

# November



## News from Mrs. Elias

Congratulations on an awesome job raising money and walking all of those miles for our annual Walk-A-Thon! It was such a fun day for everyone! Thank you to all that donated their time to put on such an amazing event and to the Kendall County Sheriff's department for taking pictures using their drone.

It was great to see so many of you at Parent/Teacher conferences!

### Reminders:

- 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 dress appropriately for the weather
  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.



## Safety Drills

Safety drills were held in October and included fire, tornado and intruder drills. The Lisbon Fire Department provided an assembly and held demonstrations for the students on fire safety. The Kendall County Sheriff's Department came to show off their squad cars and assisted in the drills. The Lisbon School District thanks the fire department and the Sheriff's Dept. for putting on this program for our students. If any families do not have **smoke detectors** in their home, please contact the school and the fire department will provide you free smoke detectors.

In addition to fire, tornado and safety drills, bus evacuation drills were also performed. Students & drivers reviewed the importance of exit location, listening to driver instructions and the process of moving safely out of danger in case of an accident.



## November News from the Resource Room

Happy November! I have loved watching students grow during this first quarter of school. I cannot believe the first quarter is already completed. Time is flying! In my classroom, students are expanding their reading and writing skills each day. We are working on consonants, consonant blends, and digraphs to decode unfamiliar words. We are also applying our knowledge of word patterns into our writing as well. Students are working daily on journal writing and creating their own stories. Some of my students have even turned their writing into children's books to read to other grade levels. When I am not in my classroom with students, I push into other grade levels such as Miss Hennessy's 3rd grade class and Miss Vande Hei's 4th grade class.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and can reflect on the things they are grateful for and spend time with friends and family. I am thankful for this wonderful opportunity to teach at Lisbon Grade School and getting to share my days with amazing students and staff.

Miss Lykken



## News from Coach McKinney

First quarter has come and gone in a flash!!! Only 7 weeks left until Christmas Break. Not sure if I want the cold weather yet, and definitely do not want snow!!

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Health, we are beginning to talk about nutrition and the proper way to handle food consumption. They are ready for the big project of charting a food log.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade just finished leading the school for Red Ribbon Week. They did a great job!! All the students enjoyed the craziness that each day brought. Thanks to all those that participated!!

The Lisbon soccer and volleyball teams recently completed their seasons. They both had some exciting games and improved tremendously throughout the season. The volleyball team finished the season at the conference tournament and WON the tournament finals! Great work! Boys' basketball and cheerleading seasons have started and they are looking forward to a fun time. Good luck to all!

GO LIONS!!!  
Coach McKinney





## Hello From Mrs. Pfizenmaier!

We are all working hard preparing for our Christmas concert. Just a reminder, the concert will be Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. It will be in the LGS Gymnasium and masks are required for all. Students are asked to dress nicely for the concert. Please no jeans or hats. Students are practicing at school but can also sing at home with the copies they took home last month. We are looking forward to singing our wonderful songs for you soon!

Musically,  
Mrs. Pfizenmaier

## Kindergarten November News

I enjoyed meeting with each of the kindergarten parents at conferences. Thank you for taking the time to come in to talk about your child's progress!

We enjoyed the visit from the Lisbon Fire Department during our safety day. Thank you to the Fire Department volunteers, as well as the police officers that helped that day! This month we have talked about our community, the people who work in the community, as well as what they do for us. It is always fun to hear what the students want to be when they grow up. Here is a list of what our class would like to be!

Nessa- Doctor  
Lenny- Teacher  
Kylee- Veterinarian  
Chase- Builder  
Reese- Semi Driver

Daniel- In the Army  
Gigi- Singer  
Finn- Builder  
Paisley- Zoo Keeper  
Brianna- Veterinarian



We continue to build our list of sight words from our reading curriculum. We are now working hard to sound out words. Please encourage your child to sound words out at home, as well. It is time consuming, but so important in their reading development!

November 1<sup>st</sup> will mark our 50<sup>th</sup> day of school!!! As you may know, we are counting our way to 100's Day! November 1<sup>st</sup> will be our "Half-Way- There Day"! We all look forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebration!

We look forward to our Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>! The students will each bring a lunch full of some of their favorite things, or they may choose to have the hot lunch that day. Each student can also bring a dessert to share with the class. We will have fun preparing for our feast, such as making decorations and hats to wear at the feast. Please be looking for more details in your child's folder soon!

Just a reminder to be reading at home and filling out the Book-It calendars. The students are excited to earn their Pizza Hut certificates!



Have a Happy Thanksgiving!  
Mrs. Dike

Thanksgiving Day



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

Hello!

It was great to see all of our parents at conferences! Thank you for coming. I also want to thank all of our first grade parents who helped, volunteered or donated to our Walk-a-Thon! It was a fun day! Our Halloween party was awesome! Thanks to Rachel Andersen for being our chairperson & all our first grade parents who volunteered or donated. The kids had a great time! We are thankful for all of our families at L.G.S.!



## MATH NEWS

**Please try to practice the IXL Math at home. The login and password information was sent home at the beginning of the year. We practice while we are in the computer lab and also at our center time. The more practice the better. I am starting to check each Friday for the top two students with the most problems correct and minutes practiced. The time will be from home and school practice. The winners will receive a yellow slip!**

Keep up the good work on reading at home! Continue to send the titles of books read at home so the kids can take their tests!

November Book – It will be sent home Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>! Keep up the good work!

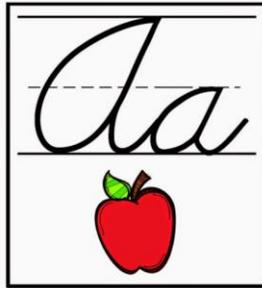
**Happy Thanksgiving!  
Enjoy the holidays and  
time off with your  
families!**



## November News from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Happy November! October flew by... We were busy with Fire Safety, Red Ribbon Week, the Walk-a-Thon, Parent/Teacher Conferences and Halloween. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make the Walkathon and our classroom parties so amazing!! I also appreciate you taking the time to invest in your child's education by coming to conferences. Our first quarter has been full of new routines, new skills and time together building relationships.

This upcoming month we will have our unit 2 test in Reading. I encourage you to have your student read each night so they can improve their fluency and comprehension. They can also read books for Accelerated Reader at their level if they would like to earn points and prizes which are given out monthly. In November, we will introduce prepositions in Shurley English and learn a new jingle. The students love to help create dance moves to go along with the songs! In Math, we have started subtracting 2- and 3-digit numbers. We will also work on place value on numbers up to 1,000. If your child has addition and subtraction flashcards they can practice at home with, that will help them greatly. Also, as I am sure you have heard, we have introduced cursive. This is the most exciting news in Second Grade at the moment. It is literally the highlight of our day!



Mrs. Mathre

## Happy Fall 3rd Grade Families!

This month has been another great month of learning! We were able to do lots of fun Halloween activities this past month, such as creating pumpkin stickers, making scarecrows, and the students' favorite, painting our pumpkins! I know everyone is very excited to take their pumpkins home! This past month, we also finished our first novel study which everyone enjoyed.

As we continue on in math, we are moving into multiplication. This unit has been so fun for everyone, and I am so excited to continue working on our multiplication skills! There are lots of fun math activities coming up this month. In reading, we are beginning our unit two stories which all focus on smart solutions. For social studies, we are continuing to learn about economics and money choices we have, and our next science unit is all about plants! We have multiple plants in our classroom, so it'll be fun to learn more about them.

Overall, we have accomplished so much this past month. All of the students have met their Book-It goal which is amazing! Continue to encourage lots of reading at home. I know November will be full of learning and fun, and I can't wait to see how much everyone grows. Thank you again for your continued support!

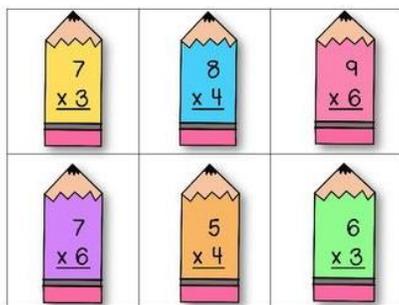


Miss Hennessy

## November News from 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Happy November 4th Grade families! October was a great month filled with a ton of fun fall and Halloween activities. We worked on making our array monsters, creating spooky pumpkins, and coloring Halloween pictures. We also took part in the Walk-a-Thon which was a huge success! We had a great time showing off our Halloween costumes at the Halloween parade and enjoying some treats and fun games at the party.

This past month, we learned about arrays and area models in math. We will continue to use them to build onto our multiplication skills. In reading, we just finished up taking our unit one test and are moving onto unit two. We have accomplished and learned so much and I am excited to see how much everyone will grow this month.



Miss Vande Hei

## Fall in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hello! I can not believe it is already November! It was so nice to get to meet with everyone at parent teacher conferences. Our first few months of school have been filled with hard work and lots of fun! Students really enjoyed learning all about Native Americans in social studies. We had so much fun getting to interact with real Native American artifacts. In ELA, students got the opportunity to show their creativity by coming up with their very own spooky story, and they did a fantastic job! Moving into November, we will be learning about forces and gravity in science, continuing our investigation of division, as well as continuing in our reading unit. Our current read aloud is, Because of Mr. Terrupt, which coincidentally is about a newbie 5th grade teacher. Students have really enjoyed this story, and all the different perspectives that the story is told in. I can't wait to see what the month of November has in store for 5th grade!



Miss Szatka

## Mrs. DeGraaf's Classroom

*I want to say a quick thank you to all the parents who came to parent/ teacher conferences. I appreciate all the time and effort you put into your student. Only by working together will we see your student grow in confidence and exceed in the classroom.*

In the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, we just started our second unit in reading where we will focus on how authors describe characters and how point-of-view impacts a story. Students are choosing which stories they want to read in this unit. In science, we will be starting a new topic of study for the quarter-water. We have some fun labs planned. In Geography, we are studying North America- most specifically the United States and Canada. We've been learning some great facts about Canada!

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade American History, we just finished a chapter on the Thirteen Colonies and will start our new chapter on the beginning of the American Revolution. Students take notes in class and use those to help them prepare for each test.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we've just finished a chapter on Urbanization- how immigration affected city life in the late 1800's, how city planners solved overcrowding issues, and leisure activities such as vaudeville shows and baseball. Your student has been learning the Cornell Notes method that most high schools are using. They have been catching on quickly, and it's been fun!

*I want to thank all the parents that signed up to bring food to our Halloween party! It was a lot of fun!*

\*Book-It is due the first school day of the month

\*AR book/ test due November 19<sup>th</sup>.

\*Speech Contest will be held here at Lisbon Grade School on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Speech participants need to be at the school NO LATER than 8:15. Families are welcome!



Mrs. DeGraaf

## Fall Happenings in Miss Zielske's Room

Thank you to all the parents who attended conferences. I enjoyed meeting with you to discuss all of the great work I have seen so far this year. Please feel free to email me if you have any concerns that come up.

The junior high has been working hard on writing. The sixth graders are finishing a descriptive writing unit where one of our projects was to use specific adjectives and position words to describe a haunted house. They will be learning how to write complex sentences next. Seventh grade has become experts at using coordinate adjectives and compound/complex sentences in their writing. They have written some really creative October-inspired papers and will be starting narrative papers next. In Reading, 7<sup>th</sup> grade just finished a unit on theme and will be working on informational text next. In eighth grade, we just finished our horror story unit and learned about theme, mood, tone, and symbols. The eighth graders are almost done with writing their own horror stories and will also be working on personal narratives next. They have been working hard on using the ellipsis and the dash to create suspense in their writing.

Second quarter AR due dates are November 19 and December 17. It is possible to check at home to see if a book will count for AR. If you go to <http://www.arbookfind.com>, you can type in the title of a

book to find out how many points the book is worth. Keep in mind that new books sometimes take a couple weeks for a test to be created. Students can also ask me about writing a summary if the book has no test. Please help your child establish a regular reading routine at home so they don't wait until the week the book is due. Also, each extra book your child reads counts toward extra credit. Extra credit is not added in until the last day of the quarter. Thanks so much for your support!

Miss Zielske



## Hello from Mrs. Heap's Room



When the weather turns cold and rainy, it's a signal that we've made it through the first quarter! Eighth grade is finishing up the unit titled "Introduction to Chemistry". During October, they built molecules. They will finish the unit by learning about pH. Seventh graders will finish up their unit on "The Diversity of Life" and begin studying cells! We are trying to develop new ideas as to how to share the Cell-O Jell-O projects with the school and abide by social distancing rules. Stay tuned for more information on that project!

Math classes are moving along in the curriculum. Eighth grade is finding endless ways to graph equations and functions; seventh grade is working on solving one-step, two-step, and multi-step equations...and using this knowledge to solve proportions. Sixth grade has begun using variables in expressions, and they can identify parts of expressions using correct math terminology. Remember that students can log into IXL.com for unlimited practice on a wide variety of math activities. A little extra practice can make a big difference.

Thank you to all of the parents who donated food and drinks for the Halloween party. It was so fun to have homemade treats again!

I enjoyed seeing everyone during Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is an honor to work with such kind, caring, and motivated students. Please feel free to call or email me if you have questions or concerns.

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Heap

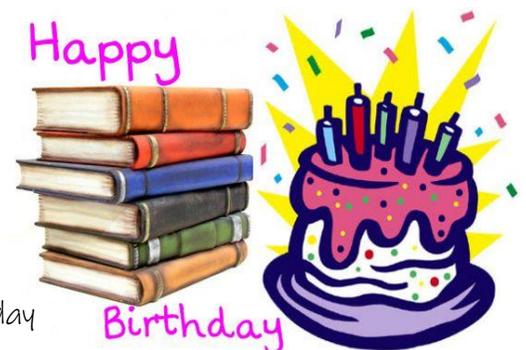
HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING

## Library Birthday Books

The following books were recently donated to our library. Thank you for thinking of others on your birthday!

- ❖ What Was the Underground Railroad By: Yona Zeldis McDonough  
Donated by Landon Tibbe for his April 12<sup>th</sup> birthday
- ❖ Happy Halloween Biscuit! By: Satin Capucilli
- ❖ Mind Your Manners, Biscuit! By: Satin Capucilli
- ❖ Biscuit's First Sleepover By: Satin Capucilli
- ❖ Biscuit Loves Father's Day By: Satin Capucilli
- ❖ Biscuit's Christmas Eve By: Satin Capucilli
- ❖ Biscuit's First Trip By: Satin Capucilli
- ❖ Biscuit's Earth Day Celebration By: Satin Capucilli

Donated by Lenny Friestad for her October 8<sup>th</sup> birthday





2020-2021  
Honor Roll - Quarter 1

*High Honor Roll*

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tyler Carlson  
Sarah Cole  
Ellie Lieser  
Jade Mitchell  
Brooklyn Wallin  
Kyla Wesseh  
Kellen Westerfield  
Colt Zabel

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Connor Fitzgerald  
Vivianne Meade  
Austin Reibel  
Brody Rush

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Logan Bols  
Kendon Hardecopf  
David Monsess  
Isabella Roberson  
Reagan Thompson  
Payton Wallin  
Sophia Withrow-Steil  
Zach Zabel

*Honor Roll*

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nathan Swenson  
Case Thomas  
Landon Tibbe

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

LeAnn Monsess

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Reggie Chapman  
Eva Smith

