

Happy New Year!!



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Ms. Milajean Harkabus Principal And Mrs. Darla Arnold Secretary

# A Message from the Principal:

Dear LIS Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed your winter break and found some time to marvel in what the holiday season has to offer!

Now that we are refreshed from Winter Break, our focus will be on preparing for the State Testing beginning in April 2017. A testing schedule will be sent home during the near furture. We ask that as partners in the education of your child, you continue to check your child's STAR binder/Homework Folder every night and ensure that that they are completing their nightly practice.

Sincerely, Milajean Harkabus

# Critical Information on LaBrae's 2-Hour Delay and Calendar Adjustments:

LaBrae Local Schools will plan on using a two hour delay schedule for classes when weather conditions warrant the delayed start. We encourage families to make advance preparations for child care for those days when a delayed start is announced. Two hour delay announcements and school cancellations will be announced via the school district's phone messaging system, the District Twitter account and Viking Nation. Should LaBrae cancel more than five days of school prior to April 14th, April 17th and April 18th, 2017 currently included in the Easter holiday recess, will be used as make up dates.

Moreover, LaBrae wants to inform our families of an upcoming calendar adjustment that will occur in February 2017. <u>An early release has</u> <u>been added to Thursday, February 16, 2017</u>, which is the scheduled day for parent-teacher conferences. LaBrae is returning to conferences in all buildings being held on the same evening. <u>Thus, classes</u> <u>will not be in session on Friday, February 17–20, 2017 and classes</u> <u>will resume on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.</u>

# Parent/ Teacher Conferences:

Parent-teacher conferences are slated for February 16<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us on that evening just call the office at 330-898-4569 to schedule an appointment. Meeting together is an important opportunity to support student learning and gain a deeper understanding of your child's learning profile.

## SAFETY FIRST

We have been experiencing difficulty with the number of parents who are signing their children out on a regular basis at the end of the day in the office. We have a permanent pick up process in place to help with this problem for students being picked up more than 2 days a week.

Our reasons for this are because:

- 1. We do not have sufficient room for the number of adults waiting in the office and for safety reasons we ask that parents do **not wait** in the classroom hallways.
- 2. Buses are picking up special needs students in the front of the building.
- 3. We need to keep LaBrae buses on schedule without shortening the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter!

#### LIS Spelling Bee:

Teachers held their L.A. classroom spelling bees in December. Each classroom champion speller will participate in our school spelling bee on January 13th. The winners of our school spelling bee will go on the participate in the Tribune Chronicle County Spelling Bee. The Tribune Chronicle-Scripps Spelling Bee will be held in March at the Kent State Trumbull Campus Admission Building Auditorium. We will send home information as it becomes available.

#### Message from the Nurse:

The flu is here and it is aggressive. Please check for influenza information at <u>www.cdc.gov</u>. If you, or your children, have not received flu shots it is not too late to do so. Check with your health care provider to see if they recommend a flu shot for your family members. Please monitor your children for signs and symptoms of flu. Reinforce frequent hand washing, covering coughs & sneezes and proper tissue disposal. Avoiding crowds during cold & flu season is also a good idea. Children should be kept home until they are symptom free (fever, vomiting, diarrhea etc.) for 24 hours. Thank you, Mrs. Harper

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ASSOCIATION:

Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! Jump Rope for Heart event will take place on:

February 27th—March 3rd during gym class with Mrs. Simeone

Collection envelopes must be turned into Mrs. Brandt by Friday March 10th.

#### Upcoming Events:

January 3, 2017—School Resumes

January 4, 11 and 25, 2017—Math Masters until 5:00 pm.

- January 9, 2017—Elementary Booster Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Complex Cafeteria.
- January 13, 2017—School Spelling Bee in AM <u>Early Release at 1:00 pm.—</u>End of 1st Semester
- January 16 2017 NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 17, 2017—<u>NO SCHOOL</u>—Teacher Professional Dev. Day

January 20, 2017—<u>Report Cards Go Home</u>

January 28, 2017—Elementary Prep Bowl Tournament at Lordstown High School



# January 2017 (Student)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break	School Resumes	Math Masters until 5:00pm			
8	<b>9</b> Elementary Boosters Meeting at 6:00pm. In the Complex Café.	10	<b>11</b> Math Masters until 5:00pm	12	<b>13</b> Spelling Bee in AM <b>Early Release at</b> 1:00 pm-end of 1st Semester	14
15	<b>16</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>17</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher Prof. Dev. Day	<b>18</b> No Math Masters	19	<b>20</b> Report Cards Go Home	21
22	23	24	<b>25</b> 3rd Grade Dental Hygienists 1:00-2:30 pm. Math Masters until 5:00pm	26	27	28 Elementary Prep Bowl Tournament at Lordstown HS.
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