



December & January Newsletter

Holiday Greetings from Mrs. Elias

The holidays are fast approaching and the snow in November sure made it look like winter is here! The students are busy preparing for the senior citizen luncheon, Christmas program, the band concert at the high school and collecting hats, mittens, and scarves. I am proud of all their hard work and dedication to their studies and athletics on top of the extra activities this time of year brings. I encourage our families to spend more time playing board games, watching movies, talking and reading. I challenge you all to take a break from the screen time.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Important Dates/Items to Remember:

- The Senior Citizens Luncheon will be Friday, December 14th from noon until 2 P.M.
- The Christmas Program is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 P.M. Student dress for the concert should be good clothes you would wear to church. All students should be in their classroom by 6:10 P.M.
- 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.
- We are still looking for a Bus Driver. Please stop in or call for more information. We offer paid training. This is a great opportunity for a stay at home parent, grandparent or anyone looking to earn extra money.
- We will be adding an additional day to the end of the school year due to the snow day we had on November 26, 2018.



Enjoy a Great Book this winter season!!!!

Come find a great book this Christmas break. Our winter book fair will run the December 10th week. All students get a chance to sneak peek on Tuesday, and then your student will shop either Wednesday or Thursday. We are also planning to have the fair open on Friday during the Senior Citizens Luncheon.

LGS Library Volunteers



Bus Notes



Reminder that the bus schedules will change after Christmas Break. Your drivers will be calling you during the January 4th weekend to let you know your times for the remainder of the school year. Also remember, if your child is not riding the bus in the morning, please call your child's driver or the school office. If your child is not riding the usual bus or not riding at all in the evening, please call or send a note to the office so we can notify drivers/teachers. We are still in need of a bus driver or a sub driver. If you know of anyone have them stop in the office or call 815-736-6324.

5 Essential Survey

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.

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/>

Music News

The Lisbon Grade School Christmas Concert is right around the corner! The concert will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018. The concert begins promptly at 6:30 P.M. and students need to meet in their classrooms by 6:10. Students are asked to dress up for the occasion. Students may not wear jeans or hats.

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.

We have all been working very hard on our songs and hope you will join us for a great night of Christmas music!

Musically,
Mrs. Pfizenmaier



The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award

The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is in full swing again this year. The award is named in honor of Rebecca Caudill who lived in Urbana, Illinois and wrote for almost fifty years. Students must read at least three of the nominated books and complete a short summary to participate. The short summary is necessary as it proves that the student read the book. In addition, it allows the reader to reflect on the parts of the book he/she liked or didn't like. I value the students' opinions about the books and enjoy reading their reviews.

Summaries can be taken to the office where they will be put in my mailbox. Students who read and complete summaries for at least three of the books will vote for their favorite when the program ends in February. Students who vote will be invited to an ice cream party upon the completion of the program.

Mrs. Rehberg

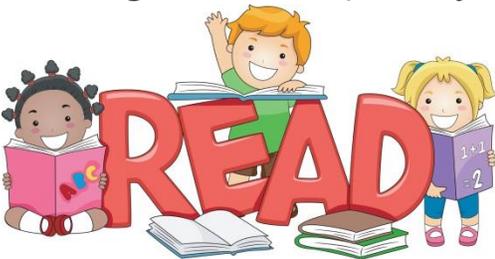


Holiday Greetings from the Resource Room

It is hard to believe that we are at the start of December already. We had a great Fall here in the resource room and are looking forward to the months ahead. The reading students will continue focusing on reading strategies to improve reading comprehension and test taking skills. They are also continuing to work on phonemic awareness and expanding vocabulary skills that are needed in order to read with fluency. The third and fourth grade Math students will continue to work on multiplication and division of numbers.

Please make sure that your children read at home as well as at school. Here are a few tips for reading at home with your child. First, ask questions before and after reading. Second, help your child make connections between what they read and their own lives. Third, take time to have discussions about the books you are reading together. Most importantly make reading time fun!

Happy Reading,
Erin Tugman



LOOP News

SCRIP Card orders are due to the office on December 3rd. This is a great opportunity for one stop shopping for all of your gift cards! Please fill out the order form and place the form and money in an envelope marked "scrip". You should receive your gift cards in about 10 days. They will be sent home with your child unless you request a different method. Purchasing Scrip cards is an easy way to earn money for our school.

Spirit Wear orders are being processed. Thanks to those of you who supported by ordering. Your orders will be in shortly. Spirit wear makes excellent gifts!

Santa Shop is coming soon! It's hard to believe the holidays are already upon us. The students always enjoy choosing gifts for family and friends. There will be several items available in various categories. There is truly something for everyone: babies, kids, teens, parents, grandparents, pets, etc. All items will be affordably priced. Shopping times will be scheduled for each class during the school day. If you have a home based business, and would like to be a part of this event by donating or selling your goods at a reduced price, please let us know.



🎁 December 4th and 5th will serve as a preview days for the students, (watch for Wish lists to come home).

🎁 The students will be shopping during their scheduled time on Thursday, Dec. 6th and Friday, Dec. 7th.

Tablets for Sale: We still have a few gently used tablets for sale. They are \$25 each, and would make great gifts for your young ones!

Small Business Saturday at LGS: More information about this event will be available soon!

Please continue to send in your Box Tops

Thank you for your continued support. LOOP could not be a success without all the help we receive from our parents! Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00pm and Tuesday, January 8th at 4:30pm. We hope to see you there.

Happy Holidays!

Speech Team News

Congratulations to the Speech Team for their fantastic performances on Saturday, November 3rd, at the IESA Speech Meet! All 11 of our groups received 1st place ratings! Lisbon Grade School participants and performances are listed below:

Alexis Reibel, Ellie Reibel- Regular Duet Acting

Tayton Hardecopf, Bre Dixon- Regular Duet Acting

Tanner Kempfiak, Addison Long, Emma Salato- Small Group Acting

Hannah Sandoval- Solo Acting

Zach Carlson- Solo Acting

Alyvia Raymond, Brooke Lieser- Regular Duet Acting

Molly Chapman, Kiara Wesseh, Danielle Monsess, Emma Schultz-

Small Group Acting

Henry Mathre, Clay Friestad, Blake Wallin, Dylan Long- Small Group Acting



Logan Jacobsgaard, Gavin Rush, Cory Withrow-Steil, Kaleb Carlson-
Small Group Acting

Tess Carlson, Gwen Friestad- Regular Duet Acting

Bre Dixon, Zach Carlson- Improv Duet Acting

Congratulations to the following Judges' Choice Winners:

Hannah Sandoval- Solo Acting

Alyvia Raymond, Brooke Lieser- Regular Duet Acting

Molly Chapman, Kiara Wesseh, Danielle Monsess, Emma Schultz-
Small Group Acting

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to work with such a great group of students! They all practiced extremely hard and represented Lisbon Grade School VERY well! I was SO proud of all of them! I would also like to thank the entire Lisbon staff for their help in making the Speech contest such a great experience for our students!

Mrs. Scott



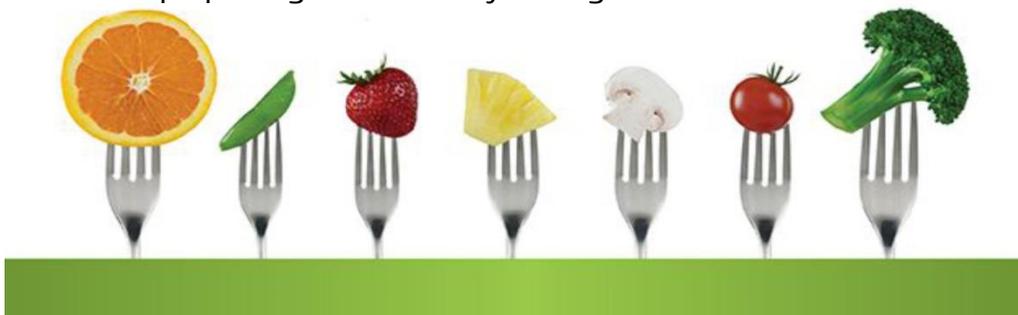
Holiday Greetings from Coach McKinney

The 2018-19 school year is flying by!!! We are quickly approaching Christmas break...and we all are looking forward to that. Hope everyone has a great holiday season.

In 8th grade Health, we are continuing with our nutrition chapter. The students will take part in a food log project. This project will make us aware of the food we consume on a daily basis. We are looking forward to it.

In PE, we finished our bowling unit. We also had a great time roller skating thanks to SkateTime. We enjoyed all kinds of games and activities during the week! The students had fun!! The 6th thru 8th grade took part in a field trip to Echo Lanes to finish our bowling unit. To finish out the semester we will be enjoying our bean bags unit!!!

The boys' basketball teams are finishing up their respective seasons. The A team is hoping to finish strong and do well in the end of the year tournaments. The B-team has been working hard as well!! They will also compete in an end of the season tournament, so good luck!! The cheerleaders are looking forward to leading our Li'l cheerleaders during their clinic and performance at the game on December 8th at the high school!!! Keep up the good work boys and girls and GO LIONS!!!





Holiday Greetings from Kindergarten

The kindergarten class had such a fun time at our Thanksgiving feast! We would like to thank all of our guests for coming and sharing this special day with us. Also, thank you to the cooks who prepared the delicious meal, as well as the parents who provided desserts for the feast!

We have had a very fun time with our Clifford unit. Each student has had a chance to take Clifford home and do some fun activities. Thank you to the parents who have helped the students write in the journal and to make this unit a memorable one. It has been exciting to see so many students have fun with Clifford through the years!

Kindergarten will be working on color words in the months of December and January. We will not only be recognizing our color words, we will be spelling them, too! We will be having a color words test...hopefully the students will pass with "flying colors"! We will be working on the number words in December, as well. As these new concepts are introduced, I ask that the parents reinforce these skills at home. Also, please continue to work on the sight words that we are working on at home, as well as reading all the little readers that are sent home through the weeks. It is so exciting that the students are beginning to recognize their sight words in other sources of reading, other than just in the reading curriculum! They are learning to sound out words, as well as starting to read sentences! Keep up the great reading, Kindergarten!

With Christmas quickly approaching, December will be a busy month for everyone! The Kindergarten class has some decorating to do! I will be bringing in a small Christmas tree and ask that each student bring in a small, preferably non-breakable ornament to help decorate the tree.

We look forward to our Christmas party on Thursday, December 20th at 2:00p.m. Thank you to the parents who will be planning a fun party for us! We will be having a gift exchange this year – boys bring a \$10.00 gift for a boy and girls bring a \$10.00 gift for a girl. In addition, please label your child's gift "To Boy" or "To Girl", and with their name so we know who the gift is from. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We are continuing our "100th Day Countdown"! We look forward to our 100th Day of School celebration on January 30th!

The Kindergarten class wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Dike



Happy Holidays from 1st Grade

We have a new student in first grade! We would like to welcome Mythius Garrett to Lisbon. He started school here this week. We now have 16 students in first grade.

Our Christmas Party will be Thursday, Dec. 20 at 2:00. Our chairpersons are Jen Chelsen & Allison Wesseh; they will be contacting parents who have signed up to bring drinks, snacks and treats.

Please remember to send your child's gift exchange to school by Tuesday, Dec. 18. The cost should be under \$10.00 and it should be labeled boy or girl. While you are out shopping, please remember that our school is participating in a community project to collect new hats, mittens and scarves for those in need. You may send one or more of these items to decorate our tree. Thank you for support!

Our Christmas program is on Tuesday, December 18! The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Please have your child in our classroom at 6:10p.m. The kids have been working very hard on their songs and can't wait to sing for you!

This month we will be busy shopping at the Santa shop (Thank you LOOP!), reading stories about The Gingerbread Man, and meeting our Elf on the shelf and many other fun activities!

Keep up the good work on Book-It reading! Please continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald Charity. We would like to collect them from each classroom at the end of each month.

Have a Merry Christmas!
Enjoy the Holidays and our break!
Mrs. Jacobson



Holiday Greetings from 2nd Grade

Although it looks like December or January outside, it feels like a typical November inside our classroom. I can't remember ever having a snow day in November! Our month has been full of memorable experiences.

Our Thanksgiving feast was a lot of fun. The second graders made Pilgrim hats, and the girls also made collars. We wore them to our feast with the first grade Native Americans, who looked great in their vests and headbands. The students learned how to make butter to add to our feast. They preferred eating it to making it! They found out that it takes quite a while to turn the whipping cream into butter. Thanks to everyone for donating food and supplies for our Thanksgiving feast.

We have had several students win awards this month in our room. Zadi Bleuer won the fire escape plan contest. Zadi and I enjoyed riding to school in the fire truck. This is a great program that the fire department provides! Leah Fitzgerald won the Ag in the Classroom poster contest. The theme was "Apples on the Farm". She won a book about apples. In addition, Ray Blaszcak, Lily Harms, and Delainey Howe earned a pizza

lunch for their summer journals. Students were given journals on the last day of school last year and asked to write in them for at least fifty days. These three students did excellent job writing about their summer days. We may have some future authors in our midst!



Our class is looking forward to the Christmas party which will be held on December 20th at 2 P.M. Our chairman is Kristi Mathre. Emma Smith and Kari Friestad are providing our food, and Aimee Howe is in charge of drinks. Paper products will be provided by Brianne Harms. Suzie Contreras will create treat bags, and Meghan Seiberlich and Joan Sterling are responsible for developing the games. We will have a gift exchange at our party. Girls need to bring a gift for a girl, and boys need to purchase a gift for a boy. The suggested spending amount is ten dollars.

If you are looking for some educational items for your child this season please consider a set of addition or subtraction flashcards. There are also some good math games on the market. The second grade students need to master the basic facts to twenty. Please try to work on these facts over the holidays. I would also like to see more students taking advantage of the IXL math website. I do get a weekly report of the number of problems each student completes each week as well as the skills practiced. Using the website is a great way to master math skills in a fun and unique way. The student who spends the most time on IXL each week earns a blue slip for our character counts drawing.

Please continue to review addresses and phone numbers at home.

Happy Holidays!
Mrs. Rehberg

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Holiday Greetings from 3rd Grade

Wow! I can't believe it is December already. We will be busy this month. In Reading, we will be taking our unit 2 test. Reading 20 minutes a night will continue to help with fluency and comprehension.

Please keep practicing multiplication and division with your child. Flash cards are a great way to continue to review multiplication and division facts. Your child can practice on ixl.com at home. We will continue learning multiplication and division.

In Science, we are learning about weather. The students did a great job on their dioramas and animal papers. Please continue to help your student study for our Science and Social Studies tests. In Social Studies, we will be learning about Communities and Geographies.

A few reminders: The Christmas concert is December 18, 2015 at 6:30. Our Christmas party will be December 20th at 2 PM. Mrs. Friestad is the chairperson, and she will contact you to remind you what you need to send in for our party. The gift exchange gifts are due by December 17th. The cost of the gift should be \$10. Please make sure they are wrapped and labeled for a boy or girl. Thank you.

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Doorn

*Merry & Happy
Christmas & New Year!*

Holiday Greetings from 4th Grade

November was a very busy month! I don't know where the time is going. Before you know it, Christmas will be here and then the New Year. Don't forget to encourage your fourth grader to keep reading for Book It and AR. The holidays will be a wonderful time to catch up on a great book or two. Please remember that they have to read a second book this quarter by December 21st and pass the AR test with a 70% or higher. The grade they get on the test is the grade that goes in the gradebook. If this test is not passed or they don't read their second book, it will be graded as 0%. The following students earned their Book It certificate for the month of October: Kiptyn Bleuer, Emily Contreras, Marie Dechant, Connor Fitzgerald, Sage Harms, Easton Kempniak, Vivianne Meade, LeAnn Monsess, Sophie Nichols, Austin Reibel, and Brody Rush. Great job 4th graders!!!

In math we are continuing to multiply and will soon be dividing. In chapter 5 we will be multiplying with two-digit numbers and in chapter 6 we will be dividing by a one-digit number. Please practice the basic multiplication facts so they can focus on the concept of multiplying/dividing greater numbers and not trying to figure basic facts. This will help alleviate any additional frustrations during these chapters. A great time for reviewing facts would be in the car or while waiting in those long checkout lines. ☺



Here are some important dates to remember...The Santa Shop is coming up the week of December 3rd. This is a great time to pick up those greatly needed gifts. The book fair will arrive the week of December 10th. The gift for the Christmas Gift Exchange should be at the school by Monday, December 17th. Remember to wrap and label the gift girl or boy. The Christmas program is on Tuesday, December 18th. This class has been working really hard in Music and they can't wait to perform for you. Please have your child in the classroom at 6:10. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Our Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m. Terri Lynn Reibel is the chairperson and she will be contacting you to remind you of what you signed up to bring for our party. Heidi Kempniak is the games person. Those two are the only ones that should attend. Thank you in advance to all the parents who are sending in items.

We really appreciate it. The hat and mitten donations are due by Friday, December 21st.

Please make sure your child is dressing appropriately for the weather; winter coat, boots, snow pants, hat, and gloves. I will soon be fading out the assignment notebook signature if your student has done their homework on a regular basis. Hopefully this will be one last thing you have to do, as long as your student stays on top of their responsibilities. If not, I can faze it back in.



Happy Holidays to you all!
Mrs. Myre ☺

Holiday Greetings from 5th Grade

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving! We have many things to be thankful for, and I am thankful for each student in the 5th grade. May your Christmas season and the New Year be filled with family and fun.

Congratulations to Zach Zabel, Logan Bols, Kendon Hardecopf, Sophia Withrow-Steil, Reagan Thompson, Jorgen Friestad, Payton Wallin, Tiffany Soland, and David Monsess for completing the November Book-It. They read for 300 minutes in the month of November. They each received a free personal pan pizza coupon redeemable at Pizza Hut. Way to go! Keep up the good work!

In math, we just completed a chapter on adding and subtracting decimal numbers. We will start studying multiplying, and dividing them.

We are in the middle of Unit 2 of our reading series. The unit concept is doing the right thing so we've been reading stories about people who have the courage to do the right things. After we finish the unit, we will be doing Christmas activities- reading about different traditions and putting on a play. At the beginning of the New Year, we will focus the first two weeks on poetry while reading the novel, Love That Dog.

We just finished a chapter on Growth and Survival. We studied how plants and animals adapt to their environments and what happens when their environment changes. We are starting a chapter on Ecosystems.

In Social Studies, we are finishing a chapter on explorers. We will be choosing an explorer and writing a report on his/ her life.

Our Christmas party will be Thursday, December 20th, at 2 p.m. I will send out a parent reminder the first week

in December if you have volunteered to help us celebrate; as well as a note explaining our class

Christmas exchange. We also have a Santa Shop coming up in December. This is a great way to support our LOOP and finish that Christmas shopping. Also, our Lisbon Grade School music concert is Tuesday, December 18th. It is definitely going to be a busy December!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Mrs. DeGraaf

Holiday Greetings from Mrs. Scott

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! It's hard to believe that Christmas will be here in just a few weeks! We have been learning a lot and the students are doing a great job! In Reading, we have been talking about Unforgettable Personalities. Some of the characters in our stories have been human, such as parents or sisters or brothers. We have learned that animals can be characters

that possess unforgettable personalities that impact many of us in amazing ways, too! We have also been making inferences using our prior knowledge and information from the text in order to become more effective readers! In Geography, we completed a review of the 50 states and capitals! Everyone matched the states and capitals and labeled them on a blank map. This took a lot of effort and memorization. Great job, 6th graders! In Science, we have been learning about different kinds of erosion and deposition.

In 7th grade Social Studies, we are learning about events leading up to the American Revolution. We will also be talking about significant battles fought during the war and how each one led to the colonists winning the American Revolution. We will be ending this unit with an informational video on America: The Story of Us from the History Channel.

In 8th grade Social Studies, we have started our study of World War I. We are learning about the United States position of neutrality and what events eventually forced America to enter the war. Throughout our discussions about the 1920's, we will be talking about various changes in the White House, as well as changes in life that still influence us today.

Thanks so much for all of your support! Please feel free to call or email me if you ever have any questions or concerns. The next several weeks will be busy and fun as we look forward to Christmas!

Mrs. Scott



Holiday Greetings from Miss Zielske

I can't believe November is almost over! I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break.

In English, all students have been improving their ability to punctuate complex sentences correctly and use a variety of different sentence lengths in their writing. We are starting to work on argument writing techniques. Students learn how to develop claims, evidence, and explanation of the evidence without using feelings or emotions toward the subject. We will be doing several class activities that focus on different types of argument writing that include having to read articles and gathering information before a claim can be made.

Students in seventh and eighth grade are continuing to use different reading strategies in their stories. In December, seventh grade will be reading a play called "Brian's Song" and comparing it to the movie version. Eighth grade will be taking a break from their reading textbooks to do a novel study of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. They enjoyed their mini-research project on Victorian England topics to help give us background on the novel. I have also challenged eighth graders to read an

additional classic novel on their own for an opportunity to earn extra credit. The next AR book is due by December 21st.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season!



Happy Holidays,
Miss Zielske

Holiday Greetings from Mrs. Heap

Wow! I can't believe that it's December and the holidays are just around the corner. We have accomplished so much already, but of course, we have so much more to cover before the end of the year. Math classes are working on a variety of topics. Sixth grade just completed a geometry unit and are ready to begin working with ratios and percentages. The seventh grade class is finishing inequalities and will begin working with percentage problems. Eighth grade is working with inequalities as well as solving problems with systems of equations. Additional math practice on IXL.com is available to students anywhere there is an internet connection. If you are having trouble logging in at home, please contact me and I will help you get connected.

Science classes are ready to start new units. Seventh grade students are beginning a unit on cells and heredity. The end of November and beginning of December they will focus on cells (including Cello-O Jell-O), and then their attention will turn toward studying heredity. Eighth grade is starting the chemistry unit. Each day we will highlight a different element and learn about its special characteristics. We will also begin building small models, starting with atoms, and continue until we can model large molecules and compounds.

The junior high will host the area senior citizens for lunch and entertainment on Friday, December 14th. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to relax and talk to community members that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to get to meet. This activity is paid for by money from the junior high fundraiser. Our Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 21st, which includes a movie, snacks, and a gift exchange (spend about \$10). The movie takes place in the morning with a break for treats around 10 AM. A reminder notice will go out about a week prior to the party for the parents who signed up to send in treats.

Student Council is up and running. Our first community project will be collecting donations for a local charity. The "Mitten Tree" is located by the office door. Students can bring in new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to decorate the tree until December 21st. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in cold weather gear. All items will be taken to a local charity after school on December 21st. It has been a great success so far!

I would like to wish all of my students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. It is truly a blessing to work with your students each day!

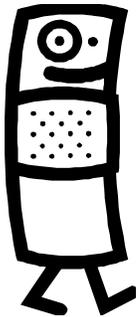
Mrs. Heap



BAND



Band-Aide of the Month



Make sure your instrument works well BEFORE the night of the concert.

Don't oil your valves or use a new reed on concert night.

A.M. Combine

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

REMEMBER: 6th-8th Grade ONLY!

CONCERT

Monday, December 17

Newark High School Gym
7:00 pm

Wear your uniforms
(black pants and band shirt)

Call time is 6:30 pm

FINAL REHEARSAL

*****ALL BAND STUDENTS
5th-8th Grade

Monday, December 17
7:45 am-9:15 am

Newark High School gym

FUNDRIASER Pick-UP

Thursday, December 13

3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Newark High School
Band Room

Please take your
instruments home over
Christmas Break!