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## March 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had thus far. It has been a year filled with growth, achievements, and memorable experiences for our students and our school community as a whole.

With only ten weeks of school left, there are a few important updates and reminders that I'd like to share with you:

**Oklahoma Parental Choice Funds:** If you have not yet completed your application for Oklahoma Parental Choice funds, now is the time to do so. These funds are still available, but you must complete the application process as soon as possible to ensure that you can take advantage of this opportunity. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need assistance—we're here to help in any way we can.

**Reaccreditation Process:** Our school is continuing to move forward with our reaccreditation process. The auditing team will be visiting our campus on April 30 and May 1 to assess our school's compliance with accreditation standards. We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of quality and excellence in education, and we appreciate your support as we undergo this critical evaluation.

**Family Fun Night:** We're excited to announce that our first family fun night will be on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>! Join us for an evening of fun with family and friends as we play bingo and enjoy each other's company. Keep an eye out for flyers with final details, which will be coming home soon. We hope to see you there for a night of laughter, camaraderie, and good old-fashioned fun!

**Lutheran Schools Week:** The final touches are being put on this year's Lutheran School Week, which allows our students to proclaim and celebrate God's work with our community. The event will be held from March 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Activities will be planned each day, and a flyer with more details will be sent out soon.

As we enter these final weeks of the school year, let's continue to support and encourage our students as they work hard to finish strong. Together, we can make these remaining weeks both productive and enjoyable, ensuring that our students end the year on a high note.

Here's to a successful conclusion to the academic year ahead!

Mr. Van Guillotte  
School Administrator



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## Classroom News

### Preschool

Preschool has had an exciting month. We have continued to work on the alphabet, focusing on the letters Q, R, and S. It's amazing how far along the students have come and grown since the beginning of the year. They are even trying to write the letters on their own!

We also are reviewing shapes and colors that the students have learned so far this year. They are doing great! We had a Valentine's Day party and exchanged valentines. There were treats and even a special craft! A fun, fun day was enjoyed by the students and teacher!

Ms. Sam

### PreK

PreK has come so far in Heggerty Phonics Awareness. The class recognizes rhyming words, they know how to segment and blend words, listen to the beginning, middle and ending sounds of a word, add initial phonemes, and delete them. We are currently on the letter V and working on sight words. The students love to make up sentences for our sight words!

Our class had a Valentines party and all the students brought cards for their friends. On Ash Wednesday, during chapel, Pastor put a cross of ashes on the student's foreheads. Pastor explained to the students about the ashes and the season of Lent.

The students continue to grow and learn so much each month and are always eager to come to school! A big thank you to all the parents for helping our class by bringing snacks and helping out with holiday parties!

Mrs. Alesha

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had a fun, fantastic February!

In Math we have been working on addition using number lines and writing numbers to 49. We also learned to count ordinal numbers to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our Social Studies lessons were about different jobs in our community and the different jobs our parents and families have. We discussed earning and saving money!

We celebrated Valentine's, made a Bumble Bee Valentines craft, had Chick-fil-A, and a special Valentines punch plus a lot more goodies!

We are looking forward to the month of March and celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday!

Mrs. Dana

Ms. Dodd



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### First and Second Grades

Currently our students are learning consonant blends BL and SL. They are applying this skill daily through practice sheets, words cards, and letter recognition. Addition blends introduced are CH and SH.

The students are being assessed for mastery by using oral observation and to recognizing letters on book, stories, and other places around the room.

Ms. M

### Third and Fourth Grades

Greetings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade! The students are eagerly and earnestly writing their short biographies on famous African Americans! It has been wonderful to read and hear about so many amazing men and women who have contributed greatly to the history of the United States of America! We are also learning even more about God's unconditional love; a love that never fails.

Mrs. Rohwer

### Seventh and Eighth Grades

Our class has been going very well. Last month we learned about the people of black history. The month of March we will be learning about the women of history. We have also learned about some of the Greek Gods. The students find it very interesting. Our class has also been doing community service such as picking up trash around the building and just helping around the school when needed!

Ms. Carson

### Physical Education

This month in physical education, we have been focusing on health and learning more about being healthy. The younger students are learning about healthy eating habits and the older students are focusing on mental and physical health. All the students are very excited to come to PE!

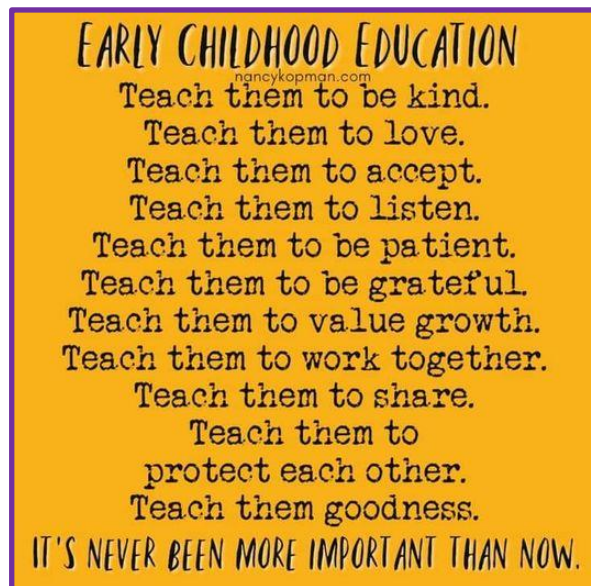
Ms. Carson

### Early Childhood Center

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to Brooke and Mikel Barba and Kristopher and Takarah Harrison for their generous donations to the EEC!

**ATTENTION:** Parents/Guardians, please let Ms. Niece know if you are going to need childcare during spring break.

Ms. Niece



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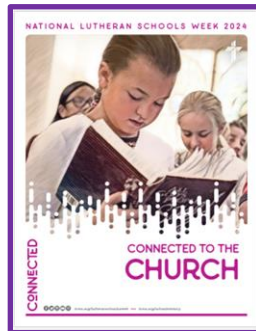
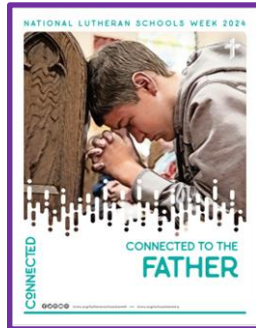
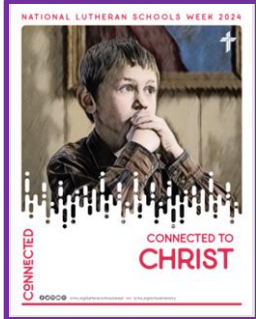
**SAVE THE DATES! SAVE THE DATES! SAVE THE DATES!**



**Friday, March 8, 2024, 6:00PM - 9:00PM**  
**Annual School Benefit Family Fun Night**



**Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:30PM**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran**  
**School Spring Sing**



# LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

## MARCH 11-15, 2024

# CONNECTED

**“I am the vine: you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5**

The theme “Connected” emphasizes the importance of staying connected to God and to one another when we face challenges and difficulties and when we share in joys and triumphs! It encourages Lutheran schools to continue to cultivate and environment of faith, love and fellowship, where students can learn, grow and thrive.

*Dr. Alan Freeman, Director  
 LCMS School Ministry  
 The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

**SPRING BREAK!!**                      **MARCH 2024**                      **NO SCHOOL!!**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>

Enjoy Your **SPRING BREAK**      Enjoy Your **SPRING BREAK**      Enjoy Your **SPRING BREAK**

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## TrailLife Troop OK-4077: An **Adventure** Awaits Your Son!

Dear Parents,

As we embark on this new **Adventure**, we are thrilled to invite your sons to join TrailLife **Troop OK-4077**, a unique **adventure** that promises to be both rewarding and transformative. TrailLife USA is a Christian outdoor **adventure** program that focuses on character development, leadership, and outdoor skills for boys from kindergarten through 12th grade. In **Troop OK-4077**, we are dedicated to guiding young boys in their journey to becoming strong, virtuous men.



### Why TrailLife?

TrailLife offers a robust program that combines outdoor experiences with life skills and faith-based learning. Our activities range from hiking and camping to community service and leadership training, all within a safe, nurturing, and fun environment. This is not just another extracurricular activity – it's a journey that shapes boys into responsible, respectful, and confident individuals.

### What Sets Troop OK-4077 Apart?

Our troop is more than just a group; we are a family. Our leaders are passionate about mentoring boys and providing them with the skills they need to succeed in life. We pride ourselves on a hands-on approach that encourages boys to explore, learn, and grow both as individuals and as part of a team.

#### Personal Development:

**Troop OK-4077** offers a unique platform for personal development among boys by emphasizing character building, leadership, and outdoor **adventures**. This faith-based outdoor **adventure** program encourages boys to develop practical skills, leadership qualities, and ethical standards through engaging activities and challenges. By participating in camping, hiking, and service projects, boys learn responsibility, teamwork, and the importance of community service. TrailLife USA's structured program, which includes achievements and advancements, helps boys set and achieve personal goals, fostering a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. Additionally, the program promotes spiritual growth and moral integrity, guiding kids to make ethical decisions throughout their lives.

#### Outdoor Adventures:

We believe in the power of nature to teach and inspire. As our new troop continues to grow, we will engage in various outdoor activities, such as camping, hiking, and fishing. These experiences not only teach practical skills but also instill a love and respect for the environment. Outdoor **Adventures** within TrailLife USA are designed to provide boys and young men with hands-on experiences in God's creation, promoting not only physical fitness and outdoor skills but also leadership qualities and teamwork. These **adventures** range from hiking and camping to more challenging activities like rock climbing and kayaking, all aimed at teaching practical survival skills and environmental stewardship.

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#### **Faith and Values:**

As a faith-based program, we integrate Christian values into our activities. Our goal is to nurture boys into Godly Men. They are taught to see the wonders of God's creation in nature and within our community and to love and respect everyone. One of the ways Faith is incorporated into the program is through the Worthy Life Award; a prestigious recognition designed to honor members who exemplify extraordinary character, leadership, and faith throughout their participation in the program. It challenges individuals to live out the TrailLife values in all aspects of their lives, demonstrating a commitment to personal growth, service to others, and a deep spiritual faith. Achieving this award requires dedication, reflecting the highest ideals of the TrailLife USA ethos.

#### **Community Service:**

A key component of our program is serving the community. Our boys participate in service projects that teach them the importance of giving back and making a positive impact on society. Rooted in the belief that faith should manifest in actions, **Troop OK-4077** encourages our Trailmen to serve their communities as a way of living out the Gospel's call to love one's neighbor. This service is seen not only as a duty but as a natural outflow of a Christian's faith in Jesus Christ, aiming to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those around them. **"God does not need our good works, but our neighbor does!"** Luther's view on the role of good works in the life of a Christian: they are not performed to merit God's favor, but to serve and support one's neighbor, fulfilling the commandment to love others as oneself.

#### **Join the Trail!**

Enrolling your son in TrailLife **Troop OK-4077** is a decision towards investing in his future. It's an opportunity for him to grow, explore, and develop in ways that a traditional classroom can't offer. Our meetings are held weekly, with regular outdoor activities and special events throughout the year. We meet every Monday of the normal school year (excluding major holidays) at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall located on the South end of the main church building.

We invite you to an open house event in August (*more information coming soon*) to learn more about our troop, meet our leaders, and hear from our current members. Experience firsthand the camaraderie and **adventures** that await your son in TrailLife **Troop OK-4077**.

Don't miss this opportunity for your son to embark on an unforgettable journey of growth, adventure, and fellowship. Join TrailLife **Troop OK-4077** today!

Warm regards,

Taylor Williamson  
Troop Ministry Liaison  
TrailLife Troop OK-4077

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**« WALK WORTHY »**

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## Exciting News for the Girls of GSLS!



We are thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of our new American Heritage Girls (AHG) troop at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, starting soon! This presents a wonderful opportunity for girls in our church, school, and community to embark on an adventure that promises fun, learning, and personal growth. Like our TrailLife USA Troop, American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered program dedicated to the development of character and leadership among girls ages 5 to 18. It offers a unique blend of activities designed to foster confidence, courage, and compassion.

Our troop at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School will engage in a variety of activities, including outdoor adventures, service projects, badge programs, and leadership opportunities. These activities are aimed at nurturing faith, promoting patriotism, and enhancing character development, all within a supportive and enriching environment.

We invite all interested girls and families to join us at our kickoff meeting, where you can learn more about what AHG has to offer, meet our dedicated troop leaders, and see how you can become part of this exciting initiative. Further details on the date and location of the meeting will be announced soon.

Join us for this incredible journey with the American Heritage Girls at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School and be part of a community that makes a difference, one girl at a time. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our AHG family!

### We Hope to see you soon!



### AHG Creed

As an American Heritage Girl, I promise to be compassionate, helpful, honest, loyal, perseverant, pure, resourceful, respectful, responsible, and reverent.

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## Why Lent and What is Holy Week?



### Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There Jesus was without food for 40 days.

We remember the temptation of the Israelites in the desert after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.

Finally, we can remember the story of Noah and his family. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!

*Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!*



### Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!

### Which days are in Holy Week?

There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; **Maundy Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; **Good Friday**, when Jesus died on the cross; and **Holy Saturday**, when we await His resurrection on **Easter Sunday**!

*Parents: During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"*



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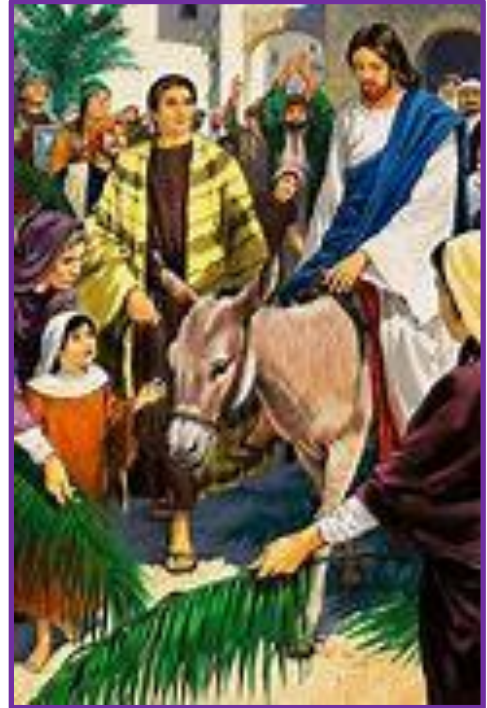
### Why do we celebrate "Palm Sunday"?

The Sunday before Jesus was crucified by the people, they honored and adored Him as their Lord and king with palm branches. We remember this as the beginning of Christ's bitter walk to the cross.

***"Praise Him! Crucify Him!"***

### Why did the people honor and adore Jesus on Palm Sunday and then kill Him on Good Friday?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people began to praise and honor Him as their king. They believed Him to be a powerful leader who would overthrow the Roman government and restore Israel. When Jesus did not do this, the people wanted Him crucified. You and I know what kind of a king He is. He's a king who came to die for the sins of His people. Wow! What a king!



*Parents: Remind your children that it was important that Jesus did die for their sins. That is exactly what He came to earth to do. He came to pay the price that we could never pay. Direct your children to the symbols in the church that reflect Christ's death. Remind them that we will hear of His victory over death next Sunday on Easter!!!*



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**Check this out!!**

**YouTube Music to Reflect on God's Amazing Love During this Season of Lent.  
Just copy the web address in your search bar and select. Enjoy.**

1. **Love in Christ is Strong and Living (LSB 706)**  
<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=-EPADOAy-Tc&si=RKn7A5xx11srCJct>
2. **In Christ Alone (CPH Children's Hymnal)**  
<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=rn9-UNer6MQ&si=xAbHzXwCxlujjd8>
3. **Amazing Grace (LSB 744)**  
[https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=Obp-9BEZe1c&si=Zd\\_hndE6g4bk\\_XsF](https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=Obp-9BEZe1c&si=Zd_hndE6g4bk_XsF)
4. **The Old Rugged Cross**  
<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=pCIVtWjMBoY&si=SOjmJxf9HSXIL47S>
5. **We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (LSB 720)**  
<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=ePlaXpUTo04&si=7-hRmGfBT7Z6wQKd>

#### **OTHER SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,”  
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory,”  
“My Song Is Love Unknown,”  
“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.”

Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Center

### Contact Info:

#### Church:

700 N. Air Depot Blvd.  
Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110  
Phone (405) 732-2585  
Website: [www.MyLutheran.church](http://www.MyLutheran.church)

#### Church Services:

Sunday Worship: 8:00AM @ 10:30AM  
Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:15AM

#### Wednesday Midweek:

Fellowship Meal: 5:30PM  
Adult Bible Study  
& Children's Class: 6:00PM

#### School:

Phone (405) 732-0070  
Fax (405) 732-3977  
Website: [www.MyLutheran.school](http://www.MyLutheran.school)  
E-mail: [schoolsecretary@gslok.org](mailto:schoolsecretary@gslok.org)  
School Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8:15 AM - 3:45 PM

#### Early Childhood Center:

Phone (405) 732-7667  
Fax (405) 732-3977  
Website: [www.MyLutheran.school](http://www.MyLutheran.school)  
E-mail: [eccdirector@gslok.org](mailto:eccdirector@gslok.org)  
Early Childhood Center Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM



### Midweek Lent and Holy Week Services

#### **Wed., Mar 6 – Midweek of Lent 3, 7:00PM**

Love that Comes in Many Ways (Luke 24:44-49)

#### **Wed., Mar 13 – Midweek of Lent 4., 7:00PM**

Love that Deals Thoroughly with Sin (Micah 7:18-20)

#### **Wed., Mar 20 – Midweek of Lent, 7:00PM**

Love So Broad (Jonah 3:1-4:4: 4:11)

#### **Sun., Mar 24, Palm Sunday, 8:00AM & 10:30AM**

#### **Thur., Mar 28 – Holy Thursday, 7:00PM**

Deepest, Truest Love at Our Lord's Table (Mark 14:12-26)

#### **Fri., Mar 29 – Good Friday, 7:00PM**

Jesus' Love and the Meaning of Life (1 Peter 1:14-19)

#### **Sun., Mar 31 – Easter Sunday**

Love that Ends Our Fears (Mark 16:1-8)

#### **Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00AM**

#### **Easter Breakfast**

#### **Easter Worship Service, 10:30AM**

**You are cordially invited to come join us in worship and fellowship as we Celebrate Easter!**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”*

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

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# GSLs March 2024 Activities

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
					1	2	
3 Worship Service @ 8:00am / Bible Study @ 9:15am / Worship Service @ 10:30am	4 Trail Life Troop OK-4077 @ 5:30pm	5	6 Chapel	7	8 Annual School Benefit / Family Fun Night @ 7pm	9	
10 Worship Service @ 8:00am / Bible Study @ 9:15am / Worship Service @ 10:30am	11 Trail Life Troop OK-4077 @ 5:30pm	Lutheran Schools Week				15	16
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24 Palm Sunday Worship Service @ 8:00am / Bible Study @ 9:15am / Worship Service @ 10:30am	25 Trail Life Troop OK-4077 @ 5:30pm	26	27 Chapel	28 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00pm	29 Good Friday—School & ECC Closed Good Friday Service @ 7:00pm	30	
31 Sunrise Service / Easter Breakfast / 10:30am Worship Service	1 Easter Monday—School Closed						



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Chicken Teriyaki, rice, green beans, fruit, milk /	2
3	4 Soft tacos, Spanish rice, mandarin oranges, milk	5 Pizza, Salad, mixed fruit, Milk	6 Grilled Cheese, Chicken or Tomato Soup, pickles, milk	7 Chili Cheese Hot Dogs, fries, apple slices, milk	8 Ham, red potatoes, fruit, milk.	9
10	11 Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & gravy, corn, garlic bread, milk /	12 BBQ meatballs, mac & cheese, fruit cocktail, milk	13 Hamburgers w/ fixings, Tator Tots, peaches, milk	14 Chicken Spaghetti, green beans, fruit, bread & butter, milk	15 Hot Dogs, pickle, chips, apple, milk	16
17 	18 Beef stew, fruit, crackers, milk	19 Beef & Cheese nachos, beans, pineapples, milk	20 Corn Dogs, French fries, fruit, milk	21 Frito Chili Pie, Corn, Applesauce, Milk	22 Barbeque Smokies, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cocktail, green beans, Milk	23
	School Closed / Spring Break					
24	25 Spaghetti corn, garlic bread, pineapples, milk	26 Chef's Choice	27 Chicken broccoli rice casserole, applesauce, milk	28 Hamburgers, chips, cookie, milk	29 Chicken Teriyaki, rice, green beans, fruit, milk /	30
31 						