

# Newsletter

February 2016

*News to keep you informed about our school*

## *Message from the Principal*

### *START WITH HELLO*

LaBrae Intermediate School, in partnership with Sandy Hook Promise, a national, nonprofit organization led by several family members whose loved ones passed in the tragic events that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School, is joining hundreds of schools from across the United States in participating in *Start With Hello* week, February 8-12, 2016.

Start With Hello teaches students, the skills needed to reach out to and include those who may be dealing with chronic social isolation, and create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within their school or youth organization. *Start With Hello* week raises awareness and educates students and the community through trainings and targeted activities.

We will host a weeklong series of *Start With Hello* activities that will assist with educating our students and school personnel, as they seek to build strong foundations of unity, acceptance and appreciation of diversity, and harmony.

Be sure to check your students Star Binder February calendar for more information on daily events.



## *Parent/Teacher Conferences*

We will be holding conferences on Thursday, February 11, 2016. If you received a letter in the mail requesting a conference from the teachers, we ask that you confirm your appointment ASAP. If you would like to schedule a conference please feel free to call (330) 898-4569 for an appointment with one or all of your child's teachers.

# LaBrae Intermediate

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Ms. Milajeane Harkabus  
Principal  
And  
Mrs. Darla Arnold  
Secretary

## **From the Attendance Department:**

Attendance is a very important aspect of your child's education. Many times parents fail to realize the number of days missed. It must be pointed out that attendance may be used as a basis for promotion or retention. LaBrae Board Policy states: A student who is absent from school more than nine ( 9 ) days in one semester, or more than eighteen (18) days in one year would be subject to loss of credit respectively. All absences, whether excused or unexcused, and suspensions will be counted. **We request that parents notify the school by telephone (330-898-4569) the morning of the absence and follow up with a written excuse.** It is the responsibility of the student to obtain make-up work following an absence. **There will be a 2% reduction of the nine-weeks grades for each day unexcused or suspended. A call or note from the parents must be received within a 24 hour period to excuse an absence.**

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## **News from our School Nurse**

Cold and flu season is here. Just a reminder that if your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are free from fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for a full 24 hours. This will go a long way in helping to minimize the spread of illness. Also, please reinforce good hand washing and covering those coughs and sneezes! Also, if your child will need cough drops, please send them to school with a note. Thank You for your help and cooperation!

Thinking ahead to Spring, I am sending home notices to students who have expired inhalers or Epi-Pens in the clinic. Please look for these in book bags & folders. If your child carries his/her own medication please check the expiration date & replace accordingly. It seems like the bees show up earlier every year so please get those Epi Pens to school by March 1st.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Harper

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## **5th Grade Band Concert:**

Our 5th Graders will be having the first of two band concerts on February 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm. in the school auditorium. The uniform for concerts is black pants and a white collared shirt. **The concert will be worth 35% of the particular nine weeks grade and is absolutely mandatory.**

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## **LIS Spelling Bee:**

Each classroom spellers participated in our school Spelling Bee on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 1:45 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Our Spelling Bee 1st Place winner was Cambria Padula, 2nd Place was Courtney Bates and 3rd Place went to Luke Mansfield. Cambria will go on to the Tribune Chronicle-Scripps Spelling Bee which will be held on March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Kent State University-Trumbull Campus.

## **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 29—March 4, 2016 during gym class with Mrs. Simeone

Collection envelopes must be turned into Mrs. Brandt by Friday, March 11, 2016.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

February 3, 17 and 24, 2016—Math Masters until 5:00 pm.

February 8-11, 2016—Start With Hello Week

February 9, 2016—5th Grade Band Concert at 7:00 pm.

February 10, 2016—**NO MATH MASTERS**

February 11, 2016—**Early Release at 1:00 pm**

Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30-9:00 pm.

Call 330-898-4569 to schedule an appt.

February 12—16, 2016—**NO SCHOOL** due to Conference Compensation Day, President's Day and Professional Development Day

February 17, 2016—Interims Go Home

February 26, 2016—Jump Rope For Heart Kickoff Assembly

February 29-March 4, 2016—Jump-A-Thon During Gym Classes



**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

**State Testing Dates for 2015/2016 school year: (9:30 am.-Noon)**

April 18, 2016: 3rd Grade—**English Language Arts –Part #1**

April 19, 2016: 3rd Grade—**English Language Arts –Part #2**

April 20, 2016 : 4th Grade—**English Language Arts –Part #1**

April 21, 2016: 4th Grade—**English Language Arts –Part #2**

April 25, 2016 : 5th Grade—**English Language Arts –Part #1**

April 26, 2016: 5th Grade—**English Language Arts –Part #2**

April 27, 2016 : 3rd Grade—**Math –Part #1**

April 28, 2016: 3rd Grade—**Math –Part #2**

May 2, 2016: 4th Grade—**Math –Part #1**

May 3, 2016: 4th Grade—**Math –Part #2**

May 4, 2016: 5th Grade—**Math –Part #1**

May 5, 2016: 5th Grade—**Math –Part #2**

May 6, 2016: 4th Grade—**Social Studies**

May 9, 2016: 5th Grade—**Science**



# February 2016 Student

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Math Masters until 5:00pm	4	5	6
7	8 "Hey Day" Kick off of Say Hello Week WEAR GREEN	9 Random Acts of Kindness Graffiti Wall 5th Grade Band Concert 7:00 pm.	10 "No One Eats Alone Day" No Math Masters	11 Dress Like Your Hero Day <u>Early Release at 1:00 pm.</u> P/T Conferences 2:30-9:00 pm.	12 NO SCHOOL P/T Conf. Com- pensation Day	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL President's Day	16 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	17 Interims Go Home Math Masters until 5:00pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Math Masters until 5:00pm	25	26 Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff Assembly	27
28	29 Jump-A-Thon During Gym Classes	Mar. 1 Jump-A-Thon During Gym Classes	Mar. 2 Jump-A-Thon During Gym Classes Math Masters Until 5:00 pm	Mar. 3 Jump-A-Thon During Gym Classes	Mar. 4 Jump-A-Thon During Gym Classes	

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