

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Spring News from Mrs. Elias

Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will be held at the school on Wednesday, August 4th from 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. During registration, the incoming kindergarten students are invited to visit the kindergarten classroom.



While the children are in class, parents will go to the library to register the students for the fall session. If not completed already, registration and enrollment 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 and A certified copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration. **Parents will also need to bring with them two forms of residency identification that includes their name and physical address.** Examples: A property tax bill, rental agreement, voter registration card, utility bill, credit card bill, etc. **Junk mail does not qualify.**

Parents will also receive physical, dental, and vision 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 be paid during the regular school registration days on either August 4th or 5th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at (815)736-6324.

Sports Physicals:

Newark Healthcare Center is graciously doing sports physicals again for Lisbon Grade School on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 12 PM. The fee for these physicals will be \$20 cash or check made payable to **Morris Hospital**. They are also offering an incentive and plan to "give back" to the school by offering the fees back to go towards the end of year character counts assembly. So, if your student needs a sports physical for next year, this is a great way to free up an appointment for you plus help the school. All students participating in a school sport must have a sports physical before they participate with the exception of 6th grade that must have a complete school physical prior to participating.



Recycle:

We want to encourage community members and parents to bring their old newspapers for the paper recycle bin on the south side of the building. This is a great way to teach our students how to recycle and be environmentally smart.



Bus Notes:

The school requires that parents always write a note to the office or teacher if a student is to go home from school by a different method than normal. Often times children get mixed up on dates or where they are to go if a note is not sent. Our policy is to have students follow the normal routine unless they have a note or the school receives a phone call from the parents. This year we are not allowing children to ride the bus to a friend's house if they do not already ride that particular bus. We are trying to keep the passenger numbers down due to COVID.

Graduation:

8th Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 P.M. The current plan is to have the ceremony outside on the blacktop. Pictures of the 8th grade class will be taken inside. In the event of inclement weather, we will need to move graduation inside and will need to limit the number of guests per graduate. A minimum of a 24 hour notice will be given if the ceremony will be moved indoors. More information will follow.



Kindergarten Graduation:

Kindergarten Graduation: More information coming soon.

Interested In being a Substitute Teacher?

Finding substitute teachers has been difficult for all schools across Illinois. To help with this shortage, the Professional Development Alliance, Joliet, is offering a 2.5 hour online workshop for those interested in obtaining the new Short Term Substitute License. It is available to candidates that hold an Associate's degree or 60 semester hours of coursework. The cost is \$25 and you can register by 4/19 at: <https://www.pdaonline.org/Registration/WorkshopDetail.php?id=210422W-1>
The class will be on April 22, 2019 from 4:00-6:30 online.

Kendall County Food Drive Contest at LGS

Kendall County Agriculture in the Classroom had a food drive contest between all participating schools in the county. This food drive contest replaced the traditionally done spring poster contest to promote agriculture literacy in our students. This past year has been hard on many with the pandemic and has stressed food banks across the country to support their local families. Food pantries generally struggle to maintain adequate supply in the summer months and this food drive is to support the needs of the community.

Community members can also participate by donating money on the fundraising platform Go Fund Me. The donations will be split between food banks to support buying from local farms.

Kendall County has 3 food pantries that together serve over 1,400 families each month. This food drive will benefit the Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Harvest Baptist Food Pantry, and Helmar Lutheran Church Pantry.

We are proud to say that Lisbon Grade School did an amazing job collecting! Kindergarten – 4th grade collected **187 pieces** and 5th – 8th grade collected **100 pieces**. Great job for our small school!



Kendall County Notification App

Kendall County Sheriff's Office has an app that you can download that will send you notifications regarding extreme weather as well as important information about what is going on in the county.

News from our Resource Room



April showers bring May flowers! There are so many great things coming up in April! My students will be working on some fun spring projects in writing and reading! Things have been going great in my resource room so far this year. I am so proud of the hard work my students give every day. I work weekly on their goals and they are doing wonderful! During spring time I hope to work on skills to get them ready for next year! During small group time in my classroom we are reading *Magic Tree House* books every week! We read them as a whole group and work on reading comprehension questions as well. I look forward to many fun things to come in April! The growth and progress in my classroom keeps progressing!

Thank You,
Ms. Kenney



Caudill Club

Three students read the necessary three books and wrote their summaries for the Caudill Club this year. They were able to join other students around the state in casting votes for this year's Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award. Congratulations to Brooklyn Wallin, LeAnn Monsess, and David Monsess! They will be invited to attend an ice cream party on April 23rd at Culver's in Morris. This year's winning title was Front Desk by Kelly Yang.



Music News

Hello!

Just a little reminder that our Spring Concert will be recorded on May 5th, during the school day. Students may dress up for the recording but please remember that it must be something appropriate to wear for the entire school day. Jeans are acceptable. We are working hard and looking forward to singing for you!

Musically,
Mrs. Pfizenmaier



Thank You

A huge thank you to our Lisbon families that provided dinner to our staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences! You know who you are!!! ;) Your kind words were greatly appreciated as well! We are very fortunate to be a part of Lisbon Grade School.

News from Coach McKinney

It's here....Spring Break! Things get pretty chaotic around LGS after Spring Break! The end of the year is exciting but very busy!! Now if the weather would learn that it is supposed to be spring, it would be much more fun!!

We have just finished our Town Ball and New York Ball units in PE. All of the classes had a great time competing against each other. After spring break, we are looking forward to being outside for baseball and track and field units. In health, the 8th graders are finishing their chapters on tobacco, drugs and alcohol. They did a great job on their anti-smoking posters that are on display in the hallway!

Good luck to the track and soccer teams as their seasons begin. Hope the weather cooperates!

GO LIONS!!!

Coach McKinney



Kindergarten News

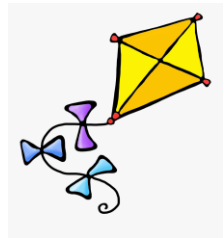
The kindergarten class worked hard at learning some important skills in the month of March! Each student learned to tie shoes! We had a shoe tying competition, in which ALL of the students were able to tie shoes! So, we celebrated with a game of musical chairs and an extra show and tell! They also learned their phone number, address, and birthday! We played some very fun games while learning each of these skills. I am proud of all of their hard work over the past month!

WOW! The kindergarten class is eager to read so that they can earn points in A.R., as well as earn prizes! Keep up the wonderful reading! It is very evident when parents work with their children at home. The interest and the ability increases to an incredible level!

In April, we will be having our Book-It pizza party. If your student has completed his/her reading goal for all six months, they will participate in the pizza party during lunch. Please encourage your child to keep working hard at reading. Please turn in the March calendar the day we return from Spring Break.

As we look into April, we will have a "Family Kite Project". I will be sending home poster board in the shape of a kite, and the families will decorate their kites at home. It's always fun to see the variety of kites that come back to school.

As this year starts to wind down, it makes me sad to think these current students will move on! If you know of any new families that will have kindergarteners next year, please let them know to contact the school! It is helpful to know how many to expect for the next school year, and start planning for the new group of students! Thank You!



Happy Spring!
Mrs. Dike



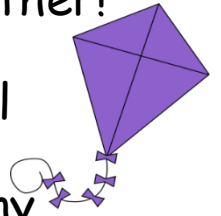
1st Grade News

April 2021



Happy Spring! We have been enjoying the warmer weather!

We love going outside for recess! It was good to see all of you at conferences. Please let me know if you have any



CONGRATULATIONS!!

I am proud of the 1st Graders who completed all 6 months of reading for the Book-It program! We will be having our pizza party this month! Information will be sent

Great job continuing to work on IXL at home! Each Friday one boy and one girl is awarded a yellow slip for practicing the most minutes.

This month we will be continuing to work on writing activities. Our focus will be on writing complete sentences using adjectives and correct punctuation.

We also will continue to work on neat handwriting!

In English we will be writing friendly letters.

Each student is going to get the chance to

write and mail



News from Second Grade



We are ready to welcome spring in second grade! Sunshine, warmer weather, and being outside are some of the things we are looking forward to. We have been looking for signs of spring. We were pretty excited to start seeing robins out our window this past week. Please check the weather in the morning before school so you know whether you need to send your child in a coat. Weather can be so unpredictable, and we usually are outside for recess.

I am so proud of the work the students did on their cereal box book reports. They look great! I am trying to get students to challenge themselves and read harder books. Increasing vocabulary is a great benefit of reading books that are a higher level. In addition, I am trying to push the students to try different types of books. Sometimes we get in the habit of just reading a certain author or genre and need a push to branch out.

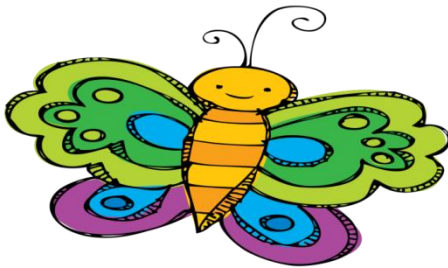
This quarter we will begin to learn the cursive capital letters. It is a very exciting time for second graders. Please remind your child to practice the cursive letters that we have learned at home. Joining the letters to form words is especially difficult. The idea that you can't lift up your pencil when writing a word is challenging some of the students. In spelling we will be learning to write the words in print and cursive. On the tests, though, I will only grade the printed words.



We will spend the month of April learning about eggs, chickens, incubation, and embryology. Our eggs should arrive in the mail around April 6th. The class has been looking forward to it all year! It is a favorite unit of mine as well. Pretty soon everyone in the class will be "egg-sperts"!

Keep encouraging your child to read in his/her spare time. As the weather warms up it is hard to keep everyone reading! We compared our latest fluency check to the one we took previously. Some students went down in the number of words read per minute. This indicates to me that students need to be reading more and challenging themselves to read harder material. Be on the lookout for information regarding the Book-It pizza party if your child completed all six months of the program.

This week we have been reading Flat Stanley and writing our letters. I will mail our letters over break. When Stanley returns please send him in to share his adventures with the class.



Happy spring!
Mrs. Rehberg

Third Grade News

Our class has been very busy. Our class will be taking the IAR in April. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep during testing. Also make sure your student has a healthy breakfast before school. I will send home a list of the dates we will be testing. I am very proud of them. Keep up the good work at home with your child.

Please continue to read each night for at least 20 minutes. Your child should be practicing multiplication and division facts too. They can go on IXL to practice.

In April we will be having our Book-It pizza party. If your student has completed his/her reading goal for all six months, they will participate in the pizza party. Please encourage your child to keep working hard at school. Hope you had a great spring break ☺



Thank you,
Mrs. Doorn

Spring News from 4th Grade

It was great visiting with all of you during Parent/Teacher conferences. When parents show an interest in how their child is doing in school, I feel it makes the child want to succeed. Thank you for encouraging your child to do his/her best at all times.

April 19th – 30th, we will be completing the IAR tests. Attendance is extremely important during these few weeks of testing. These tests can be lengthy and they are difficult to make up. Please try not to schedule any appointments that will cause your child to miss school. Also, I will allow the children to have a healthy snack and water before or after each test. Please send in something small with a water bottle each day that we test. Some examples would be pretzels, apple slices, crackers, granola bars, etc.



April is a good time to remind your child to continue to work hard and to read. Once the weather warms up, everyone dreams of being outside and at times their class work suffers. Please continue to encourage your child to do his/her best in school. The midterm will end on Friday, April 23rd. Their first book of this quarter will be due by this date. I hope everyone will have time to relax a little and get refreshed over break.

Have a great Spring break!

Mrs. Myre ☺



April in 5th Grade

Our class has 4 students who are finishing up the Book-It program. **Congratulations to Colt Zabel, Kellen Westerfield, Kyla Wesseh, and Jade Mitchell!** After this month, they will have completed six months of reading- 300 minutes each month! They've earned one personal pan pizza every month, and by completing the whole program, they will participate in a school wide pizza party. Nice job! Great job, book worms! Reading does lead to success!

We are gearing up for our **IAR exam**. We will begin the week of the 19th. We've been practicing both math and reading in class almost daily. I will send home a note beforehand to remind you of our testing dates and when students can bring in snacks for extra fuel. We will also be taking the NGSS state science exam on May 11th.

We are starting our **Annual Wax Museum Project after returning from our break**. Your student has received a packet with due dates and what is expected in April. Currently, our goal date to present our projects and work is the first week of May. We will have to work around IAR testing, track meets, soccer games, and other end of the year activities. Whew! I will send out a note at the end of April to update you as to whether parents can attend in person.

I cannot believe we are in our last quarter of the school year. I am so proud of the students in this class for adapting to changes, supporting each other, and giving their best efforts during a "different" type of school year. Thank you for the honor of teaching your child!



Mrs. DeGraaf

News from Mr. Bozic

We are getting towards the end of the year here, and our students will be wrapping up some of their textbooks very shortly. 6th grade science will be continuing in their last book about space. Students will be asked to explore and model some of the systems of space. 6th grade reading students will be working on reading practice and diving into our second book, Tuck Everlasting. 6th grade social studies will continue learning about Asian geography and move into Oceania geography. Our 7th grade will be forming their own student government. The students will also participate in more fishbowl debates about current news that could relate to the past. Our 8th grade social studies students will continue reviewing for their Constitution test and will take it before the end of the month. They will also begin talking about World War II content and the Holocaust. I look forward to engaging more with your students about exciting current events and historical concepts



Mr. Bozic



Spring happenings in Miss Zielske's Room

March really flew by!

The sixth graders just finished their poetry unit and will be wrapping up their Shurley English books after spring break. They will start research papers on ancient civilizations after IAR testing. They will be working on organizing their facts, starting sentences in a variety of ways, and learning about Works Cited pages.

The seventh graders just finished their poetry unit as well. They really showed their creativity in their free choice poetry projects! After break, they will have a quick letter writing unit. We will practice writing friendly letters, business letters of complaint, and thank you letters for strange gifts. They will be picking their topics for their medieval times research papers after that.

The eighth graders finished their World War II literature circle books and are working on their World War II research papers. They will work on the new skills of using direct quotes and parenthetical citations. Next, they will learn about letter writing, verbals, and verbal phrases. After IAR testing, the eighth graders will be starting literature circles with a variety of recent novels. Many of these novels focus on dystopian or apocalyptic societies. I am looking forward to some good discussion on what the students would do if they were the characters in the novels.



The first AR book for fourth quarter is due on April 23rd.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and fun spring break!
Miss Zielske

April News from Mrs. Heap

Math classes are busy preparing for the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) test. Each day, we will be working on a combination of problem solving and review. After we conquer the IAR, sixth grade will work on getting acquainted with using integers while seventh grade becomes more fluent solving algebraic equations. Eighth grade will have an added bonus of mastering operations with polynomial. Remember that all LGS students can practice math on IXL.com wherever there is an internet connection. Take advantage of this great tool to help reinforce concepts learned in class.



Seventh grade science class is focusing on the systems of the human body, which includes memorizing certain bones in the body. They will end the quarter with the ever-popular cow eyeball dissection and egg baby project. Eighth grade science class will be preparing for the Illinois Science Assessment on May 11th. After the ISA, students will complete their fourth unit for the year...Science and Technology. This unit involves conducting experiments and writing scientific lab reports.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and rejuvenating spring break! I am looking forward to seeing how much we can accomplish in the last quarter of school. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



Mrs. Heap

2020-2021

Honor Roll - Quarter 3

High Honor Roll

6th Grade

Connor Fitzgerald

Vivianne Meade

LeAnn Monsess

Austin Reibel

Brody Rush

7th Grade

Logan Bols

David Monsess

Reagan Thompson

Payton Wallin

Sophia Withrow-Steil

Zach Zabel

8th Grade

Tess Carlson

Kaitlyn Cole

Gwen Friestad

Addison Long

Emma Salato

Honor Roll

6th Grade



7th Grade

Kendon Hardecopf

8th Grade

Kaleb Carlson

Tanner Kempiaak

Alyvia Raymond

Lucas Wicklatz