



# Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

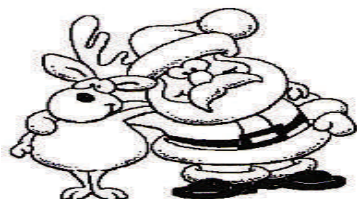
Dear Parent/Guardians: Due to the holiday season and the shortness of the month of December, I have decided to combine December and January's newsletter. Dental sealants for participating 6th grade students beginning December 2nd and will end on December 12th. The LaBrae Middle Band will have their holiday concert on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. The drama department will be performing "Christmas at Kenilworth Castle" on December 13th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Admissions to the play is \$15.00.

We had a great turn out for parent-teacher conferences night. I would like to thank all of you for making parent-teacher conferences a success. Unexcused absences continue to be an issue at the middle school level. Students cannot learn, if they are not in attendance. I am averaging 50 students per month that are unaccounted for. This impacts our district report card, student learning, and grades. An unexcused absence means I have no idea why a student is absent. There are state laws and school policy that govern attendance issues. Students that have unexcused absences are called to the office and given an office made blue sheet form. This form contains the student name, dates of absences, school policy, and a line to provide a reason for the absence and a parental signature. I only need the parent to fill out the form and have the student return it. Sounds simple doesn't it? It's not, and I really need some help from the guardians.

The middle school is currently conducting a fundraiser through Century Resources. Student were given several brochures containing items they're attempting to sell. If you can support the middle school, it is greatly appreciated. This year alone the middle school's principal fund has purchased 3 Epson document cameras, a subscription of Study Island for 6th & 7th grade math students, and several items for our technology classes. The money generated from the fund-raiser goes back into the classrooms in some fashion.

The last day of school before Christmas break is December 19th. The holiday season will run from December 22nd to January 2nd with students returning to school January 5, 2015. Enjoy the holiday season with your families, and I will write again in February. Merry Christmas, be safe, and may God bless you all.

*Mr. Martin Kelly, Principal*



### Students of the Month

The following students have been selected as Students of the Month for November & December, 2014. We are proud of all our student's accomplishments!

#### 6th grade

Cierra Burchett-Norquist  
Zachary Veselich  
Zoe Bechdel  
Matthew Biery

#### 7th grade

Malakai Roberts  
Ella Bailey  
Troy Bearfield  
Stephanie Helmick

#### 8th grade

Harrison Bates  
Allissa Jenkins  
Nicholas Vilela  
Alyssa Huscroft

### Library Corner

This year's Scholastic Book Fair was very successful. Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair—and especially to those who bought one item (or more) from the fair. Hopefully, students left the fair with a book they truly wanted to read, and because of the profit earned from our total sales, we will be able to add several books to our school library.

The winner of our book fair guessing contest was 7th grade student Johnell Dukes who guessed the exact number (127) of pieces of candy in the container.



### Important Dates

December 2-12.....Dental Sealants  
December 3.....Interims  
December 11.....LMS Band Concert  
December 13.....Drama Performance  
December 22..Christmas Vacation starts  
January 5.....School resumes

# LaBrae Middle Schools December/January News

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