



# May Newsletter



## News from the desk of Mrs. Elias

MAY CALENDAR: As a reminder, Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Institute Day/No School. The last day of school and field day will be Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget that day is also a 1:30 P.M. dismissal. Happy Summer Vacation!

Calendar: A copy of the 2019-2020 school calendar has been posted on the school website. Please note the dates and times for registration in August. Sports calendars for next year will be posted soon.

Awards: On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Lisbon Grade School District 90 will recognize student achievements at the afternoon awards assembly and the evening awards ceremony. The afternoon assembly will begin 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 **6:00 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 22<sup>nd</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.

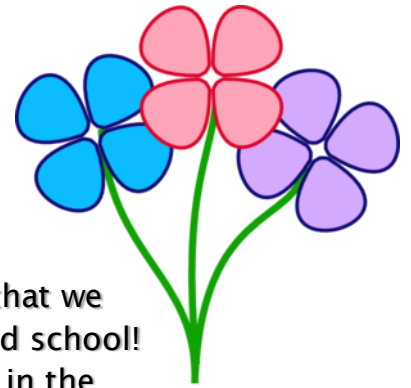
Kindergarten Graduation: Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the gym with the traditional kindergarten picnic to follow.

Graduation Decorating: Don't forget! We need all 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to help with graduation decorating on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 3 P.M – 5 P.M. We will also have a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade parent decorating meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 P.M. in the library.

Registration Packets: The 2019 – 2020 school year registration packets will be coming home 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 before school begins 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.



## NEWS FROM LOOP



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, teachers, and school!

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the library. If you want to become more involved with LOOP, we'd love for you to 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!



### Milk Money Program

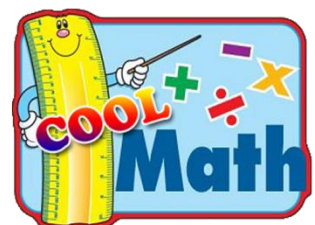
This year since our A. R. theme is an African safari we are conducting a service project to coordinate with our theme. We are collecting change for Heifer International's Milk Money Program which provides pasteurized milk to children in the southern highlands region of Tanzania. Few schools in Tanzania serve meals during the day, so most kids don't receive a meal at school. This means the children are going their entire school days malnourished or underfed, which affects their ability to learn. Every \$2 we raise equals one week of milk for a student in Tanzania. Please consider sending in change for our milk money jar in the office. We have one more month to collect change. In an effort to "fill the jar", we are going to conduct a class contest to see which class can collect the most milk money. The contest will last until May 24<sup>th</sup>. The class that earns the most money will earn an ice cream treat our last week of school. Thank you for your generosity.

Mrs. Rehberg

### Summer Math Challenge and IXL.com

I will be hosting the math challenge again this summer. Last summer LGS students answered 13,462 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





## Monarch Winners

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 thirteen 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 thirteen out of the twenty nominated books, all of the students voted. The winner for Lisbon was Bob, Not Bob! by Liz Garton Scanlon & Audrey Vernick Dev Petty. Statewide, there were 467 schools participating and the winning book received over 18,000 votes. The overall winner for Illinois was Creepy Pair of Underwear! by Aaron Reynolds. These books, along with many other nominees, are available in our school library.

## News from Coach McKinney

The school year is rapidly coming to an end!!! As I write, we have 22 full days left of the 2018-19 school year.

We are enjoying our Throton unit and are looking forward to our last unit of tball/baseball/softball. It is a fun unit of learning how to throw and catch for my younger students 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 15th. We are also looking forward to field day, which will be Friday, May 31st. 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 teams as they head to their Jr. 10 conference meet on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Plano High School and the sectional meet on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Aurora Central Catholic High School.

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!!!



Coach McKinney

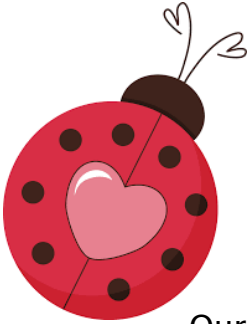
## Music News

The Lisbon Grade School Spring Concert is right around the corner! The concert will be performed on Thursday, May 16<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



## 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. Fosen and the seventh grade girls 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!

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| May 6 <sup>th</sup> -  | Last Scholastic Book Order Due                                                   |
| May 9 <sup>th</sup> -  | K-2 Field Trip to Shedd Aquarium                                                 |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup> - | Spring Program 6:30 p.m.<br>Students meet in classroom at 6:10 p.m.              |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup> - | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m                                        |
| May 23 <sup>rd</sup> - | Kdg. Graduation at 10:00 a.m.<br>Kdg. Picnic at Lisbon Park 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup> - | Kdg. Movie Day                                                                   |
| May 27 <sup>th</sup> - | No School - Memorial Day                                                         |
| May 28 <sup>th</sup> - | Special Lunch, provided by Mrs. Dike                                             |
| May 29 <sup>th</sup> - | Creation Station in the Kindergarten room                                        |



May 30<sup>th</sup>- No School – Teacher Institute

May 31<sup>st</sup>- Field Day/Kdg. Game Day

Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m./Last Day of School

Our parent chaperones for our year end field trip have been selected. Katie Findlay, Caitlyn Delaney and Emily Friestad will be our chaperones to the Shedd Aquarium on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to a fun day!

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 16<sup>th</sup>!

We will also be preparing for our graduation program through the month of May. We hope you can join us on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> for graduation, as we celebrate our Kindergarten year!

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

### **Hello from 1<sup>st</sup> Grade!**

We are so excited it is May! I am so proud of these first grade kids! They have all been reading and doing so well on their AR test, points and prizes! EVERY KID GOT A PRIZE for the month of April! I promised them if they reached this class goal I would bring treats. Let's do it again for May! Keep up the good work!

We are looking forward to learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We will receive caterpillars in the mail the first week of May and get to watch this transformation take place. The kids will also be keeping a journal with illustrations of the changes and new vocabulary they learn.



Our Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip will be on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We are going to Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. A note and permission slip will be sent home soon. Each child will need a sack lunch. Our chaperones have been contacted. Thank you to all who volunteered.

We have a busy month ahead. Please look closely at the May calendar for all the times and events. We hope all our moms have a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Enjoy your special day.

We have had a great year in first grade. I am proud of all the hard work and reading that these kids have done this year. Continue to read and write in a journal over the summer. I have enjoyed having your child in my class. It has been fun to get to know them and to teach them. It is always fun to watch them each grow physically and academically throughout the year. I will miss them all!

Have a great summer!  
Mrs. Jacobson



## News from Second Grade



The month of April has been an “egg-citing” time in our second grade classroom. The students have been working on an embryology and incubation unit. In our “egg-stra” time we have been learning about eggs, chickens, and incubation process. We hope to have a good hatching! Our hatch date is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our class would like to thank the Fletcher family for providing us with the brooder box, heat lamp, and chicken feed for this project.

Another project we have been working on is our Flat Stanley unit. Our letters are slowly coming in. If the responses are sent to your house instead of the school, please send them in. The kids are anxiously awaiting their letters. Hopefully they will arrive soon! Please check the bulletin board where they are featured.

Five out of our fourteen students met reading goals for Book-It this year in our room. They include Ray Blaszcak, Leah Fitzgerald, Lily Harms, Delainey Howe, and Eli Swenson. They qualified for the pizza party. Two students also completed the Cougars Reading Club. Congratulations go to Sophia Chartrand and Eli Swenson. I am very proud of their participation!

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 Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to the Shedd Aquarium. The students will need a disposable lunch. Additional information will be coming home about our trip.

The month of May will also include a study of our pets. We will be writing a pet report to learn how to do research, take notes, and write a report. Our pet reports will be due on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our pet study will conclude with “Pet Day” on May 24<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. As the weather turns warmer and thoughts turn to baseball and playing outside, it is hard to hold students’ attention. Please remind students to complete homework and remember to bring it back to school. In addition, try to keep them reading. Thank you for all of your support this year.

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.

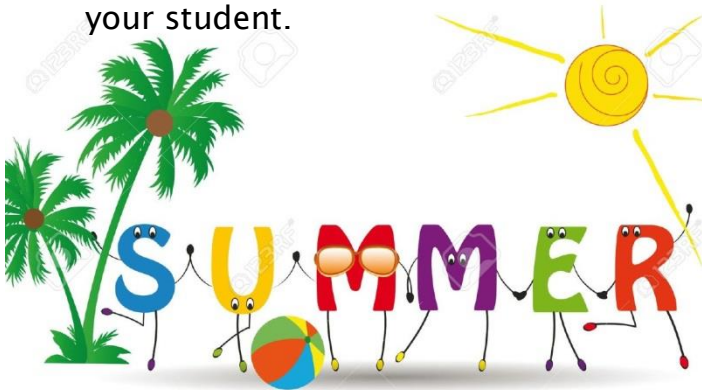
Students can continue to use IXL.com for math practice this summer. Please practice multiplication and division facts with your child over the summer. Mrs. Heap is continuing to do her math challenge that would be good review for your child.

Congratulations to the students who completed Book-It. They were rewarded with a pizza party. Thank you to the LOOP for the pizza and pop.

May 17<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting day. We are going to Starved Rock for our field trip. Third grade will have 4 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

## Fourth Grade News

It is time to wind up the 2018-2019 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 since the weather is becoming nice, children have a more difficult time focusing on school. We have done pretty well so far, so let's finish strong.

We will be going to Starved Rock on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We have an exciting day planned. The Spring Concert is Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. They can't wait to show you what they've been working on in Music this semester.

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 take an AR test is on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. All library books will be due on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The AR ice cream party and Character Counts Assembly will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please don't let your student 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 ☺



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

I cannot believe that May is here already, and we have one month of school left.

We have a busy May coming up. Our field trip this year is to Starved Rock, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for a permission slip to come home. Our last day for AR is May 10<sup>th</sup> so please encourage your child to try and get the last tests taken for more points. Check the calendar for more dates to put on your calendars. We have a full and busy May ahead of us!

In reading, we are currently in our last unit in our textbook. We are also reading our last novel, Old Yeller. If you've read it, please don't share the ending with your child. ☺ After reading our novel, we will watch the movie and compare. The book is always better!

We've completed our science book in anticipation for the state science testing which was on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Since we are done with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum, we will be spending some time in the *Science Magazine* and doing Power Point presentations on different science topics.

In math, we will finish up our chapter on geometry, and then we will spend some time reviewing skills that are needed for next year. We will also be working on some skills that will be helpful in junior high.

Last month, we spent our social studies period working on our Wax Museum project. We are eagerly anticipating the Wax Museum which is Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3 p.m. in the gym. We welcome parents, grandparents, siblings, and any other family members that would like to view our hard work.

\*\*\*Thank you for all your support this year.

We've had a tremendous year of learning and growing.\*\*\*\*

Keep reading and practicing math over the summer!  
Mrs. DeGraaf



## News from Mrs. Scott

IAR Testing went well and I was very proud of the effort everyone gave during all of the tests! We started 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 working through 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 was another good experience to present information to our classmates and it taught us how to be in front of a class, too! We also got to try a nice variety of African recipes, too! In Science, we completed a chapter on rocks and minerals and are also finishing up our study of Plate Tectonics. Next week, we will start a unit on earthquakes and volcanoes and we will finish the year learning about the solar system.

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 1800's 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, we have been learning about WWII, including factors that led Hitler to take the paths he did, the history behind the Manhattan Project and also various battles that led to the conclusion of the war. 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



## News from Miss Zielske

IAR tests are over, and we are all proud of our students for working so hard! Way to go! They all enjoyed the board game breaks in between tests.

The sixth graders are finishing units on friendly letters and business letters. Next, they will start their Ancient Civilizations research papers. After completing a final draft and learning to write an MLA-style bibliography, we will finish the year by learning about persuasive advertising strategies.



The seventh grade research papers on medieval times topics have been very interesting. They learned about MLA format, the note-taking process, avoiding plagiarism, and bibliographies. We just finished final drafts and will be doing a unit on persuasive strategies in infomercials next. 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 working on literature circle books. They boys picked a Korean mythology novel, and the girls picked a book that explores what life becomes when a large asteroid hits the moon and permanently changes the weather and tides. They will end the year working in groups to solve a lunch room food fight mystery. This will involve analyzing evidence from reliable and unreliable witnesses and determining punishment for the guilty students.

The last day to earn points for AR rewards is May 10<sup>th</sup>. However, 8<sup>th</sup> graders have until May 17<sup>th</sup> to finish their second book, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade has until May 24<sup>th</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 hard start on the Rebecca Caudill nominees!

I hope everyone is looking forward to a great summer!

Miss Zielske



## May News from Mrs. Heap

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. Bones. 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 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. I hope this project 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 Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we start the day off with graduation practice. After graduation practice, the celebration begins with movies/board games/video games in the Science room and the Library from 9:15 AM until 11:30 AM. LOOP will be providing the food, chips, 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 and excited to embark on the next 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!

LAST DAY  
of  
EIGHTH  
GRADE

Mrs. Heap

**TIME FOR BAND**



## **SPRING CONCERT**

**Monday, May 13 @ 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 6th-8th Grade Students  
Thursday, May 2 7:45-9:15 am  
Friday, May 10 7:45-9:15 am

### **FINAL REHEARSAL**

For 5th-8th Grade Students  
Monday, May 13  
Final Band Rehearsal  
7:55 am at Newark High School.  
Students will be bussed back to school at 9:30 am

Select students have been asked to help set up at 7 am on Monday, May 13. Donuts and juice for all Early Morning Volunteers. Please show up only with invite from Ms. Chase.

GRANDMA ROSIE'S Sweet Treats  
ICE CREAM TRUCK in NEWARK

On Band Concert Day (5/13) from 6:30 pm -9 pm  
Near NHS gym! Band receives 10% of \$\$  
OPEN TO ENTIRE COMMUNITY! SPREAD THE WORD!



## **SUMMER BAND**

A WONDERFUL, AWESOME EXPERIENCE.  
MUSIC PROFESSIONALS COMING TO NEWARK!  
Please sign-up! It will be worth it!  
Need Permission Slip: Download @ [chaseourband.com](http://chaseourband.com)

June 17-21  
June 24-28

Mini Concert @ 11 am  
(Last Day!)

Six Flags Fun on Friday, June 21

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

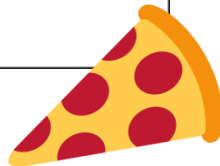


### **Band: Luigi's Lunch**

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am-2:20 pm-Luigi's Pizza, Aurora

Parent permission & \$\$ due Friday, May 3!  
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 13<sup>th</sup> concert and/or attend our final rehearsal can not attend this field trip.



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