

# Lisbon Grade School

DISTRICT #90



## **Letter from the Superintendent**

I want to start by thanking all of the students, parents and staff for the great start of the school year along with the wonderful welcome that I've received. For the first time in a while it feels like a "normal" school year. I have very much enjoyed getting to know all of you and look forward to continuing to get to know you further and building a relationship that fosters mutual respect and trust. Please know the complete well-being of all of our students will always be my number one priority.

A few notices/reminders:

If you have not been receiving blackboard texts or calls, please call the school 815-736-6324.

Family Directories & Parent/Student handbooks were sent home with your youngest child.

Friday October 7th is a faculty In-service, so that will be the start of a four day weekend for students because of the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday October 10th.

The Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for Friday October 21st.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday October 25th & Thursday October 27th.

There is no school on Friday October 28th.



There has been an increase in special lunches being brought in this year. These lunches are often accompanied by pop to drink. Just as a reminder, pop is not allowed in the lunch room or gym so please send water, juice or milk with any lunches.

As I conclude, I want to remind you that education is a partnership and I look forward to working together.

Thank you!

**Mr. William Pender**



## **Kindergarten Mrs. Dike**

This year's kindergarten class has 15 students, 5 boys and 10 girls. We are off to a great start, including a fall field trip to Dollinger's Pumpkin Farm! We had so much fun, and we learned a lot about animals, bees and pumpkins! Happy Fall!



## **1st Grade Mrs. Jacobson**

We have 10 first graders in our class. I would like to welcome Jonathan Seley and his family to Lisbon! We are glad you are here! We are working on our daily routine and getting familiar with our weekly schedule very well. We are off to a great start! Notes have been sent home explaining our curriculum and the classroom expectations, if you have any questions please let me know. We have started our Star Student. A note will be sent home the Thursday before your child's turn. It was great to see all of you at Open House. I am looking forward to a great school year!



## **2nd Grade Mrs. Mathre**

This first full month of school has been exciting. We completed our first unit in reading and took our unit test. It covered the topic of exploration and had five stories. One highlight from the unit was when we read The Strongest Ant, which was a play that we acted out. Each student had a role! Our new unit is called "Working Together" and also has five stories. In Math, we have almost completed our first two chapters. We have been applying addition and subtraction concepts and working with number patterns. We found it helpful to do our skip counting on large number grids. We are beginning to now add two-digit numbers!! We also have some additional fun activities going on. Book It begins in October and the students can earn Pizza Hut coupons monthly. In addition to this, we are tracking our Accelerated Reader points to a CAMPING theme! The students can read books from home, from our classroom library, or check out 2 books each week when we visit the school library on Fridays. The students have time daily to read from their Book Baggies and take AR tests. Finally, our Halloween class party is on Monday, October 31st. Thanks to all of our volunteers who are helping. A note came home with the list of volunteers and their jobs. We appreciate you and cannot wait for our first party!



## **3rd Grade Mrs. Aughenbaugh**

I have had a wonderful time getting to know your students! Our year has been off to a great start. We have learned so much! In October, we will begin our very first novel study as a class. I'm excited to read a book together! Also, don't forget about the Halloween party! Erin Manella and Emma Smith will be joining us for the party that day. I'm looking forward to another wonderful month full of fall festivities!



## 4th Grade Miss Vande Hei

We have had such an amazing start to the school year. I am really enjoying getting to know your students. We finished up our first novel study of the year at the end of September for Reading. We read the book "Chocolate Fever" which everyone enjoyed! In Math, we just finished up place value and are moving into adding and subtracting whole numbers, but more in depth! We also have our Halloween Party to look forward to at the end of October. We have already made some great memories in 4th grade and we are excited to make some more this month!



## 5th Grade Miss Sztapka

October is finally here! We have been learning so much in 5th grade, and the students have done a great job with adjusting to being in the other hallway! Our class read aloud Ground Zero by Alan Gratz, and the students are really enjoying learning about 9/11 and life in other countries. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us in 5th grade!



## 6th Grade Mrs. DeGraaf

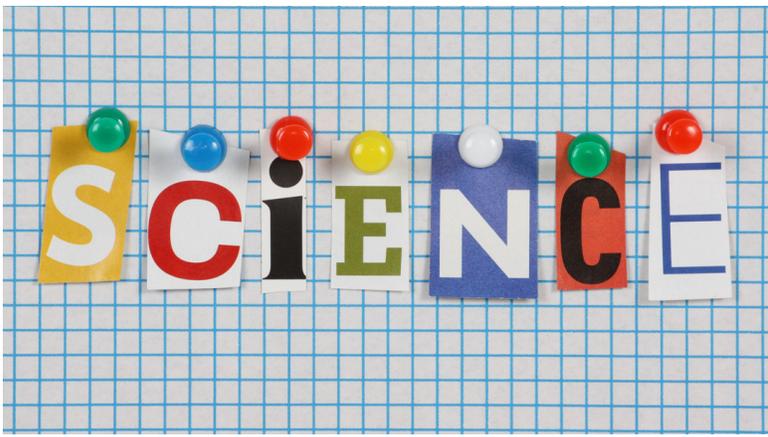
We have been busy getting used to our new schedule. Here are a few reminders for our junior high students:

- \*please remind your child to use and check assignment notebooks every day. It's a great organizational tool for success.
- \*2 AR books are required to be read every quarter. The corresponding tests will be taken and need to be passed for a passing grade.
- \*Your student will have homework, studying, or reading to do every day. Please remind them to check off completed work in the assignment notebooks.
- \*Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.
- \*Thanks for all you do! See you at conferences!



## 7th Grade Miss Zielske

I can't believe how fast this quarter is going. In English, we have been reviewing parts of speech and paragraph writing. In addition, the sixth graders have been working hard on their All About Me books. The seventh graders worked on incorporating adverbs in their writing by creating an "adverb bot" to help them accomplish certain tasks such as chores and practicing sports. The eighth graders have learned how to use dashes, parentheses, and the ellipsis to show pauses in their writing. They will be writing horror stories in October. In Reading, both the seventh and eighth graders have finished Unit 1, which focused on plot development and are now on Unit 2, which focuses on point of view and character development. The next AR book is due October 19th. Spelling assignments for all three grades are always assigned on Mondays and Wednesdays, so students have two days to complete each assignment. Students are encouraged to work or study ahead if they know they will be busy with extra-curricular activities. Tests are given every Friday. Please make sure your child is studying at home.



## **8th Grade Mrs. Heap**

Math classes are off to an exciting beginning. Sixth grade is becoming fluent calculating with fractions and decimals and will soon progress to evaluating algebraic expressions and applying math properties. Seventh grade has started solving equations with rational numbers, and eighth grade is solving and graphing linear equations.

In Science, seventh grade is ready to begin their Cell-O Jell-O project, while eighth grade is completing an introductory unit on chemistry, including a project to explain how the atoms bond to create the compounds. The junior high Halloween party will take place on Monday, October 31st. You will receive a Remind notification to sign up for treats via SignUpGenius.com around October 14th. We are looking forward to seeing all of the creative costumes!

Thank you for such a wonderful start to the year. I am grateful for each day I get to see my students in person. As always, please call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.



## **PE/AD Mr. McKinney**

Hope everyone had a great summer!! Can't believe it is over and the new school year has begun.

What a way to start a school year! It is great to see everyone again and looking forward to a successful school year. In PE, the students are currently working on their football skills and games. I love to see the competition each day!. Everyone did a great job and worked hard on all the fitness testing that we completed a few weeks ago! Keep up the good work!

In health, the 8th grade is looking forward to Red Ribbon Week. It will take place the week of Oct. 17th-21st. Be looking for more details. Go Lions!!



## **Music Mrs. Pfizenmaier**

We have just begun singing our songs for the December Christmas concert. The concert will be Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 P.M. We will be practicing songs in the classroom each week to prepare for the concert. The students can also practice at home with the copy of the songs sent home previously. I am very excited for our students to perform for you all.



## **Band Miss Jasien**

Band has been off to a great start here at Lisbon! All beginning band students are working on mastering their first 3 notes on their instruments. Their enthusiasm has been top notch and I can tell they are going to be a great band! The 6-8th graders are hard at work on their Christmas concert music as well as reviewing fundamental techniques on their instruments. There is so much talent in that group and I am excited to work with them! Please make sure to get your t-shirt order forms in, and reminder our first concert is Monday, December 12th at 7pm in the Newark HS gym!!



### **Bus Notes: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hickernell**

Bus parents, THANK YOU for having your kids ready to go EVERY morning on time! Bus routes are running smoothly this year thanks to you being great parents and having them ready. Please continue to have them ready to go. Please note that during extreme weather or stormy weather keep them in your vehicle until the bus arrives. Please continue to contact us to let us know if your child(ren) will NOT be riding that day. THANK YOU AWESOME LGS PARENTS!



### **Lunchroom Notes: Mrs. Smith**

Parents, if you know that your child(ren) will be coming in late (dr appt, running late, etc) but will be here for lunch PLEASE call the office and let us know if they will be hot lunch. We will need to know lunch count by 9:15. If they are not marked hot, but have come in late and want hot lunch they will get a peanut butter & jelly sandwich with the rest of the sides for lunch. Starting October 1st if your student has a lunch balance of over \$20 they will be served a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch until account is brought current.



### **Custodian Notes: Mrs Borton**

Please remember to flush the toilet when you are done.  
Please only use two paper towels to dry your little hands.  
Please don't pick at paint in the building. If something is chipping or wrong please tell your teacher or staff member.

Thank you for always being willing to help out around school!



### **Read All About It!!**

Junior High:  
Book orders will continue to come home every month. If you would rather place an order online, go to [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). It is cheaper to buy books through that method and it guarantees free shipping for me. Our classroom code is L7RLL.(7th Grade).

Other classes please ask your teacher for your class code.