

News from the desk of Mrs. Elias

End of the year info and reminders: Smart watches seem to be increasingly popular among LGS students. Please refer to the handbook under Electronic/Reading Devices pgs. 12-13. Smart watches, similar to cell phones, must be turned off and put away in book bags upon arrival to school. While reviewing the handbook, please take a look at the Dress Code pgs.11-12 as a reminder, especially now that the weather is getting nicer. Shorts should be no higher than 6 inches above the knee.

MAY CALENDAR: As a reminder, Thursday, May 26th, is a Teacher Institute Day/No School. The last day of school and field day will be Friday, May 27th. Don't forget that day is also a 1:30 P.M. dismissal. Have a happy and well deserved summer vacation!

<u>Calendar</u>: A copy of the 2022-2023 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 11th, Lisbon Grade School District 90 will recognize student achievements at the afternoon awards assembly starting at 2:15pm. The afternoon assembly will recognize Valedictorians, Salutatorian, Academic, National Fitness and Accelerated Reader achievement. We will have an evening awards ceremony that night beginning at 6pm to recognize Valedictorians/Salutatorian, choir, band, speech, volleyball, soccer, basketball, cheer, scholastic bowl, track and presidential fitness. All students that successfully completed a season or activity will be recognized.

<u>Graduation</u>: 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 P.M. in the Lisbon Grade School gym. Individual student pictures will be taken at 6:00 P.M. <u>All</u> 8th grade students must be here at 6:00 P.M. More information to follow.

<u>Kindergarten Graduation</u>: Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 10:00 A.M. in the gym with their picnic at the Lisbon Park to follow.

Registration Packets: The 2022 – 2023 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.



MUSIC NEWS

Hello everyone-

This month is our concert!!! I am so excited to put on this wonderful show for you. The concert is May 12th at 6:30 P.M. in the gym. Students will need to arrive by 6:10 and go to their classrooms. If you arrive earlier than 6:10, students must wait with their family in the gym until they are called to their classrooms. If for any reason your child will not be able to attend the concert, please send a note to the school letting us know. Students are asked to dress up nicely for the concert. Please, no jean or hats. The students have worked so hard and can't wait to perform for you. See you there!

Musically,

Mrs. Pfizenmaier

SPRING NEWS FROM OUR RESOURCE ROOM

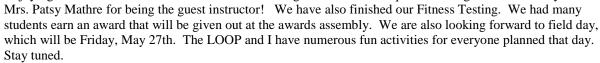
This year has really flown by. I can't believe it is already May! I have truly enjoyed my first year of being a special education teacher at Lisbon. The students, parents and staff at Lisbon are incredible. I have enjoyed being able to get to know all of the students and see their smiling faces each day. I hope families have tried using Storyworksonline.com and Epic! to encourage and develop a love for reading at home.

This month I would like to introduce online websites for math for students to use at home during the summer. Prodigy is an educational website that is engaging and includes students exploring a fantasy world while completing common core grade level math skills. Prodigy is known for being a math website but they are introducing language arts as well. Prodigy is great for students who are reluctant to practice math skills as it is a game based focused learning mode which is adaptive to the skills they need to work on in math. Prodigy is free and also can include a membership, which in my opinion is not needed. The free version is great for students.

Other online websites that students can use to practice math skills include Freckle, Zearn, SplashLearn, XtraMath, and Khan Academy. I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer!

NEWS FROM COACH MCKINNEY

The school year is rapidly coming to an end!!! As I write, we have 20 full days left of the 2021-22 school year. IN PE, we are enjoying our kickball/t-ball/baseball units. We had a great time in our Square Dancing unit and thank you to



The track teams are having a Great Season!!!! Good Luck to the team as they head to their Jr. 10 conference meet on May 2nd at Indian Creek Middle School and also the IESA sectional meet at Seneca on May 6th!

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!!!



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

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 4th Last Scholastic Book Order Due

May 5th Last Day to check out books from the library

May 6th Last Day for AR May 12th Spring Concert

May 12th ALL library books returned

May 13th AR Ice cream Party

May 18th 8th grade Graduation at 7p.m.
May 19th Kdg. Graduation at 10:00a.m.
Picnic at Lisbon Park 11:00a.m.

May 20th K-2 Field Trip to Blackberry Farm

May 23rd Creation Station in the Kindergarten room

May 24th "Reading with the Stars" Day

May 25th Kdg. Movie Day

May 26th No School – Teacher Institute

May 27th Field Day/Early Dismissal 1:30/Last Day of School



The students have worked so hard, as well as have had so much fun with their songs for the Spring Program. I hope you will enjoy hearing their songs on Thursday, May 12th!

We have also been preparing for our graduation program, and will be practicing through the month of May. We hope you can join us on Thursday, May 19th 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

<u>FIRST GRADE NEWS</u>

We are looking forward to a very busy and fun month. I will be sending home a May calendar to help you remember all the important dates.

First grade students did a GREAT JOB with reading this year! AR points and prizes are being awarded soon! Keep up the good work and continue reading over the summer!

In English we will be practicing writing friendly letters. We will be choosing a friend or family member to write to and mail them a letter. Please watch for more information to come in your child's folder.



As the school year comes to a close our class will be finishing up our workbooks and textbooks. Keep working hard! I am very proud of each one of you and your hard work! You can do it! I will be sending home any extra school supplies you may have sent with your child.

I hope you have a great summer break and enjoy the time with your family! Mrs. Jacobson

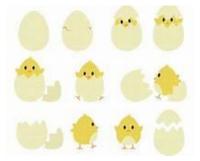
MAY SECOND GRADE NEWS

Happy May!

We are all hoping that the April showers will bring May flowers! We have a very busy month coming

up in second grade. First of all, our eggs are preparing to hatch this week!! We have moved them off the turner and are anxiously awaiting their arrival this week.

We also have our chapter 11 test in math over measurement before we begin our final chapter. We will then begin researching and writing pet reports. We started multi paragraph writing last month and the students loved it. They didn't want to stop!!! Our field trip to Blackberry Farm is the 20th. Thanks to all the volunteers who have agreed to chaperone. Please make sure you sign the permission slip and return



it. On an exciting note, we had 9 students complete the Book It Challenge and 3 students complete the Cougar Reading Program. Thanks for supporting your child and helping root them on as they wrapped up their goal!!

MAY IN 3^{RO} GRADE

Hello 3rd Grade Families! As I look back at this school year, I really cannot comprehend how fast it has gone. I can't believe we are entering our last few weeks of school! During the past month, your students have worked so hard! In April, students got a lot of experience with fractions. We also finished our read aloud a book, which everyone loved! During our state testing, students did phenomenal work. This was their first year doing this kind of testing and they worked hard throughout all of their tests. It really was a fun month!



To kick off May, our class is going on a fun field trip to Hoover Forest Preserve on Thursday, May 5th. Students will need to bring a sack lunch to school that day. Just a reminder, there will be no access to a refrigerator or a microwave. Everything in their lunch will need to be disposable. Rachel Andersen and Blair Carlson will be joining us that day! We will leave around 9:00 am and return to school around 2:30 pm. We are also looking forward to the Spring Concert on

Thursday, May 12th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Thank you so much for your continued support! Miss Hennessy



HAPPY SPRING FROM HIH GRADE

Hello Families! It is hard to believe we are in the last month of school already. It has been such an amazing year. We have so many fun things planned for our last month.



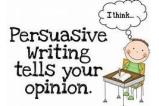
We are looking forward to our class field trip to Hoover with 3rd and 5th graders. Thank you again to everyone who volunteered to be a chaperone! Aaron Westerfield, Aimee Berg, and Lori Hatteberg will be joining us!

In math, we just finished our area and perimeter chapters and will be starting geometry! We are nearing the end of our reading curriculum as well. We have just a couple more stories left to read! I am also excited for our spring concert that the students have been working so hard on, it will definitely be a treat! Your 4th graders will also be taking their last Aimsweb tests for the year! While nearing the end of the year, we will enjoy all of our exciting activities together as we get ready for summer break!

Miss Vande Hei

MAY IN 5TH GRADE

May is here, meaning in just a few short weeks the 2021-2022 school year has come and gone! It is crazy how quickly this year has flown by! In April, students worked hard through all their IAR and ISA testing!



They also had a lot of fun writing persuasive essays about a club, sport, or activity that should be added to our school! In math we have been talking about the metric and customary systems of measurement! In social studies students have learned all about the original 13 colonies, and the revolutionary war! In science we will be wrapping up the year talking

about water cycle, weather, and space! It has been a fantastic school year, and I can't wait to see what the remaining month of school has in store for us!

Miss Sztapka

<u>MRS. Degraaf may news</u>

6th grade and Junior High Social Studies

I can't believe it is May already! This year has been flying by so quickly. May is filled with all kinds of end of the year activities. We are ending the year with a bang!



In reading, we are finishing up Unit 5 with a poetry project. After that, we are going to be reading the novel, <u>Holes</u>. We can't wait to start! In science, we finished our volcano/ earthquake projects. They were so much

fun to do and watch! We even had some "explosions" and a few newscasts. In geography, we are currently finishing up learning about Africa. Then we will move on to Asia.

In 7th grade American history, we are studying the Civil War. We have two chapters left in our section of the book. They are working hard to finish it.

We took the U.S. Constitution/ Illinois Constitution/ U.S. Flag test in April in 8th grade American history class. The 8th graders did an amazing job! This is mandatory for Illinois 8th grade graduates. We are currently working on the Great Depression, FDR and the New Deal, and WW2. Big topics, but I



know we can finish the year strong. We will miss the 8th grade class next school year. They are such a fun group. Good luck to them in high school in the fall.

Dates to remember:

May 2nd – Aims Web Testing

May 4th- field trip to Medieval Times

May 6th- last day for AR points

May 9th- library books need to be returned

May 11th- Awards Night

May 12th- Spring Concert

May 16th- band concert

Mrs. DeGraaf

MISS ZIELSKE'S SPRING HAPPENINGS

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. We are all looking forward to our Medieval Times Field Trip coming up as well!



The sixth graders just finished up some letter writing activities and are ready to 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 will be starting 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 our letter writing unit and will work on verb moods next before finishing the year with some fun writing activities like fan fiction and PSAs.

The last day to earn points for AR rewards is May 6. However, 8 graders have until May 13 to finish their second book, and 7 grade has until May 20th to complete their second book. 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!

Miss Zielske

MRS. HEAP'S MAY NEWS

Junior High Math classes are busy completing their math books. Eighth grade is finishing up the Algebra book with factoring and solving 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 is learning about the bones and structure of the human body. They will finish the year by dissecting a cow eyeball and completing an egg baby project. Eighth grade is wrapping up they year by learning about technology in science and how sound and light waves travel. Eighth grade will finish up the semester by building batteries out of potatoes and fruit. I hope this project will be educational and enjoyed by all!

8th Grade Homeroom News

Graduation day is fast approaching! We are planning to uphold the traditional *Game/Movie Day* for the graduating class. On Wednesday May 18th, 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 will be signing up soon to provide a dessert. They 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!

Mrs. Heap



BAND NEWS

Upcoming Combined Rehearsals

Buses will be provided to all rehearsals.

Date:	Where	Time:	Who:
Thursday, May 5	NHS Band Room	12:30 pm-2 pm	7th/8th
Thursday, May 12	NHS Band Room	12:30 pm-2 pm	7th/8th
Friday, May 13	Millbrook Jr. High gym	Noon-1 pm	5th/6th

Spring CONCERT DAY

Monday, May 16 7 pm (call time is 6:30 pm)

All 5th-8th grade band students will have a mandatory rehearsal on concert day morning at 8 am! Buses available!

Concert Dress is Black pants, black shoes & band shirt!

(5th/6th shirt is black t shirt; 7th/8th shirt is white polo)

FUN FACT: Grandma Rosie's Ice Cream will be outside at NHS during our concert!! Let's celebrate a great year with music and ice cream!!! (This is a small fundraiser for the band.)

LUIGI's Band Fun Day

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Pizza, game room, laser tag 10:30 am-2:30 pm

***Students MUST participate in our May 16 concert and attend the morning final rehearsal to attend Luigi's trip