





December/January Newsletter

News from the Superintendent

Important Dates/Items to Remember:

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- Senior Citizens Luncheon will be Friday, December 4th from noon until 2 P.M.
 - The Christmas Program is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 P.M. Student dress for the concert should be good clothes you would wear to church. All students should be in their classroom by 6:10 P.M.
 - At various times during the year, either for motivational or educational purposes, the district will show either a %G+ or %RG+ rated 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., 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 hand book for guidelines for homework makeup.
 - All students who require medication at school (over-the-counter or prescription drugs) must have a physician's signed approval and also a parent's signed consent. These forms are in your 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.
 - When you send a check in with your student for the office, please either put it in a labeled envelope or write in the memo area of the check, what the check is to be used for.
 - We will use the following guidelines in determining whether students go outside or stay inside during winter weather for recess:

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1. If the temperature is above 32 degrees, students will go outside.
 2. If the temperature is between 25 and 31 degrees, wind chill will be considered before a decision is made to go out or to stay inside.

3. If the temperature is below 25 degrees, students will remain inside.

Parking: As we have more parents this year picking up students after school, I would ask that you do not park along the south side of the gym (along the sidewalk). It makes it very difficult for the busses to get by and also for those parked in the marked section on the south side of the parking lot to exit.



MUSIC NEWS

The Lisbon Grade School Christmas Concert is right around the corner! The concert will be Tuesday, December 15, 2015. The concert begins promptly at 6:30 P.M. and students need to meet in their classrooms by 6:10. Students are asked to dress up for the occasion. Students may not wear jeans or hats.

If you know your child will not be able to make the concert date please send a note with your child 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 Christmas music!

Musically,
Mrs. Pfizenmaier



The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award

The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is in full swing again this year. The award is named in honor of Rebecca Caudill who lived in Urbana, Illinois and wrote for almost fifty years. Students must read at least three of the nominated books and complete a short summary to participate. The short summary is necessary as it proves that the student read the book. In addition, it allows the reader to reflect on the parts of the book he/she liked or didn't like. I value the students' opinions about the books and enjoy reading their reviews. Summaries can be taken to the office where they will be put in my mailbox. Students who read and complete summaries for at least three of the books will vote for their favorite when the program ends in February. Students who vote will be invited to an ice cream party upon the completion of the program.

Mrs. Rehberg

Bus Notes



Reminder that the bus schedules will change after Christmas Break. Your drivers will be calling you by the afternoon of January 2nd to let you know your times for the remainder of the school year. Also remember, if your child is not riding

the bus in the morning, please call your child's driver or the bus company. 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 drivers/teachers.



Enjoy a Great Book this winter season!!!!

We are having a Reading Wonderland this year. The students had a chance to preview the books today, November 30th and then they will be shopping sometime during the rest of this week. Their notes and flyers went home yesterday so take a peek at them to see what great books you can find for this holiday season. The book fair will be open during the Boys Basketball game on December 3rd, and also for a short time after the Senior Citizen Luncheon. Come and spread the joy of reading with your kids by getting them some great books at the Book Fair.

LGS Library Volunteers

Resource News



The holidays are fast approaching, and students in the resource room have been working hard! Middle school students continue to read their Accelerated Reader books. They are also working on math skills such as factoring, least common multiple, and managing a checking account. First grade is making great improvements with their reading and sight word recognition. Second grade finished reading the novel Horrible Harry goes to Sea. What a neat book! They are showing progress with their fluency and comprehension. Third grade also just got done reading a novel. They read The Case of the Marshmallow Monster. After reading each chapter, they worked on summarizing important points. Fourth grade is showing terrific improvement with reading fluency and comprehension. We have also worked on social studies a little bit, and they LOVED playing %Have, Who Has?+ Please make sure to read at home every night. Have a wonderful holiday!



Sincerely,
Mr. Ward

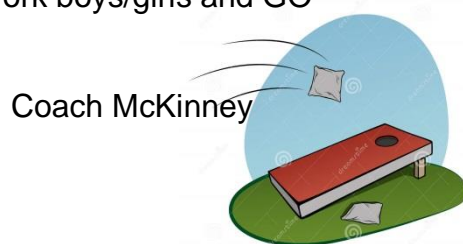
News from Coach McKinney

The 2015-16 school year is flying by!!! We are quickly approaching Christmas break...and we all are looking forward to that. Hope everyone has a great holiday season.

In 8th grade Health, we are continuing with our nutrition chapter. The students will take part in a food log project. This project will make us aware of the food we consume on a daily basis. We are looking forward to it.

In PE, we finished our bowling and scooter hockey units. We also had a great time roller skating thanks to SkateTime. We enjoyed all kinds of games and activities during the week! The students all had fun!! The 6th thru 8th grade have all been looking forward to our today's field trip to Echo Lanes. After Thanksgiving we will be enjoying our bags unit!!!

The boys' basketball teams are finishing up their respective seasons. The A team is hoping to finish strong and do well in the end of the year tournaments. The B-team has been working hard as well!! They will also compete in an end of the season tournament, so good luck!! The cheerleaders did a great job in leading our LHS cheerleaders during the clinic and performance at a game!! Keep up the good work boys/girls and GO LIONS!!!



Speech Team News

Congratulations to the Speech Team for their fantastic performances on Saturday, November 14th, at the IESA Speech Meet! **All 13 of our groups received 1st place ratings!** Lisbon Grade School participants and performances are listed below:

Rebecca Peura, Cheyanne Lowery-Regular Duet Acting
Kenna Borton, Meggie Scott, Jocelyn Mitchell, Lexi Long-Small Group Acting
Brandon Coultrip, Nathan Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Austin Tollefson-Small Group Acting
Megan McIntyre-Solo Acting
Morgan Long, Skyler Chavoan-Regular Duet Acting
Reese Heap, Jacquelin Harvey-Regular Duet Acting
Annika Myre, Kjersten Friestad-Regular Duet Acting
Megan Williams, Lindsey Hatteberg-Regular Duet Acting
Grandon Mitchell-Solo Acting
Jacqueline Jollay-Solo Acting
Evan O'Toole, Davin Grubb-Regular Duet Acting
Zach Carlson, Cole Reibel-Regular Duet Acting
Bre Dixon, Tayton Hardecopf-Regular Duet Acting
Congratulations to the following Judges' Choice Winner:

Jacqueline Jollay- Solo Acting

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to work with such a great group of students! They all practiced extremely hard and represented Lisbon Grade School



VERY well! I was SO proud of all of them! A special thanks to Mrs. Myre and Mrs. DeGraaf for being willing to help listen to speeches during the day and for being available for additional practice sessions. I would also like to thank the entire Lisbon staff for their help in making the Speech contest such a great experience for our students!

Mrs. Scott

LOOP NEWS

Spirit Wear order forms are due back after we break for Thanksgiving on November 30th, to allow for orders to be processed and to ensure delivery before Christmas break.

There are some great new items to choose from and these make excellent gifts!

SCRIP Card orders are due to the office on December 1st. This is a great opportunity for one stop shopping for your gift cards. Please fill out the order form and place the form and money in an envelope marked %scrip+. You should receive your gift cards in about 10 days. They will be sent home with your child unless you request a different method. Purchasing Scrip cards is an easy way to earn money for our school.

Santa Shop is coming soon! It's hard to believe the holidays are already upon us. The students always enjoy choosing gifts for family and friends. Last year we improved the quality and variety of the items available, and with all the positive feedback we are offering our terrific selection again. There will be several items available in various categories. There is truly something for everyone: babies, kids, teens, parents, grandparents, pets, etc. These include items from Mary Kay, Thirty-One, scarves, and more! All items will be affordably priced with most being under \$10. Shopping times will be scheduled for each class during the school day.

🎁 Friday, December 11th will serve as a preview day for the students, (watch for Wish lists to come home).

🎁 The students will be shopping during their scheduled time the following Monday and Tuesday, December 14th and 15th.

Please continue to send in your Campbell's Labels and Box Tops

The annual Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle is coming up near the end of February. Be on the lookout for more information to be sent home in January.

Thank you for your continued support. LOOP could not be a success without all the help we receive from our parents! Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00pm and Tuesday, January 5th at 4:30pm. We hope to see you there!



Happy Holidays!

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten class will be working on color words in the months of December and January. We will not only be recognizing our color words, we will be spelling them, too! We will be having a color words test hopefully the students will pass with flying colors! We will be working on the number words in December as



well. As these new concepts are introduced, I ask that the parents reinforce these skills at home. Also, please continue to work on the sight words that we are working on at home, as well as reading all the little readers that are sent home through the weeks. It is so exciting that the students are beginning to recognize their sight words in other sources of reading, other than just in the reading curriculum! They are learning to sound out words, as well as starting to read sentences! Keep up the great reading, Kindergarten!

With Christmas quickly approaching, December will be a busy month for everyone! The Kindergarten class has some decorating to do! I will be bringing in a small Christmas tree and ask that each student bring in a small, preferably non-breakable ornament to help decorate the tree.

We look forward to our Christmas party on Thursday, December 17th at 2:00p.m. Thank you to the parents who will be planning a fun party for us! We will be having a grab bag gift exchange this year. Boys bring a \$8.00 gift for a boy and girls bring a \$8.00 gift for a girl. More details will be sent home in the students' take-home folders.

We are continuing our Countdown to 100th Day! The days and weeks are just flying by! We look forward to our 100th Day celebration on February 1st!

The Kindergarten class wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Mrs. Dike



First Grade News

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving!! I do not think anyone ate our turkeys we had for our project- 1st grade did a nice job disguising them! Also, thank you to everyone who gave donations for our Thanksgiving feast. The feast would not have been possible without your help. The class looked adorable in their Native American vests! We have really enjoyed learning about the early settlers and Wampanoag Indians.

Congratulations to all the students who met the reading goal again for Book-It! The pizza party will be at the end of the year. There will also be information coming home about Ozzie's Reading Program. This is a reading incentive program in addition to Book-It. Your child will receive a free ticket to the Cougar's game for completing all requirements.

It is very evident when your child has been reading at home. Thanks for all your time and effort! In math we are continuing to work on addition and subtraction. IXL is definitely great practice for these skills. In English we have learned the capitalization rules, the difference between common and proper nouns, singular and plural nouns, and new parts of speech. In reading we just finished our second unit test. The results will be sent home with their score sheet. If you would like to see your child's test, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our Christmas party is quickly approaching. This year is flying by! Our party will be on Thursday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m. Tonya Koger is the chairman and will be contacting ones that have signed up to bring food/drinks/treats. We are very excited for the party! Please remember to send your child's gift exchange to school by December

14th. The cost should be around \$8 and it should be labeled for a boy or girl. While out shopping, please remember that our school is participating in a community project to collect new hats, mittens, and scarves for those in need. You may send one or more of these items for your child to decorate our tree. Thanks for all your work and support, I really appreciate it! I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Miss Friestad



Second Grade News

December is always a hectic, yet exciting month. It seems to go faster than any of the other months. I hope to see everyone at the concert on December 15th. Thanks for donating food and supplies for our Thanksgiving feast with the first graders. We, the Pilgrims, enjoyed visiting with our Native American first grade neighbors. The first and second graders are experts at making butter now. For some reason the butter that we make tastes so much better than the butter we buy at the store.

The students are looking forward to the Christmas party which will be held on December 17th at two o'clock. Our chairman is Sally Wallin. Nikki Thompson and Shanna grub bar providing our food, and Nicole Bols is in charge of drinks. Paper products will be provided by Laura Johnson. Nicole Hardecopf will be in charge of treat bags, and Nicole Bols will develop the games. We will have a gift exchange at our party. Girls need to bring a gift for a girl, and boys need to purchase a gift for a boy. The suggested spending amount is eight dollars. Please send these to school by December 15th.

If you are looking for some educational items for your child this Christmas season please consider a set of addition or subtraction flashcards. There are also some good math games on the market. The second grade students need to master the basic facts. Please try to work on these facts over the holidays. I would also like to see more students taking advantage of the IXL math website. I do get a weekly report of the number of minutes each child is spending on the program as well as the skills practiced. Using the website is a great way to practice and master those math skills in a fun and unique way. The student who spends the most time on IXL each week earns a blue slip for our character counts drawing.

Please encourage your child to read over the holidays. You might consider giving a gift of books this season. If you ever care to purchase Scholastic books from the book order as gifts just send me a note. I will let you know when the books come in. December Book-It will be due our first day back after the break. I have been very proud of the students. Many of them are reading diligently and taking Accelerated Reader tests. They love to see how many points they have acquired. Most of the students are starting to read chapter books more frequently. Please continue to review addresses and phone numbers at home. Not everyone has mastered these yet.

Happy Holidays!
Mrs. Rehberg



Third Grade News

Wow! I can't believe it is December already. We will be busy this month. In Reading, we will be reading stories in Unit 3 about people and nature. Also, please have your student read our Reading story to you on Thursday night. Reading 20 minutes a night will continue to help with fluency and comprehension.

Please keep practicing multiplication and division with your child. Flash cards are a great way to continue to review multiplication and division facts. Your child can practice on ixl.com at home. We will continue learning multiplication and division.

In Science, we will continue to learn about plants and animals. Please continue to help your student study for our Science and Social Studies tests. In Social Studies, we will be learning about Communities over Time.

A few reminders: The Christmas concert is December 15, 2015 at 6:30. Our Christmas party will be December 17th at 2 PM. Mrs. Milton is the chairperson, and she will contact you to remind you what you need to send in for our party. The gift exchange gifts are due by December 14th. The cost of the gift should be \$8. Please make sure they are wrapped and labeled for a boy or girl. Thank you.



Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Doorn



Fourth Grade News

November was a very busy month! I don't know where the time is going. Before you know it, Christmas will be here and then the New Year. Don't forget to encourage your fourth grader to keep reading for Book It and AR. They need to pass the AR test for it to count for the Book It program. The holidays will be a wonderful time to catch up on a great book or two. Please remember that they have to read two books this quarter and pass the AR tests for 100% in the gradebook. If those two tests are not passed, it will be graded as 0%. The following students earned their Book It certificate for the month of October: Clay Friestad, Brooklyn Hatteberg, Logan Jacobsgaard, Seth

Johnson, Henry Mathre, Gabrielle Maxwell, William Milton, Danielle Monsess, Hannah Torres, Emma Schultz, Blake Wallin, Kiara Wesseh, and Cory Withrow-Steil. Great job 4th graders!!!

In math we are continuing to multiply and will soon be dividing. In chapter 5 we will be multiplying with two-digit numbers and in chapter 6 we will be dividing by a one-digit number. Please practice the basic multiplication facts so they can focus on the concept of multiplying/dividing greater numbers and not trying to figure basic facts. This will help alleviate any additional frustrations during these chapters. A great time for reviewing facts would be in the car or while waiting in those long check-out lines. ☺

Here are some important dates to remember. The Christmas program is on Tuesday, December 15th. Please have your child in the classroom at 6:10. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. The book fair theme this month is %Reading Wonderland+. We will be shopping on Wednesday, December 2nd. The Santa Shop is coming up the week of December 14th. This is a great time to pick up those greatly needed gifts. The gift for the Christmas Gift Exchange should be at the school by Monday, December 14th. Remember to wrap and label the gift girl or boy. The hat and mitten donations are due by Friday, December 18th. Our Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m. Staci Withrow is the chairperson and she will be contacting you to remind you of what you need to send in for our party. Thank you in advance to all the parents who are sending in items. We really appreciate it.

Please make sure your child is dressing appropriately for the weather; winter coat, hat, and gloves. I will soon be phasing out the assignment notebook signature if your student has done their homework on a regular basis. Hopefully this will be one less thing you have to do, as long as your student stays on top of their responsibilities. If not, I can phase it back in. Have a nice Thanksgiving!

Happy
Holidays!

Happy Holidays to you all!
Mrs. Myre ☺

Fifth Grade News **Merry Christmas**

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving! We have many things to be thankful for, and I am thankful for your child. May your December and the New Year be filled with thanksgiving as well.

Congratulations to **Tayton Hardecopf, Bobby Wilkins, Breannyn Dixon, and Davin Grubb** for completing the November Book-It. They read for 400 minutes in the month of November. They each received a free personal pan pizza coupon redeemable at Pizza Hut. Way to go! Keep up the good work!

We just completed a chapter on adding and subtracting numbers with decimals. As a culminating activity, we are doing a Market Math Project where students will be shopping for food and items. This helps reinforce the skills we just learned. Plus, who doesn't like

shopping?? In December, we will be focusing on multiplying and dividing decimals. Then after that, we will be starting fractions.

We are in the middle of unit 2 of our reading series. The unit concept is doing the right thing so we've been reading stories about people who have the courage to do the right things. After we finish the unit, we will be doing some Christmas activities. At the beginning of the New Year, we will focus the first two weeks on poetry while reading the novel, Love That Dog.

In Writing, we are working on various types of writing- informational, narratives, and opinion writing. We will be practicing these for the rest of the year. If you ask your student, they will probably tell you that his/her hands hurt from writing too much. However, the improvement I have seen is worth it!

Our science unit is on the different spheres around us. We are studying the hydrosphere, the geosphere, the biosphere, and currently, the atmosphere. We are learning the components of each and how they interact with each other.

In Social Studies, we are learning about how our nation started. Soon we will study the colonies and the American Revolution.

Our Christmas party will be Thursday, December 17th at 2 p.m. I will send out a parent reminder the first week in December if you have volunteered to help us celebrate. We also have a book fair November 30th through December 4th as well as the Santa Shop which is December 14th and 15th. Also, our Lisbon Grade School music concert is Tuesday the 15th. It is definitely going to be a busy December!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Mrs. DeGraaf



Sixth Grade News

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving! It's hard to believe that Christmas will be here in just a few weeks! We have been learning a lot and the students are doing a great job! In Reading, we have been talking about Unforgettable Personalities. Some of the characters in our stories have been human, such as parents or sisters or brothers. We have learned that animals can be a character that possesses unforgettable personalities that impact many of us in amazing ways, too! We have also been making inferences using our prior knowledge and information from the text in order to become more effective readers! In Geography, we completed a review of the 50 states and capitals! Everyone has already matched the states and capitals and will be labeling them on a blank map after the break. This takes a lot of effort and memorization. Great job, 6th graders! We will also be learning about various landforms and features of Latin America. Make sure and ask your student about our Geography map quizzes for fun! In Science, we just finished a chapter on Plate Tectonics and several of the theories behind why the continents have moved over time. We will be learning about earthquakes and the various ways to measure them in our next couple of chapters.

In 7th grade Social Studies, we learned about events leading up to the American Revolution. We also talked about significant battles fought during the war and how

each one led to the colonists winning the American Revolution. We will be ending this unit with an informational video on America: The Story of Us from the History Channel.

In 8th grade Social Studies, we will be completing our study of World War I. We have learned about the United States position of neutrality and what events eventually forced America to enter the war. Throughout our discussions about the 1920s, we will be talking about various changes in the White House, as well as changes in life that still influence us today.

Thanks so much for all of your support! Please feel free to call or email me if you ever have any questions or concerns. The next several weeks will be busy and fun as we look forward to the holidays!

**American
Revolution**



Mrs. Scott

Seventh Grade News

I can't believe November is over. A lot of students are excited about the final Hunger Games movie that just came out--*Mockingjay, Part 2*.

In English, all students have been improving their ability to punctuate complex sentences correctly and use a variety of different sentence lengths in their writing. We are starting to work on argument writing techniques. This is different from the persuasive writing students have done in the past. Common Core requirements ask for students to write arguments that have claims, evidence, and explanation of the evidence without using feelings or emotions toward the subject. We will be doing several class activities that focus on different types of argument writing that include having to read articles and gather information before a claim can be made.

Students in seventh and eighth grade are continuing to use different reading strategies in their stories. In December, seventh grade will be reading a play called *Brian's Song* and comparing it to the movie version. Eighth grade will be taking a break from their reading textbooks to do a novel study of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. I have also challenged eighth graders to read an additional classic novel on their own for an opportunity to earn extra credit. I am hoping they will enjoy branching out and reading something they might not normally choose. The next AR book is due by December 18th.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season!



Eighth Grade News



Happy Holidays,
Miss Zielske

Wow! I can't believe that it's December and the holidays (and snow) are just around the corner. We have accomplished so much already, but of course, we have so much more to cover before the end of the year. Math classes are working on a variety of topics. Sixth grade is currently mastering ratios and proportions. The seventh grade class is becoming proficient at solving problems with geometric figures. Eighth grade is working with geometric figures as well as solving problems with systems of equations. Additional math practice on IXL.com is available to students anywhere there is an

internet connection. If you are having trouble logging in at home, please contact me and I will help you get connected.

Projects, projects, projects! Science classes are busy with projects. Seventh grade students will complete their pet heredity project during the first week of December. This reinforces concepts related to how traits are passed down from generation to generation and how organisms can have the same parent and look different. Eighth grade will be working on their first Power Point presentation. They will pick a topic, find at least two sources for the topic, and create a presentation. It is so fun to see what topics are of interest to our students!



The junior high will host the area senior citizens for lunch and entertainment on Friday, December 4th. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to relax and talk to community members that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to get to meet. This activity is paid for by money from the junior high fundraiser. Our Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 18th. We will have a movie in the morning from about 9:30 to 12:00 with a break for Christmas treats around 10:15. Our room parents will receive a reminder notice the week prior to the party. We will open gifts after lunch. It is suggested that students spend about \$10 for the gift exchange.

Student Council is up and running. At the end of last year, the junior high elected officers who attended a summer camp to learn about the leadership roles that they fill in the organization. Officers for the 2015-2016 school year are as follows: Jocelyn Mitchell, President; Kenna Borton, Vice President; and Rebecca Peura, Secretary/Treasurer. Meggie Scott, Lexi Long, Mackenzie Wilkins, Reese Heap, Davin Grubb, and Zach Carlson are class representatives. Our first community project will be collecting mittens, scarves, and hats for a local charity. The Mitten Tree project that has been previously overseen by the teachers will be organized by Student Council. We are looking forward to a successful project.

I would like to wish all of my students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

Mrs. Heap

Lisbon Grade School **Community Project**





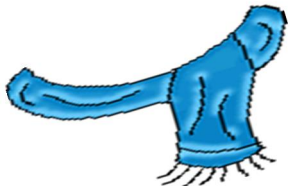
We will have a hat and mitten tree set up in our school hallway this year.

We are collecting new mittens, hats, and scarves to be donated to families in the county that may not have these items readily available to them.

If you would like to contribute to our tree please send your item(s) in by December 18th.



You may check out the decorated tree and all your generous donations outside the office.



Thank you in advance,
Lisbon Grade School Teachers and Staff