



December/January Newsletter

Holiday Greetings from Mrs. Elias

The holidays are fast approaching and the cold weather sure makes us feel 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 6th from noon until 2 P.M.
- The Christmas Program is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 P.M. Student dress for the concert should be nice 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: Please have children wear coats to school!
 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. This opportunity can be for the morning AND afternoon routes or just the afternoon route! Please stop in or call for more information. We offer paid training and days off. This is a great opportunity for a stay at home parent, grandparent or anyone looking to earn extra money.

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/>

Enjoy a Great Book this winter season!!!!



Come find a great book for this Christmas break. Our winter book fair will run the December 9th week. All students get a chance to sneak peek on Monday, and then your student will shop either Tuesday or Thursday. We are also planning to have the fair open before and after the Music program on December 12th.

LGS Library Volunteers



Bus Notes

Reminder that the bus schedules will change after Christmas Break. Your drivers will be calling you during the January 3rd 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.

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

Season's greeting from the Music Program!

The Christmas concert is coming up soon! We will be performing December 12th, at 6:30, in the school gymnasium. Students are asked to be in their classrooms at 6:10. Concert attire is nice, dressy clothing. Please, no hats or jeans. We look forward to singing for you!



Musically,
Mrs. Pfizenmaier

Speech Team News

Congratulations to the Speech Team for their fantastic performances on Saturday, November 9th at the IESA Speech Meet! As most of you know, Lisbon Grade School had the opportunity to host the Speech Meet this year at Newark High School. I would like to thank ALL those who volunteered to help make the day a wonderful success for the students! It was definitely a team effort, and I appreciate the many ways our staff, LOOP, parents and community members contributed their time to represent our school in such a positive manner.

All Lisbon Grade School performances received first place ratings and the students and events are listed below:

Henry Mathre, Gavin Rush, Cory Withrow-Steil-Small Group Acting

Tess Carlson, Gwen Friestad, Tanner Kempiaik, Addison Long, Emma Schultz-Small

Group Acting

Clay Friestad, Reece Roberson, Blake Wallin-Small Group Acting

Gavin Rush, Kiara Wesseh-Improv Duet Acting

Hannah Sandoval-Solo Acting

Danielle Monsess-Solo Acting

Reece Roberson, Emma Schutz-Improv Duet Acting

Kaleb Carson, Dylan Long, Lucas Wicklatz-Small Group Acting

Brooke Lieser, Alyvia Raymond, Ellie Reibel-Small Group Acting

Danielle Monsess, Hannah Tremme-Improv Duet Acting

Brooklyn Hatteberg, Hannah Sandoval-Improv Duet Acting

Molly Chapman, Brooklyn Hatteberg, Emma Schultz, Hannah Tremme, Kiara Wesseh-

Small Group Acting

Molly Chapman, Cory Withrow-Steil-Improv Duet Acting

6th grade class-Logan Bols, Reggie Chapman, Jorgen Friestad, Kendon Hardecopf,

David Monsess, Isabella Roberson, Eva Smith, Tiffany Soland, Jose Tapia,

Reagan Thompson, Payton Wallin, Sophia Withrow-Steil, Zach Zabel-Chorale Reading



Special Note: The Judges' Choice Award is selected by each judge based on one or two exceptional performances among those that they judged throughout the day.

Congratulations to the following Lisbon students who received this recognition:

Danielle Monsess-Solo Acting

Danielle Monsess, Hannah Tremme-Improv Duet Acting

Molly Chapman, Cory Withrow-Steil-Improv Duet Acting

6th grade class-Chorale Reading

Our entire junior high participated in Speech this year! It was a privilege to have the opportunity to work with such a great group of students and I was SO proud of all of them!

Mrs. Scott

LOOP News



Walk-a-thon: Technology Update

This year the technology committee and LOOP will be purchasing document cameras, laptops and wireless printers for classrooms. Teachers are looking forward to using these items and greatly appreciate LOOP's thoughtfulness and generosity!!

BoxTops for Education

Remember to scan those receipts to help earn money through BoxTops for Education. The Box Top Mobile App is available to download and scan store receipts for instant earning. Money received from BoxTops help supply the school with playground equipment. Thank you in advance for your participation!!



SCRIP Cards



Orders are due to the office on Monday, December 2nd. 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

Spirit Wear orders are being processed and will arrive before Christmas break. They will be sent home with your child unless otherwise requested. Contact Caitlin Delaney to make special arrangements for pickup. Thank you to those who ordered.

Santa Shop

Christmas is fast approaching and Santa Shop is a great way for kids to get wonderful gifts for family and friends!! LOOP is excited to add new items such as chap stick holders, tumblers, pop sockets, and cord critters.

-  Preview Days: Tuesday, December 3rd and Wednesday December 4th.
-  Shopping Days: Thursday, December 5th and Friday December 6th.

Concessions

Thank you volunteers!! LOOP very much appreciates those that volunteered to work concessions during the volleyball tournament and speech contest!! Also, thank you for donating items to the hospitality room!!

Upcoming LOOP Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm. All meetings are held in the school library and are open to all LGS Parents, Teachers and Staff. We look forward to seeing you!!

Monarch Book Award Program



This year we are excited to be participating in the Monarch Award program again, this is an Illinois K-3 Readers' Choice Award. The name Monarch was chosen because of its familiarity to K-3 and to symbolize the growth, change and freedom that becoming a reader brings. The Monarch is designed to encourage children to read critically and become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. The program is open to all K-3rd grade children in Illinois. This program will be starting with at least 5 of the books being read aloud in class. At least 12 of the chosen books will be available to check out in the library, when not being used in a classroom. Voting for any students K-3 that have read or listened to at least 5 of the books will take place the first week of March.

Brrr... ~~It's that time of year~~ again!

**Please donate new hats, gloves,
mittens, and scarves for our annual
Mitten Tree collection!
Thank you!!**

- * Donate from December 2nd to December 20th.
- * Items will be donated to a local charity!
- * The tree will be outside of the school office.



News from Coach McKinney

The 2019-20 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 a game!! Keep up the good work boys and girls and GO LIONS!!!

Coach McKinney

Season's greetings from the Resource Room

It has been an amazing start to the 2019-2020 school year. All our students have come so far since the beginning of the year. Please continue to read with your children each night and practice math facts. The holiday season is a great time to find a new book to read as a family. It is this support from your homes that really help make sure that all LGS students succeed in the classroom. Have a wonderful Holiday Break!



Thanks,
Mrs. Tugman

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 all of the families that prepared the delicious meal!

We have had a very fun time with our Clifford unit. The students continue to take turns taking 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 19th 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 24th!

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

Mrs. Dike

Happy Holidays from 1st Grade

Hello!

First grade has been working hard reading and taking AR tests. Our class Christmas party will be Thursday, Dec. 19 at 2:00 p.m. Our class will be doing a gift exchange. Girls will bring a girl gift; boys will bring a boy gift. Please complete the label as follows..... To: Boy or Girl From: write your child's name. The cost should be under \$10.00 and it should be labeled. Gifts can be brought in anytime and put under our classroom tree. All gifts need to be here by Tuesday, Dec. 17. Thank you to Blair Carlson, our chairman. She will be contacting our parent volunteers prior to the party.



Field Trip..... Kindergarten through 5th grade will be attending a play. We will be seeing "The Nutcracker" at the Sandwich Opera House on Fri. Dec. 13. A note and permission slip will be sent home soon. Thank you to LOOP for helping with the cost of admission.

Our Christmas program is on Thursday, December 12! 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!

Please take a look at the school calendar, it is a busy month! This month we will be busy shopping at the Santa shop (Thank you LOOP!), visiting the Book Fair, reading stories about The Gingerbread Man, meeting our Elf on the shelf and many other fun activities! Keep up the good work on Book-It reading! I will be accepting the November Book -It forms through Monday, December 2. We choose two IXL winners each Friday! Continue to practice at home. Students receive a yellow slip if they have earned the most minutes on IXL for the week.

Please continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald Charity. 1st grade students collect them from each classroom at the end of each month. We thank you for your donations. Each year I try to think of a way to show kindness, spread joy and help others around the holidays. I think it's a great way to teach my students how to be thoughtful, giving and show acts of kindness. Please be watching for our 1st grade holiday project coming home soon.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Enjoy the Holidays and our break!
Mrs. Jacobson



2nd Grade Holiday Greetings

November has flown by! In second grade Ryland Benefiel won the fire department escape plan poster contest. Ryland and I enjoyed riding to school in the fire truck. This is a great program that the fire department provides. It is an exciting experience!

Three students in our class earned a reward this month. Students were given journals on the last day of school last year and asked to write in them for at least fifty days this past summer. Carter Chelsen, Betsy Howe, and Lila Sievers earned a pizza lunch with me for their summer journals. They did an excellent job on their writing!

The second grade Pilgrims had a wonderful feast with the first grade Native Americans. The Pilgrims and Native Americans learned how to make butter to add to our feast. They preferred eating it to making it! It tastes so good spread on Ritz crackers. Thanks to everyone for donating food and supplies for our Thanksgiving feast.

The students are looking forward to the Christmas party which will be held on December 19th at 2 P.M. Our chairman is Aaron Westerfield. Jen Chelsen, Alison Wesseh, and Stephanie Westerfield are providing our food, and Aimee Howe is in charge of drinks. Paper products will be provided by Sheri Chartrand. Katie Sievers will create treat bags and be 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. Please send the presents in by Monday, December 16th.

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. 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 child completes each week as well as the skills practiced. Using the website is a great way to practice and master those math skills in a fun and unique way. The student who spends the most time on IXL each week earns a yellow slip for our character counts drawing.

Please encourage your child to read over the holidays. You might consider giving a gift of books this season. If you ever care to purchase Scholastic books from the book order as gifts just send me a note. I will let you know when the books come in. December Book-It forms will be due our first day back after the break. I have been very proud of the students. Many of them are reading diligently and taking Accelerated Reader tests. They love to see how many points they have acquired. Many of the students are starting to read chapter books more frequently.

Please continue to review addresses and phone numbers at home.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Rehberg



Holiday Greetings from Third 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 12 at 6:30. Our Christmas party will be December 19th at 2 PM. Mrs. Mathre 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 16th. 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!*

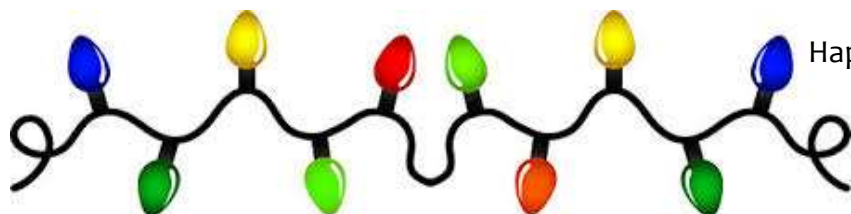
4th Grade Holiday Greetings

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 20th 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: Tyler, Marcus, Weston, Ellie, Carter, Troy, Nate, Brooklyn, Kyla, Kellen, and Colt. Great job 4th graders!!!

In math we are continuing to multiply and will soon be dividing. In chapter 5 we are 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 check out lines. ☺

Here are some important dates to remember... The Santa Shop is coming up the week of December 2nd. This is a great time to pick up those greatly needed gifts. The book fair will arrive the week of December 9th. The gift for the Christmas Gift Exchange should be at the school by Monday, December 16th. Remember to wrap and label the gift girl or boy. The Christmas program is on Thursday, December 12th. 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 19th at 2:00 p.m. Kesa Provancher is the chairperson and she will be contacting you to remind you of what you signed up to bring for our party. Adam Carlson 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 20th.

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 ☺

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 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 Emily Contreras, Sage Harms, Connor Fitzgerald, and LeAnn 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. It isn't an easy skill, and this is the perfect time of the year to have your student practice adding money. They can make a Christmas list and add up how much it costs. It's a great way to practice adding decimals or subtracting 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 ten days of Christmas study. Each day we will study the history of different Christmas symbols and traditions.

We just finished a chapter on Growth and Survival in Science. We studied how plants and animals adapt to their environments and what happens when their environment changes. We are growing our own bean plants using a hydroponic garden. We will be replanting those the first week of December.

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 19th, 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. Check the calendar for the band concert and music concert. It is definitely going to be a busy December!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. DeGraaf

Happy Holidays 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 the original thirteen colonies. In our next chapter, we will be 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 been talking about Pacific expansion and the United States becoming a world power. In our next chapter, we will begin our discussion about World War I. We will be 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



Season s Greetings from Miss Zielske

I can't believe November is almost over! I hope everyone enjoys 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. Seventh and eighth grade even learned how to write a compound-complex sentence. Sixth graders started their Genius Hour projects, which involve researching a topic of their choice. They will typically work on these projects once a week in class. Each grade is starting to work on their argument writing units. Students learn how to develop claims, evidence, and explanation of the evidence without using feelings or emotions toward the subject. Seventh and eighth graders will dive a little deeper and learn about counterarguments and rebuttal. 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 20th.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season!

Happy Holidays,
Miss Zielske



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 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 is beginning a geometry unit and will continue in the math curriculum by working with ratios and percentages. The seventh grade class is working with percentage problems and will progress to solving inequalities. Eighth grade is graphing linear equations and will round out January by solving inequalities. 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 have started new units. Seventh grade students are beginning a unit on cells and heredity. At the end of November, students showcased their models of cells by inviting the school to come and view their Cello-O Jell-O projects and amazed everyone with how they transformed my room into a giant model of a cell. In December, they will focus their attention on 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 6th. 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 activity fees. All students should dress in speech contest attire... no gym shoes, blue jeans, or t-shirts will be allowed.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 20th, 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.

Our first community service project in the junior high will be collecting donations for a local charity. The "Mitten Tree" will be located by the office door. Students can bring in new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to decorate the tree until December 20th. Last year we collected over 100 items. Let's see if we can pile up the winter items and make a huge donation again this year!

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

REMEMBER: 6th-8th Grade ONLY!

Puffin Pick-UP Monday,

December 16 After our

concert!!

Newark High School

CONCERT

Monday, December 16

Newark High School Gym

7:00 pm

**Wear your uniforms
(black pants, black shoes
and band shirt)**

Call time is 6:30 pm

FINAL REHEARSAL

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

**Monday, December 16
7:45 am-9:15 am**

Newark High School gym

**Band Aids:
Ms. Chase would love student
volunteers to help set up the gym.
7 am! (NOTE TIME)
Donuts & Juice provided.**

**Band Karate is returning
in January! Details after
Christmas Break!**