

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



## NEWS FROM MRS. OLAS



We just LOVE our teachers, staff, kids, parents, and community members! Thank you for everyone doing their part to keep us all healthy and continuing with in-person instruction. We realize we are all navigating through unprecedented and difficult times but we are so appreciative for all of the love and understanding!

### 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.



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

Be on the lookout for information regarding the Newark High School Freshman Registration Night. A postcard should be coming in the mail with information. It will be February 9, 2022 at 6:30. They are asking parents to only send one parent with the student to limit the number of people attending due to COVID.

### 5 Essential Survey is Open

The 5 Essential Survey is available for parents, guardians, and other caregivers with a child attending Lisbon Grade School. It takes approximately ten minutes and is a great way for you to share with us your thoughts and feelings about how we are doing at LGS educating and caring for your child/ren while here at school. Please feel free to complete the survey multiple times if you have more than one child that attends LGS. We ask that you complete the survey as we do review the results and use them to help us make improvements. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. The survey closes March 11, 2022.

You can access the survey by inputting the link via any electronic device or logging onto our school website. <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

If you have any questions, please call 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874. Thank you in advance for your participation.



# School Secretary

## Opening

### 2022-2023 School Year!

Lisbon Grade School is seeking to fill our school secretary vacancy beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Hours are 7:30AM - 3:30.

Qualifications include:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Communicates in a positive and effective manner with administration, staff, students, parents/guardians, and visitors
- Requires a high degree of accuracy, accountability, and confidentiality as well as attention to details and dependable.
- High levels of knowledge and proficiency in the use of computers, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel

Duties Include: Coordinate and perform a wide variety of responsible and complex secretarial duties, requiring independent judgement, to assist the principal in coordinating school activities and administrative tasks. The secretary manages the building's budget and rental requests, secures substitutes, organizes and prepares for a variety of meetings, answers phone calls, provides secure entrance into the building, and manages both short term and long term projects throughout the school year. This position upholds high levels of service to our school community.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, letter(s) of recommendation and any other information that may be helpful in the decision making process. Mail application materials to: Melanie Elias, 127 S. Canal Street, Newark, IL, 60541 or email to: [melias@lisbon.k12.il.us](mailto:melias@lisbon.k12.il.us) Attn: Secretary Vacancy. We will collect applications until the position is filled.

## HELLO FROM MRS. PFIZENMAIER!

We are just beginning to work on our spring concert songs and dreaming of some warmer weather. The students will be bringing home a letter this week regarding all concert information that you will need to know. The concert date will be Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Once you receive your concert information letter, please mark the date and contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



Musically,  
Mrs. Pfizenmaier



## FEBRUARY NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE ROOM

Happy February! I can't believe how fast this year is flying by! Students in my classroom are growing their knowledge each and every day. We are working on mastering blends in both reading and writing. In math, we are learning different ways to display data such as histograms, stem & leaf plots, pie graphs, etc. I look forward to a great month with everyone!

Miss Lykken

## NEWS FROM COACH MCKINNEY

We are officially in 2022!!! 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade Health, we are finishing up our unit on Nutrition and the way our body uses food for energy. We are also 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.



The boys' basketball teams had a successful season of learning and getting better each day. They finished with a win on 8th grade night over Earlville. The girls' basketball teams have begun their seasons and are looking forward to an exciting season of learning, improving and winning a few games along the way! GO LIONS!!



Coach McKinney

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS



Kindergarten celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School on January 28<sup>th</sup>! Our class celebrated 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. If you are able to, please be sure to stop in and view our posters and collections in the hallway!

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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 before the party, beginning February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to have valentines at school by Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

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 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE!

We had a great time celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school the end of January. We did several fun activities and games throughout the day to celebrate being 100 days smarter!

Our class Valentine's Day parties will be Monday, Feb. 14. I will send a note to notify 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!

Math facts are important. We are trying to memorize our facts. We Use flashcards in class. Please try to practice at home too! Students practice IXL during our tablet time. However the more the students practice the better they will understand the concepts!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Mrs. Jacobson

## 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE FEBRUARY NEWS



Happy February!

We have a lot of learning and fun to pack into in a short month!! We are kicking off February celebrating Groundhog's Day by writing and sharing predictions. We will learn a little more about these adorable furry rodents and the famous Punxsutawney Phil.

Before you know it, it will be Valentine's Day. A class list with names will be coming home so students can correctly write on Valentine's cards for each of their classmates. We will be making Valentine boxes together in our classroom. A party sheet with a list of volunteers and supplies is also being sent home. Thanks in advance to everyone who signed up to help.

Later this month, we will celebrate Presidents' Day. We will research both Abraham Lincoln and George Washington before choosing which President to write an expository paragraph on during writing.



In our reading curriculum we started a new unit on our changing world. Our stories focus on how familiar things help us with change and why some changes are difficult. We are also reading about how animals, plants and the weather change. In math we moved on from adding three-digit numbers to subtracting three-digit numbers. Soon we will start learning how to tell time and count money. In science we started a new chapter on fossils which everyone is excited about.



Another fun thing that is happening, in addition to February BOOK IT, is that we are tracking our own Accelerated Reader points on a chart that we keep in our reading folder so we know how many points we have and how far away we are to our next prize. We also started Friday Journals where the students write letters every Friday to their family to keep them informed about the happenings in Second Grade! We hope you are enjoying reading them!!

Mrs. Mathre



## HELLO 3RD GRADE FAMILIES!

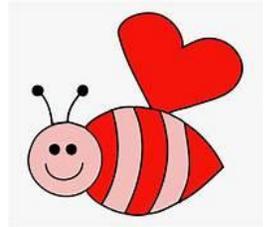
It is hard to believe we are already in February! This past month has been so much fun. After coming back from break, we really dived back into learning. We have been practicing our math facts so much and learning all about the United States government. In science, we also learned about ecosystems, how they can change, and how living and nonliving things work together. In the upcoming weeks, there is so much more to look forward to.

This month, we are finishing up our multiplication facts and we are moving on to area and perimeter. It will be a fun time for students to practice all the multiplication skills they have learned. In reading, we will be continuing to learn about how people and nature interact. In Science, we will be learning all about weather! I think this will be a very fun and interesting topic for the students. Finally, in Social Studies, we will be talking about ways that we can be good citizens. I am really looking forward to all we will be learning!



Finally, we will be having our Valentine's Day party on February 14th. Mrs. Akre and Mrs. Pope will be at our party to celebrate and play games. The party will start around 2 p.m.

Thank you so much for your continued support!  
Miss Hennesy



## **FOURTH GRADE FEBRUARY NEWS**

Hello 4th grade families! I can't believe how fast January has gone by! We started off the new year with a novel for reading. We have been enjoying reading *Shiloh*. We also finished up Aimsweb testing which everyone did so well on! In Math, we will continue to practice long division and work to perfect the skill. In science, we are beginning to talk about ecosystems and how animals interact with their ecosystems. In the past our class has enjoyed learning about plants and animals! We also started keeping AR point logs. Students will keep track of their points and work to meet a monthly goal.

We have so much to look forward to this month. I am excited to celebrate Valentine's Day with our party! We are excited to have Stephanie Westerfield join us for the party! I still have games open to be filled. If anyone is interested in doing games let me know! Game volunteers will need to attend the party. Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered to help out!

Miss Vande Hei



## **FEBRUARY NEWS FROM 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

It is hard to believe February is already! January was full of chilly weather and finally some snow! We officially started our first novel study, *Bridge to Terabithia*, and we are having so much fun having weekly group meetings to discuss our book! In math we learned how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals! We will be continuing on to work on graphing ordered pairs and solving numerical expressions. In science we have learned all about plants and animal systems, life cycles, and their adaptations. We have planted an Aloe Vera plant from a seed, and we are all looking forward to watching it go through its life cycle! In social studies we have begun to learn about the first colonies, how they formed their first government, and the conflicts that occurred during this time period! January was definitely a busy month, but we are all looking forward to what February has in store!



Ms. Sztapka

# 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE AND AMERICAN HISTORY NEWS



I can't believe February is already here, and that we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. We have some important dates to remember:



- ♥ Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> midterm ends- AR book is due
- ♥ Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> midterms sent home
- ♥ Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>- Valentine's party- details will be sent home soon
- ♥ Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>- No school
- ♥ Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>- No school- President's Day

Congratulations to our Book-It participants! Colt Zabel, Kellen Westerfield, Jade Mitchell, Kyla Wesseh, and Ellie Lieser have been participating in this reading program. They've read 300 minutes a month and earned a free personal pan pizza each month. Way to go!

In reading class, we've been studying theme in stories and fables. We've read different stories and talked about how the conflict, characters, and even the setting affect the theme. We're almost finished with our unit and will have a unit test soon.

In Science, we are finishing our section on water and weather. We've been learning all sorts of interesting facts about how weather is formed and how prediction works. We've even learned WHY weather forecasters are often wrong! Ask your student about the Butterfly Effect.

In Geography, we've started learning the countries, history, and physical geography of Europe and Russia. We started off our unit watching the top 25 vacation destinations in Europe. If your child asks to go to Europe on vacation, please invite me:!) We will be doing a Europe project in March.



In 7<sup>th</sup> grade American History, we've just finished a chapter on the Constitution- how it came to be written, who wrote it, and how it was ratified. We are currently starting a chapter on the beginning of our government and the first two presidents.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade American History, we are just finishing up WWI. We have learned a lot about our government's role in the war and the policies made during that time. We learned about the effects of propaganda during the war, and even made our own propaganda posters. They are pretty amazing! We are moving on to the next chapter of study- The Roaring 20's, the Great Depression, and the beginning of WW II. After that, we will be studying for our Constitution test that is a requirement for graduation. We will take that right before spring break!

Feel free to message me on Remind if you have any questions or concerns. Stay warm!

Mrs. DeGraaf



## **FEBRUARY NEWS IN MISS ZIELSKE'S ROOM**

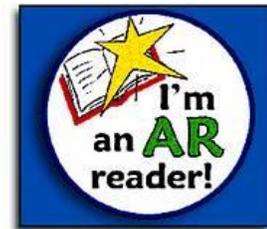


January was a busy and productive month! The sixth graders just finished up their unit on using dialogue. After learning how to use quotation marks and commas correctly, the students applied what they learned while writing several narrative stories using quotes. They had plenty of interesting ideas for 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.

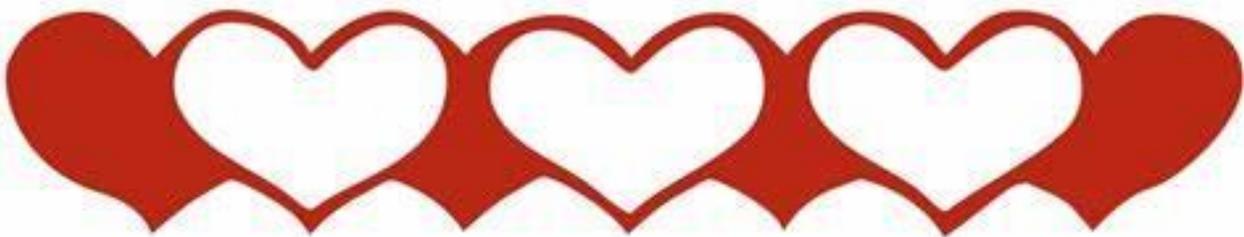
Seventh grade finished up their argument writing unit by completing an essay on someone they thought was the "Greatest of All Time." We worked on using effective evidence and how to address counterclaims. We are finishing up compare and contrast essays featuring two topics that they were able to choose and alternating that with lessons for our dialogue unit. 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. We just did a quick unit on folk tales and tall tales. The next unit will involve reading novels written in verse. In English, we just finished up our argument writing unit with a project where they researched a controversial topic of their choice. They are working on a unit on dialogue now with a focus on how to do split quotes. They will be finishing Shurley English patterns in the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to all the students who already have their first AR book read for the quarter! The deadline for the first book is February 2<sup>nd</sup> while the deadline for the second book is March 11<sup>th</sup>. Keep earning those prizes!



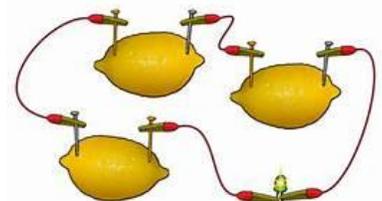
Miss Zielske



## **NEWS FROM MRS. HEAP'S CLASSROOM**

### Science Classes

Science classes are continuing to work on their curriculum. 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 started their projects on assembling a “family” of pets and diagraming 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 learned how to solve a system of equations and will begin working on eighth grade geometry standards. From there, they will work with applying exponent rules to expressions and 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 half way through 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, by the Remind app, or at cheap@lisbon.k12.il.us with any questions or concerns.



## Library Birthday Books

The following books were recently donated to our library. Thank you for thinking of others on your birthday!

- ❖ Itty Bitty Princess Kitty: The Newest Princess By: Melody Mews
- ❖ Itty Bitty Princess Kitty: The Royal Ball By: Melody Mews
- ❖ Itty Bitty Princess Kitty: The Puppy Prince By: Melody Mews
- ❖ Itty Bitty Princess Kitty: Star Showers By: Melody Mews
- ❖ Itty Bitty Princess Kitty: The Cloud Race By: Melody Mews
- ❖ Itty Bitty Princess Kitty: The Un-Fairy By: Melody Mews

Donated by Emma Gunier for her October 8<sup>th</sup> birthday



- ❖ Biscuit's Loves Mother's Day By: Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
Donated by Lenny Friestad for her October 8<sup>th</sup> birthday

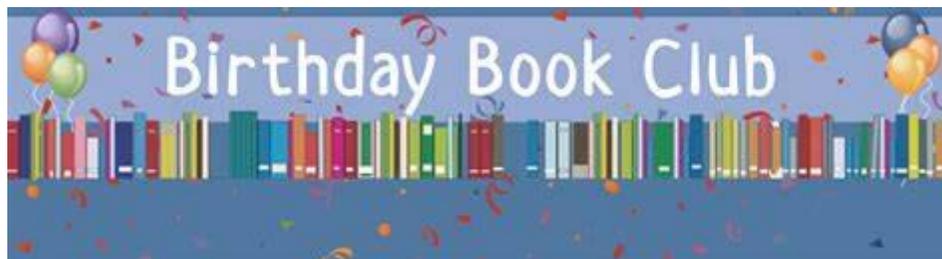
Dog Man Box Set: All by Dav Pilkey

- ❖ Dog Man
- ❖ Dog Man: Unleashed
- ❖ Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties
- ❖ Dog Man and Cat Kid
- ❖ Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas
- ❖ Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild

Hey Jack Boxed Set: All by Sally Rippen

- ❖ The Crazy Cousins
- ❖ The Scary Solo
- ❖ The Winning Goal
- ❖ The Robot Blues
- ❖ The New Friend
- ❖ The Worry Monsters
- ❖ The Worst Sleepover
- ❖ The Lost Reindeer
- ❖ The Circus Lesson
- ❖ The Bumpy Ride
- ❖ The Top Team
- ❖ The Playground Problem
- ❖ The Best Party Ever
- ❖ The Big Adventure
- ❖ The Bravest Kid
- ❖ The Toy Sale
- ❖ The Other Teacher
- ❖ The Party Invite
- ❖ The Extra-Special Group
- ❖ The Star of the Week

Donated by Mrs. Jacobson for her December 30<sup>th</sup> birthday





2021-2022  
Honor Roll - Quarter 2



*High Honor Roll*

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tyler Carlson  
Sarah Cole  
Ellie Lieser  
Jade Mitchell  
Case Thomas  
Brooklyn Wallin  
Kyla Wesseh  
Kellen Westerfield  
Colt Zabel

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Connor Fitzgerald  
Vivianne Meade  
LeAnn Monsess  
Austin Reibel  
Brody Rush

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Logan Bols  
Kendon Hardecopf  
David Monsess  
Isabella Roberson  
Reagan Thompson  
Payton Wallin  
Sophia Withrow-Steil  
Zach Zabel

*Honor Roll*

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nathan Swenson  
Landon Tibbe

7<sup>th</sup> Grade



8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Reggie Chapman





# DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE



SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH | 6PM-8PM

MILLBROOK JUNIOR HIGH  
8411 FOX RIVER ROAD, MILLBROOK, IL  
SPONSORED BY NEWARK/MILLBROOK PTO



**\$20 per family (\$25 at the door) \$10 for flower corsages**

**Dancing Sweet Treats Photographer Raffle Baskets and More!**

**Tickets and flowers can be purchased until Friday, February 11th**

**Photo packages are an additional cost at the dance**

**PLEASE NOTE - All raffle ticket sales the night of the dance will be CASH ONLY**

Questions? Contact Gilly Fordyce (gillyfordyce@gmail.com) or Amber Schmitt (aschmitt99@yahoo.com)

Please return the below with payment (checks made to Newark PTO) in a SEALED ENVELOPE to your child's school office (NGS, MJH or Lisbon Schools) teacher or homeroom teacher.

**Cut here and return by February 11th**



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Daughters Names: \_\_\_\_\_

These can also be little ones that are not school aged students

Adult Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email : \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket for two \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional daughters \$5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity Quantity

Corsage: \$10 ea. Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity Quantity

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_