May Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MAY CALENDAR: As a reminder, the last day of school and field day will be on Thursday, May 26th. Don't forget that day is also a 1:30 P.M. dismissal. Wednesday, May 25th is a Teacher Institute Day/No School.

<u>Calendar</u>: Copies of the 2016-2017 school calendar and sports calendar have been posted on the schools web site. The sports calendar for all but track and scholastic bowl has also been included in this newsletter. Please note the dates and times for registration in August.

Awards: On May 19th, the Lisbon District 90 will recognize student achievement at the afternoon awards assembly and the evening awards ceremony. The afternoon assembly will be at 2:15 P.M. in the gym. Valedictorians, Salutatorian, Academic, Perfect Attendance, Student Council, Spelling Bee, National Fitness and Accelerated Reader awards will be presented. The evening awards recognition will begin at 6:30 P.M. and will include: Scholastic Bowl, Choir, Band, Speech, Presidential Fitness Awards, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Track and Yearbook. All students that successfully completed a season or activity will receive a certificate, bar or other award. We hope to see all the students and parents at the afternoon assembly and/or the evening ceremony.

<u>Graduation</u>: 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 P.M. Individual student pictures will be taken at 6:00 P.M. <u>All</u> 8th grade students must be here at 6:00 P.M.

<u>Kindergarten Graduation</u>: Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 26th at 10:00 A.M. in the gym with the traditional kindergarten picnic to follow.

<u>Absences</u>: If you know your child is going to be absent, please call the school office and leave a message on the automated attendance option of our phone system the night before or call the school by 9:00 AM the morning of the absence.

<u>Hot Lunches</u>: If your child orders a hot lunch in the morning and then realizes later that they have a cold lunch, they will still be charged for a hot lunch. Unfortunately, once the food is made, it needs to be eaten or thrown away.

Graduation Decorating: Don't forget! We need all 7th grade parents to help with

graduation decorating on Tuesday, May 24th, from 3:15 P.M - 6:30 P.M.

<u>Registration Packets</u>: The 2016 – 2017 school year registration packets will be going home with students the beginning of May. You are encouraged to send the completed packets back but payment is not necessary at this time. You can postdate a check for either of the registration dates in August <u>or</u> send/drop off payment in August. Returning the packets early just gives us the ability to get a head start on paperwork and eliminates the wait or need for you to set aside time in August to bring them in.

Student Registration

<u>2016</u> CO-VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Lisbon Community Consolidated Grade School is proud to announce the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for the 2015-2016 school year.

Co-Valedictorian has been awarded to Meggie Scott and Alex Tollefson. They each achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA during their time at LGS.





Salutatorian designation has been awarded to Kenna Borton. She attained a cumulative GPA of 3.86. Congratulations to all award winners.

We are proud of all your hard work and dedication!!!

BOGO BOOK FAIR



To help the students continue to read over the summer we will be

having a "Buy One Get One Free" Book Fair May 11th – 12th. This will be a very simple fair with no preview. They may bring money on the 11th to shop if you wish to let them purchase any books. There will not be any of the extra items out for purchase just great books. This fair gives the students a chance for some great priced books to read over the summer.

Continue all the great reading this summer!!! LGS Book Fair Committee

News from LOOP

Reminder: The first week in May is Teacher Appreciation Week. Lisbon is extremely fortunate to have such outstanding teachers! We will be celebrating all their hard work and dedication the week of May 2^{nd} - 6^{th} . Don't forget to let your teachers know how lucky we are to have them.

As the school year is winding down, Loop would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks for your continued support throughout the year. It is because of you that we have been able to do big things for the students and school! Our highlight of the year was being able to achieve the first goal of our technology fund. We were able to purchase laptops for all the Jr. High students. They are really enjoying becoming familiar with them and using them in various applications in the classroom. This, in turn, has benefited all students by allowing more access to the computer lab. Next year we aim to tackle phase two of our technology

goal by raising funds to purchase smartboards and tablets to be used in the classrooms.

Loop welcomes two new officers. Emily Friestad will be our new vice president, and Meghan Seiberlich will be treasurer. We thank both Lori Hatteberg and Cheryl Harvey for your devoted years of service. Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, May at 3rd at 4:30 PM in the library.

Please continue sending in Campbell's Labels and Box Tops! We have been able to use these to purchase playground equipment for the students to use during recess. We appreciate your support!



Caudill Club

The winning book for this year was <u>Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25</u> by Richard Paul Evans.

This year we had only two students who completed the requirements for the Caudill Club. To vote for this year's Caudill winner the students must have read at least three of the nominated books and write a short summary of the books as well as provide brief evaluations. Our two participants this year were Danielle Monsess and Tayton Hardecopf. To reward them for their efforts we treated them to dessert at Chili's. Dr. Rustman and Mrs. Fletcher went with us. We had a great time discussing the books as we ate our desserts. Way to go girls!

Mrs. Rehberg

News from Coach McKinney

The school year is rapidly coming to an end!!! As I write, we have 21 full days left of the 2015-16 school year.

We are enjoying the nice weather with our softball/t-ball units. It is a fun unit of learning how to throw and catch for my little guys and game strategy for the older group. We will be fitness testing the first week in May. The kids love to try to earn an award during this time. These will be given out during the awards day on May 19th. We are also looking forward to field day, which will be Thursday, May 26th. The LOOP and I have numerous fun activities for everyone planned that day. Stay tuned.

Both of the track teams are having a Great Season!!!! Good Luck to the team as they head to their sectional meet on Saturday, May 7th at Aurora Christian High School.

I will be running a boys basketball camp this summer for grades going into 3rd-8th. The information will be given to the boys in the near future so be looking out for that.

Thank you to all who have made this year a successful one at Lisbon Grade School. We could not have done it without each one of you. I enjoy so much coming to school and impacting the lives of the students. They are truly wonderful kids!! Good luck to all those in various activities this summer. See you in the fall!!!



hope everypne is enjoying the beautiful weather. 7th and 8th grade just fit is a persuasive assay on which celebrity they think should come to Lisbon Grade School. In math, they have been working on area and division word problems. Kindergarten is hard at work on their spelling words and decodable readers. 1st grade is reviewing math they have learned this year and are doing a great job of passing their Accelerated Reader tests. 2nd grade has



read some great stories, including <u>The Signmaker's Assistant</u> and <u>Just Like Josh Gibson</u>. 3rd and 4th grade have been doing their best on the PARCC tests; way to go! It has been a wonderful school year, and I have really enjoyed seeing everyone make such great progress. Have a great summer!

Sincerely, Mr. Ward

Kindergarten News

Our Kindergarten Registration was a success! Our class had fun with the new Kindergarten students. Thank you to all of the parents who brought items for our snack. Also, thank you to Mrs. Sarah Maddux for being in the classroom for me while I spoke to the new parents.

It's hard to believe we are into the last month of the school year! From the looks of the May calendar, we'll be very busy! These are some important dates you won't want to miss!

May 5th- K-2 Field Trip to Shedd Aquarium May 9th- Last Scholastic Book Order Due May 25th- No School – Teacher Institute 8th Grade Graduation 7:00p.m.

May 26th- Kdg. Graduation at 10:00 a.m.

Kdg. Field Day 10:45-11:45a.m.

Kdg. Picnic at Lisbon Park 11:45a.m.-1:00p.m.

Early Dismissal 1:30/Last Day of School

May 27th- Cougar's Game – through Cougar's Reading Club

(Star Wars Night)

I know we all look forward to a fun-filled month of May. I have really enjoyed working with the students and parents from the Kindergarten class. As the school year winds down, I hope all of our school families have a fun and relaxing summer!

Mrs. Dike
First Grade News

Spring is finally here!! I am not sure where the school year werk but it sure flew by! Thank you to everyone who has helped our classroom in some way this year. Thank you to Sharon Fitzgerald, Tonya Koger, Danielle Meade, and Terri Lynn Reibel for volunteering their time in our classroom. Thank you to the parents who have donated items for our class. Also thank you to, Michelle Salato for doing lots of work at home to benefit our classroom. All of your commitment, help, and kindness were noticed and appreciated!

Our field trip is scheduled for May 5th to the Shedd Aquarium. Please make sure your child has a sack lunch so everything can be thrown away.

Congratulations Connor Fitzgerald and LeAnn Monsess for completing all 6 months of Book-It. Awesome job reading! They enjoyed the pizza party. Thank you to LOOP for donating the pizza. Please remember to read each night, especially over the summer.

Congratulations to Brody Rush for earning the most Accelerated Reader points this year in our class with over 80 points so far! Connor Fitzgerald and LeAnn Monsess are close behind with over 50 points. A.R. is great for gauging how well your child understands what they are reading. We will celebrate with an A.R. ice cream party on May 18th. The size of the sundae your child earns will depend on the amount of points he/she has earned. Yum!

We are anxiously awaiting a special program for mothers for the afternoon of Monday, May 23rd at 2:00. Please be watching for more notes about this exciting event! Also please continue having your child practice their address, phone number, birthday, and full name. Shoe tying and jacket zipping are skills that should be mastered before heading into second grade.

I have really enjoyed working with your children this year. They have all grown so much, which is so exciting to see! Continue to read, write, and practice math facts over the summer. A summer journal will be coming home the last day of school. Please work on at least some of it with your child. There are great review pages over skills we learned this year. Any student who brings it back completed to me during the first week of school next year will receive a special prize. I am going to miss this class, but I am looking forward to seeing them down the hallway!



This past month has been an eggs, time in second grade. The students have been learning about eggs, chickens, and incubation in their "eggstra" time. As I write this article we have chicks peeping in the background, and our room has a "game farm" odor. It has been an incredible experience! "Hatch day" was Thursday, April 21st. We have had nine chicks hatch, one of which died. We had a funeral yesterday for the one that passed away. The chicks will stay in their brooder box in the classroom for the rest of this week. I would like to thank Mrs. Fletcher for providing the brooder box, heat lamp,

and feed for us. Ask your child what he/she learned about eggs and chickens. You will be surprised by how much he/she learned!

We are sending out our Flat Stanley letters this week. If the responses are sent to your house instead of the school, please send them in. The kids will be anxiously awaiting their letters. Please check the bulletin board next month where we will display them.

Nine of our second graders participated each month for our Book-It program. They include Logan Bols, Jorgen Friestad, Kendon Hardecopf, Zeb Maxwell, David Monsess, Tiffany Soland, Reagan Thompson, Payton Wallin, and Sophia Withrow-Steil. We had a fun pizza party with the third grade participants. Thank you LOOP for providing the pizza/pop for our party. Three of our students also completed the Ozzie's Reading Club Challenge. They were Jorgen Friestad, David Monsess, and Payton Wallin. Congratulations!

As we head towards the end of school I ask that you keep an eye on the May calendar. It seems like May is filling up already. Our field trip is on May 5th to the Shedd Aquarium. The students will need a disposable lunch that day. The month of May will also include a study of our pets. We will be writing a pet report concluding with "Pet Day" on May 19th. Please watch for more information about that.

Please continue to encourage your child to do IXL at home. This will be available for the students to use during the summer as well. I hope families will take advantage of this program to increase our kids' math skills. It has been a privilege to work with this group of second graders this year. Thank you for your support



We are having one more book fair in May. I hope you are able to get some books for your child to read over summer. It is very important for your child to read over the summer. It would be a good idea to set aside some time every day for your child to read. Please encourage them to read at least 20 minutes a day.

Students can continue to use IXL.com for math practice this summer. Please practice multiplication and division facts with your child over the summer.

Congratulations to the students who completed Book-It. Congratulations to Kaleb, Gwen, Brooke, and Thomas on reaching the goal of completing Book – It each month. They were rewarded with a pizza party. Thank you to the LOOP for the pizza and pop.

May 17^{th} will be an exciting day. We are going to Starved Rock for our field trip. Third grade will have 2 chaperones going with us. I will inform the parents who have been selected to be chaperones soon.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents for sending items in for our parties. Thank you also to all the parents who planned and help with our classroom parties too.

I have a list of books that you can purchase for your child to work on over the summer so they are ready for 4^{th} grade. You can find these books at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and the Chalkboard. The books are: <u>Summer Skills</u>, <u>Summertime Learning</u>, and <u>Summer Express</u>. I have had a wonderful year with your student.

Have a great summer! Mrs. Doorn



Fourth Grade News

It is time to wind up the 2015-2016 school year. It's difficult to believe the end of school is just around the corner. Please continue to encourage your child to do his/her best in school. I realize that once the weather becomes nice, children have a more difficult time focusing on school. We have done pretty well so far, so let's finish strong.

It was great seeing all of you at the Spring Concert. All of the kids did such a great job. We will be going to Starved Rock later this month. I will be drawing names from the list that volunteered to go that haven't gone in the last two years. We have an exciting adventure planned.

County Cougars Ozzie's Reading Club: Clay Friestad, Danielle Monsess, Hannah Torres, Will Milton, and Blake Wallin. Who doesn't love a little baseball? Also, congratulations to the following students who completed the Book-It Reading Program for all six months: Brooklyn Hatteberg, Gabi Maxwell, Will Milton, Danielle Monsess, Hannah Torres, Blake Wallin, and Kiara Wesseh. They enjoyed a pizza party to celebrate their achievement. It makes me smile to see so much reading. What a great turnout! Keep encouraging your child to work hard to get as many AR points as possible by the end of the year. AR ends on Monday, May 16th.

Please don't let them stop reading or practicing math over the summer. Summertime is when they all need to practice to keep their skills sharp. Remember, IXL is a great tool to use. The local libraries always have great reading programs over the summer. This may be something to look into to keep a routine all summer long.



Have a safe and wonderful summer. Mrs. Myre ☺

<u>Fifth Grade News</u>

I cannot believe that May is here already! I have enjoyed getting the opportunity to teach your student. Thank you for your support!

We have a busy May coming up. We finished our last PARCC test! We will focus on our upcoming state Science test which is Thursday, May 12th. Our field trip this year is to Starved Rock on May 17th with a rain date of Monday the 23rd. We have a Starved Rock "Expert" joining us on our trip. We will be hiking and cooking out. Watch for a letter to be sent out soon. We also have our Awards and Character Counts Assemblies along with our talent show this month. If you would like to attend, please check our calendar for dates.

Friday, May 6th is our Annual Wax Museum. Your student has been working hard to prepare for it. We've written a biography report on a famous American using notecards and outlines. We've drafted a rough copy, and then rewrote it into a finished and typed report. After all that, we've written a speech, memorized it, and created a tri-fold board about their famous American. We are excited to present it to the school, our parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Please feel free to come this Friday at 2 p.m. in the gym. We'd love for you to see all our hard work in action.

We will finish the year strong in the 5th grade. Our motto is "Finish Strong." We will be focusing on learning math skills that will help us in junior high along with other projects. Thank you again for all your support this year.



Mrs. DeGraa

Congratulations to our 6th grade Book It winners: Lindsey Hatteberg, Reese Heap, Alexis Dixon, Jacquelin Harvey, Kjersten Friestad and Jacqueline Jollay! In Reading, we are completing the novel, Holes. The students will be busy working on a final project and a compare/contrast paper about the book and the movie. PARCC Testing went well and I was very proud of the effort everyone gave during all of the tests!

In Geography, we are completing our unit about Africa. Each student chose a country in Africa to research. These projects will be presented during

class and we are excited to learn about many different countries! In Science, we will be learning about waves, tides and oceans.

In 7^{th} grade Social Studies, we have been studying about the effects of slavery and life during the 1800's leading up to the Civil War. We will also be learning about early education methods. The students will be creating McGuffey Readers and have the opportunity to present them to our K-1st grade classes.

In 8th grade Social Studies, I want to say "Congratulations" to our 8th graders for working so hard on the Constitution Unit. They all did an outstanding job completing the requirements for graduation and I am very proud of all of you! It's hard to believe we are so close to the end of the year! During the last several weeks, we will be completing a unit on the Cold War and will be studying changes in American life during the Civil Rights Movement. I have really enjoyed working with all of the students at Lisbon Grade School! Thank you so much for your support throughout this year!



PARCC tests are over, and we are all proud of our students for working so hard! Way to go!

The sixth graders did an excellent job on their animal research papers. We had great discussions on how to tell if a website is credible and worth using. They worked hard on organizing their facts and starting sentences in a variety of ways. Sixth grade will finish up the year with a unit on different types of letter writing and persuasive advertising strategies.

The seventh grade research papers on "medieval times" topics have been very interesting. They are learning many things about the note-taking process, outlining, and avoiding plagiarism. We will be finishing final drafts next week. In reading, we just finished up comparing what we learned about Greek mythology to <u>The Lightning Thief</u>. The seventh graders will be starting literature circle groups next week. This involves reading a novel in small groups and completing different jobs that help with comprehension such as summarizing, finding important quotes, and defining tricky words.

The eighth graders just finished learning about verbals and verbal phrases. Next, we will be learning about verb moods before finishing the year with some persuasive writing activities like creating infomercials and PSAs. In reading, the eighth graders finished up their literature circle books. They will be

completing both group and individual projects that go along with their books. Our next project involves working in groups to solve a lunch room food fight mystery!

The last day to earn points for AR rewards is May 16th, but students have until May 20th to complete their second book for the quarter. Congratulations to everyone who went above and beyond the 2 book requirement each quarter and earned great prizes. Keep reading over the summer! I know I am going to get a head start on the Rebecca Caudill nominees!



I hope everyone is looking forward to a great summer!
Miss Zielske

Eighth Grade News

Junior High Math classes are busy completing their math books. Eighth grade is finishing up the Algebra book with graphing quadratic equations. Seventh grade has started algebra in earnest by solving multi-step equations and combining like terms. Sixth grade will end the year by using integers to add, subtract, multiply, and divide within equations and expressions. Seventh grade science class is finishing presentations on the systems of the human body. The students have put a lot of time and effort into their presentations, and it really shows...they are highlighting both their knowledge of the material and expertise in using presentation software. So far, the presentations have been great! Seventh grade will finish the year by dissecting a cow eyeball and completing an egg baby project. Eighth grade has one more test to take...the Illinois Science Assessment. This will be administered on May 12th. Even with all the testing, we will still have some fun... Eighth grade will finish up the semester by building radios. This is a new project and I hope it will be educational and enjoyed by all!

Summer Math Challenge and IXL.com

I will be hosting the math challenge again this summer. Last summer LGS students answered over 15,000 math questions. I hope that this year we can beat that number by at least 10 percent. Students can participate as much or as little as they like. Any math practice over the summer helps students retain what they learned throughout the school year. Information will be going home to everyone the last week of school for all who are interested. And remember...IXL.com is available to all students during the summer. So keep on calculating!

8th Grade Homeroom News

We are planning to uphold the traditional *Game/Movie Day* for the graduating class. On Tuesday May 24th, we will have movies/board games/video games in the Science room and the Library from 12 PM to 3PM.

LOOP will be providing the food (pizza, chips, and pop) and graduation t-shirts. Families that signed up to provide a dessert will receive a reminder the week before.

As a junior high teacher, May is bittersweet. When we come to school in August, I am always amazed at how much the kids change over the few short months of summer. When I look back at where the eighth graders started the year and where they are now, I am equally amazed. It has been a pleasure to see how much each student has grown and changed during their time at LGS. Eighth graders...I hope you are eager to embark on the next exciting phase of your life. I wish you the best of luck in high school. You are a great group and I am proud of all you have accomplished!



LGS Student Council is ready to welcome the new officers and representatives for the 2016-2017 school year. Elections will be held during lunch on May 6th. Seventh graders who are elected into officer positions will have the opportunity to attend the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp at the end of June, where they will learn about their new responsibilities, work with student council officers from other schools, and build leadership skills. Two class representatives will also be elected (one boy and one girl) from current 4th through 7th grade classes. I am looking forward to working with these students on many fun-filled and meaningful projects.



BAND_{NOTES}



Concert... Monday, May 9 @ 7 pm

Newark High School Wear: Band uniform Arrival time-6:30pm

Mrs. Heap

Remember: Baseball/softball are NOT an excused absence. Plan ahead. Students who do not perform at the concert

AM COMBINE

For 6-8th Grade Students Thursday, May 5

FINAL REHEARSAL

For 5th-8th Grade Students Monday, May 9 Final Band Rehearsal 7:55 am at Newark High School. Students will be bussed back to school at 9:15 am.

Students are welcome to help set up at 7 am on Monday, May 9. Donuts and juice for all Early Morning Volunteers.





Band: Luigi's Lunch

Wednesday, May 18th 11:30-1:45-Luigi's Pizza, Aurora

Parent permission & \$\$ due Monday, May 9 at concert! Download from website! chaseourband.com Cost is \$12.



Note: Students who do not perform in our May 9th concert and/or attend our final rehearsal can not attend this fieldtrip.