

Lisbon Grade School

DISTRICT #90



Newsletter

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Letter from the Superintendent

Happy Spring!! I hope all of you have a happy and safe spring break! A few reminders, grades 3-8 will be taking IAR testing after break. Your children's teachers will inform you of the dates. Please do your best to have your students here on those days. Also, please encourage them to do their best and be sure they get good nights of sleep and eat breakfast on testing days. There will be quite a few events in the coming months, with award ceremonies, graduations, concerts and field trips to name a few. Please be aware of all information that the teachers send home. It's hard to believe that there are only 40 school days remaining. I'm still amazed at what a wonderful community you have here and am grateful for the opportunity to be a small part of it.

Thank you,



Mr. William Pender



Kindergarten Mrs. Dike

The kindergarten class worked hard at learning some important skills in the month of March! They learned their phone number, address, birthday, and how to tie shoes! 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, even after Book-It has ended!

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.

Kindergarten signing day is Friday, April 28th. 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 it helps me to start planning for the new group of students! Thank You!



1st Grade Mrs. Jacobson

Hello First Grade Families,

Thank you to all of our parents who volunteered and/or contributed to our class parties all year. We appreciate it! The kids (and I) enjoy our party days. Information about our field trip will be coming home soon!

Book-It Pizza Party will be in April, an invitation will be sent home if your child has earned all 6 months of certificates. Great Job!

We have been working hard on our AR reading goals! My challenge for the students this month is for every student to receive a prize. Their reward will be Dunkin Donuts for the class! Please continue to practice IXL at home. Keep working 1st graders! It was great seeing all of you at Parent Teacher Conferences!



2nd Grade Mrs. Mathre

Happy Spring! As we head into the final quarter of the year, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our eggs. Our science unit in April will be on the development of a chick. We will also be studying customary and metric length in math as well as geometric shapes. Our final unit in reading will be all about traditions. I am looking forward to us sharing traditions and celebrations that are important in our lives.



3rd Grade Mrs. Aughenbaugh

March has been another great month of learning. It is hard to believe we only have a couple months left of school! During the past month, students have worked so hard on all we have been learning. We also had a very fun visit from a leprechaun! I hope everyone enjoyed their spring break! Finally, I wanted you all to know that we will begin state testing in the middle of April. You can help support your students at home by making sure they get enough rest and have a healthy breakfast! As the testing dates get closer, I will be giving you updates through Seesaw about any other important information. Thank you so much for your continued support!



4th Grade Miss Vande Hei

Hello 4th Grade Families! I can't believe it is already April! We had a great time last month enjoying St. Patrick's Day and Spring Break. We have so many fun things planned up until the end of the year and I am sure it will fly by! In math, we are wrapping up fractions! We will also be taking our IAR tests this month, which we are busy prepping for. In reading, we just took our Unit 3 Test! March was our last month of Book It and we are continuing to do the Cougars Reading Club! I am so proud of my fourth graders and all of the progress they have made this year so far. I am excited to continue seeing them grow as they get ready to transition to 5th grade!



5th Grade Miss Sztapka

April is already here! It was so nice to get to meet with all the families again at parent teacher conferences this past month. I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing, spring break! In March, students worked really hard on multiplying and dividing fractions in math. In reading and English, we are continuing to work on our essays and extended response writing in order to prepare for the IAR tests that are quickly approaching! We have begun to read, "The Westing Game", which we have really enjoyed, so far! We have definitely been busy in 5th grade, and can't wait to see what the rest of the school year brings!



6th Grade Mrs. DeGraaf

Thank you to all the parents who came to Parent/ Teacher Conferences. It was great to connect with you and discuss your child's academics. Thank you for supporting your child!

Congratulations to our Book-It finishers-Leah Fitzgerald and Brock Friestad. They not only received a coupon every month for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut, but will participate in a school pizza party as well. Finishers from K-6 will enjoy a Pizza Party sponsored by Loop!

We had such a great experience in geography learning about European countries and getting to taste foods from those countries. The students loved it!

In 8th grade, we are starting to study the United States Constitution and Illinois Constitution. After that, we have a short study on our flag. Then we will be taking our Constitution exam. I will send out a Remind to let you know when the exam will take place. This is a requirement for graduation.



7th Grade Miss Zielske

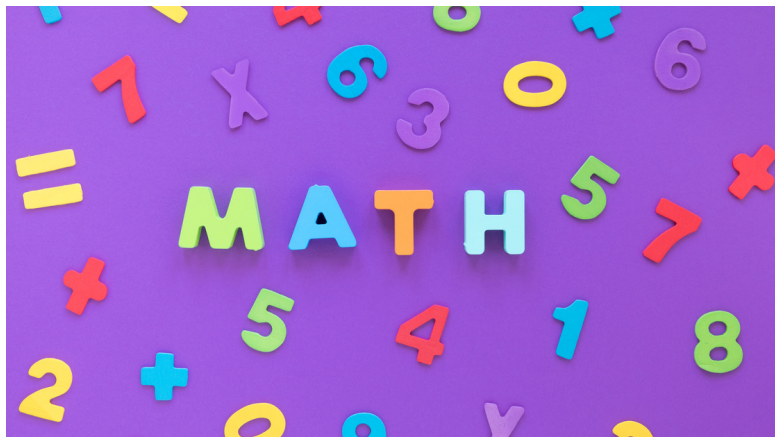
March really flew by!

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

The seventh graders did a great job with their poetry unit. Next, 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. For reading, we will be doing IAR practice tests, reading some short stories about King Arthur and then picking literature circle novels.

The eighth graders have started 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.

The first AR book for fourth quarter is due on April 21st.



8th Grade Mrs. Heap

Spring is here...and I'm excited to welcome longer days, more sunshine, and warmer weather!

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 polynomials.

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 (ISA) for the first three weeks in April. After the ISA, students will complete their final tree chapters for the year... involving conducting experiments and writing scientific lab reports.

I hope everyone had 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.



PE/AD Mr. McKinney

It's here....and gone....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 learns that it is supposed to be spring, it would be much more fun!!

We have just finished our Square Dancing Unit and are looking forward to our in-line skating unit. We are also looking ahead 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 will be displayed in the hallway!

Good luck to the track and field team as their season begins. Hope the weather cooperates! GO LIONS!!!



Music Mrs. Pfizenmaier

This month, grades 5-8 have the opportunity to participate in the annual Talent Show. Talent show auditions are after school Tuesday, April 18th from 3-4. All interested students have received the information they need for the audition process. The students will have an in-school talent show assembly on Friday, April 21st to feature the students chosen to perform.

Also, next month is our spring concert. The concert is Thursday, May 4th at 6:30 P.M. Students will need to arrive by 6:10. The concert starts promptly at 6:30. If for any reason you child will not be able to attend the concert, please send a note to the school letting us know. Students are asked to dress up nicely for the concert. Please, no jeans or hats. We can't wait to sing for you. See you there!



Band Miss Jasien

LGS band members were very successful in earning their band karate belts and all enjoyed a prize day! Those who earned a black belt were even awarded a pizza party!! Now, we are in full swing for concert prep. All students are doing an awesome job on some fun but challenging music. Dates will be figured out for extra rehearsals before the concert and communicated to families soon. Reminder that the concert is Monday, May 15th at 7 pm in the NHS gym.



Bus Notes: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hickernell

We are STILL looking for bus drivers! If you know of someone or you are interested in the position PLEASE contact the office for more information! Please continue to have your child(ren) out waiting for the bus on time. Just a reminder, if the bus drivers DO NOT SEE your kids we WILL NOT STOP! Thank you for being awesome parents and having your child(ren) ready to go and making this a smooth year so far!
LGS Bus Staff



Lunchroom Notes: Mrs. Smith

If your child(ren) are going to be late, for any reason, PLEASE CALL the office BY 9:30AM and let Mrs. Mitchell know if your child(ren) want to have hot lunch. If we do not get a call and your child(ren) come after 9:30 & want hot lunch they will get a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with the rest of the sides. Please remember that when bringing in fast food for kids that pop is NOT ALLOWED. Thank you!



Custodian Notes: Mrs. Borton

All students please remember to keep bathrooms cleaned up and all paper towels bits in the trash can.

Please check the lost and found before the end of the school year!

Thank you for your help around our school.



8th Grade Graduation News

Updates are coming soon! Be on the lookout for more information about graduation! One big change this year is students will be wearing official graduation gowns provided by the school.