

# April Newsletter

## News from the Superintendent

### Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held at the school on Friday, April 7<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 and enrollment cards 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 2017-2018 school year, a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2017. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration.

Parents will also receive physical and dental 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 7<sup>th</sup> or 10<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 Monday, April 10, 2017. A note about this was mentioned in the March newsletter stating the incorrect fee. They have changed the fee back to \$20 cash or check made payable to Newark Healthcare Center. They are also offering an incentive and plan to give back to the school in some way. So if your student needs a sports physical for next year, this is a great way to free up an appointment for you plus help the school. 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.

### Morning Drop off:

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.

### Absences:

If you know your child is going to be absent, please call the school office and leave a message on the recorder the night before or call the school by 9:00 AM the morning of the absence.

### Hot Lunches:



If your child orders a hot lunch in the morning and then realizes later that they have a cold lunch, they will still be charged for a hot lunch. Unfortunately, once the food is prepared, it must be eaten or thrown away.

### **Recycle:**

We want to encourage community members and parents to bring their old newspapers for the paper recycle bin and any clothing articles for the UsAgain clothing bin both on the south side of the building. These are both great ways to teach our students how to recycle and be environmentally smart.

### **Bus Notes:**

The school requires that parents always write a note to the office or teacher if a student is to go home from school by a different method than normal. Often times children get mixed up on dates or where they are to go if a note is not sent. Our policy is to have students follow the normal routine unless they have a note or the school receives a phone call from the parents.

### **Medication:**

All students who require medication at school (over-the-counter or prescription drugs) must have a physician's signed approval and also a parent's signed consent. These forms are in your Lisbon Grade School Parent/Student Handbook or may be obtained in the school office. In addition, parents are responsible for labeling all non-prescription drugs with the student's name, doctor's name and dosage. The medication should be kept in the nurse's office during school hours.

### **Graduation:**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Individual student pictures will be taken at 6:00 P.M. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must be here at 6:00 P.M.



### **Kindergarten Graduation:**

Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the gym with the traditional kindergarten picnic to follow.

## **Music News**



The LGS spring music concert will be Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The concert begins promptly at 6:30 P.M. and students need to meet in their classrooms at 6:10 P.M. The concert performance is a music grade. If your child is unable to attend, a written note must be given to the office or their classroom teacher. We look forward to seeing you at the concert for some great music!

Musically,  
Mrs. Pfizenmaier

## **News from LOOP**



Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library. There, we will be holding elections for President and Secretary. We will be discussing proposed fundraisers for



the 2017-2018 school year, as well as planning teacher appreciation week, and preparing for field day.

Please continue sending in Box Tops! We have been able to use these to purchase playground equipment for the students to use during recess.

We appreciate your support!

### Caudill Club

This year we had seven students qualify for the Caudill Club. To qualify students must read three of the nominated books and write summaries and evaluations of the books. This year we had two students from third grade ask to join us. Since the Caudill program officially starts in fourth grade the students could not vote for the 2017 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award. However, they were told that they could participate in the ice cream party if they completed three books and the summaries. The students who completed the program included David Monsess, Payton Wallin, Gwen Friestad, Logan Jacobsgaard, Danielle Monsess, Blake Wallin, and Bre Dixon. The students celebrated with an ice cream party in the library after school on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Favorite books were discussed as we devoured our ice cream sundaes. The winning book for our school was The War that Saved My Life.

Mrs. Rehberg



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Resource News

Spring is in the air! 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have been working on adding and subtracting rational numbers in math and their grammar skills in language arts. Kindergarten is doing a great job on their spelling words and counting to 100. First graders are continuing to work on their writing skills and elaborating on their thoughts. Third graders continue to work on their multiplication facts. We have also been working on fractions and unit fractions. Fourth graders have been reading for comprehension with a partner and preparing for the PARCC test. They are making excellent progress in their reading skills.

Mrs. Darnell

### News from Coach McKinney

It's here! and gone! Spring Break! Things get pretty chaotic around JGS and Spring Break! The end of the year is exciting but very busy!! Now if the weather would learn that it is supposed to be spring, it would be much more fun!!

We have just finished our square dancing unit. This is something new for all of us! We learned different square dance calls and moves. The students had a great time with it! Ask them

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to teach you a few moves at home! In health, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing their chapters on tobacco, drugs and alcohol.

Good luck to the track team as their season begins. Hope the weather cooperates! The scholastic bowl team is having a successful season. The conference tournament is April 8<sup>th</sup> at Nettle Creek. Good luck teams and GO LIONS!!!

Coach McKinney



### Kindergarten News

WOW! The kindergarten class is reading! They are eager to read so that they can earn points in A.R., as well as earn prizes! Keep up the wonderful reading! It is very evident when parents work with their children at home. The interest and the ability increases to an incredible level!

In April, we will be having our Book-It pizza party. If your student has completed his/her reading goal for all six months, they will participate in the pizza party during lunch. Please encourage your child to keep working hard at reading.

As we look into April, we will have a Family Kite Project. I will be sending home poster board in the shape of a kite, and the families will decorate their kites at home. It's always fun to see the variety of kites that come back to school.

We look forward to our end of year field trip! We will be going to Brookfield Zoo on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Parent names will be drawn soon to determine who will be going along with us on our end of year field trip.

Our class is looking forward to Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, our Kindergarten Registration. The class remembers coming in last year to visit, and they are excited to be showing the new class around. We will have a snack and do some fun Transportation activities. If you know of any new families that will have Kindergarteners next year, please let them know about the registration!

Happy Spring!

Mrs. Dike



### Kindergarten Registration

We have been working on writing expository papers in Shirley English. Next we will work on a persuasive letter. It is amazing how far their writing has come from the beginning of the year! Ask them to write their favorite things and you will see the sentences develop on the page.

In Phonics we have been learning about long vowels, contractions, suffixes ly and ful. Our Reading lessons are focusing on the setting, plot, theme and main idea. We just completed Chapter 9 in Math on two dimensional shapes. This month we will learn about three dimensional shapes in Chapter 10!

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Naomi, Weston, Nate, Brooklyn, Kellen and Colt! All of these students earned a free ticket to the Kane County Cougar Game in May! Way to go! Keep up the good job with your reading! Have fun at the game! It is extremely important to be encouraging your child to read and reading to them.

Please keep encouraging your child to practice IXL at home. These skills are taught in class and this is great practice for them.

Hope you have a wonderful Spring Break! & Happy Easter!

Mrs. Green and Mrs. Jacobson



### Second Grade News

We are ready to welcome spring in second grade! We are tired of gray dreary days. Sunshine, warmer weather, and being outside are some of the things we are looking forward to. We have been looking for signs of spring. Please check the weather in the morning before school so you know whether you need to send your child in a coat. Weather can be so unpredictable, and we usually are outside for recess.

I enjoyed visiting with everyone at conferences. I appreciate you making the effort to attend. I know that everyone is busy this time of year. Attending conferences shows that you value education.

This past month we worked on biography book reports. I am trying to introduce the students to different types of writing. Usually we find one type of book that appeals to us, and we don't venture out of that area. The students found the biographies interesting. This next month we will be working on our cereal box book reports. I am hoping that we will have time to pick our books this week. That way the book could be read over spring break. Then I will send the boxes and materials for the report to be completed at home the week we get back.

This quarter we will continue to learn the cursive capital letters. It is a very exciting time for 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 when writing a word is challenging some of the students. In spelling we are learning to write the words in print and cursive. On the tests, though, I will only grade the printed words.

We will spend the month of April learning about eggs, chickens, incubation, and embryology. Our eggs should arrive in the mail the first week of April. The class has been looking forward to it all year! It is a favorite unit of mine as well. Pretty soon everyone in the class will be egg-sperts!

Keep encouraging your child to read in his/her spare time. As the weather warms up it is hard to keep everyone reading! I do ask students to read at least two regular books or one chapter book a week and take the accompanying test(s). Be on the lookout for information regarding the Book-It pizza party if your child completed all six months of the program.

Happy spring!

Mrs. Rehberg



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### Third Grade News

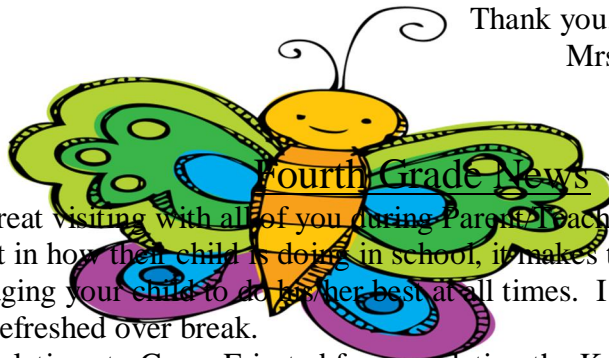
Our class has been very busy. We will be taking the PARCC tests in April. The school will start taking the PARCC on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep during testing. Also make sure your student has a healthy breakfast during testing. I will send home a list of the dates we will be testing. I am very proud of them. Keep up the good work at home with your child.

Please continue to read each night for at least 20 minutes. Your child should be practicing multiplication and division facts too. They can go on IXL to practice.

Congratulations to Noah DeGroat, Jorgen Friestad, Zeb Maxwell, David Monsess, Eva Smith, Payton Wallin, Sophia Withrow-Steil, and Zach Zabel for completing the Kane County Cougars Ozzie's Reading Club. Have fun at the game.

In April we will be having our Book-It pizza party. If your student has completed his/her reading goal for all six months, they will participate in the pizza party during lunch. Please encourage your child to keep working hard at school. Hope you have a great spring break ☺

Thank you,  
Mrs. Doorn



It was great visiting with all of you during Parent/Teacher conferences. When parents show an interest in how their child is doing in school, it makes the child want to succeed. Thank you for encouraging your child to do his/her best at all times. I hope everyone had time to relax a little and get refreshed over break.

Congratulations to Gwen Friestad for completing the Kane County Cougars Ozzie's Reading Club. I hope to see you at a game!

In the month of April, we will be completing the PARCC tests. Attendance is extremely important during these few weeks of 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 before or after each test. 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. We do not have a final testing schedule, but it will begin on Tuesday, April 18. I will send home an exact schedule that second week of April.

April is a good time to remind your child to continue to work hard and to read. Once the weather warms up, everyone dreams of being outside and at times their class work suffers. Please continue to encourage your child to do his/her best in school.

Welcome Back!  
Mrs. Myre ☺



## Student Council

During the month of April, Student Council will be holding elections for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Current 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be eligible for the position of Class Representative. Current 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be eligible for leadership positions, including President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Students attended a presentation about student council on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Applications for all positions are due on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, with results to follow that afternoon. I hope you will encourage your student to take an active role in Student Council.

Student Council Advisor,  
Mrs. Heap



## Fifth Grade News

Spring is in the air! Finally! I hope that everyone has a wonderful spring break, and that we are all ready to finish the school year strong!

We have seven students currently finishing up our Book-It program: **Brooklyn Hatteberg, Emma Schultz, Danielle Monsess, Hannah Sandoval, Gabi Maxwell, Blake Wallin, and Kiara Weseh.** After this month, they will have completed six months of reading-300 minutes each month! Each student earned one personal pan pizza every month, and by completing the whole program, they will participate in a school wide pizza party. Nice job! **Blake Wallin, Logan Jacobsgaard, and Danielle Monsess** finished the Rebecca Caudill Program also. They've read at least three Rebecca Caudill nominated books and wrote a summary for each one. Each student in grades 3-5 who participated received an ice cream party with Mrs. Rehberg and voted on his or her favorite book. We've also finished Ozzie's Reading Club. Our participants were **Clay Friestad, Gabi Maxwell, Molly Chapman, Blake Wallin, Cory Withrow-Steil, and Danielle Monsess.** These five read MORE minutes in 8 weeks. They read an extra 90 minutes every two weeks which is a total of 360 minutes in 8 weeks in addition to the rest of the reading required! Great job, book worms! Reading does lead to success!

We are gearing up for our **PARCC exam**. We will begin the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> and end the last week in April. We've been practicing both math and reading in class almost daily. You may send a snack and drink in with your student on our testing dates. I will send home a note beforehand to remind you.

For our field trip this year, we will be going to **Feed My Starving Children and Phillips Park Zoo**. Our date for the trip is May 16th. The students have really enjoyed going there, and

it is a great service project. We will be drawing our chaperones after spring break. If you would like to chaperone, and you're not on the list, please email or call me.

We are starting our **Annual Wax Museum Project**. Please watch for a packet coming home explaining everything that your student is supposed to do. I will also be sending home a page with due dates as well as the projected date of the Wax Museum. Parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and grandparents are invited! The students are really excited about this project!

Mrs. DeGraaf



It has been a very busy March! Hopefully, we will be enjoying some nice, spring weather soon! In Reading, we are continuing to prepare for the PARCC testing which will be administered in April. We have also been working on daily journal prompts that have sparked great creativity in our class! I am very pleased with the effort in writing on these assignments! In Geography, we have been studying about Africa. The students have chosen a country and will be researching various facts to make a presentation for the class, similar to the format we used for the Europe projects. The students have been learning a lot about landforms, deserts, rivers and the names of the countries that make up Africa. In Science, we have been studying about the different layers in the atmosphere, as well as various weather patterns.

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, we have been discussing the Industrial Revolution, Westward expansion and Jacksonian Democracy. We continue to watch CNN Student News each day and the students are learning to take notes and recall information on daily quizzes.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, we are continuing to learn about the U.S. Constitution. We have spent a lot of time learning the 27 amendments and 7 articles in the Constitution. Everyone did a great job memorizing and reciting the Preamble before Spring Break! In the next several weeks, we will continue to discuss required information pertaining to the Illinois Constitution and our American flag. Please encourage your student to continue to be in class and stay on task as we get closer to the final Constitution exam for graduation. It has been a lot of fun working with everyone on this unit!

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

Warm days are coming soon!

Mrs. Scott



## Seventh Grade News

March really flew by! Everyone has more or less survived all the sicknesses going around.

The sixth graders just finished their poetry unit and will be starting research papers soon after break. They will be working on organizing their facts, starting sentences in a variety of ways, and learning about Works Cited pages.

The seventh graders just wrapped up a letter writing unit. We practiced writing friendly letters, business letters of complaint, and thank you letters for strange gifts. They will be picking their topics for their medieval times research papers after break, which will help them gain some interesting background knowledge for our field trip to Medieval Times later in the year.

The eighth graders just finished typing their World War II research papers. They did a fantastic job with our new skills of using direct quotes and parenthetical citations. After break, the eighth graders will be starting literature circles with a variety of recent novels. Many of these novels focus on dystopian or apocalyptic societies. I am looking forward to some good discussion on what the students would do if they were the characters in the novels.

The first AR book for fourth quarter is due on April 21<sup>st</sup>.



I hope everyone has a relaxing and fun spring break!

Miss Zielske



## Eighth Grade News

Math classes are busy preparing for the PARCC test. Each day, we will be working on a combination of problem solving and review. After we conquer the PARCC exam, sixth grade will work on getting acquainted with using integers while seventh grade becomes more fluent solving algebraic equations. Eighth grade will have an added bonus of mastering quadratic equations. Remember that all LGS students can practice math on IXL.com wherever there is an internet connection. Take advantage of this great tool to help reinforce concepts learned in class.

Seventh grade science class has finished presenting their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter projects. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, we will focus on the systems of the human body, which includes the popular cow eyeball dissection. Eighth grade science class will be starting their final project on a physical science topic of their choice. All of the projects require using different applications, including Word, Excel, and Power Point software. Everyone will be using the classroom laptops to complete the projects.

Mrs. Heap

## 2016-2017 Lisbon Grade School - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter



### *High Honor Roll*

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Zach Carlson  
Breannyn Dixon  
Tayton Hardecopf  
Evan O'Toole  
Alexis Reibel  
Cole Reibel

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alexis Dixon  
Kjersten Friestad  
Jacquelin Harvey  
Reese Heap  
Jacqueline Jollay  
Owen Mathre  
Grandon Mitchell  
Annika Myre  
Taylor Rhodes  
Austin Tollefson  
Mackenzie Wilkins  
Megan Williams

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

Kailee Borton  
Gavin Brown

### *Honor Roll*

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lindsey Hatteberg

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

Megan McIntyre  
Dalton Reibel