

October Newsletter

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News from the Superintendent - Dr. Rustman

We are off to a great start for the 2017 - 2018 school year!! Thanks to all the students and parents for their cooperation and help, and to the teaching staff for doing an outstanding job of educating students.

We are constantly adding to and updating the website. Schedules, menus, district information, etc. are all available on the web site. Check it out at:

www.lisbon.k12.il.us

Please review the attached October calendar for school events. These events and sports schedules are also on the district's web site.

The 2016-2017 school district report card will be available soon at the school. In addition, you can go to www.illinoisreportcard.com for additional information about Lisbon School District and/or other schools in Illinois. We sent out school directories with the youngest student in the family. If you did not receive one, please call the office.

Reminder: The emergency phone tree list will no longer be sent home as the school district has Blackboard Connect (emergency phone calling system). If you have any questions, please call the office.



Reminders:

- At various times during the year, either for motivational or educational purposes, the district will show either a "G" or "PG" rated movie selection to the students. We try to screen these carefully for content prior to showing. However, if you do not wish for your child to view these movies, please notify the district and we will make other arrangements for this time frame.
- If you drop off your child in the morning **after 8:20 A.M.**, you must come into the office and sign him/her in. It is very important that the teachers and the office have consistent information so that our records are accurate.
- Parking: Please remember to enter the parking lot by the **south entry only**. We made this change a few years ago for safety purposes.
- Parents, when you come to school to drop off items, or to pick up your student, please stop in the office and check in. Our staff will be happy to deliver the items or to page your student.



- Building and playground safety is an ongoing issue with schools across the nation. Please be aware that our staff strives to make the school and the school grounds as hazard free as possible. As part of this effort, the local fire and police departments will spend a morning here on October 11th, reviewing the building and safety procedures in case of a fire, intruder or tornado. Students will spend time listening to and asking questions of the firemen and police about safety issues here at school and also at home. In addition, we will have an "intruder" drill so students/staff can practice in the event that the school needed to be locked down.
- Parents, we always have many items in our lost and found. Please remind your student(s) to check the lost and found frequently. Parents are also welcome to check during conferences, basketball games, open house, etc.
- 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.**
- Periodically, we have head lice in the community. Please be advised that the government has information available at: www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html.
- Email addresses are the same as prior years. Each staff persons email address is their first initial, last name @lisbon.k12.il.us (example: mrustman@lisbon.k12.il.us).
- If your child is sick please call the school office and leave a message on the attendance recorder. This can be done at any time in the evening but should be done no later than 9:00 A.M. the day of the absence so the school can have an accurate record of attendance and lunch count.



Bus Notes/Student Absences



Reminder: If your child is not riding the bus in the morning. Please call your child's driver (Emily Friestad/Emma Smith) or the school and we will inform the drivers. If your child is not riding the usual bus or not riding at all in the evening, please call or send a note to the office so we can notify the drivers/teachers.

RECYCLE OPPORTUNITIES



Paper Bin: Don't forget we have a paper recycle bin behind the school.

Clothes: We accept clothes in our UsAgain clothing recycle bin also behind the school.

Cans: We are collecting pop cans to recycle. If you have cans that you would like to donate to the school, we will gladly accept them in a trash bag or other leak-proof container. **Please do not smash the cans.**

All proceeds go to the end of year Character Counts assembly. Thank you for any items donated to any of our recycle opportunities. Not only do they help the school, they are also helping the environment.



News from Coach McKinney

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

We are currently enjoying our soccer unit after completing football!!! We had a great time with flag football. We had fun learning the basic skills of throwing and catching a football, too!! We are in the midst of our soccer unit and the students did very well at learning the basic skills of the game!

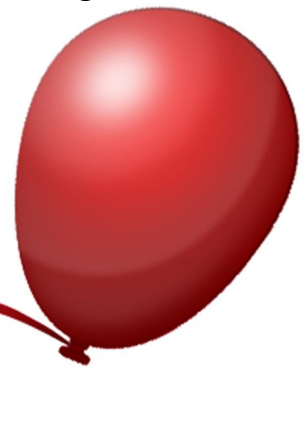
In health, the 8th grade has been learning about the 3 sides to the health triangle and the factors that influence our health! They are also looking forward to Red Ribbon Week. It will take place the week of Oct. 16th. Be looking for more details.

Both of the volleyball teams are having a Great Season!!!! Good Luck to the A team as they play in the conference tournament next two weeks!! Good luck to the B team as they will be completing their season. Finish Strong!!

The soccer team is finishing up a successful season. Finish Strong!!

GO LIONS!!!
Coach McKinney

Red Ribbon
Week



Cheerleading News

Cheerleading will be starting next week. On October 4th, the B Team and any A-Team non-volleyball/soccer players will begin practicing. The rest of the A Team will begin on October 12th when their seasons are over. A schedule should have come home with your child last week.

At this time, there will not be an A Team Cheerleading Competition. We will still create a routine to perform when we host Newark at the high school on October 23rd.

I am looking forward to another great season. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Karin Myre ☺

kmyre@lisbon.k12.il.us



News from the Resource Room

We are off to a great start in the resource room for the 2017-2018 school year. The kindergarteners are showing great progress with their letter names and sounds. We have also been working on counting to 30! The first graders are working on adding two parts to equal a whole. They have also been working on reading books for comprehension and fluency. The second graders have been working on their weekly phonics pages and reading their weekly story with extra guidance. The third graders have been reading their weekly story and working on fluency. We have been discussing how to wisely spend money. The fourth graders have been working on estimating and mental math. In eighth grade, we have been working on writing complete paragraphs with adding detail.

Mrs. Darnell





News from Kindergarten

The kindergarten class has had a great start to the school year! We have 15 students - 8 girls and 7 boys. We have had fun getting to know each other in the first month of school. They have adjusted well to the routines of each day. Each day is filled with exciting activities and lessons. Be sure to ask your child about his/her day!

We have started Foundations. This program is a multi-sensory method of teaching reading and writing skills. The class is becoming familiar with the letters and the sounds they make. We are learning to write the letters of the alphabet and using proper placement on the lines. The children have been working on their names and have done a wonderful job!



In Math, we have been working on counting, comparing, and recognizing numbers to 10. Next, we will continue on with numbers to 20.

In Reading, we have read some great books: The Little School Bus, Fix-It Duck, Plaidypus Lost, Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip, and Julius. The students have found that the rhyming and repetition make it easy to read along. For each story, we have vocabulary and sight words that are introduced and practiced in class. Parents, please read the Family Times booklet that comes home and review the letters and words with your child. Also, any books that come home with your child should be practiced over and over again! Reading at home with your child will enable him/her to become a more fluent and confident reader!

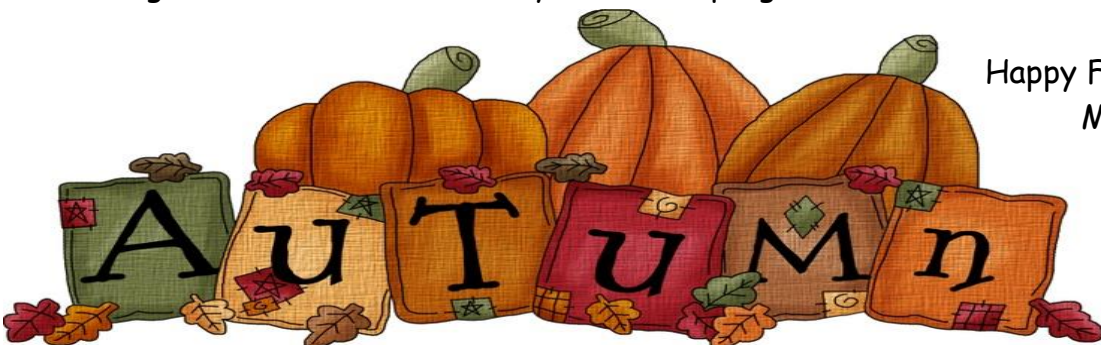
In this month of October, we will be talking about community helpers. We hope to have some visitors coming in to tell us about their jobs! If you would like to come tell us about your job, please call me to set up a time!

Our class will participate in Book-It! Students will read books at home and keep track of minutes on a calendar. If they meet the expected goals each month, they will receive a certificate to earn a free pizza from Pizza Hut! Any students who meet the requirements for all six months will earn a pizza party in April!

We look forward to our class parties. Our first party is our Halloween party. Thank you to the parents who will be providing food and games for our parties!

I hope your child is enjoying their kindergarten year! Please let me know if you have any questions about what your child is doing in class. I look forward to meeting with all of the parents at Parent/Teacher conferences this month! This is a great time to learn about your child's progress.

Happy Fall!
Mrs. Dike





News from 1st Grade

We are off to a great start in 1st grade! We would like to welcome Zadie Bleuer and her family to Lisbon this year! We are glad you are here!

After being in school a few weeks we have adjusted well to our new schedule and routine.

A few weekly reminders.....

- ✎ We visit the Library on Mondays. Each student is allowed to check out two library books and as long as they are returned they will get two new books the following week. We have talked about responsibility and taking care of borrowed items in class.
- ✎ We begin a new reading story on Mondays, textbooks come home on Thursdays. Please listen to your child read the story and return the book to school on Friday. We will take a reading test on Friday over our story.
- ✎ Spelling words are sent home on Monday, please practice a few minutes each day. We will take our Spelling test on Friday.

Ask your child about Daily 5 Centers & stamina! They are doing a great job working independently and following the center rules!

Notes will be sent home a week prior for your child to be "Student of the Week!"

Things coming up this month..... Book - It Reading program, Parent/Teacher Conferences, a field trip to the Sandwich Opera House (a note will be sent home) and information about our Halloween party!



Keep up the great work 1st Grade!
Happy Fall!

Mrs. Jacobson

News from 2nd Grade

This has been an unusual start of the school year. I don't ever remember such hot weather at the end of September. We are ready for some crisp fall air in second grade.

Please remember that we will be having a reading selection test and a spelling test almost every Friday. In reading we have five stories in a unit. On the sixth week we will have a unit test. On that particular week we will not have a selection test or a spelling test. In reading we are talking about exploring. We have explored space, the country, the city, and the desert without having to leave the classroom!



On Mondays we go to the library for computers. On Fridays we visit the library. Please try to send back library books on Fridays. I try to make sure the students are picking out library books that are within their reading level. While we are in the library on Mondays and Fridays we will be doing the math IXL program, practicing keyboarding skills, and taking A.R. tests. Using the IXL math site is a good way to review the particular math skills that we are working on. I hope that you are encouraging your child to use the site at home. Second grade is such a formative year for developing math skills. Ideally I would like the kids to use the site at home each day. However, I realize that everyone is busy. I would like the students to utilize IXL at home at least a couple of times during the week. If your child does not have access to a computer at home please see if it is possible to use a relative's computer. I get a report at the end of each week indicating the minutes each child spent on the site and the skills utilized. The student who has completed the most problems on IXL each week gets a blue slip for the character counts program. The kids have so much fun on the site. They don't realize that they are doing math work!

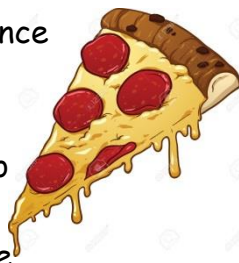
Leveled readers should be coming home most weeks except unit test weeks. Please try to send them back on Fridays. I would like the students to read the leveled readers out loud to a parent or other adult at least two times through during the week. I will try to send the reading books home on Thursdays so students can reread our weekly story to prepare for our selection tests.

Our Halloween party will be on October 31th at 2:00. Emily Friestad is our party chairman. Stephanie Westerfield and Natalie Wallin will provide our games. Mickey Eads will send paper products, and drinks will be provided by Lisa Raymond. Meghan Seiberlich, Alison Wesseh, and Emily Friestad are in charge of food for the party. Treat bags will be prepared by Stefanie Thomas. Thank you in advance to everyone who will be furnishing items for our party!

Please encourage your child to read at home. We will start the Book-It program this month. This information will be coming home soon. I would love to see everyone participate!

We had two students who completed my summer journal writing challenge this summer. The students were given a journal last year on the last day of school. They were asked to write three to five sentences in the summer journal for at least 50 days. Congratulations to Ellie Leiser and Troy Seiberlich who wrote at least 50 entries! We will be celebrating with a special pizza lunch sometime this month.

Please remember to look over tests, sign, and return them. We will try to keep track of the tests that need to come back. Thank you for all that you do!





News from 3rd Grade

We have had a great start to the year. We have been busy learning too. We are finishing our first unit in reading. We read about ways to make and save money. We will be starting our second novel. I am really excited to be reading more chapter books as a class. The Family Times will come home each week; it has our vocabulary words and skills we are working on that week. Please keep encouraging your student to read 20 minutes a night.



We are working on subtraction for math. Next we will be doing multiplication. Flash cards and IXL are great ways to review math facts. Just a reminder if your child has homework it will be written in their assignment notebook. Highlighted assignments are homework. We are learning about plants and animals in Science. We are learning about communities in Social Studies.

Thursday is our library day. Please make sure books are returned on Thursday. Books may be checked out again if the student is still reading it. "Book-It" will be starting in October. The requirements for third grade are 6 books a month and 2 must be chapter books. I also will have a special reward for the students who read 1 chapter book a week and pass the AR test with a 70% or better each month.



Our Halloween party will be on Tuesday, October 31st at 2 PM. Mrs. Monsess will be attending our party. All other parents may attend the costume parade. Mrs. Monsess is our chairperson and will be contacting you to remind you what to send that day. Thank you to all parents for helping with our classroom parties.



Thanks to all our parents,
Mrs. Doorn



News from 4th Grade

Welcome to a wonderful new school year! The fourth graders are working very hard in class. They have done a nice job transitioning to fourth grade and I am proud of them. Please be sure to sign their assignment notebook each night. By signing it, you are stating that they have completed all of their assigned homework. Please check that they are completing the assignments so that they don't lose recess time. We have been doing pretty good with completing our homework, but still continue to follow up with your child to help them learn how to be a successful fourth grader.

AR is up and running for this year. At the beginning of the year, I sent out a goal that I would like your student to attain for this quarter. We are more than halfway through the quarter so they should be halfway through their goal. Please encourage them to read each and every night. The best way to become a better reader is to read, read, and read some more.

Also, Book-It begins this month. Each fourth grader will need to read three or more chapter books that contain at least 100 pages each. AR books can also count for Book-It. This will help them meet their AR goal and the Book-It goal by reading the same books. Book-It is a wonderful program that rewards children with free personal pan pizzas when they reach their monthly goal. Yum...books and pizza!

We will continue to work on study skills to help with test taking. A study guide is sent home before Social Studies and Science tests. We go over these in class together. Please spend time working with your fourth grader so they learn the best way to study. Re-reading the chapter, including the captions, is a great help. You can take turns by each reading a page. Be sure you sign the study guide so they can earn two bonus points.

As you know, there are no hard cover math books. Each student has a math folder for them to keep all of their math pages from the chapter. Please continue to keep them in this folder until we are done with the chapter. They are very useful when it comes to studying and reviewing. Don't forget to practice multiplication facts. This is a quick activity that can be done while in the car or waiting in line. You can even make a game out of it. We will begin multiplication in math soon and knowing the basic facts will help make math go more smoothly. We will soon be starting something called Otter Creek which helps them practice their multiplication facts. These are one minute timed tests that will progress them to different levels as they complete the facts. Practice, practice, practice.

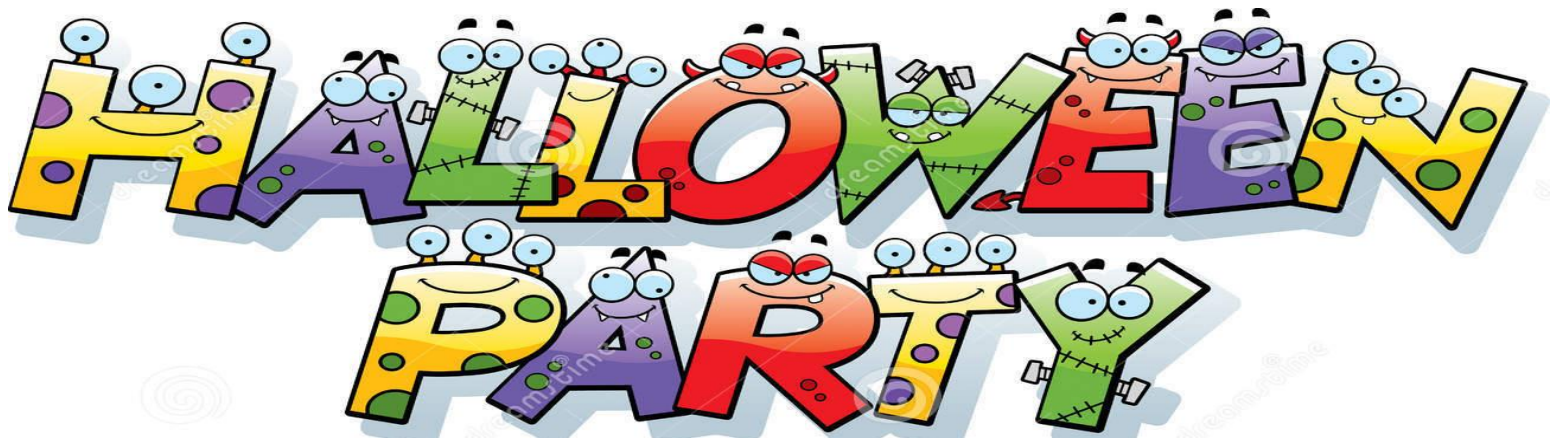


The Halloween party is soon approaching. It will be on Tuesday, October 31 from 2:00-3:00. The two parent volunteers that will attend the party are Staci Withrow (chairperson) and Emma Smith (games). If you are a helper for this party, you will be contacted by the chairperson as the date approaches. Thank you for your help making this a great party.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to help your child succeed, so let's work together.



Mrs. Myre ☺



News from 5th Grade

Pumpkins, apple cider, caramel apples...these are what we think of when we are dreaming of fall days. Down here in our little corner of the school, we are going to use the fall theme to kick off our writing and reading activities for the month of October!

We just finished our first reading unit. We read stories with the same theme- Challenges. Each character in our stories faced a challenge of his/ her own. We will be writing a narrative about facing our own challenge during the first week of October. We cannot wait to share them with you during parent/ teacher conferences! Just a reminder: your student will need to take 2 AR tests per quarter. These count as test grades.

In Social Studies, our first lengthy chapter was about the United States. It was a great way to study our nation. We've moved on to studying Early Americans. During the chapter, students will be responsible for memorizing anywhere from 20-30 vocabulary words. We will then have a vocabulary test on all of them in addition to a chapter test. Each test will be announced at least 5 days in advance.

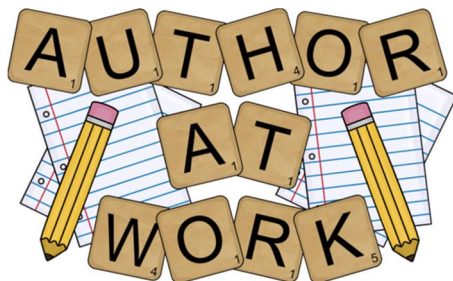
In English/ Spelling we will continue to build on our skills of learning how to spell and sound out words along with writing good/ better/ best sentences. We also keep a writing journal where we take notes on different types of writing and how to write and choose words.

In math, we are learning about exponents and how to use them. It's a tricky skill to learn, but we are slowly mastering it.

We will be kicking off Book-It soon. It begins October 1st. You should have received information. In 5th grade the reading requirement is 300 minutes a month. That is approximately less than 20 minutes a day.

Thank you to our party volunteers! I've sent home a party organizer. Before every party, I will send home a reminder. We cannot do it without your help! ;)

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Thank you!
Mrs. DeGraaf

News from Mrs. Scott



We are off to a good start! In Reading, we are discussing stories that focus on various characters "Moments of Truth." We have been learning about internal and external conflict within these stories. We have also been working on several different types of writing in our daily journal prompts. It is fun to see everyone learn to write with creativity and then share their ideas with the class! In Science, we have been studying about topography and the different ways to map the Earth's surface. In Geography, we have been learning about the United States and Canada, along with filling in a United States map with states and capitals.

In 7th grade Social Studies, we are learning about the first civilizations of the Americas, Native American cultures and building the Jamestown Colony. Students also discussed various rules that were established by the House of Burgesses and how those first "laws" have been modified over the years!

In 8th grade Social Studies, we have learned about Indians of the Great Plains, industrial growth through railroads and inventions and the growth of cities. We also discussed early public education and American culture. Make sure and ask your students about our in-class demonstration regarding early school discipline and obedience!

Please feel free to call or email if you ever have questions or concerns.
Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Scott



News from 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 have worked on different types of prompts and had some very interesting ideas on one assignment where they had to create rules for using cell phones. They all agree cell phones should be used less and that real social interaction needs to make its way back into society. The eighth graders have learned how to use dashes, parentheses, and the ellipsis to show pauses in their writing. They also created their own restaurants and made menus to practice the parts of speech and descriptive word choices. 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.

Students in grades 6-8 work on a spelling unit for two weeks. Spelling assignments are always graded on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and students are encouraged to work or study ahead if they know they will be busy with extra-curricular activities. A ten word test is given every Friday. Please make sure your child is studying at home.

The AR program is off to a great start. Quite a few students have earned their first prize. All students must have two books read by October 18th. Students may read more than two books to earn extra credit.

Book orders will continue to come home every month. If you would rather place an order online, go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. Our classroom code is L7RLL.



News from Mrs. Heap

It has been a fabulous start to the school year! In the junior high we have been working hard to help students find ways to stay organized. With so many of our students in sports and other activities, it is important for them to use their time wisely. Utilizing the student planner is a great way to keep track of assignments and due dates for upcoming tests and projects.

Math classes are off to an exciting beginning. Sixth grade has become fluent calculating with fractions and decimals and is ready to move onto evaluating algebraic expressions. Seventh grade has started solving multistep equations, and eighth grade is graphing and solving linear equations.

The entire school is practicing math on IXL.com. LGS purchased a license for this school year. Students can log into the website anywhere there is an internet connection. Teachers can track student progress and note areas requiring additional work while students receive digital "rewards" for reaching goals. Please contact me or the classroom teachers with questions about the program.

Science classes are learning about diversity and waves. Seventh grade is half way through our unit on diversity. So far, we have learned about how scientists classify living things, and the characteristics of viruses, bacteria, protists, fungi, and plants. We will finish up our unit by studying about animals and how they learn and behave. Eighth grade is completing a unit on waves. They have

learned about types of waves, sound waves, and electromagnetic waves. We will finish up this unit by talking about light waves and how we "see" what we see.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Junior High fundraiser... and an even bigger thanks to the families and community members who purchased items. Junior high students should pick up fundraiser products Wednesday, November 1st at 3:00 pm. Order forms for our second fundraiser, Treasure Breads, will go home on October 16th. Order forms and payment will be due November 1st, with delivery on November 20th. Students not participating in the fundraiser (or not meeting the minimum dollar value) will receive a note on November 3rd stating the amount due for the activity fee. The fee is due by November 15th.



SUMMER MATH CHALLENGE

LGS students participated in the seventh annual *Summer Math Challenge*. Here are some very impressive numbers:

- 41 students participated...approximately 42% of the school
- 15,540 questions were answered
- The three classes with the highest percentage of student participation were...
 - 2nd grade with 63%
 - 4th grade with 62%
 - 1st grade with 58%



Students who completed at least five challenges received a sweet treat upon returning to school. Also, a special prize was given for the student in each class that accumulated the most correct responses. Thank you to LOOP for funding the program.

Congratulations to everyone who took the Challenge!!

Vision & Hearing Screening

School Screening

School health personnel perform vision and hearing screening of students. The parents of a child may request a screening at any time. Vision screenings were done as mandated, on Thursday, September 21, 2017, for kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 8th grade students; special education students; teacher referrals; and new students. Hearing screening was also done as mandated, the same day, for kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade students; special education students; teacher referrals; and new students. If your student needs to be rescreened a letter went home and the re-screening will be done on Thursday, October 5th.

Vision and hearing screening is not an option. If a vision or hearing examination report is not on file at the school for your child, and your child is in the mandated age, grade, or group they will be screened.



News from the Library

Our Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Club will be starting this month. This is a program geared toward students who enjoy reading in grades 4-8. The award is named in honor of Rebecca Caudill who lived and wrote in Urbana, Illinois for nearly fifty years. Our students have participated in this program for the last several years and have really enjoyed getting together in the spring to discuss the books they have read. If they read at least three of the nominated books, they will be qualified to vote for what they considered the best book. They just have to fill out a brief form and turn it into Mrs. Rehberg. The program usually runs through February. We have received most of the 2017-2018 selection of books in our library so the students can start reading them at any time!

This year we are excited to be participating in the Monarch Award program again, this is an Illinois K-3 Readers' Choice Award. The name Monarch was chosen because of its familiarity to K-3 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. The program is open to all K-3rd grade children in Illinois. This program will be starting soon, with at least 5 of the books being read aloud in class. Most of the chosen books will be available to check out in the library, when not being used in a classroom. Voting for any students K-3 that have read or listened to at least 5 of the books will take place the first week of March.



Celebrate your child's birthday by donating a new book to the library! This is neat for the kids because the library will put their name on a card in the book. It also helps volunteers in the library to know what kind of books the students are interested in. It is also a wonderful way to add new books to the library!

Our first book fair this year will be just in time for Christmas gifts. This fair will be running the week of December 11th. It will be hosted by a new company and we can't wait to see all the different books they have to offer. Start thinking of the great books you can pick up for the holidays! If you are interested in helping please call the office and they will put you in contact with the volunteers.



Lisbon Library Volunteers

NEWS FROM LOOP

As the weather turns cooler and the leaves begin to fall, Loop has been busy gearing up for our third annual Walk-A-Thon. It is set to take place October 13th from 12:30-3:00 pm. We welcome family and friends to join us, and take part in helping us achieve our school goal of raising \$8,000, of which all proceeds will continue to support our technology fund.

The prior year's success of over \$25,000 provided our school with not only laptops for the entire junior high, but also 2 SMART boards, wireless printers for all classrooms, and 45 tablets for our elementary students. This event has proved to be tremendous fun with a fantastic outcome that directly benefits all students. We thank you for your support!

- Don't forget pledge sheets are due Tuesday, October 10th!

Reminder that Box Tops are collected in each classroom, please continue to send these in with your student as they have helped provide playground equipment for the students at recess.

Our next meeting will be October 3rd at 7:00 in the school library. Hope to see you there!

LOOP Committee

