

Lisbon Grade School

DISTRICT #90

Newsletter

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Letter from the Superintendent

It's hard to believe we have already celebrated the 100th day of school. Please note these following upcoming events.

- We will begin the 5 Essentials survey soon. We will send out a blackboard when it starts with more information.
- On February 14th we will have class parties for Valentine's Day. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteer to help at these parties. Please remember that when chaperoning, we can't have siblings attend the parties.
- On March 1st, we will have a Fuel up to 60 assembly presented by the NFL. Staley, the Chicago Bears' mascot will be in attendance for the event.
- 8th grade students will be receiving quite a bit of information in the upcoming weeks regarding placement at Newark High School, graduation and the 8th grade trip. Please be on the lookout.

As the weather continues to be iffy, our goal is to always be in school but there may be days that we need to do eLearning. We are still and always looking for bus drivers. Please contact me for more information.

Thank you!

Mr. William Pender





Kindergarten Mrs. Dike

Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school on January 27th! We had fun wearing our 100's day crowns, counting to 100, reading books, playing a Race to 100 game, and eating/sharing 100 cookies for snack!



1st Grade Mrs. Jacobson

Welcome to the third quarter! We will be learning lots of brand new concepts this quarter. Students are becoming more independent readers! We are learning new phonics spelling patterns. First graders are doing a great job on AR and Book-It and returning homework! Keep up the good work! I appreciate your hard work! I will choose two IXL winners each Friday! (One boy & one girl will be rewarded a yellow slip.) Please encourage your child to practice at home. This will help improve with our Math skills.

Valentine's Day Party will be on Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 2:00. Our party chairperson is Nicole Friestad. Food: Heidi Kempick & Nicole Friestad, Drinks: Blair Carlson, Paper Products: Beth Lohrey, Treat Bags: Nicole Friestad, and Games: Jen Zydek Thank you to everyone helping!

I will be sending home a class list so the students can complete their valentine cards for their friends. We will be making a valentine mail pocket at school. The students will need to bring their valentine cards by Monday, Feb. 13.

Things happening in first grade.... We will be learning about the presidents, Washington D.C. and Dental Health!



2nd Grade Mrs. Mathre

Happy February! January was fast and fun. We celebrated the new year by writing resolutions. We also learned about penguins and wrote expository paragraphs using all the information we gathered. Finally, we celebrated 100's Day this month with many activities! We rolled dice 100 times, solved 100 addition problems, solved 100 subtraction problems, and wrote 100 words. January also meant mid-year testing. We completed our AimsWeb testing on the computer and our Unit 3 Benchmark test. Our class earned our reward and celebrated by enjoying ice cream sundaes and watching a penguin movie.

Just a reminder our Valentine's Day party is on Tuesday, February 14 at 2 PM. Tammy Akre is our chairman. Brad Schierbaum is in charge of games. Katie Sievers is providing food. Laury Schrader is in charge of paper products. Katie Freeman is supplying the drinks. Kayla Ely is making treat bags. If you did not get a chance to sign up and would like to still help out, please contact Katie Sievers to help her with food. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help!



3rd Grade Mrs. Aughenbaugh

Hello 3rd Grade Families! It is hard to believe we are already in February! This past month has been so much fun. After coming back from break, we really dived back into learning. This month, we are starting our plant unit and even planting some seeds of our own!

We will be having our Valentine's Day party on February 14th. Tracy Zabel and Erin Manella will be at our party to celebrate and play games. The party will start around 2 p.m. Thank you so much for your continued support!



4th Grade Miss Vande Hei

Hello 4th grade families! I can't believe how fast January has gone by! We started off the new year with a novel study for the book, *Shiloh*, in Reading. We also finished up Aimsweb testing which everyone did so well on! In Math, we will continue to practice long division and work to perfect the skill. In Social Studies, we are diving deeper into learning about each region of the United States. Your students have been doing a great job creating their monthly AR goals and have been successful in meeting them!

We have so much to look forward to this month. We are excited to celebrate Valentine's Day with our party! We will have Rachel Andersen and Blair Carlson join us. We have one spot open to bring food if anyone is interested! Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered to help out!



5th Grade Miss Sztapka

It is hard to believe February is already here! January was full of chilly weather and finally some snow! In science we have learned all about plants and animal systems, life cycles, and their adaptations. We have gotten the experience of watching our classroom amaryllis plant go through a phase of its life cycle this month as it bloomed!! In social studies we have begun to learn about the first colonies, how they formed their first government, and the conflicts that occurred during this time period! January has definitely been a busy month, but we are all looking forward to what February has in store!



6th Grade Mrs. DeGraaf

Greetings from 6th grade! I can't believe the 2nd quarter ended, and we are into our 3rd quarter. We've been reading stories in our text that teach us how authors use sensory language and imagery to create humorous stories. We currently had a conversation about parodies- what they are and where we see/hear/ watch them. In science, we are wrapping up a chapter on where water is on our earth. Before that we learned about energy sources. Students created presentations on how our school building can be run on alternative energy sources. Some of our groups will be presenting our findings to the school board this month!

In 7th & 8th grade history, we've been learning about the Constitution and the Roaring 20's, respectively. In March, our 8th graders will be starting to study for our Constitution test which is a requirement for graduation.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.



7th Grade Miss Zielske

January has been a busy and productive month! The sixth graders just finished up their unit on using dialogue. After learning how to use quotation marks and commas correctly, the students applied what they learned while writing several narrative stories using quotes. They had plenty of interesting ideas for their stories! Also, students are working hard on their Genius Hour projects and will be presenting in February. It is really fun to learn about the topics students selected, and they enjoy choosing how they get to present their information.

Seventh grade finished up their argument writing unit by completing an essay on someone or something they thought was the "Greatest of All Time." We worked on using effective evidence and how to address counterclaims. We have also been working hard on our dialogue unit. In Reading, we worked on speech analysis, and students learned about ethos, pathos, and logos. Now we are working on a unit on biographies and autobiographies.

Eighth graders started out January by analyzing two texts about Julius Caesar and using text evidence to prove if he was a hero or a tyrant. We then finished up our argument writing unit with a project where they researched a controversial topic of their choice. They will be finishing Shurley English patterns in the next couple of weeks. In Reading, we are working on folktales and tall tales before moving on to a unit involving technological threats.

Congratulations to all the students who already have their first AR book read for the quarter! The deadline for the first book is February 10th while the deadline for the second book is March 15th. Keep earning those prizes!



8th Grade Mrs. Heap

Science Classes

Science classes are continuing to work on their curriculum. They will explore physics topics including forces, energy, and electricity. We will wrap up the unit by building batteries from potatoes and fruit that will power a small bulb. Seventh grade just completed their projects on making a "family" of pets and diagramming how specific traits are passed down from generation to generation. Students created some very interesting creatures this year. The "families" will be going home in a few weeks. Your students should have a lot to tell you about why some family members look similar and others look completely different. Ask them for all the details!

Math

The month of February will bring a lot of excitement to math classes. The eighth grade Algebra class will learn how to solve a system of equations and also begin working on eighth grade geometry standards. Sixth grade is diving into the world of prealgebra. I keep telling them how exciting algebra is, but I'm not sure they are convinced quite yet! They will start by solving one step equations and inequalities and progress to computing surface area. Seventh grade is beginning a three-chapter unit on geometry. Let the calculating begin!

Valentine's Day Party

The junior high will be ice skating for Valentine's Day. We will start off the afternoon with a pizza lunch, followed by ice skating at the Joliet Park District ice rink. More details will be sent out via Remind.

I am so proud of how hard the students are working each day, and it's a blessing to be part of their learning. I can't wait to see how much more we can accomplish by May. Please feel free to contact me at the school, by the Remind app, or at cheap@lisbon.k12.il.us with any questions or concerns.



PE/AD Mr. McKinney

We are officially in 2023!!! Can't believe we only have a few months left of this school year. Spring break will be here before we know it!! Looking forward to warmer weather!

In 8th grade Health, we are finishing up our unit on Nutrition and the way our body uses food for energy. We are also beginning to talk about smoking, tobacco, drugs and alcohol. We will be making anti-smoking posters as a part of this unit.

In PE, we have finished our floor hockey unit. They have done a great job at learning different skills and techniques. They also enjoyed competing against each other. We are looking forward to the month of February as we will begin our Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart activities. Be looking out for more information.

The boys basketball teams had a successful season of learning and getting better each day! The girls basketball teams have begun their seasons and are looking forward to an exciting season of learning, improving and winning a few games along the way! GO LIONS!!



Music Mrs. Pfizenmaier

We will be starting to work on our spring concert songs this month. The students will be bringing home concert song words and a concert information letter soon. The concert date will be Thursday, May 4th. Once you receive your concert information letter, if you have any questions or concerns please email me at npfizenmaier@lisbon.k12.il.us.

Band Miss Jasien

The band is off to a great start this semester! We are working through their "band karate" game--a fun and "friendly competitive" way for students to learn their note names and fingerings. They will continue to do this through February, and at the end we will have a prize day where students will get to earn treats based on what belts they earned. Reminder to band parents to help students remember their instruments and music to band practice!





Bus Notes: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hickernell

Thank you for having your child/ren ready to go and waiting for the bus! Thank you also to the parents that text us & let us know if your child/ren are not riding! That is a huge help to us! We are asking that you DO NOT have one child ride the bus when you are transporting your other child/ren to/from school. We are short on bus drivers and this is becoming a nuisance to the drivers and affecting the bus routes. We understand if you pick up one child due to an appointment and the others need to ride the bus. Thank you! Oh, and STILL LOOKING FOR A BUS DRIVER!!!!



Lunchroom Notes: Mrs. Smith

Parents, please continue to check TeacherEase for you child/ren lunch balance. Please send money in when a low balance is shown. If your child/ren are 'FREE' lunch, PLEASE check that they do not have a balance for "Extra's" or "Milk". Those are NOT included in Free lunch service. If your child/ren continue to have an outstanding balance for these they will not be allowed to receive Extras or Milk in the future. If your child/ren are going to be late due to an appt/overslept/etc we NEED to know if they will be hot lunch by 9:15AM! Please call the office and let Mrs. Mitchell know!



Custodian Notes: Mrs Borton

Junior High boys please remember to keep locker rooms picked up. Girls Basketball season has started and visiting teams will be using the boys locker room. Leave no belongings or clothes. Everything should be put away in lockers or on top of lockers.

Thank you for always being willing to help out around school!



8th Grade Graduation News

As we approach spring, the eighth grade class starts to think about graduation and moving onto high school. Mrs. DeGraaf and Mrs. Heap will be sending home notes and updates about graduation they become available. Our main goal, as we enter into February, is to get 10 pictures from each student. The pictures will be made into a video highlighting the graduates and is traditionally shown during the graduation ceremony.