

# May Newsletter



MAY CALENDAR: As a reminder, the last day of school and field day will be on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget that day is also a 1:30 P.M. dismissal. Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Institute Day/No School.

Calendar: A copy of the 2017-2018 school calendar has been posted on the schools web site. Please note the dates and times for registration in August.

The sports calendars will be posted at a later date. Lisbon Grade School is moving from the Fox Valley Conference to the Junior 10 Conference. Thus, we are changing our game schedules and these will be published when they are finalized.

Awards: On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. Valedictorian, 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.

Graduation: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Individual student pictures will be taken at 6:00 P.M. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must be here at 6:00 P.M.

Kindergarten Graduation: Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the gym with the traditional kindergarten picnic to follow.

Absences: 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 A.M. the morning of the absence.

Hot Lunches: 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to help with graduation decorating on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:15 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Registration Packets: The 2017 to 2018 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 or 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.

## 2017 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Lisbon Community Consolidated Grade School is proud to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the 2016-2017 school year.

Valedictorian has been awarded to Morgan Long. She achieved a 3.90 GPA during her time at LGS.

Salutatorian designation has been awarded to Madison Malone. She attained a cumulative GPA of 3.80.



Congratulations to both award winners.  
We are proud of all your hard work and dedication!!!

## Caudill Club News

The state winning book is in!!! With over 2200 votes Crossover by Kwame Alexander won. As stated last month, the winning book for our school was The War that Saved My Life. The Rebecca Caudill Club provided over 16,000 readers this year in Illinois alone!!!

## Rebecca Caudill NEWS FROM LOOP

We celebrate Teachers Appreciation Week in May! Lisbon is extremely fortunate to have such outstanding teachers! LOOP will be celebrating all their hard work and dedication the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. 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 this year was fulfilling our technology goal and providing smartboards for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades and tablets for students in K-2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 P.M. in the library. Come join us!!

Please continue sending in Box Tops. They equate to money for our school! We have been able to use these to purchase playground equipment for the students to use during recess.

We appreciate your support!



This year, kindergarten through fourth grade once again participated in the Monarch program put on by the Illinois School Library Media Association. Through this program, each class was able to read fifteen books that were nominated for the Monarch Award, an award given to a K-3 children's book. According to the website, the name Monarch was chosen because of its familiarity to K-3 children and to symbolize the growth, change and freedom that becoming a reader brings. The Monarch is designed to encourage children to read critically and become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. After reading fifteen out of the twenty nominated books, all of the students voted. The winner for Lisbon was Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh by Sally M. Walker. Statewide, there were 449 schools participating and the winning book received over 11,000 votes. The overall winner for Illinois was Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio. Both of these books, along with many other nominees, are available in our school library.

## Music News



The Lisbon Grade School Spring Concert is right around the corner! The concert will be Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The concert begins promptly at 6:30 P.M. and students need to meet in their classrooms by 6:10 P.M.

If you know your child will not be able to make the concert date please send a note or speak with their classroom teacher. The concert is part of the music grade and will not be excused without notification.

We have all been working very hard on our songs and hope you will join us for a great night of music!



Musically,  
Mrs. Pfizenmaier

## Summer Math Challenge and IXL.com

I will be hosting the math challenge again this summer. Last summer LGS students answered over 13,600 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!

Mrs. Heap



### May in Resource

Spring is finally here! This school year has quickly come and gone. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have been working hard on their PARCC tests; way to go! We will pick back up with our regular daily math lessons. Kindergarten is hard at work on their spelling words, counting to 100 and reading AR books. 1<sup>st</sup> grade is working on writing short paragraphs, spelling words, phonics pages and adding and subtraction. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is working hard on completing their multiplication facts and earning that ice cream party with Mrs. Doorn. 4<sup>th</sup> grade has just completed reading Dragon of the Red Dawn.

I have truly enjoyed this year working with all the students in the resource room and look forward to next year. For now, enjoy your summer making memories.

Thank you,

Mrs. Darnell



### May News from Coach McKinney

The school year is rapidly coming to an end!!! As I write, we have less than 20 full days left of the 2016-17 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 18th. We are also looking forward to field day, which will be Thursday, May 25th. 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 6<sup>th</sup> at Aurora Christian High School.

I will be running a boys basketball camp this summer for grades going into 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The information was given to the boys a few weeks ago but if you need more information please see me!

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!!! GO LIONS!!!





## May in Kindergarten

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. Fosen 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 4 <sup>th</sup> -	Spring Program 6:30 p.m. Students meet in classroom at 6:10 p.m.
May 5 <sup>th</sup> -	K-2 Field Trip to Brookfield Zoo
May 9 <sup>th</sup> -	Last Scholastic Book Order Due
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> -	Kdg. Graduation at 10:00 a.m. Kdg. Picnic at Lisbon Park 11:45a.m.-1:00p.m.
May 24 <sup>th</sup> -	No School ó Teacher Institute 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00p.m.
May 25 <sup>th</sup> -	Field Day/Kdg movie and game day Early Dismissal 1:30/Last Day of School
May 29 <sup>th</sup> -	Cougar's Game ó through Cougar's Reading Club



The students have worked so hard, as well as have had so much fun with their songs for the Spring Program. I hope to see you all there on May 4<sup>th</sup>!

Our parent chaperones for our year end field trip have been selected. Erika Swenson, Emma Smith, and Kari Friestad will be joining us at the zoo on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

## May in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Thank you to everyone who has helped our classroom in some way this year. Thank you to our room mothers for fun parties and volunteering their time in our classroom. Thank you to the parents who have donated items for our class. All of your commitment, help, and kindness were noticed and appreciated!

Our field trip is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> to the Brookfield Zoo. Please make sure your child has a sack lunch so everything can be thrown away.

Congratulations Tyler Carlson, Colt Zabel, Kyla Wesseh, Weston Friestad, Jade Mitchell, Brooklyn Wallin, Ellie Lieser, Naomi DeGroat, Nate Swenson, Troy Seiberlich, and Kellen Westerfield 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.

We will celebrate with an A.R. ice cream party on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The size of the sundae your child earns will depend on the amount of points he/she has earned. Yum!

I have really enjoyed working with your children these past few months. They have all grown so much, which is so exciting to see! Continue to read, write, and practice math facts over the summer.

Enjoy your summer!!

Mrs. Jacobson



This past month has been an öegg-citingö time in second grade. The students have been learning about eggs, chickens, and incubation in their öegg-straö time. We were looking forward to öhatch dayö which was April 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope we have a good hatching! I would like to thank Mrs. Fletcher for providing the brooder box, heat lamp, and feed for us for this project.

We sent out our Flat Stanley letters this week. This year we are doing this special project with the fourth grade. 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.

Four of our second graders participated each month in our Book-It program. They include Connor Fitzgerald, Sage Harms, LeAnn Monsess, and Brody Rush. They qualified for the pizza party. LeAnn Monsess also completed the Cougarø Reading Club Challenge. Congratulations!

In April, students also created cereal box book reports. I was very impressed with the way they turned out. They were very creative! We concluded this project with an oral book report. Then the students convinced their classmates that they should read their book.

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 will be on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We head to the Brookfield Zoo that day. Hopefully, we will have good weather. 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 öPet Dayö on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 is amazing to me that this school year is coming to a close already. Thank you for all of your support this year.

Thank you!  
Mrs. Rehberg



### May in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

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. Also, Mrs. Dike has a summer Book-It program that I would strongly encourage your student to complete.

Students can continue to use IXL.com for math practice this summer. Please practice multiplication and division facts with your child over the summer. Mrs. Heap is continuing to do her math challenge that would be good review for your child.

Congratulations to the students who completed Book-It. Congratulations to Logan, Noah, Jorgen, Kendon, Zeb, David, Reagan, Payton, Sophia, and Zach 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 16<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting day. We are going to Phillip's Park and Feed my Starving Children for our field trip. Third grade will have 3 chaperones going with us. I will inform the parents that have been selected to be chaperones.

A big thank you to all of the parents for sending items in for our parties. Thank you 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<sup>th</sup> grade. You can find these books at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and the Chalkboard. The books are: Summer Skills, Summertime Learning, and Summer Express. I have had a wonderful year with your student.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Doorn



### May in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

It is time to wind up the 2016-2017 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.

The Spring Concert is Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. They can't wait to show you what they've been working on in Music this semester. We will be going to Phillips Park and Feed My

Starving Children on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. I have contacted those that volunteered to go that haven't gone in the last two years. We have an exciting day planned.

Congratulations to Gwen Friestad! She completed the Kane County Cougars Ozzie's Reading Club. Who doesn't love a little baseball? Way to go Gwen! Please keep encouraging your child to work hard to get as many AR points as possible by the end of the year. The last day to check out books in the library is May 11<sup>th</sup> and AR ends on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The AR ice cream party will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 ☺



LGS Student Council would like to announce the new officers and representatives for the 2017-2018 school year. The elections results were as follows: President, Mackenzie Wilkins; Vice President, Reese Heap; Secretary, Jacquelin Harvey; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative, Jacqueline Jollay; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative, Alexis Reibel; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives, Logan Jacobsgaard and Kiara Wesseh; and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives, Dylan Long and Tess Carlson. Elections were held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Seventh graders who were 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. I am looking forward to working with these students on many fun-filled and meaningful projects.



Mrs. Heap,  
Student Council Advisor

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

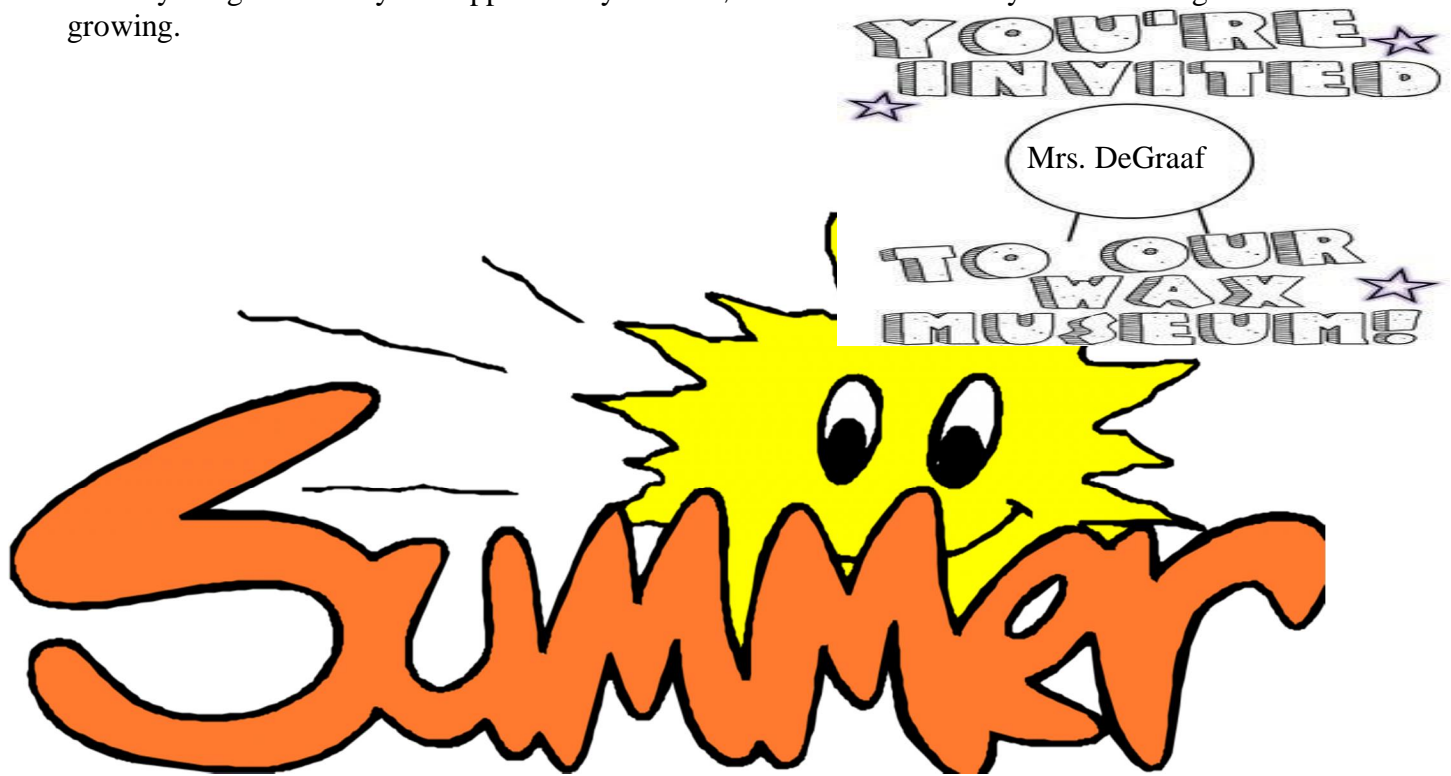
**I cannot believe that May is here already! I have enjoyed getting the opportunity to teach your student. Thank you for your support!**

We have a busy May coming up. Our field trip this year is to Phillips Park Zoo and Feed My Starving Children on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for a permission slip to come home the first or second week in May. Our parent chaperones are Mr. Monsess, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Hatteberg, and Mrs. Maxwell. Thank you for volunteering! We also have our Awards and Character Counts Assemblies along with our talent show this month. Don't forget our Music Concert is Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend, please check the calendar in the newsletter or online for dates and times.

This month we will spend our Social Studies period working on our Wax Museum project. We are in the midst of gathering information right now. After that, we will be busy writing an outline and using that to complete our research paper. After that begins the other half of our project- preparing for the Wax Museum by writing a speech and memorizing that. It's a fun project, and your child is very enthusiastic about it. All of the work will be done in class with lunch/ recess time being offered if your student falls behind. Our target date is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. We welcome parents, grandparents, siblings, and any other family members that would like to view our hard work. An invitation will come home in a few weeks.



We want to finish the year strong in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. We've had a tremendous year of learning and growing.



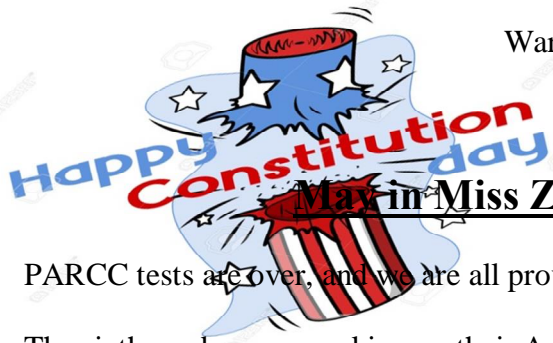
### May in Mrs. Scott's Room

PARCC Testing went well and I was very proud of the effort everyone gave during all of the tests! We will be starting a new novel this week and there will be a lot of fun discussion, projects and a movie at the end!

In Geography, we are completing our unit about Africa. Each student chose a country in Africa to research. These projects were presented during class and we all learned a lot about many different countries! It's a good experience to present information in front of classmates and I was very proud of everyone's effort! We also got to try a nice variety of African recipes, too! In Science, we will continue to learn about climate and climate changes. We will also be studying the Solar System as we finish up the school year.

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, we have been learning about westward expansion. We will also be studying about the effects of slavery and life during the 1800s leading up to the Civil War. We will be talking about early education methods. The students will be creating McGuffey Readers and have the opportunity to present them to our K-1<sup>st</sup> grade classes. That is always a fun day for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders! We have quite a bit of interesting material to cover during the last month of school!

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, I want to say "Congratulations" to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders for working so hard on the Constitution Unit. They have all done an outstanding job on 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!



Warm and sunny days are coming soon!  
Mrs. Scott

### May in Miss Zielske's Room

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

The sixth graders are working on their Ancient Civilizations research papers. After completing a final draft and learning to write an MLA-style bibliography, they will finish up the year with units on business letters 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, the seventh graders are enjoying their literature circle groups. 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 have finished learning about verbals and verbal phrases. We have just started learning about verb moods before finishing the year with some fun writing activities like fan fiction and PSAs. In reading, the eighth graders are finishing up their literature circle books. They will be completing projects that go along with their books. Our next unit involves working in groups to solve a lunch room food fight mystery!

The last day to earn points for AR rewards is May 12<sup>th</sup>, but students have until May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



### May 8<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Heap's Room

Junior High Math classes are busy completing their math books. Eighth grade is finishing up the Algebra book with graphing quadratic equations. Seventh grade is continuing to work on algebra by learning about scientific notation, exponents, and roots. Sixth grade will end the year by using integers to add, subtract, multiply, and divide within equations and expressions.

Seventh grade science class has welcomed a new addition! Mr. McRib. He is a life-sized skeleton that the students used to learn about the bones and joints in the human body. Seventh grade will finish the year by dissecting a cow eyeball and completing an egg baby project. Eighth grade just completed the Illinois Science Assessment. This is a required test by the state of Illinois that assesses all the material students have learned through eighth grade. Eighth grade will finish up the semester by building different types of batteries. This is a new project and I hope it will be educational and enjoyed by all!

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom News

We are planning to uphold the traditional *Game/Movie Day* for the graduating class. On Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 a week before graduation day.

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!

Mrs. Heap

**CLASS OF**  
**2017**

## TIME FOR BAND



## A Patriotic Salute Concert... Monday, May 15 @ 7 pm

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

Remember: Baseball/softball are NOT an excused absence. Plan ahead. Students who do not perform at the concert cannot attend our Luigi's lunch. No exceptions!

## BAND NOTES

### AM COMBINE

For 6-8th Grade Students  
Thursday, May 4 7:45-9:15 am  
Friday, May 12 7:45-9:15 am

### FINAL REHEARSAL

For 5th-8th Grade Students  
Monday, May 15  
Final Band Rehearsal  
7:55 am at Newark High School.  
Students will be bussed back to school at 10:30 am

Students are welcome to help set up at 7 am on Monday, May 15. Donuts and juice for all Early Morning Volunteers.



### Band: Luigi's Lunch

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
11:30-1:45-Luigi's Pizza, Aurora

Parent permission & \$\$ due Friday, May 12!  
Download from website! [chaseourband.com](http://chaseourband.com)  
Cost is \$12. Plus laser tag. Would love some parent help!

Note: Students who do not perform in our May 15<sup>th</sup> concert and/or attend our final rehearsal can not attend this fieldtrip.



## SUMMER BAND

A WONDERFUL, AWESOME EXPERIENCE.  
MUSIC PROFESSIONALS COMING TO NEWARK TO HELP!  
Please sign-up! It will be worth it!

June 20-June 22  
June 27-June 29  
July 5 & 6  
July 11-July 13

GOING ON VACATION? Or playing softball?  
No problem...come 1 week, 2 weeks,  
3 weeks, or all 4! FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE!