



# March Newsletter

## News from Mrs. Elias

### Conferences:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-7:00 PM and Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be sent home March 8<sup>th</sup>, and K-5<sup>th</sup> should be returned to the school no later than March 12<sup>th</sup>. Notices will be sent home by March 17<sup>th</sup> to confirm the time and date for each conference. We encourage all parents to attend these conferences.



### Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will be held at the school on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 PM. During registration, the incoming Kindergarten students are invited to visit the Kindergarten classroom.

While the children are in the classroom, parents will go to the library to pre-register the students for the fall session. At this time, registration forms need to be completed. Information needed to complete these cards include: names and telephone numbers of the child's doctor and dentist, phone numbers where the child's parents can be reached during the day and a relative or neighbor whom the school should contact if unable to reach the parents.

To be eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2021-2022 school year, a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2021. **A certified copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration along with two proofs of residency.**

Parents will also receive physical, dental and eye examination forms. Kindergarten students will not be allowed to begin school in August unless these forms have been completed and returned to the school.

School fees will also need to be paid at this time. Pre-registration of new Kindergarten students allows the school to organize the kindergarten class and transportation schedule.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at (815)736-6324.

### Next Year's School Calendar:

We are attaching next year's calendar to this newsletter as well as putting it on the website

### Sports Physicals:

Newark Healthcare Center is graciously doing sports physicals again for Lisbon Grade School on Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 12:30pm. These physicals will be good until 5/19/2022, which will run through sports for next school year. All students participating in a school sport must have a sport physical before they participate with the exception of 6<sup>th</sup> grade that must have a complete school physical prior to participating.

### IAR Testing

At this time the state of Illinois has not received a waiver to not participate in the IAR. The tests are a part of the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) assessment

program, and are being given to all eligible students in grades 3-8 during the weeks of April 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. The results of state tests will be reported on the School Report Card in the fall as well as given to you during fall conferences. We will review state test results along with other information to help us improve our school programs.

You can help your child do his or her best on the test by:

1. Making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing.
2. Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing.
3. Providing breakfast on the mornings of testing.
4. Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand the test directions.
5. Letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best.
6. Advising your child not to worry about the test, just do the best he or she can.

Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests. Your child's teacher will be sending home more exact test dates/times for their grade level. We look forward to sharing the IAR results with you this fall.



## **March news from our Resource Room**

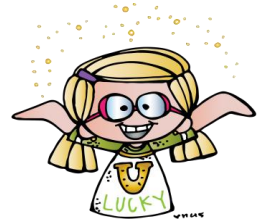
March is here and Spring is near....There are many fun things to come in March!



The school year has been going great in the resource room! My students work hard every day on their goals and are making progress. I am so proud of what they have achieved this year. This month we will be working on some March activities and writing assignments. My students will continue to work on their reading and writing skills. I encourage all my students to read books at home daily to earn AR points! In my small group we will be finishing the book *Wonder* and completing short reading articles. I look forward to meeting with everyone during conferences this month! I enjoy working with many students within the building, and it is such a joy to see their progress every day!

Thank You,

Ms. Kenney



## **News from Coach McKinney**

The countdown is on!!! 12 more weeks of school! I know that sounds like a long time away, but the school year is really going fast. We are looking forward to spring break which is only 4 weeks away. That means we are that much closer to golf season!!

This is personally my favorite time of year! MARCH MADNESS!!! The basketball seasons are winding down and the NCAA basketball tournament is heating up!

We have just finished this year's Kids Heart Challenge programs. The elementary students worked very hard the last few weeks, and now we know what it means to have a healthy heart. The 2nd - 5th grades did an outstanding job performing their routines!! Also, I would like to thank everyone who helped raise money for the American Heart Association. GREAT JOB!

We are looking forward to our throton and volleyball units. We will be learning different skills and enjoying various activities. It will be fun!! In health, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about tobacco, drugs and alcohol. We will be making anti-tobacco posters that will be displayed in the Jr. High hallway.

Good luck to the girls' basketball teams as their season comes to a close. Soccer and track seasons will begin after spring break. Be looking out for more information for both teams. GO LIONS!!!

## **Kindergarten News**

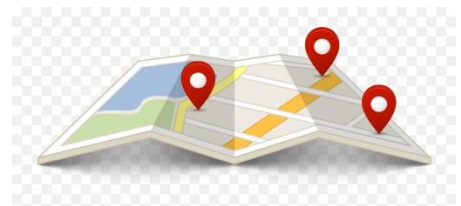


Thank you to all of the parents who have sent items in for our classroom parties this year! We have had a lot of fun at our parties!

Some of the students in our class have participated in the Book-It Program. March is the final month for Book-It. Continue to read this month to receive the final pizza reward from Pizza Hut. I'm sure the children have enjoyed using their Pizza Hut certificates for a free pizza, and they will look forward to our Book-It pizza party in April! Thank you to the parents for so willingly taking time to read with your child. What a great way to instill the love of reading! The practice at home pays off and is very evident in class!

We continue to learn new sight words and practice them in sentences. We have a running total of about 40 words that we know, but many of the students are sounding out many more words!!! Please be sure to ask your child to read their work as it comes home!

Kindergarten had been working on some important skills in February. We learned our phone numbers! As we go into March, we will learn our addresses and work on tying shoes! So, please work on these at home, as well. Thank you to the parents for encouraging the students to learn these skills!!



I look forward to meeting with the parents for our Parent/Teacher conferences on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>! This is a great time to hear about your child's progress!

Think Spring!  
Mrs. Dike

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Hello First Grade Families,

Thank you to all of our parents who contributed to our Valentine's Day party! We had a great day! We appreciate it! Thank you for all the support and help from our parents throughout the year, the kids (and I) enjoy our party days.

March is the last month for Book-It, continue to read at home. When your child has completed all 6 months of the reading requirements they will be rewarded with a pizza party in April. Details will be coming soon!

We have been working hard on our AR reading goals here at school; I love it when I see every student in our class receive a prize at the end of the month! My challenge for the students this month is for every student to receive a prize. Their reward will be Dunkin Donuts for the class! Let's hope we can do it!

Please continue to practice IXL at home. A yellow slip is rewarded each Friday to the top two students with the most minutes spent on IXL practice. Keep working 1<sup>st</sup> graders!

I look forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences at the end of this month! Information will be sent home soon.

Have a great Spring Break!  
Mrs. Jacobson



## Second Grade News

The students all enjoyed the valentine party. Thank you to all of the parents who contributed to our party. Our winners for the valentine box contest were Haley Andersen for her cute Cookie Monster and Lyla Carlson for her box of popcorn. All of the boxes were so creative! I know the boxes took some time to construct. Thank you for all of your hard work on them!

This is going to be a busy month. We are starting to learn cursive! Learning cursive is an exciting time for the second graders. Please remind your child to practice the cursive letters that we have learned at home. Joining the letters to form words is especially difficult. The idea that you can't lift up your pencil until the word is complete is a challenge for some of the kids. Once we have learned all of the letters we will be writing our spelling words on the pretests and the tests in print and cursive. I will only grade the print. However, it is good practice to form the words in cursive as well. Please refrain from teaching your child to write

his/her name in cursive. I know the students are eager to learn them. I would like the opportunity to teach them that all together after we have learned each letter.





We have been creating collage hearts containing pictures and words that tell about us. This is a fun, but messy, project. This project takes a lot of time, but the finished product is worth it! It is a nice keepsake from second grade that provides a snapshot of each student's favorite things.

This next month we will also be doing a little bit of planting in our classroom. Our east facing windows let in the morning sun, making it a great area to start seeds. Planting seeds is a great way to prepare for spring. We are ready for it!

Please keep encouraging your child to read in his/her spare time. We have one more month for Book-It. Please remind your child to read the leveled reader that is sent home each week at least twice and return it on Friday. This next month we will be creating cereal box book reports. That information will be coming home soon. Thank you for sending in cereal boxes. I look forward to visiting with everyone at conferences.

Mrs. Rehberg



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade March News**

We are working on our unit on the Titanic. I am excited to see the students' projects. I love teaching the students about history. They learn so much and have many questions about the Titanic.

We do not know if there will be state testing this year. I will inform you when we know what is happening with that.

Our class had a great time at the Valentine's Day party. Thanks to everyone who sent items for our party. The kids loved playing the games and eating the yummy snacks. I also wanted to thank all of the parents who sent in food or items at all three of our parties.

Please continue to have your child read 20 minutes a night. Please keep practicing multiplication and division facts with your child every night. They must have them memorized. IXL and other apps are great practice.



Thank you,  
Mrs. Doorn

## March News in Fourth Grade

I'm not sure about the rest of you, but I am ready for spring and all of this snow to melt. This weather has been crazy! We are still waiting to hear the status of the state testing. I will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

Thank you to those of you that helped out with our Valentine's Day party. It was a hit! We had a lot of fun and enjoyed all the games and tasty foods. Thanks to all.

This is just a reminder that conferences are just around the corner. Information will be coming home soon. They are scheduled on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm and Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. I can't wait to discuss your child's progress with you during this time.

March is the last month for the Book-It Program. Please encourage your child to read nightly. The best way to help your child be a great reader is to practice. Programs like this have good incentives to keep kids reading. I will continue to have them fill out a monthly reading log as documentation of time spent reading.

Spring break is just around the corner, March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hopefully it will be a beautiful week to spend some family time outdoors.

Happy Spring!

Mrs. Myre ☞



## March News in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Spring is coming! Our class is ready for some nice weather. I want to thank our room moms for the great Valentine's Day party snacks. We had a great time!

In reading, we are finishing our unit 3 test on inventors and artists. We've studied different inventions and inventors, listened to some blues and gospel music, read a play, wrote a blues song, and learned about special effects in movies and television. We will be spending the month of March reading, Old Yeller, and preparing for the IAR test in April.

In Social Studies, we've started learning about the American Revolution. We will finish this chapter and start our wax museum project this month! Information will be sent home before spring break.



In math, we are starting our chapters on fractions. Fractions, fractions, fractions! We will be learning how to multiply, divide, add, and subtract fractions as well as learning how to turn them into decimals...Exciting! Don't forget to remind your student that they can log onto IXL or our math series website for extra practice.

In science, we are in the middle of learning about the water cycle, weather, and a little geology. We have the state science exam coming up in April so we will also be preparing for that.

Great job Kyla Wesseh, Jade Mitchell, Kellen Westerfield, Colt Zabel, and Tyler Carlson for reading every month during our Book-It challenge! We have one month left until each of these students earn the school pizza party. Reading can be fun and rewarding!

If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to call or email. See you at parent/ teacher conferences!

Mrs. DeGraaf

## News from Mr. Bozic's Room

I cannot believe it is March already. School is flying by, and we are moving towards significant goals in each class. 6th Grade science will be moving on to their last book about Space. Students will be asked to explore and model some of the systems of space. 6th grade reading will be moving to myths, legends, and tall tales during March. Students will write their own myth, legend, or tall tale by the end of the month. 6th grade social studies will continue learning about African geography and move into Asian geography by the end of March. Our 7th grade will be talking about society in the 1800's. The students will also participate in a fishbowl debate about a topic in current news that could relate to the past. Our 8th grade social studies students will be reviewing for their constitution test and learning about World War 1. I am very excited to jump into these new units, and I believe that the students will enjoy learning about subjects they may not have covered extensively yet.



Mr. Bozic

# March

## March in Miss Zielske's Room

In reading, seventh grade finished a poetry unit and is now working on their Greek mythology unit. They made trading cards to represent different gods, goddesses, and creatures, and we have started reading several myths and will compare them to video versions throughout the unit. Eighth grade has finished their novels in verse unit and a folk tales unit. They will be starting World War II literature circles next. The second AR test for third quarter will be due on March 17th. Many students have been taking advantage of the extra credit given for reading more than two books in a quarter. Keep up the good work!

In English, the eighth graders are finishing up their Shurley English books and will begin a unit of poetry. We will be making class books of their best poems that will be on display during conferences. They will work on picking out important word choices in poems as well as interpreting each stanza of a poem. As soon as that's over, the eighth graders will be starting World War II research on a topic of their choice. Most research and writing will be done in class. Seventh grade will be finishing up their sentence patterns in Shurley English and learning about dangling and misplaced modifiers before moving on to their writing poetry unit. The sixth graders learned some new rules on comma/parentheses/dash usage, reviewed how to make nouns plural and possessive, and will be moving on to an argumentative narrative convincing an alien leader what customs/holidays to copy from Earth. They will be starting their poetry unit after that.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at conferences!

Miss Zielske



## World War II

## Mrs. Heap's Room in March

With all the snow on the ground, it's hard to believe spring is on the way! Students are working hard to finish the year STRONG!

### Math

The eighth grade algebra class completed instruction on roots and Pythagorean Theorem and will continue to work on eighth grade geometry standards. From there, they will move into solving systems of equations. Sixth grade has mastered solving one step equations and inequalities and is moving onto computing surface area. Seventh grade finished up a three-chapter unit on geometry and will be completing concepts in statistics and probability in the next two weeks. After that, they will move onto eighth grade standards!

### Science Classes

Science classes are continuing to work on their curriculum. Eighth grade is finishing the third unit for this school year. We will wrap up the unit by building batteries from potatoes and fruit that will power a small bulb. Seventh grade is learning about human body systems. For students, the most exciting part of this unit is getting to name the skeleton at the back of the room. What they don't know is that after they name him, they will memorize the scientific names for the major bones.



Our Valentine's Day party was a huge success! The junior high enjoyed a game of dodgeball, followed by refreshments. Thank you to all the junior high parents who sent in treats for the party. Everything was delicious!

I am looking forward to seeing parents at conferences and talking about how much progress each student has made. Please feel free to contact me at the school or at [cheap@lisbon.k12.il.us](mailto:cheap@lisbon.k12.il.us) with any questions or concerns!

Mrs. Heap





# 2021-2022 Lisbon Grade School Calendar

## AUGUST '21

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- 4 Kindergarten Reg. 12 pm  
4 Registration 2 – 7 pm  
5 Registration 9 – 1 pm  
17 Teacher Institute –  
*No School*  
18 First Day of School  
23 Open House



## FEBRUARY '22

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- 4 Midterm Ends  
2 Midterms Sent Home  
18 Teacher Institute –  
*No School*  
21 Presidents' Day –  
*No School*

## SEPTEMBER '21

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- 6 Labor Day – *No School*  
9 1:30 Dismissal – Sandwich  
Fair  
17 Midterm Ends  
22 Midterms Sent Home

## MARCH '22

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- 11 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
15 P/T Conferences 3:30 – 7 pm  
17 1:30 dismissal  
P/T Conferences 2 – 6 pm  
18 *No School*  
3/21 through 3/25  
Spring Break – *No School*  
28 Classes Resume 8:20 am

## OCTOBER '21

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- 8 Teacher Institute –  
*No School*  
11 Columbus Day –  
*No School*  
20 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
26 P/T Conferences  
3:30 – 7 pm  
28 1:30 dismissal  
P/T Conferences 2 – 7 pm  
29 No School  
29 Halloween Parties

## APRIL '22

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- 15 Good Friday – *No School*  
18 Easter Monday – *No School*  
22 Midterm Ends  
27 Midterms Sent Home

## NOVEMBER '21

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- 19 Midterm Ends  
23 Midterms Sent Home  
23 1:30 Dismissal  
Thanksgiving Break Starts  
24 – 26 Thanksgiving Break  
*No School*

## MAY '22

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- 18 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation\*  
19 Kindergarten Graduation\*  
26 Teacher Institute –  
*No School*  
27 Last Day of School –  
Field Day/1:30 Dismissal  
30 Memorial's Day – *No School*  
Emergency Day – May 31<sup>st</sup>  
through June 6<sup>th</sup>

## DECEMBER '21

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- 17 1:30 Dismissal  
17 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
12/20 through 1/1  
Christmas Break – *No School*

Emergency Day – May 31<sup>st</sup>  
through June 6<sup>th</sup>



## JUNE '22

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- 3 Classes Resume 8:20 am  
6 Report Cards Sent Home  
17 M.L. King Day –  
*No School*

### Snow Make-Up Days

- May 31<sup>st</sup>
- June 1<sup>st</sup>
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- June 6<sup>th</sup>

### Teacher Institute Days

- August 17<sup>th</sup>
- October 8<sup>th</sup>
- February 18<sup>th</sup>
- May 26<sup>th</sup>

### Quarters

- 43 Days
- 38 Days
- 47 Days
- 46 Days

\* Dependent upon snow days