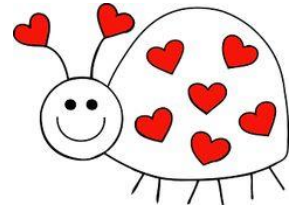


February Newsletter



News from Mrs. Elias

Lisbon Grade School Received Exemplary Designation by the Illinois State Board of Education

Lisbon Grade School was presented with a plaque from the Kendall County Board on January 21, 2020 recognizing the state designation of Exemplary performance. The designation is based on the school's overall data for all of the IL accountability indicators, as well as the data for individual student groups. To qualify for Exemplary Designation student performance is in the top 10% of all schools in Illinois and no underperforming student groups at or below the "all students" group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools. Congratulations!

Important Notes to our Parents:

Please note the entrance and exit signs to our parking lot. To the south of the school it is an entrance and an exit. The north end is an EXIT only. Also, please be advised that while the buses are parked in the drive and the stop arm is out, children are entering or exiting the bus and you may not pass the bus. This is for the safety of our children. If there is a change in your child's dismissal routine, the office must have a note or a phone call from the parent requesting the change. Please do not text the driver or have your child tell the driver of the changes. They must go through the office and the driver will be notified. Lastly, please remind your child there is no eating on the bus.



Illinois Assessment Dates:

The state wide assessment test (IAR) will be given April 14th – 24th. We ask parents to make sure that students have an adequate amount of rest and eat a good breakfast during testing week. Also, please avoid making appointments during this time, as students have to make up the test(s) missed at a later date.

Kindergarten Registration:

Registration will be Friday, May 8th, at 1:30 P.M. in the library.

Kindergarten

Registration

Information



Absences:

If you know your child is going to be absent, please call the school office and leave a message or call the school by 9 A. M. the morning of the absence.

Employment Opportunities:

LGS is looking for a person to fill our hourly evening custodian position and hourly daytime kitchen assistant. Currently the evening custodian and the kitchen assistant is filled by the same person, but in the future it is preferred but not necessary. The evening custodian time is flexible and can range from 2-3 hours a night with a start time after 3:00pm. Evening custodian also works some days over Christmas and spring break as well as approximately 20-40 hours a week, depending on workload, over the summer. Kitchen assistant is 2-3 days a week from 9am-1pm. Please share this information! Contact me if you have any questions or are interested in the positions. (815) 736-6324.

LOOP News



Pork Chop Dinner: Saturday, February 29th

February for LOOP means its time for our Annual Pork Chop Dinner!! We are excited to work with Clear View Pork (Morris) again this year serving delicious pork chops and porkburger sandwiches. Information sheets and ticket packets will be sent home with students soon. We ask that each family sell at least 12 tickets. Remember, this fundraiser is our primary source of income for our LOOP general expenses so we need everyones help selling meals.

This year we will be holding a Gift Card Raffle. If you are interesetd in donating cards, please contact Jen Chelsen (630.217.0118). Gift card ideas can include resturants, gas cards, retail stores, local businesses, ect. Winners will be drawn the evening of the dinner; need not be present to win.

For more information about our pork chop dinner, contact either Crystal Monsess (815.474.5284) or Emily Friestad (815.509.2438). Thank you in advance for supporting our school!!

LOOP Elections

Officer elections will be held at our April meeting for the positions of Vice Chairman and Treasurer. For more information about our officers and any positions, contact a LOOP officer.

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!!



Upcoming LOOP Meeting

LOOP will not hold a meeting in February. Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 7pm in the school library. **Note the day of the week change!!** We look forward to seeing you!!

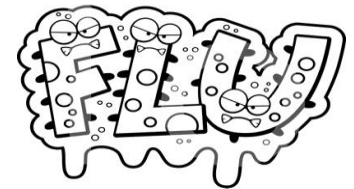


Flu Season/Visiting Physicians

The Nurse Practitioner from the Newark Health Clinic's office will be here May 4th to do sports physicals for next year. Remember if your child plans to play in any sport they must have a current sport physical on file with the school office before beginning practices. The only exception will be for 6th grade which must have a complete school physical before practicing. Forms for this service will be coming home closer to the date. If you have questions you can always call the school office.

Just a reminder to parents, this is flu season. Flu-like symptoms include the following:

Fever	Cough	Sore Throat
Runny Nose	Body Aches	Chills
Fatigue	Nausea/Vomiting	Diarrhea



Also, please remember to help prevent the spread of the flu by doing the following:

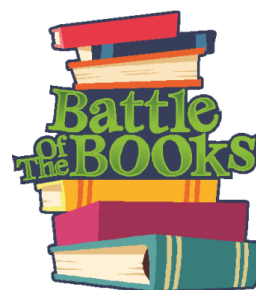
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you cough or sneeze. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based and antibacterial hand cleaners and wipes are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Cover your nose and mouth with tissue when you cough and sneeze. Throw the tissues in the trash after you use it. (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available)

Please watch for any flu-like symptoms in your children and keep them home until they are fever free for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Caudill Club

February 28th will be the last day to turn in Rebecca Caudill sheets. They need to be turned in by that morning. Students who read at least three of the nominated books and fill out our summary sheets may vote for this year's Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award. Those who qualify will vote for their favorite book on February 28th and will be rewarded with an ice cream party in April or May. Keep on reading!

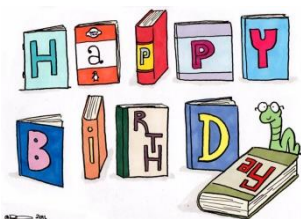
Mrs. Rehberg



Library Birthday Books

Celebrate your child's birthday by donating a new book to the library! This is neat for the kids because the library will put their name on a card in the book. It also helps volunteers in the library to know what kind of books the students are interested in. It is a wonderful way to add new books to the library! Thank you to those that have already donated this year.

- The Impossible Quest Series 1-5 By: Kate Forsyth
- Hitler Youth: Growing Up In Hitler's Shadow By: Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- On Blood Road: A Vietnam War novel By: Steve Watkins
- The One and Only Ivan By: Katherine Applegate
- Refugee By: Alan Gratz



Donated by Logan Bols for his birthday

News from Coach McKinney

We are officially in 2020!!! Can't believe we only have a few months left of this school year. Spring break will be here before we know it!! Looking forward to warmer weather!

In 8th grade Health, we are beginning to talk about smoking, tobacco, drugs and alcohol. We will be making anti-smoking posters as a part of this unit.

In PE, we have finished our floor hockey unit. They have done a great job at learning different skills and techniques. They also enjoyed competing against each other. We ended the month with Square Dancing. A huge thank you to Mrs. Patsy Mathre for all her help in square dance techniques and lessons for the kids! We are looking forward to the month of February as we will begin our Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart activities. Be looking out for more information.

The girls' basketball teams have begun their seasons strong. Both teams are working hard and improving! Good luck girls and GO LIONS!!!



Kindergarten News

Kindergarten celebrated the 100th Day of School! Our class celebrated by reading 100's Day books, counting to 100 in different ways, eating a 100's Day Snack Mix, and making 100's Day posters. Please be sure to stop in and view our posters in the hallway!

In Math, we continue to work on composing and decomposing numbers. We will also continue to discuss the number families, as well as sums of 5. Please review worksheets that come home, and any additional practice would be greatly appreciated!

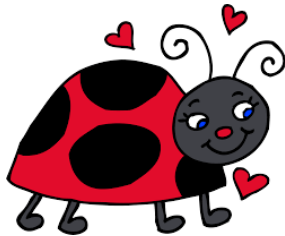
We will continue with Book-It and Ozzie's Reading Club. Please be sure to record your child's minutes for Book-It, and record at least 4 books every 2 weeks for Ozzie's Reading Club, our newest reading incentive. They are excited to earn a free ticket to the ballgame!

We look forward to our Valentine's Day Party on February 13th at 2:00. Thank you to the parents who are planning the party for us! A class list will be sent out for the students to make valentines for their classmates. Valentines can be sent in any time during the week of the party, beginning February 10th.



The kindergarten class will begin to work on their telephone number and address. These can be difficult skills, so please work on them at home as well!

Mrs. Dike



First Grade News

Welcome to the third quarter! We will be learning lots of brand new concepts this quarter. Students are becoming more independent readers! We will be taking AR tests without using the headphones and having the test read to us. When you are listening to your child read at home encourage them to sound out words they do not know. We are learning new phonics spelling patterns. First graders are doing a great job on AR and Book-It and returning homework! Keep up the good work! I appreciate your hard work!

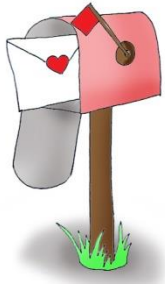
We choose two IXL winners for the week. Please encourage your child to practice throughout the week at home. This will help improve with our Math skills.

Ozzie Reading Club has started. Good Luck! Please encourage your child to read a little bit every night.

Valentine's Day Party will be on Thursday, Feb. 13th at 2:00. Our party chairperson is Caitlin Delaney. Food: Rachel Andersen, Drinks: Caitlin Delaney, Treat Bags: Blair Carlson, and Games: Katy Pope. Thank you to everyone helping!

I will be sending home a class list so the students can complete their valentine cards for their friends. We will be making a valentine mail pocket at school. The students will need to bring their valentine cards either Monday or Tuesday the week of the party.

Things happening in first grade.... We will be learning about the presidents, Washington D.C. , black history month (February) and dental health! We have just completed our Unit 3 Reading Unit Test. Test scores will be sent home soon.



Happy February!

Mrs. Jacobson

Second Grade News

Our Valentine's Day party will be held on February 13th at 2:00 p.m. Our chairman is Kari Friestad. Sarah Friestad, Sheri Chartrand, and Kari Friestad are signed up to send in food for our party. Jen Chelsen is signed up to send in drinks, and Crystal Monsess is sending in paper products. Aimee Berg is on our list to provide treat bags. Natalie Wallin volunteered to develop games. The students can send in their valentine cards any time the week before Valentine's Day. Please have your child write out his/her own cards. It is good handwriting practice. I will send home a class list. This year we are going to have a valentine box contest. This will be a home project. Boxes need to be decorated, include a slot for valentines, and be returned by February 6th. Cereal or shoe boxes work best for this activity. There will be prizes. I look forward to seeing the creative results!

Next month we are going to be doing cereal box book reports. We are in need of cereal boxes for this activity. Please start saving your empty cereal boxes and send them in. Try to encourage your child to read more and try harder books. I would like to see more students signed up for Accelerated Reader tests!

The second grade students need to increase their math skills. Please pull out the flashcards. Those addition facts to twenty should be automatic by the end of second grade. Students also need to memorize their subtraction facts. I would like to see more students taking advantage of the IXL Math online program that the school provides. Ideally, I would like to see students working on this site for at least an hour a week. This is a great way to increase our math knowledge. I know it is difficult if your family does not have internet access.

We have been working on learning typing in the computer lab. The students are doing a great job finding the home keys. If you have internet at home your child can practice at home as well. They can sign in at www.typing.com. They love it!



Thank you for all that you do!

Mrs. Rehberg

Third Grade News

Wow! We have been really busy. We are finishing up multiplication and division. Please continue to work with your child on memorizing multiplication and division facts. Please have your child practice on IXL.com. We have begun practicing for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness tests (formerly PARCC). We will be taking them in April. I will be sending home a note about the tests later.

Our Valentine's Day party will be on February 13th at 2 PM. Sharon Fitzgerald is the chairperson for our party. Kristi Mathre is the games person. The chairman will remind you of the items that your child is to bring in. If your child is bringing valentines, please make sure they have one for everyone in the class.

Please continue to encourage your child to read 20 minutes a night. We are still doing "Book-It" and Ozzie's Reading Club. We are finishing up Unit 3 in Reading and will be reading a novel next.

Please make sure you are looking at your child's assignment notebook and signing it. You should also be reviewing the assignments to make sure they are completed and correct.

In Science we are learning about motion. In Social Studies we are learning about our country's history.

Thank you for all of your support at home,
Mrs. Doorn



News from Fourth Grade

This year seems to be flying by and there is still so much to do. Please be watching backpacks for the Valentine's Day party volunteer sheet. If you are a volunteer, you will be contacted by the chair person. The party will be Friday, February 13th at 2:00. The chairperson and the games person will attend. Thank you all for your help with all of the parties. It really is a nice diversion from the normal school day. If your child chooses to make valentines for the class, please be sure they make one for everyone on the list.

Ozzie's Reading Club Challenge is underway. Please encourage your child to read. The goal is only 90 minutes every two weeks. The first and second base coupons were due last Monday, January 27th. There are great rewards for getting a "homerun"! I also challenged the class that if everyone participates and meets the goal of 90 minutes every two weeks, we could all attend the Cougars game together. That would be a fun class activity to meet at the game and cheer on the Cougars as a group. Please encourage your child to read, read, read. Just a reminder, it is separate from the Book-It

program. Each child must read 300 minutes by the end of the month to receive their free pizza voucher from Pizza Hut. The best way to become a better reader is to READ!!! Please remember to remind your student to keep track of their reading time every night. The reading logs are due at the end of each month.

Just thinking ahead... the standardized testing (IAR) isn't too far away. We have been talking about it and before you know it, it will be here. We will prepare as much as we can and do our best. The testing dates for Lisbon will be mid-April. More to come when it gets closer...



Mrs. Myre ☺



Greetings from 5th Grade!

Happy February! I cannot believe that the school year is going by so fast! Congratulations to LeAnn Monsess and Emily Contreras for keeping up with our Book-It. They are on track to participate in the school wide pizza lunch! We've also started the Cougars Reading Club. If your student reads an extra 90 minutes every two weeks for the next 8 weeks, they will earn a ticket to a Cougars game, a drawstring bag, a hotdog, and a drink, as well as a Golden Ticket which provides complimentary admission for all June- September home games! What a great deal!

In reading, we started the 3rd unit in our textbook that highlights artists and inventors. We will be learning about special effects in movies and writing our own "Blues" music along with reading and performing a play. We've also starting preparing for the Illinois state exam. One way to help at home is to encourage your 5th grader to read, read, and read.

In math, we are working on patterns. We've just finished decimals- adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying them. We review daily so that we get adequate practice. When we are finished with patterns, we will move onto fractions. Don't be alarmed if we move around in our math book this quarter- we want to make sure that we are covering everything that is on the state test.

In social studies, we are starting a chapter about the forming of the colonies. We will read chapter 5 then complete a colonist project.

In science, we are flying through our chapters trying to hit all the objectives that are covered on the 5th grade state science exam. The date and information about that will be sent home next month.

Thank you to our parents that have volunteered to bring treats for our Valentine's Party which is on the 13th. We appreciate you all! The students will be planning their own party, and I'm really excited to see the ideas they will come up with!

Happy February!
Mrs. DeGraaf

News from Mrs. Scott

January has been a busy month in 6th grade! In Reading, we just completed the novel, Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry. We had a lot of interesting discussions during this study and the students really enjoyed it! We have started working on some assessment practice passages in preparation for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness tests that will be administered in a couple of months. We will also work on a variety of writing prompts to help each student do his/her best during the week of assessments. In Geography, we have learned about Europe and the differences between Eastern and Western European countries. We have been able to connect events in Number the Stars with historical events in Europe during the same World War II time period. In Science, we have been learning about rocks and minerals. At the end of this chapter, the students will be able to identify various rocks and classify them as sedimentary, igneous or metamorphic. I am very proud of our 6th graders and encourage all of them to continue to complete daily assignments and always do their best!

In 7th grade Social Studies, we are discussing the framework of the Constitution and how some of the goals of the founding fathers were achieved. We also learned about the qualifications for becoming an American citizen. The students even took a sample citizenship test to get an idea of the written requirements. It was kind of interesting! We will also be discussing the beginning of political parties, as well as Hamilton and Jefferson ideas. In our next chapter, we will be learning about American expeditions with Lewis and Clark. We have also been keeping informed about daily news events through our CNN Student News reports. The students are learning to be informed about what's going on around them. Keep up the good work, 7th grade!



In 8th grade Social Studies, we are studying the Great Depression and will be starting our unit on the United States Constitution soon! Each student will receive a Constitution workbook and they will be responsible for completing daily assignments in it. We will do a variety of activities to help them learn all of the articles and amendments! Please encourage your student to participate in classroom discussions and review materials during this unit! They will all do a great job!

Please feel free to call or email me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Stay warm!

Mrs. Scott





News from Miss Zielske's Room

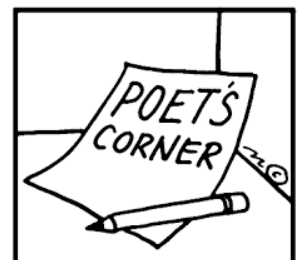
January has been a busy and productive month so far! The sixth graders just finished up their unit on using dialogue. After learning how to use quotation marks and commas correctly, the students applied what they learned while writing several narrative stories using quotes. They had plenty of interesting ideas for their stories! Also, students have been presenting their Genius Hour projects all month. It has been really fun to learn about the topics students selected, and they enjoyed choosing how they got to present their information.

Seventh grade finished up their argument writing unit by completing an essay on someone they thought was the "Greatest of All Time." We worked on using effective evidence and how to address counterclaims. We are finishing up compare and contrast essays featuring two topics that they were able to choose. They are moving on to a unit on dialogue next. In Reading, seventh grade finished a poetry unit where each group read and analyzed a set of poems and presented to the class. We are working on speech analysis now, and students are learning about ethos, pathos, and logos. Our main speech is by Cesar Chavez, which will create good discussion about equal rights for all races in America. They will be starting a unit on biographies and autobiographies next.

Eighth grade took a break from their reading books to try out some novels in verse. Several students liked them so much they picked novels in verse to read for their AR books as well. They also analyzed two texts about Julius Caesar and used evidence to prove if he was a hero or a tyrant. Next, they will be analyzing speeches by Harriet Tubman, Shirley Chisholm, and Venus Williams and learning about different rhetorical strategies that speakers use to make their arguments stronger. In English, we worked on a dialogue unit with a focus on split quotes. They had a great time with their assessment activity, which was writing a story with a "Debbie Downer" type character. They will be finishing Shurley English patterns in the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to all the students who already have their first AR book read for the quarter! The deadline for the first book is February 7th while the deadline for the second book is March 11th. Keep earning those prizes!

Miss Zielske



News from Mrs. Heap



Science Classes

Science classes are continuing to work on their curriculum. Eighth grade has been building ionic and molecular compounds out of marshmallows and toothpicks. They have also been preparing for the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) that will take place in the spring. The ISA is a comprehensive exam that covers material from our 6th through 8th grade curriculum. We have been using IXL Science to review concepts from prior years. Seventh grade has been creating a "family" of pet monsters and diagraming how specific traits are passed down from generation to generation. The "families" will be on display during Parent/Teacher conferences in March.

Math

The month of February will bring a lot of excitement to math classes. The eighth grade Algebra class is currently working with exponential functions and will begin working on 8th grade geometry standards. Sixth and seventh grade will be mastering statistics and probability concepts over the next month. All junior high math classes have been using IXL.com to reinforce concepts learned in class. Classes are spending one class period per week preparing for IAR testing. Since the test is completed on the computer, we are learning how to input equations, manipulate tools and diagrams, and use the technology to our advantage.

Valentine's Party

The junior high Valentine's Day party will be Thursday, February 13th. We will have an early pizza lunch at school and then skate at Skateland in Channahon during the afternoon. Students will return to school before 3 pm. A letter and permission slip will be sent home approximately a week before the trip. Parents who signed up to provide treats or pop for the party will be receiving a reminder letter in the next week.



Mitten Tree Collections

Thank you to all the students and families who brought in hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for the Mitten Tree collection. LGS donated 57 items to the Kendall County Food Pantry in Yorkville. A big thank you to everyone who sent in much needed winter items. We couldn't do it without you!

Please feel free to contact me at the school or at cheap@lisbon.k12.il.us with any questions or concerns.

2019-2020

Lisbon Grade School – 2nd Quarter



High Honor Roll

Honor Roll

6th Grade

6th Grade

Logan Bols

Reggie Chapman

Jorgan Friestad

Kendon Hardecopf

David Monsess

Eva Smith

Payton Wallin

Reagan Thompson

Sophia Withrow-Steil

Zach Zabel

7th Grade

7th Grade

Tess Carlson

Caleb Carlson

Gwen Friestad

Tanner Kempiaak

Addison Long

Brooke Lieser

Emma Salato

Alyvia Raymond

8th Grade

8th Grade

Clay Friestad

Molly Chapman

Henry Mathre

Brooklyn Hatteberg

Danielle Monsess

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Cory Withrow-Steil

Emma Schultz

Blake Wallin

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Looking Ahead! Spring Concert Monday, May 11

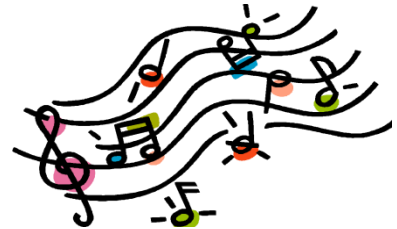
7 pm

AM BAND DATES (6th-8th)

Friday, April 17

Wednesday April 29

Thursday, May 7



BAND AID OF THE MONTH

Please Please

Buy your child's own reeds, oil,
cork grease, and other
supplies. Just text me on
Remind or e-mail and I will
take care of it for you!

BAND KARATE CHECK-UP

Band Karate is well underway!

Ask your band student

his/her status!

Band Karate ends late February!



Don't forget to use your Q & F or

PM Music Center

maintenance plan

With your plan you can get your child's
instrument cleaned, flushed, and adjusted!

If you need to check your plan's coverage,
contact Q & F or PM Music Center (5th
grade)

Keep your instrument in good playing
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