE!](#)

**FINAL WRAP AROUND CARE INVOICE** - Final wrap around care payments for the school year will be due on June 5<sup>th</sup> via Brightwheel. Please plan accordingly for your payment to process.

**A NOTE FROM YOUR PTLS** - A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this year's Panther Palooza the best one yet! Whether you helped plan, volunteered to help ahead of time, or stepped in to help the day of, we appreciate all of you and know that this event would not have been possible without your support. Extra special thanks to Pastor Taggatz, Andy Jaskie, Marty Taggatz, and Eddie Taggatz for volunteering to get dunked in the dunk tank. The kids had the BEST time dunking you all! If you bid on, and won, an item in the silent auction don't forget to pick up your item(s) by May 28<sup>th</sup> from the school office. We have a couple more events to round out the school year. We hope to see you all June 7th at the Milkmen game and on May 31st to celebrate staff anniversaries.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Mark your calendar for VBS at Grace! It will be held in the mornings June 15 - 19<sup>th</sup>. You can already sign your student up to join us by visiting: <https://vbspro.events/p/graceoakcreek>

**CAMP GRACELAND REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** - IT'S ALMOST SUMMER CAMP TIME! Camp Graceland will be taking place at ECC this year located on Puetz Road! They are in the works of re-imagining what Camp Graceland looks like and can't wait to share more soon! Have your campers get ready for a summer of all-new themes, activities, AND in-house field trips! Learn more about Camp and register here: <https://graceearlychildhood.org/>

**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, May 22 and Monday, May 25 - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, May 26 - Wacky or Western Day
- Wednesday, May 27 - Panther Spirit Wear and Field Trip
- Thursday, May 28 - Yellow Day
- Friday, May 29 - Dress Your Best - Last Day of School
- Friday, May 29 - 10:30 am Closing Chapel, Awards and 4K/5K Certificates



We exist to aid parents in providing a Christ centered education for their children by teaching and nurturing them spiritually, academically and physically; thereby instilling Christian values to serve God and others.

## STAFF EMAIL ADDRESS

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