

WORD OF LIFE SCHOOL

Preparing Children for Life

June 2010

Word of Life Meets All State Standards



If you have been paying attention to the news lately, you know how significant this statement is. Headlines in the paper over the last week have told us that only 13% of students in Milwaukee Public Schools test proficient or advanced in state tests. Milwaukee, we are told, ranks second to last in test scores. The headline on Thursday, May 27th stated **Good city schools scarce, study finds — vast majority in Milwaukee don't meet standards, nonprofit group says.** The story goes on to trumpet the success of Veritas High School on the city's south side. Buried in the facts of the study are some interesting facts:

- Out of 353 schools in Milwaukee, only 34 of them met Wisconsin's standards in math AND reading

- Word of Life School is one of them

When area of the city is taken into account we find that

- We are across the street from a ZIP Code area of the city where there are not enough performing schools to serve all of the children
- In all 56,000 to 78,000 students are in schools that are not performing

It's time to celebrate. The parents and children of Word of Life are planning a party for Friday, June 4th to thank God for the success He has given us. We invite congregation members to join us from 10-noon because our success comes from the support you give us.

It is also time to reach out to the community with the news. Not only do we possess the one thing needful — God's Word — we also possess something else rare within the city. We have been blessed with a school that is performing above state standards when it comes to the task of educating children!

2010 Results

Grade	%
3	67
4	60
5	60
6	70
7	75
8	75

Students excelling or proficient.

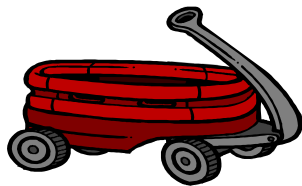
Can you use:

- 4 door file cabinets (we have 3 we don't need)
- Basketball rims (3)
- Some metal shelves (3)
- Small wooden desks (6)
- Washer and dryer
- Dining room chairs

Contact the school to take a look. Anything not wanted by members will be sold at a garage sale in June.

Urgent Help Needed

Thanks for all of the great books that have been donated to our little red wagon campaign.



We have a great "little" red wagon to carry all the books.

Now we need people to go out and share with the community.

The newspaper story mentioned above tells us that we have neighbors in need of a good school. We think that this activity will give us a chance to meet people and introduce them to our school. But it won't work if we don't have volunteers.

The school staff will train and accompany parents and grandparents. We will try to always bring one or two Word of Life students along. Different neighborhoods will be targeted

on weekend afternoons and early evenings with the hope of drawing a few students. We will read a story, allow children to look for and keep books they may want as a gift and we will offer their parents information about the school.

I remember the days when neighbors walked up and down the streets getting to know one another and talking. It is our hope that our wagon will allow us to do just that.

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Jesus, our True Friend

St. Andrew's will be hosting a summer music camp titled Jesus, Our True Friend. This camp will take place from 10:30AM - 1:30PM on June 19th, July 24th and August 7th. Participants will hear God's word, learn new songs to praise our Lord and work with vocal and instrumentals. Contact Wayne Manyen at wpmanyen@gmail.com or by phone at 414-322-1954 if you have questions. Pre-registration materials are available from the school office.

**2010
Graduates**



Thanks for the donations to the bake sale in early May. Due to your support, we have been able to turn in \$500 to Wisconsin Lutheran High School for mission trips like ours to Colorado and China.

Thanks for your support.

Leslie Prothero and Bailey Krueger

Join us for these events

4th of July Parade	July 5th
School Campout	July 9-11

Detailed information available from posters in church.

Walking Club	Wilson Park Wednesdays at 6:30PM
Campfire Bible Studies	Krueger's House Thursdays at 7:00 PM

School Graduation

The school's closing service will be held on Thursday, June 3rd at Centennial. The service time is 6:30 PM. The Junior Choir will be singing and our 8th graders will graduate. Come and thank God for the blessings of another school year and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates.

Devin Depew

Kara Lynn Hefley

James Robert Putze

Kim Santiago

Summer Math Programs



Even though our students are performing well on state tests, we are always looking at ways to help children who need help or to expand what our top performers can do.

Two examples of this are our summer Math Camp and our Accelerated Math Curriculum.

The summer Math Camp will be attended by about 15 students. These children will attend camp 2 hours a day from June 21st through July 2nd. Participants will practice proven methods that will assist them in mastering multiplication in 10 days.

Seven other students will be working day and night at home doing an average of 2 math lessons a day — in the summer. They and their parents will receive materials that can be used to assist their children with new concepts and correct mistakes.

Success in the Accelerated Math Curriculum will give our children a head start in high school. One of our students will be ready for Algebra 2 (bypassing Algebra and Geometry at WISCO) while another will be ready for Advanced Geometry as a freshman.

God's blessings to our hard working children.