

# March Newsletter

## News from the District Administrator



### Conferences:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 7:00 PM and Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be sent home March 4<sup>th</sup>, and K-5<sup>th</sup> should be returned to the school no later than March 8<sup>th</sup>. Notices will be sent home by March 13<sup>th</sup> to confirm the time and date for each conference. We encourage all parents to attend these conferences.

### Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year will be held at the school on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 - 2:30 P.M. During registration, the incoming Kindergarten students are invited to visit the current Kindergarten classroom.



While their children are in class, parents will go to the library to pre-register the students for the fall session. At this time, registration forms need to be completed. Information needed to complete these cards include: names and telephone numbers of the child's doctor and dentist, phone numbers where the child's parents can be reached during the day and a relative or neighbor whom the school should contact if unable to reach the parents.

To be eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2019-2020 school year, a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2019. **A certified copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration along with two proofs of residency.**

Parents will also receive physical, dental and eye examination forms. Kindergarten students will not be allowed to begin school in August unless these forms have been completed and returned to the school.

School fees will be paid during the regular school registration days on either August 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration of new Kindergarten students allows the school to organize the Kindergarten Class and transportation schedule.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at (815)736-6324.



### Sports Physicals:

Newark Healthcare Center is graciously doing sports physicals again for Lisbon Grade School on Thursday, April 4, 2019 @ 1:00pm. All students participating in a school sport must have a sports physical before they participate with the exception of 6<sup>th</sup> grade that must have a complete school physical prior to participating.

### IAR Testing (Formerly PARCC Testing):

We will be giving your child state-required achievement tests on April 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. The tests are a part of the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) assessment program, and are being given to all eligible students in grades 3-8.



The results of state tests will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the fall. We will review state test results along with other information to help us improve our school programs. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performance on the state tests he or she took.

You can help your child do his or her best on the test by:

1. Making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing.
2. Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing.
3. Providing breakfast on the mornings of testing.
4. Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand the test directions.
5. Letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best.
6. Advising your child not to worry about the test, just do the best he or she can.

Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests. Your child's teacher will be sending home more exact test dates/times for their grade level. We look forward to sharing the IAR results with you this fall.

### Morning Drop off:

Students should not be at school in the morning prior to 8:10am. If you drop off your child in the morning after 8:20 AM, please come into the office and sign him/her in. It is very important that the teacher and the office have consistent information so that our records are accurate.

### 2018 – 2019 Updated Calendar:

An updated calendar for this year has been included in the newsletter and also posted on the website. Please take note of the end of school dates and field day taking into account the snow days we have used.



## Custodian/Maintenance Job Opening

Lisbon CCSD #90 has an immediate job opening for a full time day custodian/maintenance person. Hours are from 7:00am-3:00pm. Sick and personal leave included however no health insurance is offered.

For an application, please call the office at 815-736-6324 or visit the district web site at [www.lisbon.k12.il.us](http://www.lisbon.k12.il.us). Completed applications can be returned to Lisbon Grade School, Attn: Melanie Elias, 127 S. Canal Street, Newark, IL 60541 or emailed to [melias@lisbon.k12.il.us](mailto:melias@lisbon.k12.il.us)

Application deadline: March 7, 2019

## Caudill Club

February 27<sup>th</sup> marked the date of the official voting for the 2019 Rebecca Caudill Book Award at Lisbon Grade School. This year we had 6 students who were eligible to vote!!! In order to vote these students must have read three of the nominated books, completed book summaries and be in grades 4-8. This year we had a couple of third graders request to participate. They will be able to attend our ice cream party but were not able to vote. Those who read at least three books include Brooklyn Wallin from third grade, LeAnn Monsess, and Brody Rush from fourth, David Monsess, Payton Wallin, and Zach Zabel all from fifth grade, and Danielle Monsess, from seventh grade.

Congratulations! The Illinois Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award for 2019 will be announced sometime in March. The date for the book discussion and ice cream party has been set for March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 4 pm.



Mrs. Rehberg

## The Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair is coming!

Mark your calendars. Our Spring Book Fair will be running March 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. Be watching for flyers to come home later. We will also be open on Tuesday and Thursday during the parent/teacher conferences. Stop by to see all the great books that will be available at awesome prices.



Library Volunteers

## LOOP News

LOOP would like to express our many thanks to all those who volunteered and came out for our annual Pork Chop Dinner. Your support does not go unnoticed and is truly appreciated! Congratulations to the winners of the raffle and 50/50!

We are excited to share that LOOP has utilized our technology funds to purchase updated tablets for the K-4 classrooms. They have arrived and are up and running!

Join us March 5<sup>th</sup>, for our next meeting. It will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the school library. We will be discussing upcoming LOOP elections. Elections will be held in April. The positions that are up for election are President and Secretary. Each office serves a two year term. We would love to welcome some new officers to the mix, and will assist in the training to assure a smooth transition. We will also be planning for teacher's appreciation, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, and field day.

Please continue to send in your Box Tops!! Box Tops are being collected in all classrooms and help earn money for our school. We appreciate your support!





## News from Coach McKinney

The countdown is on!!! 12 more weeks of school! I know that sounds like a long time away, but the school year is really going fast. We are looking forward to spring break which is only 4 weeks away. That means we are that much closer to golf season!! This is personally my favorite time of year! MARCH MADNESS!!! The basketball seasons are winding down and the NCAA tournament is heating up!

We have just finished this year's Kids Heart Challenge programs. The elementary students worked very hard the last few weeks, and now we know what it means to have a healthy heart. Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported their children at the assembly. The 2nd-5<sup>th</sup> grades did an outstanding job performing their routines!! Also, I would like to thank everyone who helped raise money for the American Heart Association. As a school, we raised over \$3500 for those that need it! GREAT JOB!

We are looking forward to our tumbling/volleyball units. We will be learning different skills and enjoying various activities. It will be fun!! In health, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about tobacco, drugs and alcohol. We made anti-tobacco posters that are being displayed in the Jr. High hallway. Check them out!

Good luck to the girls' basketball team as their season comes to a close. The Jr. 10 conference tournament will be coming in the second week of March at Newark. Good luck ladies and GO LIONS!!!



## Kindergarten News

Thank you to all of the parents who have helped with our Classroom parties this year! We have had some really great parties!

We will be going to the Shedd Aquarium for our end-of-year field trip. The names for the chaperones that will be going with us on this field trip will be drawn very soon! We look forward to our end-of-year field trip!

Some of the students in our class have participated in the Book-It Program, as well as Ozzie's Reading Club. Thank you to the parents for so

willingly taking time to read with your child. What a great way to instill the love of reading! The practice at home pays off and is very evident in class! Please send in the final parent verification, and voucher tickets will be sent home soon after! I'm sure the children have enjoyed using their Pizza Hut certificates for a free pizza, and they will look forward to our Book-It pizza party in April!

We continue to learn new sight words and practice them in sentences. We have a running total of about 40 words that we know, but many of the students are sounding out many more words!!! Please be sure to ask your child to read their work as it comes home!

We have started to work on our phone numbers and addresses. These skills can be difficult for some students, so please work on these at home, as well. Thank You!

I look forward to meeting with the parents for our Parent/Teacher conferences on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>! This is a great time to hear about your child's progress!

Think Spring!  
Mrs. Dike



### Hello First Grade Families

Thank you to all of our parents who attended and contributed to our Valentine's Party! We had a great day! We appreciate it! Thank you for all the support and help from our parents throughout the year, the kids (and I) enjoy our party days. Our end of the year field trip will be in May, information will be sent home closer to May.

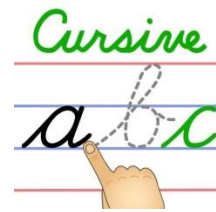
March is the last month for Book-It, continue to read at home. When your child has completed all 6 months of the reading requirements they will be rewarded with a pizza party in April. Details will be coming soon!

We have been working hard on our AR reading goals here at school, I love it when I see every student in our class receive a prize at the end of the month!

I look forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences at the end of this month! Information will be sent home soon.



Have a great Spring Break!  
Mrs. Jacobson



## Second Grade News

The students all enjoyed the Valentine's Day party. Thank you to all of the parents who contributed to our party. Our winners for the valentine box contest were Lily for her vending machine and Evan for his postal box. All of the boxes were great! I know the boxes take some time to create. Thank you for all of your hard work on them!

This has been a busy month. Learning cursive is an exciting time for the second graders. Please remind your child to practice the cursive letters that we have learned at home. Joining the letters to form words is especially difficult. The idea that you can't lift up your pencil until the word is complete is a challenge for some of the kids. Once we have learned all of the letters we will be writing our spelling words on the pretests and the tests in print and cursive. I will only grade the print. However, it is good practice to form the words in cursive as well. Please refrain from teaching your child to write his/her name in cursive. I know the students are eager to learn them. I would like the opportunity to teach them that all together after we have learned each letter.

We have been creating collage hearts containing pictures and words that tell about us. This is a fun, but messy, project. This project takes a lot of time, but the finished product is worth it!

Please keep encouraging your child to read in his/her spare time. We have one more month for Book-It. Please remind your child to read the leveled reader that is sent home each week at least twice and return it on Friday. This next month we will be creating cereal box book reports. That information will be coming home soon. Please save and send in cereal boxes. I look forward to visiting with everyone at conferences.

Mrs. Rehberg

A graphic for St. Patrick's Day. It features a green leprechaun hat with a black band and a gold buckle on the left. To the right of the hat is a green shamrock. The text 'Happy' is written in a large, bold, green, rounded font. Below 'Happy' is the text 'St. Patrick's Day' in a similar bold, green, rounded font.

**Happy**  
**St. Patrick's Day**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade March News

Our class has been very busy preparing for the IAR tests. We have been working on practice IAR tests. My goal is for everyone to work up to his/her potential. This year third grade is tested in reading and math. In our classroom over the last few months we have been working on improving our reading as well as looking up answers in the story. In math we have been working hard on word problems. These are multi-step problems that the students are asked to solve and then write about the steps they took to solve the problem.

As parents there are several things you can do to prepare your child for the tests. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep during IAR testing. Being well-rested will help your child concentrate. In addition, it is important that the students eat a healthy breakfast. It is difficult to think when your stomach keeps growling. Finally, talk to your child about the test. Encourage your child to do his/her best.

Our class had a great time at the Valentine's Day party. Thanks to everyone who sent items for our party. Thanks to Alison Wesseh for running the party. The kids loved playing the games and eating the yummy snacks. I also wanted to thank all of the parents who sent in food or items and/or helped out at all three of our parties.

Please continue to have your child read 20 minutes a night. Please keep practicing multiplication and division facts with your child every night. They must have them memorized. IXL and other apps are great practice.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Doorn



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

I'm not sure about the rest of you, but I am ready for spring. This weather has been crazy cold! Time is moving fast and the state assessments are soon approaching us next month. This year they are called the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, or IAR. Fourth grade will be testing each morning, Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Attendance is extremely important during testing. These tests can be lengthy and they are difficult to make up. Please try not to schedule any appointments that will cause your child to miss school. Also, I will allow the children to have a healthy snack and water after testing. Please send in something small with a water bottle each day that we test. Some examples would be pretzels, an apple, crackers, granola bars, etc. I will send home more information and a schedule of when we will test so you can plan accordingly.

Thank you to those of you that helped out with our Valentine's Day party. It was a hit! We had a lot of fun and enjoyed all the tasty foods. Ms. Monsess and Ms. Reibel did a nice job running the show. Thanks to all.

This is just a reminder that conferences are just around the corner. Information will be coming home soon. They are scheduled on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:00 and Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-6:00. I can't wait to discuss your child's progress with you during this time.

March is the last month for the Book-It Program. Please encourage your child to read nightly. The best way to help your child be a great reader is to practice. Programs like this have good incentives to keep kids reading.

Spring Break is just around the corner, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully it will be a beautiful week to spend some family time outdoors.



Have a great Spring Break!  
Mrs. Myre ☺

## March News in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

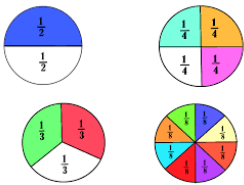
Spring is coming! Our class is ready for some nice weather. I want to thank our room moms for the great Valentine's party snacks. Thank you to Mrs. Bois, Mrs. Zabel, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Friestad, and Mrs. Wallin. We had a great time!

In Reading, we are learning about Inventors and Artists. We've studied different inventions and inventors, listened to some blues and gospel music,

read a play, wrote a Blues song, and learned about Special Effects in movies and television. We've watched black and white cartoons and compared them to cartoons we watch today. We learned about flip books and computer graphics. I think we have a class full of budding computer graphic engineers! After our unit test, we will start reading, Old Yeller. If you've read it, don't give away the ending!

In Social Studies, we finished learning about how the 13 colonies were started and completed a Colonist Project. I've been asked about when we are starting our Wax Museum projects. We will start right after Spring Break. I'll be sending information out beforehand.

In Math, we are starting our chapters on fractions. Fractions, fractions, fractions! We will be learning how to multiply, divide, add, and subtract fractions as well as learning how to turn them into decimals...Exciting! Don't forget to remind your student that they can log onto IXL or our math series website for extra practice.



In Science, we are just starting our chapter on the solar system. We have a few labs coming up.

If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to call or email. See you at parent/ teacher conferences!

Mrs. DeGraaf



## News from Mrs. Scott

It's hard to believe that February is almost done and March is just around the corner! In Reading, our sixth graders have been exploring a variety of passages to prepare for the IAR Assessment in April. They have all been working very hard and I am proud of their efforts!

In Geography, we completed a unit on Europe. The students were required to research a particular country and present their information to the class. We were also able to enjoy a food that is common in each country that we learned about. Everyone did a fantastic job on these projects and we ate a lot of delicious food!

In Science, we have been learning about the layers of the earth and examples of conduction, convection and radiation. We will also continue reading some very interesting articles in our Science World magazines.

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, we have been discussing several of our early presidents. We will be learning about James Madison and the War of 1812,

James Monroe and the Monroe Doctrine and Andrew Jackson and the Spoils System. The students are also doing a great job learning about current events from our CNN Student News programs each day!

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, we are working through our U.S. Constitution unit. The students have been working very hard on the Preamble, the Articles and the Amendments! Please encourage them to continue completing daily assignments and participating in class discussions. This is a requirement for graduation and I am proud of everyone's work so far!



If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



Think Spring!  
Mrs. Scott

## March News from Miss Zielske

In reading, all students have been working hard practicing strategies for the IAR tests. We have been trying to do one practice every 2 weeks in addition to our weekly stories in our textbook. Seventh grade is now starting their Greek mythology unit. They made trading cards to represent different gods, goddesses, and creatures, and we have started reading several myths and will compare them to video versions throughout the unit. Eighth grade has worked on a folk tales unit and is finishing up a nonfiction unit that included articles on robotic legs. They will be starting World War II literature circles next. The second AR test for third quarter will be due on March 13th. Many students have been taking advantage of the extra credit given for reading more than two books in a quarter. Keep up the good work!

In English, the seventh and eighth graders recently finished units of poetry. We will be making class books of their best poems that will be on display during conferences. They are all improving on picking out important word choices in poems as well as identifying figures of speech. Seventh grade will be finishing up their sentence patterns in Shurley English before moving on to letter writing. The eighth graders will be starting World War II research on a topic of their choice. Most research and writing will be done in class. Their final paper will count as a grade for English as well as Social Studies. The sixth graders learned some new rules on comma/parentheses/dash usage, reviewed how to make nouns plural and possessive, and will be moving on to an



argumentative narrative convincing an alien leader what customs/holidays to copy from Earth. They will be starting their poetry unit after that.

If anyone is interested, the next *How to Train Your Dragon* movie just came out in theaters. I do have all the books in the series if anyone wants to try them out. They are funny and have a lot of cool action in them!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at conferences!

Miss Zielske



## Parent-Teacher Conferences News from Mrs. Heap

It's hard to believe that spring is on its way...and warm weather is just around the corner! Can you believe it's also time to start preparing for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) testing? Math classes are reviewing for the assessment by working on a combination of new material and intense problem solving questions. Most students find these extra problems very challenging, so we will work together and share strategies for coming up with the right answers. When I think back to August, at the start of the school year, I cannot believe how far each class has come. Keep up the good work! I can't wait to see how much more we can learn before the end of the school year.

Seventh grade science class has an exciting project to complete in the March and April. Each student will start taking notes in Power Point over the next three chapters. When we begin our next unit, they will use Power Point to make a presentation on a topic involving a system of the human body and present it to the class. This project allows them to become acquainted with Power Point software and use their creativity to learn (and then teach) something new. Eighth grade science classes are preparing for the Illinois Science Assessment, to be given by the state of Illinois. In March we will be reviewing concepts from Earth Science and Life Science, as well as covering new material in the Physical Science curriculum. They will be able to look forward to a big project in May.

Our Valentine's Day party was a huge success...pizza, skating, and sweet treats! Thank you to all the junior high parents who sent in refreshments for the party. Everything was delicious!

I am looking forward to seeing parents at conferences and talking about how much progress each student has made. Please contact me if you have any questions!





# Band Notes

Check out the band website:  
[chaseourband.com](http://chaseourband.com)

**No Band on Tuesday, March 5**  
Ms. Chase will be at the Little 10 Band Festival  
with the NHS Band

**No Band on Thursday, March 21 & Friday, March 22**  
Ms. Chase will be traveling to Disney World with NHS Band

SUMMER BAND

Details coming soon!!!!

June 17-June 28



## SPRING CONCERT

Monday, May 13  
7 pm @ NHCS

Please, plan ahead...  
Note: a baseball game is  
NOT an excused absence

**We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit. Aristotle**

### Maintenance Plans

If you have a maintenance plan on  
your instrument, please USE IT!

Get your instrument cleaned and  
adjusted at least once a year.

**NOTE:** If you pay off your  
instrument, consider keeping the  
maintenance plan-it's well worth your  
\$\$\$. Repairs average around \$100

### Spring A.M. Combine Schedule 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Jr. High Band)

Friday, April 26

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 10

Monday, May 13 (concert day)

### STUDENT TEACHER

Welcome, Mr. Tom Hartnett to the band room!  
Mr. Hartnett is from NIU!

### LUIGI'S BAND FIELDTRIP

Tuesday, May 14 (during school)

