



OUR WORLD
For Children

February 9, 2017

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TOMORROW IS PAJAMA DAY!

Send your kiddos to school in their pajamas tomorrow for a fun school day leading up to the Frozen Pajama Party!



Pajama party is 5-9pm

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER Meal Packing Event Sat, Feb 11 9am-12pm

- Every six seconds a child dies because of hunger and hunger-related causes.
- Over 16,000 children die every day due to hunger and hunger-related diseases.
- Would you like to end childhood death by starvation all over the world for one day? You can!

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Come help pack meals Saturday, Feb 11 from 9-12! Families are encouraged to come and serve together, and children as young as 5 years old can help with the event as long as they have a parent or grandparent with them to help supervise. You may volunteer for the whole time or take an earlier 9am to 10:30am or later 10:30am to Noon shift. Once we get rolling with the meal packing, the time flies by very quickly!
OUR GOAL IS 20,000 MEALS in those three hours.
- Make a financial donation at the desk. Each meal costs only \$0.28 to create and provides 6 cups of hot, nutritious food. SMLC needs to raise \$5,600 to cover the cost of these meals. Checks should be made out to St. Mark with KAH in the memo line.

Kids Against Hunger

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

PRESCHOOL CONFERENCES

If you are the parent of a preschooler, conferences are here. These conferences are a chance for us to share social, developmental, and cognitive development of your child this year.

Please talk to Mary and Heather to schedule your conference during the following weeks between 8:00-4:00 daily.

Ocean: now -Feb 17

Grasslands: Feb 20-March 3

Rainforest: March 6-17

Arctic: Feb 13-24

Lagoon: Feb 27-March 10

CHAPEL THIS WEEK: The Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37

Jesus told this story to teach His followers about how we should treat other people. A man was walking along a road & was attacked by robbers. They took his things & hurt him. A priest came down the road, he should have helped the hurt man but he pretended to not see him & walked far around the hurt man. A Levite that worked in the temple walked down the road, he should've helped the man but did the same thing. Sometime later, a Samaritan came down the road. Samaritans & Jews did not like each other very much, & the hurt man was a Jew, but this Samaritan was different. The Samaritan felt sorry for the hurt man, so he knelt down by the hurt man and helped him. He picked up the hurt man & put him on his donkey. The Samaritan took the hurt man to an inn to sleep and rest. In the morning, the Samaritan gave the innkeeper some of his own money & asked the innkeeper to watch over the hurt man until he felt better.

We, in our sinfulness, are the man left half dead on the side of the road by the onslaughts of the devil. Jesus is the true Good Samaritan– the perfect example of mercy– fulfilling the Law's demands in our place. His sacrifice is our hope of forgiveness & the source of strength to love both God and our neighbor. Let us show compassion & loving kindness to all around us.

SICK POLICY REMINDER

Parents and staff of Our World for Children work together to reduce the spread of disease. We want to protect your child's health. Please be concerned not only for your child's health but also considerate of peers and staff. If your child has been exposed to a Communicable Illness, notes will be sent via Tadpoles app informing you of the illness.

Symptoms: please do not send your child to Our World if any of the following are present or have been present in the past 24 hours:

Fever (100° or above)	Unknown rash
Continual thick, yellow-green nasal discharge	Persistent cough
Sore throat	Diarrhea
Pink eyes- matting and discharge	Vomiting
Earache and/or discharge	Head lice
Chickenpox or Measles	Impetigo (doctor's written permission for inclusion)
Strep Throat	

If any of the above listed symptoms occur during the school day, parents will be called immediately to pick up their child and an Incident Report will be sent via Tadpoles.

If a child is sent home with symptoms, they may not return for a MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS without a doctor's written permission for inclusion!

STAFF APPRECIATION FEBRUARY 13-17

We have planned many special events for OWC staff in appreciation of the love & care they show for your children daily. We are asking for your help in some of the projects we have planned.

*We will have a basket w/paper hearts in the lobby. Please take a moment to write a positive thought or message to your child's teachers (past or present), sign it & turn them in at the desk. We will accept them through February 17.

***THANK YOU** to all the families that signed up to bring food in for our staff's special meals!

Thank you for helping our staff feel cherished and appreciated!
Mary Husinga & Heather Crail