



November Newsletter



News from the Superintendent

The 2016-2017 school district report card is now available. You can go to www.iirc.niu.edu to view our report card or obtain information about other schools in Illinois. Copies are also available from the school district if you want one.

When you send a check in with your student for the office, please either put it in a labeled envelope or write in the memo area of the check, what the check is to be used for (example: lunch money).

When washing the school sports uniforms please wash them on gentle, cold water with no fabric softener and please do not put them in the dryer – they must be hung to dry.

Reminders:

- At various times during the year, either for motivational or educational purposes, the district will show either a “G” or “PG” rated selection to the students. We try to screen these carefully for content prior to showing. However, if you do not wish for your child to view these movies, please notify the school and we will make other arrangements for this time frame.
- If you drop off your child in the morning after 8:20 A.M., 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.
- Parents, when you come to school to drop off items, or to pick up your student, please stop in the office and check in. Our staff will be happy to deliver the items or to page your student.
- Parents, we always have many items in our lost and found. Please remind your student(s) to check the lost and found frequently. Parents are also welcome to check during conferences, basketball games, open house, etc.
- If you know your child/children will be missing school due to an appointment, sending a note prior to that day will help in classroom scheduling. Also, please review the parent/student handbook for guidelines for homework makeup.
- We will use the following guidelines in determining whether students go outside or stay inside during winter weather for recess:

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. If the temperature is below 25 degrees, students will remain inside.



Safety Drills

Safety drills were held in October and included fire, tornado and intruder drills. The Lisbon Fire Department provided an assembly and held demonstrations for the students on fire safety. The Lisbon School District thanks the fire department for putting on this program for our students. The school will conduct 2 more (unannounced) safety drills during the year.

In addition to fire, tornado and safety drills, bus evacuation drills are performed. Students/drivers review the importance of exit location, listening to driver instructions and the process of moving safely out of danger in case of an accident.

Music News

This is a reminder that next month is the annual Lisbon Christmas Concert. The concert will be Tuesday, December 19th. It will be held at the Lisbon Grade School Gymnasium/Stage. The concert will begin promptly at 6:30pm and students will need to meet in their classrooms by 6:10.

Students are asked to dress nicely for the evening concert. Jeans are not appropriate. All attire must adhere to the school dress code. No hats allowed.

If you know your child will not be able to make the concert date please send a note with your child or speak with their classroom teacher. The concert is part of the music grade and will not be excused without notification.

The students are very excited to perform for you this year. We can't wait to see you at the concert!



Musically,
Mrs. Pfizenmaier

Resource News

The resource room has certainly been busy. Eighth grade has been working on labeling and classifying sentences, writing a scary story, and earning their Accelerated Reader points. Kindergarten students have been working on identifying letters and sounds, reading sight words, and counting to 30. First grade has been working on addition and subtraction, reading sight words, and reading simple sentences. Second graders continue to work on their weekly story and comprehension skills. Third graders just finished reading

Erindle. They continue to work on reading their weekly story, comprehension skills and spelling words. Fourth grade is moving right along with their multiplication and division skills. Don't forget to work on their multiplication facts at home.



Thanks for your continued support!
Mrs. Darnell

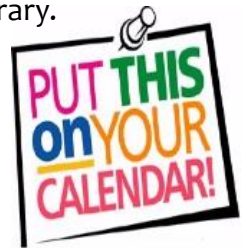
LOOP News

LOOP would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Walk-A-Thon. It was an incredible success for our school and such an enjoyable day for all. More than 130 students, teachers, staff, and parents collectively walked over 1,000 miles in 2 hours! Our school goal was set at \$8,000, and your hard work helped us raise in excess of \$12,000 for our technology fund! We could not have achieved this without your continued support and it is greatly appreciated! LOOP's next directive is to update the computers in Lisbon's computer lab, by replacing them with laptops. All profits from the Walk-A-Thon will be put toward this goal!

Once again, LOOP will be offering SCRIP cards. These make great gifts, and it's a great way to buy gift cards while supporting our school. More information about SCRIP will be sent home soon.

Reminder that Box Tops are collected in each classroom. Please continue to send these in with your student as they have helped provide playground equipment for the students at recess.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, November 9th at 4:30 in the school library. Please note the change in date. We hope to see you there!



News from Coach McKinney

First quarter has come and gone in a flash!!! Only 8 weeks left until Christmas Break. Not sure if I want the cold weather yet, and definitely do not want snow!!

The students just finished team speedball and handball units where they learned many different skills and competed in class competitions!! We are looking forward to our SkateTime week, which is Nov. 6-10.

In 8th grade Health, we are beginning to talk about nutrition and the proper way to handle food consumption. They are ready for the big project of charting a food log.

The 8th grade just finished leading the school for Red Ribbon Week. They did a great job!! All the students enjoyed the craziness that each day brought. Thanks to all those that participated!!

In sports news, a HUGE congrats goes out to both volleyball teams for an incredible season and a first place trophy for the 7/8 grade team for the Jr. 10 Conference. They also took home the top prize at the conference tournament!! Good work girls!!

The 2017 Lisbon soccer team just finished a very successful season. This was the first year of playing in the Jr. 10 conference and they competed very well against some tough competition. They also earned a second place trophy at the Milton Pope tourney and won the consolation trophy at the Newark tourney. Coach Mathre is very proud of how the players worked hard and improved throughout the season and he looking forward to next season!

The boys have started their basketball season and are off to a good start. They are working hard and looking for a few more W's! Keep up the good work boys!!



GO LIONS!!!

Coach McKinney

Kindergarten News

I enjoyed meeting with each of the kindergarten parents at conferences. Thank you for taking the time to come in to talk about your child's progress!

We enjoyed the visit from the Lisbon Fire Department during our safety day. Thank you to all of the Fire Department volunteers that helped that day! We have read a lot of books about fire safety.

Also, we have continued to talk about community helpers in the month of October. Thank you to each of our visitors: Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Wesseh, Coach Doco, and Officer Pfizenmaier who took the time to talk to our classroom about their jobs! We had fun learning about what it means to be a nurse, a teacher, a soccer coach, and a police officer! It is fun for the kindergarteners to start planning what they would like to do when they grow up!

We continue to build our list of sight words from our reading curriculum. Please continue to review our Family Times booklet that comes home each week. It features our sight words, as well as words to sound out. The students are working hard at sounding out words. Please encourage your child to sound words out at home as well. It is time consuming but so important in their reading development!

November 2nd marks our 50th day of school!!! As you may know, we are counting our way to 100's Day! November 2nd will be our "Half-Way There Day"! The school days are just flying by! We all look forward to our 100th Day of school Celebration!

This month, we will begin a Clifford Unit. Each student will have a chance to bring home a Clifford backpack filled with some fun activities to do with the family. More details about the Clifford Unit will be coming soon!

We look forward to our Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 21st! Parents, be sure to be looking for your invitation to the feast in the take home folders. Thank you to our cooks who will be preparing our delicious meal!

Just a reminder to be reading at home and filling out the Book-It calendars. The students are excited to earn their Pizza Hut certificates!



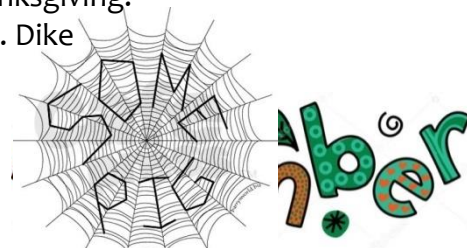
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First Grade News

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Dike



Thank you to all of our parents who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences. I enjoyed meeting all of you and getting to talk with you. Thank you for taking part in your child's education and for your continued support!

A few things to remember as we begin November.... Reading & Math homework will be sent home nightly. Book – It forms are being sent home November 1st, our goal again this month will be 8 books! Keep up the good work!

Thank you to all of our parents who volunteered to attend or contribute to our Halloween Party. The kids had a great time!

We had fun on our field trip to the Sandwich Opera House last week! We saw the play Charlotte's Web. We would like to thank the LOOP for the cost of our trip. We enjoyed our trip!

In the classroom... we will continue to focus on our Reading skills (comprehension, predicting, vocabulary), Writing skills (journal writing, forming complete sentences, capitalization, punctuation), and Math (subtraction).

Later in November we will have our annual Thanksgiving Feast with 2nd grade. More information will be sent home closer to time.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Enjoy spending time with family and friends!

Mrs. Jacobson



Second Grade News

I enjoyed visiting with all of the parents at conferences. Thank you for taking the time out of your schedules to attend your child's conference. Your participation shows that you value education.

We have almost finished our second unit in reading. I have noticed that the students are becoming much more fluent in their reading. We have been working on making our voices go down at the end of a sentence, and making them go up at the end of a question.

Please remember to have your child read his/her leveled reader several times during the week. I would appreciate it if the reading bags could be returned on Friday.

This past month the Lisbon firefighters visited us during fire safety week. The students were excited to see the fire truck and the equipment. The kids did a great job on the drills. Please remember to review your address and phone number with your child. In addition, please discuss different routes out of the house with your child and designate a meeting place outside of the house in case of a fire. I hope your child developed a fire safety poster showing how to escape in the event of a fire.

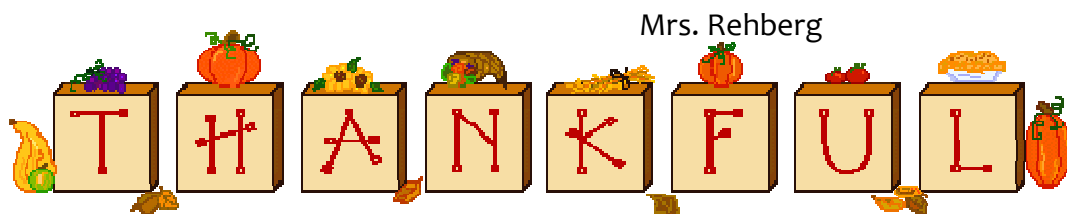
Kindergarten, first, and second grades enjoyed watching the play Charlotte's Web this last month. We had a great morning at the Sandwich Opera House. Thank you LOOP for providing that opportunity for us. I was very proud of how well-behaved our Lisbon students were!

Remember that Book-It is due at the end of every month. It is so important that students are reading daily. It is only by reading that we become better readers! Please encourage your child to sign up for accelerated reader tests on the books they read for Book-It. I would love to see our students moving their dinosaurs down the hallway. Students who read all chapter books for their Book-It are rewarded with their favorite candy bar.



Thank you to everyone who sponsored our walk-a-thon. We appreciate all of the time and effort that the LOOP officers put into making it a success. It was a fun afternoon, and the weather couldn't have been better. Improving our technology is a wonderful goal!

I am looking forward to our Thanksgiving feast with the first grade in November. A letter will be sent home soon asking for assistance with the food and supplies needed for this event.



Third Grade News

Please continue to encourage your child to read for 20 minutes per day. Students can take tests on most books available, not just books from the AR cart. If students read a book from home, they can bring it in and take an AR test. I will continue to send home the reading book on Thursday, so you can read and review the story and vocabulary for that week. Please make sure you are looking over all of your child's homework and initialing his/her assignment notebook.

We have started on the concepts of multiplication. Once we start multiplication and division please practice with flash cards and IXL. Please have your child practice math on IXL for 10 minutes a night.

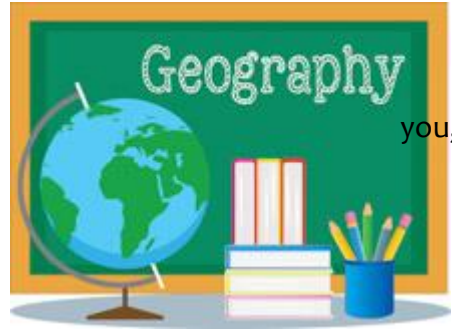
In Social Studies, we are learning about our country's geography. In Science, we are starting a new chapter on where plants and animals live. We are all very thrilled about our

informational papers and dioramas on an animal. I will send home information about the project soon.

Your child will bring home his/her book to review two nights before a test. Please re-read the chapter together and look over the vocabulary page and study guide that will come home too. Make sure your student has an understanding of the main ideas in the chapter.

Thank you to Mrs. Monsess for hosting our Halloween party. We had a great time.

We enjoyed the walk-a-thon. Thank you for all of your hard work with the walk-a-thon.☺



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Mrs. Doorn

Fourth Grade News

It was wonderful to see all of you at parent/teacher conferences or speak with you on the phone. Everyone seems to be settling into fourth grade quite well. If you have further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

As we discussed at conferences, your child has a new monthly goal for AR. Please encourage them to meet this goal. They should be reading every night for around 20 minutes. Remember that the Book-It forms are due the first part of every month. Earning a pizza certificate is a great reward for doing something they should be doing anyway. The best way to become a better reader is to practice and read, read, read every day! Thank you to those that regularly sign the assignment notebook. I will phase that out the second semester if they consistently complete their homework this quarter.

Don't forget to practice multiplication facts at home. They are realizing how difficult math is if they struggle with multiplication facts. We will be working on larger multiplication and division problems, so it is very important that everyone knows the basic facts...practice, practice, practice whenever you can.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that made our Halloween party a success. I know a lot of time and energy went into planning and organizing. We really enjoyed it. It was nice to see everyone in the parade and all of the different costumes.

Fourth grade was the class in the K-4 hallway that raised the most money for the Walk-a-Thon. As a reward, we got to go to Heap's Pumpkin Farm. We had a great time learning about how pumpkins and corn grow. They even showed us a wide variety of pumpkins they grow there. We also got to pet some animals, play on the hay bales, and in the corn kernels. We ended the day with playing in the pirate's area, picking a pumpkin and taking a few pictures. What a special treat. Thank you for all of your donations and to LOOP for the fun afternoon. Also, thank you to Emily for driving us there and Sally Wallin for being our LOOP representative. We appreciate you.

Since it is getting much colder in the mornings, please be sure your student comes to school with a coat. Let's have a great November and a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Myre ☺



Fifth Grade News

I want to say a quick thank you to all the parents who came to parent/teacher conferences. I appreciate all the time and effort you put into your student. Only by working together will we see your student grow in confidence and exceed in the classroom.

We just finished the novel, Sign of the Beaver. We read it as a class. I was really impressed by the depth of the questions and the conversations that were happening. We've also finished our Native American research project in correlation with our novel. We are now back in our Reading textbook, but we will be focusing more on writing responses from our daily reading. As a reminder, your student needs to take at least 2 AR tests this quarter. The first one is due November 15th.

In Math, we have started division work. I am hoping that the students will pick up this skill quickly since it's a lot of review from last year. We will be throwing in some decimals- just for fun! Please encourage your student to use the online textbook for tutor help, videos, and other resources.

Our class wants to give a shout out to our parents who helped make our Halloween party a success! We appreciate you!

Mrs. DeGraaf

News from Mrs. Scott

It's hard to believe the first quarter is over already! The students are doing a great job and I am enjoying working with each one of them every day! In Reading, we just completed Collection One stories while discussing the theme, "Moments of Truth." We have been working on applying a variety of skills and strategies to help us become more

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effective readers! In Science, we have completed chapters on Mapping the Earth's Surface and Weathering and Soil. We will be learning about Erosion and Deposition in our next chapter. In Geography, everyone worked really hard to research the particular state they were assigned for the state projects! They followed a rubric with guidelines and compiled information and pictures to present on a tri-fold board. They learned a lot about these states and were excited to show them at parent-teacher conferences! I hope everyone enjoyed looking at these great displays! I'm really proud of all of them! Way to go, sixth graders!

In 7th grade Social Studies, we have learned about the 13 original colonies. The students did a good job labeling these states on a map and identifying some of the similarities and differences between them. They also learned about various ways of life in the colonies, including early education and apprentices and dame schools. In the weeks ahead, we will be taking notes and discussing the French and Indian War, as well as identifying the colonists reactions to various taxes imposed on them by British Parliament.

In 8th grade Social Studies, we completed discussions regarding areas of Progressive reform, the three main Progressive presidents and steps for women's suffrage. We will also be learning about the causes of the Spanish-American War, the building of the Panama Canal and some of the short and long-term causes of World War I. The students have been participating well and I always appreciate their input in our discussions!

I enjoyed meeting with all of you during parent-teacher conferences! Please feel free to call or email me if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Scott



News from Miss Zielske

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Thank you to all the parents and students who attended conferences. I enjoyed meeting with you to discuss all of the great work I have seen so far this year. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any concerns that come up.

The junior high has been working hard on writing. The sixth graders have just finished a descriptive writing unit where our final project was to use specific adjectives and position words to describe a haunted house. Seventh grade has become experts at using coordinate adjectives and compound/complex sentences in their writing. They have written some really creative October-inspired papers and will be starting narrative papers next. The eighth graders are almost done with their horror stories and will also be working on personal narratives next. They have been working hard on using the ellipsis and the dash to create suspense in their writing as well as using commas correctly in complex sentences.

The second nine week's AR dates are November 15 and December 22. Several parents asked me at conferences if it is possible to check at home to see if a book will count for AR. If you go to <http://www.arbookfind.com>, you can type in the title of a book to find out how many points the book is worth. Keep in mind that new books sometimes take a couple weeks for a test to be created. Please help your child establish a regular reading routine at home so they don't wait until the week the book is due. Also, each extra book your child

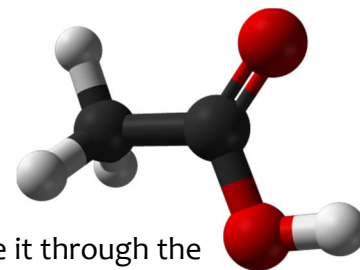
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reads counts toward extra credit. Extra credit is not added in until the last day of the quarter.

Thanks so much for your support!
Miss Zielske

News from Mrs. Heap



When the weather turns cold and rainy, it's a signal that we've made it through the first quarter! Eighth grade just completed their first unit on Sound and Light. During November, they will start the Chemistry unit and build molecules. They will be able to describe the different ways that elements bond to each other and why certain elements like to "hang out" with each other to create compounds. Seventh graders will finish up their unit on Diversity and begin studying cells. Get ready for the Cell-O Jell-O projects!

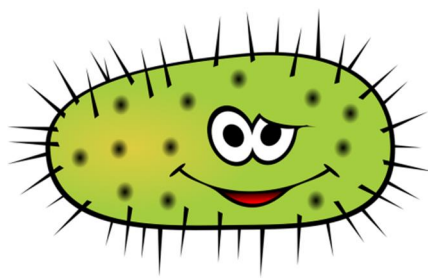
Math classes are moving along in the curriculum. Eighth grade is finding endless ways to graph equations and functions; seventh grade is working on proportions, slope, and direct variations; and sixth grade has begun using variables in expressions. Remember that students can log into IXL.com for unlimited practice on a wide variety of math activities. A little extra practice can make a big difference.

Thank you to all of the parents who donated food and drinks for the Halloween party. A special thanks to Mrs. Tollefson, who planned fun-filled activities to keep the kids entertained, and Mrs. Reibel, who helped with the festivities. Students had a great time!

Our first fundraiser (Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, and Tupperware) was a great success. If your student participated in the fundraiser and you did not pick up your orders during Parent/Teacher Conferences, you can pick them up on Wednesday, November 1st at 3 PM. Our second fundraiser (Treasure Breads) will end on Wednesday, November 1st. All money and order forms are due at that time. These delicious breads will be delivered to the school and should be picked up on Monday, November 20th at 3 PM. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who supported the fundraiser!

Our November reward is a bowling trip that takes place on the day before Thanksgiving. It is paid with money raised through the fundraiser, and a permission letter will be sent home at a later date. Students may bring extra money to purchase food at the bowling alley. This is such a fun way to kick off the long Thanksgiving weekend.

I enjoyed seeing everyone during Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is an honor to work with such well-behaved and motivated students. Please feel free to call or email me if you have questions or concerns.



Happy Fall!
Mrs. Heap

Illness Policy

If a student comes to school when he/she is not feeling well, he/she will be more vulnerable to infection. It is the best interests of your child and the other students at Lisbon Grade School Dist. go to keep your child at home when he/she is ill. A student needs to be well to be able to participate actively in the school program.

Guidelines:

- 1. After a fever, a child's temperature must be normal (98.6 Deg F.) for 24 hours before he/she returns to school.**
2. If a child is well enough to come to school, the school will expect him/her to go outdoors with his/her class, weather permitting (exception: a note from the students' **parent or doctor** requesting limited activity level.)
3. Often, children may ask to come to school even though they are ill. Although your child may be disappointed, please keep him/her at home if he/she is sick.
4. If your child becomes ill while at school and you are called, please cooperate by picking up your child promptly. The school will not call unless your child needs to be at home.
- 5. If your child is too ill or injured to participate in P.E., they will not be allowed to participate in recess. After school activities (i.e. – soccer, volleyball, basketball, track etc.) will be at the coaches/AD's discretion.**
6. If the student is absent 4 or more consecutive days the school must be provided with a Dr. release to return to school.

Illness Requiring Exclusion

Temperature-oral temperature above 100 degrees F. accompanied by behavior changes or other signs or symptoms of illness-until medical evaluation indicates inclusion in the facility.

Signs of possible severe illness-including unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing, uncontrolled coughing.

Uncontrolled diarrhea-defined as an increased number of stools compared with the child's normal pattern, with increased stool water and/or decreased form that is not contained by the toilet use.

Vomiting-two or more times in the previous 24 hours unless the vomiting is determined to be due to a non-communicable condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration.

Mouth Sores-with drooling unless the child's physician or local health department authority states the child is non-infectious.

Rash-undetermined rash with fever or behavior change until a physician has determined the illness not to be a communicable disease.

Head Lice-students will be sent home and cannot return until lice free. Students may return when they have been properly treated for nits and most of the eggs have been removed.

Purulent conjunctivas-defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep, and including a child with eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eye, until 24 hours after treatment was begun.

Infestation-(e.g., scabies), until 24 hours after treatment was begun.

Rubella-until 6 days after the rash appears.

Measles-until 6 days after the rash appears.

Tuberculosis-until the child's physician or local health department authority states the child is non-infectious.

Impetigo-until 24 hours after treatment was begun.

Streptococcal pharyngitis-until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated, and until the child has been afebrile for 24 hours.

Ringworm infection-(tinea capitis, tinea corporis, tinea cruris, and tinea pedis) until 24 hours after treatment was begun.

Varicella (chicken pox)-until 6 days after onset of rash or until all lesions have dried and crusted.

Shingles-only if sores cannot be covered by clothing or a dressing, until the sore(s) have crusted.

Pertussis-which is laboratory confirmed, or suspected based on symptoms of the illness, or suspected because of cough onset within 14 days after having face-to-face contact with a laboratory confirmed case of pertussis in a household or classroom, until 5 days of appropriate chemoprophylaxis (currently, erythromycin) has been completed.

Mumps-until 9 days after onset of parotid gland swelling.

Hepatitis A-virus infection until 1 week after onset of illness or until after immune serum globulin has been given to appropriate children and staff in the program, as directed by the responsible health department.

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