

February Newsletter



News from Mrs. Elias

Thank you to all of our teachers, staff, parents, and students for working so hard at remaining in-person for instruction this year. It definitely takes work on all ends to stay healthy during this time. It is evident that we all want the same thing for our community, what is best for the kids!



Important Notes to our Parents:

Please be sure all students are bringing coats, hats, gloves, etc. to school. The following guidelines will be applied when determining whether students will go outside at recess during winter weather conditions:

1. If the temperature is above 32 degrees, students will go outside.
2. If the temperature is between 25 and 31 degrees, wind chill will be considered before a decision is made to go out or to stay inside
3. Below 25 degrees, students will remain inside
4. Jackets/Coats/Sweatshirts/Hoodies should be worn to go outside when temperature is below 55 degrees.

8th Grade Parents:

Be on the lookout for information regarding the Newark High School Freshman Registration Night. It will be February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm via ZOOM.

To join the meeting online that night, please click on the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86947200131?pwd=VHh3OUUxRWx2dDIYT1MwWXBzNEdO_QT09

Meeting ID: 869 4720 0131

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Valentine's Day Parties:

We will conduct parties in a similar fashion as previous parties this year. Party helpers, please send in treats that are purchased and prepackaged as well as games are sent in with supplies and directions for the teacher. We will not be able to allow parent helpers during parties so we may keep down the number of people in the classrooms. We thank you for your continued support and understanding and look forward to when we may all get together again.

Custodian Position Availability:

3 evenings per week and the work will require about 2-3 hours per night. The evening hours are flexible and can start as soon as the students leave the building, around 3:15 or later if that works best for you. When we do have home games at the school, I do ask that the evening custodian be here at the end of the game to clean the gym and stage. This is usually around 7pm. This position could possibly require some hours over Christmas breaks as well as Spring Break. Also, this position requires approximately 20 hours per

SCHOOL JANITOR:

The quiet hero of the school. They are always the first to arrive each day, cleans up messes no one dares to touch and befriends everyone that passes by.

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week in the summer months with our head custodian working on deep cleaning, some minor maintenance, waxing floors, etc.

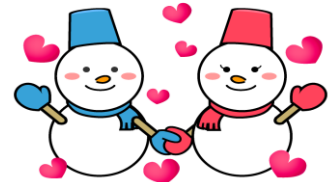
Please let me know if you have any questions. If you are interested in the position, please complete the application on our website as soon as possible. I would like to fill this position in the next week.



News from our Resource Room

Snowflakes, Hearts, and Groundhog Day... There are many fun things to come in February!

The school year has been going great in the resource room! My students work hard every day on their goals and make progress. I am so proud of what they have achieved this year. This month we will be working on some writing activities about Snowflakes and Valentine's Day. My students enjoy writing their own creative books about a subject they love! I encourage all my students to read books at home daily to earn AR points! I enjoy working with many students within the building; it is such a joy to see their progress every day!



Thank You,
Ms. Kenney



News from Coach McKinney

We are officially in 2021!!! Can't believe we only have a few months left of this school year. Spring break will be here before we know it!! Looking forward to warmer weather!

In 8th grade Health, we are beginning to talk about smoking, tobacco, drugs and alcohol. We will be making anti-smoking posters as a part of this unit.

In PE, we have finished our floor hockey unit. They have done a great job at learning different skills and techniques. They also enjoyed competing against each other. We are looking forward to the month of February as we will begin our Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart activities. Be looking out for more information.

We are starting to bring the kids in for after school activities. The volleyball team is currently practicing skills and playing against each other. They are getting better each day. We are hoping to have other activities start up real soon! Be looking for more details. GO LIONS!!

LOOP's Annual Pork Chop Dinner

****DRIVE-THRU****

Saturday, February 27th Serving from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION (this year only):

Lisbon Bethlehem Lutheran Church

108 E. Woodman St, Newark IL 60541 (located in Lisbon)

Our 41st Pork Chop Dinner is just around the corner!! With COVID restrictions, our dinner will look a little different this year. Please mark your calendars and spread the word to help support our school.

This year we are only offering meals as a drive-thru. We greatly appreciate Lisbon Bethlehem Lutheran Church for allowing us the use of their facility!!

Tickets are available from any Lisbon Grade School family or contact Lisbon Grade School at 815-736-6324. We encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance. Tickets can be purchased the night of the dinner, however only a limited number will be available.

Dinner prices are as follows:

2 Chop Dinner (beans, applesauce, dinner roll, chocolate chip cookie)	\$12
Porkburger Sandwich Dinner (applesauce, chips, chocolate chip cookie)	\$8

Thank you in advance for your support!!

Any questions,
Crystal Monsess
815-474-5284

Emily Friestad
815-509-2438

Beth Lohrey
815-685-1780

Not able to attend? Consider providing a donation.

Return the bottom portion of this flyer to the school with your contribution.

Checks payable to: LOOP

We appreciate any amount given and thank-you in advance for your support!!

I am not able to attend the dinner, please accept this flat donation of \$_____.

Name: _____

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten will celebrate the 100th Day of School on February 2nd! Our class will celebrate by reading 100's Day books, counting to 100 in different ways, eating a 100's Day Snack Mix, and making 100's Day posters.

In Math, we will move into a chapter on measurement. We will also continue to discuss the number families, as well as sums of 5. Please review worksheets that come home, and any additional practice would be greatly appreciated!

We will continue with Book-It! Please be sure to read and record on the Book-It calendar, at least 15 days for 20 minutes a day! I hope the students have enjoyed using their Book-It pizza certificates so far!

We look forward to our Valentine's Day Party on February 11th. Thank you to the parents who are planning the party for us! A class list will be sent out for the students to make Valentines for their classmates. Valentines can be sent in any time during the week of the party, beginning February 9th.

The kindergarten class will begin to work on their telephone numbers and addresses. These can be difficult skills, so please work on them at home as well!



Mrs. Dike



Happy February from 1st Grade!

We are looking forward to our 100th day of school! We will be doing a few fun activities and games in class on Feb. 2 to celebrate being 100 days smarter!

Our class Valentine's Day parties will be Thursday, Feb. 11. I will send a note to parents who are sending in games, treat bags or food. Thank you in advance for your time and generosity. We appreciate it! I will send home a class list for your child to use while they address their valentine cards.

Keep up the good work reading for Book-it! The kids are also doing a super job on earning their AR points and prizes! Read! Read! Read!

1st graders will begin an IXL Math Challenge the first week of February! Please continue to encourage your child to practice IXL at home as much as possible. Every Friday I will check the students' progress and choose the top boy and girl of the week! Students practice during our tablet time. However the more the students practice the better they will understand the concepts!



Happy Valentine's Day!
Mrs. Jacobson

Second Grade News

Our Valentine's Day party will be held on February 11th at 2:00 p.m. Our chairman is Katy Pope. Tammy Akre and I are signed up to provide food for our party. Remember that the food must be individually packaged. Katie Findlay is signed up to send in drinks, and Caitlin Delaney is sending in paper products. Katy Pope is on our list to provide treat bags. Caitlin Delaney volunteered to develop games. The students can send in their valentine cards any day the week of the party. Please have your child write out his/her own cards. It is good handwriting practice. I will send home a class list. This year we are going to have a valentine box contest. This will be a home project. Boxes need to be decorated, include a slot for valentines, and be returned by February 8th. Cereal or shoe boxes work best for this activity. There will be prizes. I look forward to seeing the creative results!

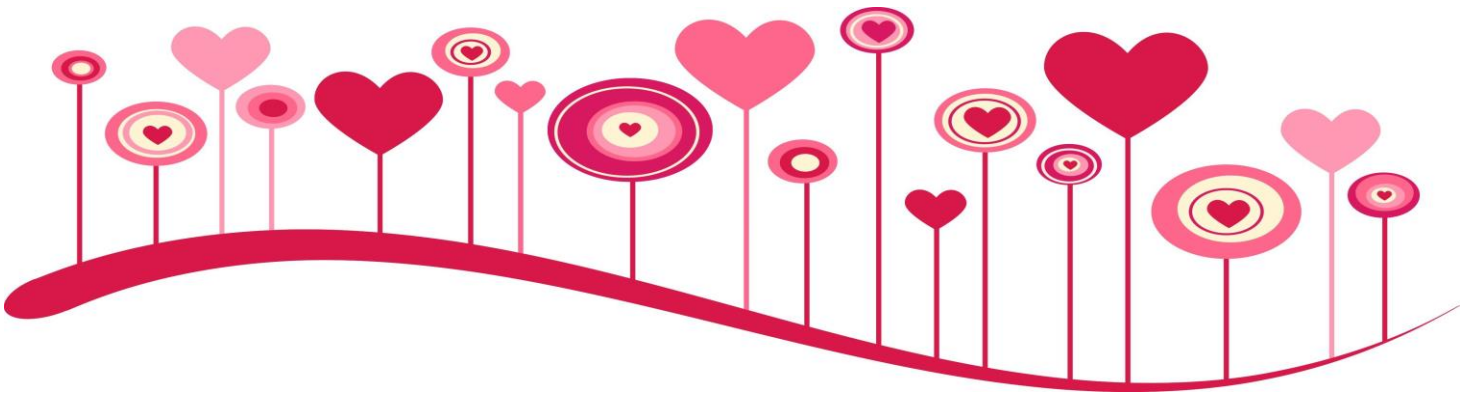
Next month we are going to be doing cereal box book reports. We are in need of cereal boxes for this activity. Please start saving your empty cereal boxes and send them in. Try to encourage your child to read more and try harder books which will increase his/her reading level.

The second grade students need to improve their math skills. Please pull out the flashcards. Those addition facts to twenty should be automatic by the end of second grade. Students also need to memorize their subtraction facts. I would like to see more students taking advantage of the IXL Math online program that the school provides. Ideally, I would like to see students working on this site for at least an hour a week. This is a great way to increase our math knowledge. I know it is difficult if your family does not have internet access.

We have been working on learning typing in the computer lab. The students are doing a great job finding the home keys. If you have internet at home your child can practice at home as well. Next year the students will take some of their tests on the computer so keyboarding skills will be necessary. Students can sign in at www.typing.com. They love it!

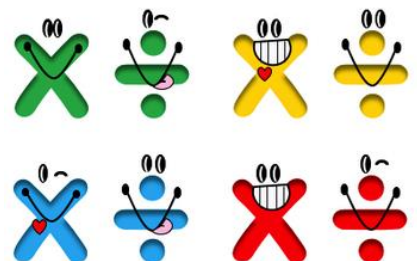
Thank you for all that you do!

Mrs. Rehberg



Third Grade News

Wow! We have been really busy. We are finishing up multiplication and division. Please continue to work with your child on memorizing multiplication and division facts. Please have your child practice on IXL.com. We have begun practicing for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness tests (formerly PARCC). I will be sending home a note about the tests later.



Our Valentine's Day party will be on February 11th at 2 PM. The chairman will remind you of the items that your child is to bring in. If your child is bringing Valentine's, please make sure they have one for everyone in the class.

Please continue to encourage your child to read 20 minutes a night. We are still doing "Book it". We are finishing up Unit 3 in Reading and will be reading a novel next.

Please make sure you are looking at your child's assignment notebook and signing it. You should also be reviewing the assignments to make sure they are completed and correct.

In Science we are learning about weather. In Social Studies we are learning about economics.



Thank you for all of your support at home,

Mrs. Doorn

News from 4th Grade

This year seems to be flying by and there is still so much to do. Please be watching backpacks for the Valentine's Day information. If your child chooses to make valentines for the class, please be sure they make one for everyone on the list. If you are a volunteer, you will be contacted by the chair person. The party will be Thursday, February 11th at 2:00. We will not be able to have anyone attend so please be sure that the games have directions and materials. Also, all of the food sent in needs to be store bought and individually wrapped. Thank you all for your help with all of the parties. It really is a nice diversion from the normal school day.

Please remember to have your child read at least 20 minutes each night and fill in the reading calendar. This helps me monitor their independent reading and calculate their amounts for the Book-It program. Each child must read 300 minutes by the end of the month to receive their free pizza voucher from Pizza Hut. The best way to become a better reader is to READ!!! The reading logs are due at the end of each month.



Just thinking ahead... the standardized testing (IAR) isn't too far away. We have been talking about it and before you know it, it will be here. We will prepare as much as we can and do our best. More to come when it gets closer...

Mrs. Myre©

Greetings from 5th Grade!

Happy February! I cannot believe that the school year is going by so fast!

Congratulations to Colt Zabel, Kyla Wesseh, and Kellen Westerfield for keeping up with our Book-It. They are on track to participate in the school wide pizza lunch!

In reading, we started the 3rd unit in our textbook that highlights artists and inventors. We will be learning about special effects in movies and writing our own "Blues" music along with reading and performing a play.



In math, we are working on patterns. We've just finished decimals- adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying them. We review daily so that we get adequate practice. When we are finished with patterns, we will move onto fractions. Don't be alarmed if we move around in our math book this quarter- we want to make sure that we are covering everything that is on the state test.

In social studies, we are starting a chapter about the forming of the Colonies. We will read chapter 5 then complete a colonist project.

In science, we are flying through our chapters trying to hit all the objectives that are covered on the 5th grade state science exam. The date and information about that will be sent home soon.

Thank you to our parents that have volunteered to bring treats for our Valentine's Party which is on February 11th. We appreciate you all! The students will be planning their own party, and I'm really excited to see the ideas they will come up with!

Happy February!

Mrs. DeGraaf



What's happening in Mr. Bozic's Room

As we move into February, many of our classes will be taking on large projects this upcoming month. 6th Grade Science will be creating 3D models of a system or environment from our books. They will also continue with our book on Water and the Atmosphere. 6th Grade Reading will be reading poems, creating their own, and reading about Greek Mythology. 6th Grade Social Studies will be doing a countries project on Africa, and they will also learn about African geography and history. It is Black History Month in February, so our 7th Grade students will be researching famous and influential Black Americans. Students will also be looking more at Westward Expansion. Our 8th Grade Students will be breaking down the Judicial Branch and its aspects. Later on, students will research and analyze some of the most important Supreme Court cases. We will debate these in class. All in all, the month of February will be very busy and exciting for students in our middle school classrooms.



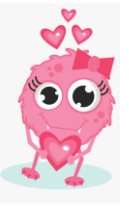
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News from Miss Zielske

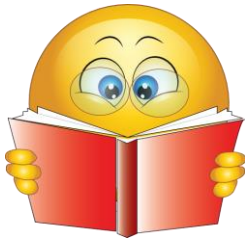
January has been a busy and productive month! The sixth graders just finished up their unit on using dialogue. After learning how to use quotation marks and commas correctly, the students applied what they learned while writing several narrative stories using quotes. They had plenty of interesting ideas for their stories! Also, students presented their Genius Hour projects all month. It was really fun to learn about the topics students selected, and they enjoyed choosing how they got to present their information.

Seventh grade finished up their argument writing unit by completing an essay on someone they thought was the "Greatest of All Time." We worked on using effective evidence and how to address counterclaims. We are finishing up compare and contrast essays featuring two

topics that they were able to choose. They are moving on to a unit on dialogue next. In Reading, we worked on speech analysis, and students learned about ethos, pathos, and logos. Now we are working on a unit on biographies and autobiographies.



Eighth graders started out January by analyzing two texts about Julius Caesar and using text evidence to prove if he was a hero or a tyrant. Then, they did an amazing job analyzing speeches by Harriet Tubman, Shirley Chisholm, and Venus Williams. We learned about different rhetorical strategies that speakers use to make their arguments stronger. The next unit will involve reading novels written in verse. In English, we are finishing up our argument writing unit with a project where they researched a controversial topic of their choice. They will be starting a unit on dialogue next.



Congratulations to all the students who already have their first AR book read for the quarter! The deadline for the first book is February 10th while the deadline for the second book is March 17th. Keep earning those prizes!

Miss Zielske

Mrs. Heap's Class News

Science Classes

Science classes are continuing to work on their curriculum. Eighth grade has started the third unit for this school year. They will explore physics topics including forces, types of machines, energy, and electricity. We will wrap up the unit by building batteries from potatoes and fruit that will power a small bulb. Seventh grade just completed their projects on assembling a "family" of pets and diagramming how specific traits are passed down from generation to generation. Students created some very interesting creatures this year. The "families" will be going home in a few weeks. Your students should have a lot to tell you about why some family members look similar and others look completely different. Ask them for all the details!



Math

The month of February will bring a lot of excitement to math classes. The eighth grade Algebra class just completed instruction on exponential functions and will begin working on eighth grade geometry standards. From there, they will move into solving systems of equations. Sixth grade is diving into the world of prealgebra. I keep telling them how exciting algebra is, but I'm not sure they are convinced quite yet! They will start by solving one step equations and inequalities and progress to computing surface area. Seventh grade is finishing up a three chapter unit on geometry. By the end of the month, they will also master concepts in statistics and probability.



Graduation News

As we approach spring, the eighth grade class starts to think about graduation and moving onto high school. Mrs. DeGraaf and I will be sending home notes and updates about graduation as they become available. Our main goal, as we enter into February, is to get 10 pictures from each student. The pictures will be made into a video highlighting the graduates and is traditionally shown during the graduation ceremony.

I am so proud of how hard the students are working each day, and it's a blessing to be part of their learning. I can't wait to see how much more we can accomplish by May. Please feel free to contact me at the school or at cheap@lisbon.k12.il.us with any questions or concerns.