



April Newsletter

Spring News from the Superintendent



Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be held at the school on Friday, April 6th from 1:30 - 2:30 P.M. During registration, the incoming kindergarten students are invited to visit the current kindergarten classroom.

While their children are in class, parents will go to the library to pre-register the students for the fall session. At this time, registration and enrollment forms need to be completed. Information needed to complete these cards include: names and telephone numbers of the child's doctor and dentist, phone numbers where the child's parents can be reached during the day and a relative or neighbor whom the school should contact if unable to reach the parents.

To be eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2018-2019 school year, a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2018. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration.

Parents will also receive physical and dental examination forms. Kindergarten students will not be allowed to begin school in August unless these forms have been completed and returned to the school.

School fees will be paid during the regular school registration days on either August 6th or 9th. Pre-registration of new kindergarten students allows the school to organize the kindergarten class and transportation schedule. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at (815)736-6324.

Sports Physicals:

Newark Healthcare Center is graciously doing sports physicals again for Lisbon Grade School on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 1 PM. The fee for these physicals will be \$20 cash or check made payable to **Morris Hospital**. They are also offering an incentive and plan to "give back" to the school by offering the fees back to go towards the end of year character counts assembly. So if your student needs a sports physical for next year, this is a great way to free up an appointment for you plus help the school. All students participating in a school sport must have a sports physical before they participate with the exception of 6th grade that must have a complete school physical prior to participating.

Morning Drop off:

If you drop off your child in the morning after 8:20 AM, please come into the office and sign him/her in. It is very important that the teacher and the office have consistent information so that our records are accurate.



Absences:

If you know your child is going to be absent, please call the school office and leave a message on the recorder the night before or call the school by 9:00 AM 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 prepared, it must be eaten or thrown away.

Recycle:

We want to encourage community members and parents to bring their old newspapers for the paper recycle bin and any clothing articles for the UsAgain clothing bin both on the south side of the building. These are both great ways to teach our students how to recycle and be environmentally smart.



Bus Notes:

The school requires that parents always write a note to the office or teacher if a student is to go home from school by a different method than normal. Often time's children get mixed up on dates or where they are to go if a note is not sent. Our policy is to have students follow the normal routine unless they have a note or the school receives a phone call from the parents.

Medication:

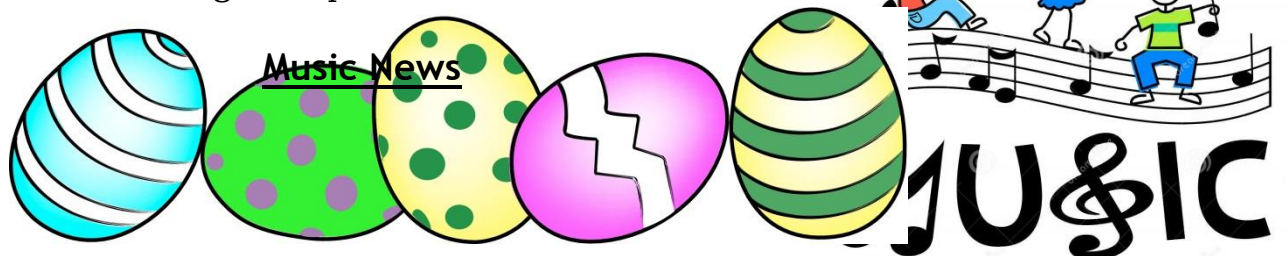
All students who require medication at school (over-the-counter or prescription drugs) must have a physicians' signed approval and also a parent's signed consent. These forms are in your Lisbon Grade School Parent/Student Handbook or may be obtained in the school office. In addition, parents are responsible for labeling all non-prescription drugs with the student's name, doctor's name and dosage. The medication should be kept in the nurse's office during school hours.

Graduation:

8th Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 P.M. Individual student pictures will be taken at 6:00 P.M. All 8th grade students must be here at 6:00 P.M.

Kindergarten Graduation:

Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 24th at 10:00 A.M. in the gym with the traditional kindergarten picnic to follow.



The LGS spring music concert will be Thursday, May 17th. The concert begins promptly at 6:30 P.M. and students need to meet in their classrooms at 6:10 P.M. The concert performance is a music grade. If your child is unable to attend, a written note must be given to the office or their classroom teacher. We look forward to seeing you at the concert for some great music!

Musically,
Mrs. Pfizenmaier

Spring News from LOOP



Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 3rd at 7pm in ~~the library~~. There, we will be holding elections for Vice-President and Treasurer. We will be discussing proposed fundraisers for the 2018-2019 school year, as well as planning teacher appreciation week, and preparing for field day.

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

We appreciate your support!



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Books

Caudill Club News

The qualifying students will be celebrating with an ice cream party in the library after school on April 4th. I can't wait to discuss your favorite books as we devour our ice cream sundaes. The 2018 winner of the Rebecca Caudill Award goes to A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen.

Mrs. Rehberg

News from Coach 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 would learn that it is supposed to be spring, it would be much more fun!!

We have just finished our volleyball and tumbling units. The kids had fun trying out new tumbling techniques and skills. The Jr. High had a great time competing against each other in volleyball games and activities. In health, the 8th graders are finishing their chapters on tobacco, drugs and alcohol.



Good luck to the track team as their season begins. Hope the weather cooperates! The scholastic bowl team is in the middle of their season and working hard and doing well! Good luck teams and GO LIONS!!!

Coach McKinney

Spring News in the Resource Room

Spring is in the air! Kindergarten is doing a great job with their spelling words and decodable readers. First grade is continuing to work hard on their math skills, reading fluency, and elaborating their thoughts. Second grade is working on phonics skills, their reading comprehension, and finding the big ideas of a selection. In third grade, we have been working on their reading fluency, multiplication skills, and spelling words. Fourth grade is still working hard with fractions. Eighth grade is focusing on math and getting ready for PARCC testing. It is exciting to see everyone doing such great work! Please continue to encourage your child to read at home.



Mrs. Darnell

Student Council News

During the month of April, Student Council will be holding elections for incoming 5th to 8th graders. Current 4th through 7th graders will be eligible for the position of Class Representative. Current 7th graders will be eligible for leadership positions, including President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Students attended a presentation about student council on March 20th. Applications for all positions are due on April 5th. Elections will be held on April 11th, with results to follow that afternoon. I hope you will encourage your student to take an active role in Student Council.

Student Council is sponsoring a food drive in the month of April. On April 5th we will be collecting food items, as well as paper products, to donate to the Kendall County Food Pantry. Watch for the flyer coming home soon!

Teacher Representative
Mrs. Heap



Spring News from Kindergarten

WOW! The kindergarten class is reading! They are 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.

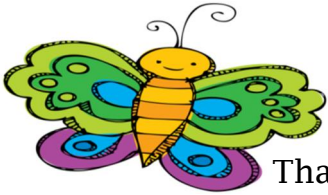
As we look into April, we will have a "Family Kite Project". I will be sending home poster board in the shape of a kite, and the families will decorate their kites at home. It's always fun to see the variety of kites that come back to school.

We look forward to our end of year field trip! We will be going to Blackberry Farm on May 10th. Parent names will be drawn soon to determine who will be going along with us on our end of year field trip.

The class is looking forward to Friday, April 6th, our Kindergarten Registration. The class remembers coming in last year to visit, and they are excited to be showing the new class around. We will have a snack and do some fun "Farm" activities. If you know of any new families that will have Kindergarteners next year, please let them know about the registration!

Happy Spring!

Mrs. Dike



Spring News from First Grade

Thank you to all the parents who attended conferences. It was great to see you and catch up on things going on in our classroom! I appreciate your time and support.

March Book-it forms will be accepted when we return from Spring Break. The last day I will accept the March form is Wednesday, April 4. A note will be sent home with your child if he/she met their goal for all 6 months of the reading contest. A Pizza Hut party is being planned for April. Keep up the good work first graders! Our AR program is going great! I love to see how excited the students get when they reach another prize level for reading and receiving more points! I am so proud of them! I encourage them and push them to continue to read and take the quizzes. I told them I would love to see everyone in our class get a prize next month! Let's do it 1st grade!

We have completed our Unit 4 test and ready to start our last Reading book after we return from break. In English we are practicing expository writing. We brainstorm with ideas, plan out thoughts and make them into sentences. Finally we write a paragraph! Keep working hard! You can do it! Our first Math book is complete...moving on to the next book! We have started this chapter on tally marks, graphing and reading a graph.

Science class has been exciting in first grade. We have quite a few little scientists! We have done a St. Patrick's Day experiment, floating experiment and a building experiment. The students are working together with a partner or a small group to predict, write steps, journal the outcome of the experiment and discuss what actually happened. It's fun to see them working it out together!



I hope you have a great Spring Break and enjoy the time off with your family!

Mrs. Jacobson

Spring News from Second Grade

We are ready to welcome spring in second grade! We are tired of gray dreary days. Sunshine, warmer weather, and being outside are some of the things we are looking forward to. We have been looking for signs of spring. We were pretty excited to start seeing robins. Please check the weather in the morning before school so you know whether you need to send your child in a coat. Weather can be so unpredictable, and we usually are outside for recess.

I am trying to introduce the students to different types of writing. Usually we find one type of book that appeals to us, and we don't venture out of that area. I'm excited to see that some of the second graders are reading biographies. As I helped the students find their books for their cereal box book reports, I tried to find them a book that challenged them or was different than what they usually read. The book reports turned out great! Thank you for your help with this project!

This quarter we will begin to learn the cursive capital letters. It is a very exciting time for second graders. Please remind your child to practice the cursive letters that we have learned at home. Joining the letters to form words is especially difficult. The idea that you can't lift up your pencil when writing a word is challenging some of the students. In spelling we are learning to write the words in print and cursive. On the tests, though, I will only grade the printed words.

We will spend the month of April learning about eggs, chickens, incubation, and embryology. Our eggs should arrive in the mail the first week of April. The class has been looking forward to it all year! It is a favorite unit of mine as well. Pretty soon everyone in the class will be "egg-sports"!



Keep encouraging your child to read in his/her spare time. As the weather warms up it is hard to keep everyone reading! I do ask students to read at least two regular books or one chapter book a week and take the accompanying test(s). Be on the lookout for information regarding the Book-It pizza party if your child completed all six months of the program.



Happy Easter!

Happy spring!
Mrs. Rehberg

Spring News from Third Grade

Our class has been very busy. We will be taking the PARCC tests in April. The school will start taking the PARCC on Monday the 9th. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep during testing. Also make sure your student has a healthy breakfast during testing. I will send home a list of the dates we will be testing. I am very proud of them. Keep up the good work at home with your child.



Please continue to read each night for at least 20 minutes. Your child should be practicing multiplication and division facts too. They can go on IXL to practice.

Congratulations to LeAnn Monsess for completing the Kane County Cougars Ozzie's Reading Club. Have fun at the game.

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 school. Hope you have a great spring break ☺

Thank you,

Mrs. Doorn



Spring News from Fourth Grade

It was great visiting with all of you during Parent/Teacher conferences. When parents show an interest in how their child is doing in school, it makes the child want to succeed. Thank you for encouraging your child to do his/her best at all times. I hope everyone has time to relax a little and get refreshed over break.

Congratulations to Gwen Friestad for completing the Kane County Cougars Ozzie's Reading Club. I hope to see you at a game!

In the month of April, we will be completing the PARCC tests. Attendance is extremely important during these few weeks of testing. These tests can be lengthy and they are difficult to make up. Please try not to schedule any appointments that will cause your child to miss school. Also, I will allow the children to have a healthy snack and water before or after each test. Please send in something small with a water bottle each day that we test. Some examples would be pretzels, an apple, crackers, granola bars, etc. We do not have a final testing schedule, but it will begin on Monday, April 9th. I will send home an exact schedule that second week of April.

April is a good time to remind your child to continue to work hard and to read. Once the weather warms up, everyone dreams of being outside and at times their class work suffers. Please continue to encourage your child to do his/her best in school.



Spring News from Fifth Grade

Welcome Back!

Mrs. Myre ☺



Spring is in the air! Finally, I hope that everyone has a wonderful spring break, and that we are all ready to finish the school year strong!

We have one student who is finishing up the Book-It program. Congratulations to Alyvia Raymond! After this month, she will have completed six months of reading- 300 minutes each month! She earned one personal pan pizza every month, and by completing the whole program, she

will participate in a school wide pizza party. Nice job! We've also finished Ozzie's Reading Club. Our participants were Ayvia Raymond and Gwen Friestad. They read an extra 90 minutes every two weeks which is a total of 360 minutes in 8 weeks in addition to the rest of the reading required! Great job, book worms! Reading does lead to success!

We are gearing up for our PARCC exam. We will begin the week of the 9th. We've been practicing both math and reading in class almost daily. I will send home a note beforehand to remind you of our testing dates and when students can bring in snacks for extra fuel. We've also completed the NGSS state science exam on March 22nd.

We are starting our Annual Wax Museum Project. Your student should have received a packet with due dates and what is expected. Currently, our goal date to present our projects and work is May 18th. We will have to work around PARCC testing, track meets, field trips, a music concert, and a band concert. Whew! I will send out a note at the beginning of May as a reminder. Parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and grandparents are invited! The students are really excited about this project!



Here are some pictures from our recent "Oreo" Lab. We are learning our moon phases. What is more fun than edible science??

Mrs. DeGraaf



Spring News from Mrs. Scott

It has been a very busy March! Hopefully, we will be enjoying some nice, Spring weather soon! In Reading, we are continuing to prepare for the PARCC testing which will be administered in April. We have also been working on daily journal prompts that have sparked great creativity in our class! I am very pleased with the effort in writing on these assignments! In Geography, we have been studying about Africa. The students will be choosing a country and will be researching various facts to make a presentation for the class, similar to the format we used for the Europe projects. The students have been learning a lot about landforms, deserts,



rivers and the names of the countries that make up Africa. In Science, we have learned about the characteristics necessary to classify minerals, as well as the three types of rocks. We will continue looking at various rock samples as we continue through this chapter.

In 7th grade Social Studies, we have been discussing the Industrial Revolution, Westward expansion and Jacksonian Democracy. We continue to watch CNN Student News each day and the students are learning to take notes and recall information on daily quizzes.

In 8th grade Social Studies, we have just completed our unit on the U.S. Constitution. This is a requirement for 8th grade graduation and everyone did a great job staying on task and working through all of the material we needed to cover. It has been a lot of fun teaching this group and I am very proud of all of them on this accomplishment!

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Warm days are coming soon!
Mrs. Scott



Spring News from Miss Zielske

March really flew by!

The sixth graders just finished their poetry unit and will be starting research papers after PARCC testing. They will be working on organizing their facts, starting sentences in a variety of ways, and learning about Works Cited pages.

The seventh graders just wrapped up a letter writing unit. We practiced 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 break.

The eighth graders just finished typing their World War II research papers. They did a fantastic job with our new skills of using direct quotes and parenthetical citations. Next, they will learn about letter writing, verbals, and verbal phrases. After break, the eighth graders will be starting literature circles with a variety of recent novels. Many of these novels focus on dystopian or apocalyptic societies. I am looking forward to some good discussion on what the students would do if they were the characters in the novels.

The first AR book for fourth quarter is due on April 27th.



I hope everyone has a relaxing and fun spring break!

Miss Zielske

Spring News from Mrs. Heap

Math classes are busy preparing for the PARCC test. Each day, we will be working on a combination of problem solving and review. After we conquer the PARCC exam, 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 quadratic equations. Remember that all LGS students can practice math on IXL.com wherever there is an internet connection. Take advantage of this great tool to help reinforce concepts learned in class.

Seventh grade science class has finished presenting their 3rd quarter projects. In the 4th quarter, we will focus on the systems of the human body, which includes the popular cow eyeball dissection. Eighth grade science class will be starting their final project on a "Forces and Energy" topic of their choice. All of the projects require using different applications, including Word, Excel, and Power Point software. Everyone will be using the classroom laptops to complete the projects.



Mrs. Heap

6th Grade

Clay Friestad
Gabrielle Maxwell
Danielle Monsess
Hannah Sandoval
Emma Schultz
Blake Wallin
Kiara Wesseh

6th Grade

Molly Chapman
Brooklyn Hatteberg
Logan Jacobsgaard
Henry Mathre
Gavin Rush
Cory Withrow-Steil

7th Grade

Zach Carlson

Breannyn Dixon

Tayton Hardecopf

Alexis Reibel

7th Grade

Cole Reibel

Robert Wilkins

8th Grade

Alexis Dixon

Kjersten Friestad

Jacquelin Harvey

Lindsey Hatteberg

Reese Heap

Jacqueline Jollay

Dominic Malosh

Owen Mathre

Grandon Mitchell

Annika Myre

Taylor Rhodes

Austin Tollefson

Mackenzie Wilkins

Megan Williams