

LIS NOVEMBER 2022

FAMILY NEWS

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Kay S. Suzelis - Intermediate Principal

Restorative Practices Training

In October, Mrs. Amy Frederick and I attended a workshop in Pittsburgh. It was called, "Restorative Practices" and was presented by Kelvin Oliver, who brings to the table an array of educational experience as curriculum director, assistant principal, principal and now an educational consultant.

The best way I can describe this process is it is an added component to discipline. It adds an accountability piece that takes students through a series of steps to reflect on the choice they made. Things like: What choice did you make? How were you feeling before you made that choice? What did you want? How do you feel now? How did this choice hurt you? hurt someone else? What can you do to make it better? What can you do differently? What will happen if you make a better choice next time? It also focuses on how to fix and repair relationships.

I believe it is a powerful piece that digs more deeply into the "why"? It also allows for the opportunity to teach as every poor choice is a teachable moment. We certainly know this as adults. It is a lifelong process for all of us.



In the photo above, Mrs. Frederick and I are pictured with our presenter, Kelvin Oliver.

One of the most important lessons as we walk through incredibly tough things is that as parents and educators we cannot assume that kids know better. They have missed so much of social emotional growth experiences that teach us how to deal with conflict and adversity. It is sometimes a learned response. We all have a role in those teachable moments.

Glance Back to October

BOOK FAIR



Thank you to Mrs. Harp & her experienced helpers, Mrs. Shanower & Mrs. Nottingham!



Bascom/LIS Title Night

Out Title Night was held on October 19th, with a circus theme. Thank you to all who attended and the staff members that worked so hard to make this such a fun night. Check out our video on Twitter!

Thank you to:

Mrs. DeArmitt-Title Teacher LIS

Mrs. Glatz-Literacy Coach

Mr. Diaz - Ring Master

Bascom Staff & Mrs. Kowach

Check out our video on Twitter!



LIS Pink Out Day



Check out our video at twitter.com/LabraeIntSchool



No School Friday October 28th

Professional Development Day for Teachers

**LABRAE INTERMEDIATE
Best of the Best Fundraiser**



Wednesday, November 9th



Diamond
FUNDRAISING
DiamondFundraising.com

LIS

FUNDRAISER PICK UP

**MS GYM
3:15-5:00**



ATTENTION

**No Shorts after
October 31st**



*Thanksgiving
Break*

NOVEMBER 23-27

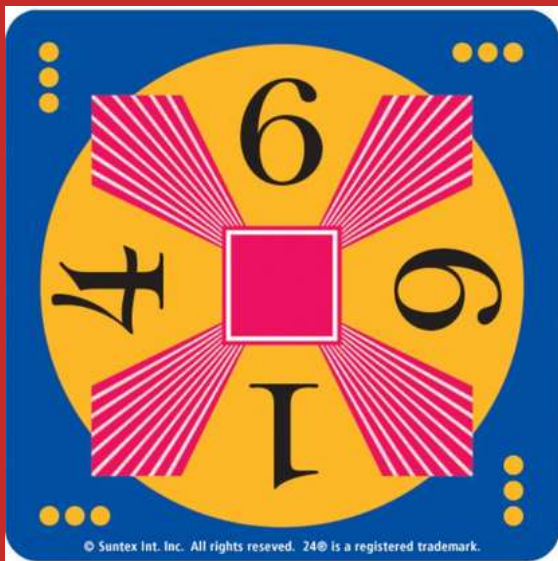
*No
School*

**Bascom
K-2**

*Nov.
3rd*

Dyslexia Training for Staff

LIS Grade 3-5 ARE in Session!!



**Club 24 Tournament
Night at WGH
Nov. 16th @ 5:30
Good Luck Mrs. Sabo,
Mrs. Alflen &
Students**



**PTO November
Meeting, Tuesday
November 15th-
Bascom 6:00**



**Pie Sale Pick Up
November 17th
4:00-6:00 Bascom**

October 31st-Nov 4th



Red Ribbon Week!

District
Theme
Dress Up
Days

(Student Flyer Sent
Home with directions)

Monday: October 31st

Halloween Theme Day

"Scare Drugs Away"



Tuesday: November 1st

Pajama Day

"Follow your dreams, not drugs"



Wednesday: November 2nd

Neon Day

"Life is too bright for Drugs"



Thursday: November 3rd

Jersey Day

"Team up against drugs"



Friday: November 4th

Scarlet/Gray Day

"It's a great day to be a Viking"





Field Trip to Brecksville Nature Center on Nov. 3rd

Our first field trip of the year will be our 5th graders going to a Nature Preserve in Brecksville. This is a part of the Science curriculum.

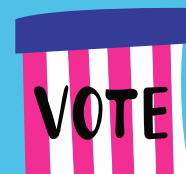
Just a reminder that student's must have appropriate behavior and have lunch accounts paid in full.



Student Council Elections

5th Grade students are given the opportunity to run for student council. Signed petitions to run are due October 28th to Ms. Crish. Campaign runs from October 27th thru November 8th. Campaign speeches will be held on November 8th at 9:45 in the auditorium and voting will take place during Socials Studies classes. Students can run for officer positions or class representatives.

Ms. Crish already sponsored the Breast Cancer Awareness bracelet sale with student volunteers. This is the type of activities that student council sponsors throughout the school year. Encourage your 5th graders to run for office.



Viking Voucher Store Opens
Viking Voucher store will open next week for students to redeem the vouchers they have earned for the first quarter. Each teacher has a criteria for giving out the vouchers. Lots of fun things!!!



Help Feed Our Vets

Program sponsored by
Student Council!!

Veterans Day

Help Feed Our Vets!

LaBrae Intermediate is teaming up with our local
Veteran Affairs of Trumbull County to participate in a
VETERANS DAY FOOD DRIVE!

We will be collecting non-perishable food items throughout the
month of November. Please bring all donated food items to
your homeroom. We will keep a running count of donated
items per homeroom class, and the winning homeroom will win
a Pizza Party courtesy of Student Council!

DEADLINE: 11/18/22

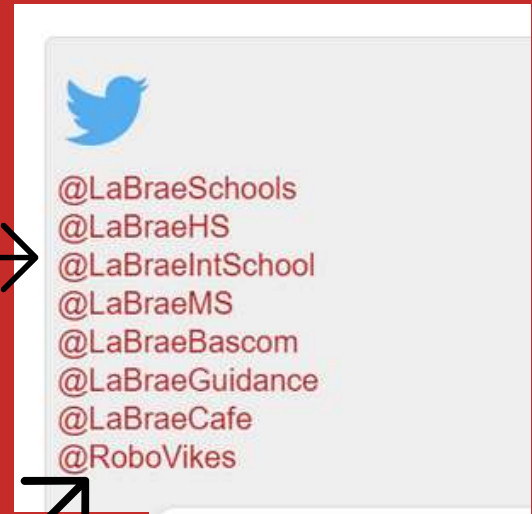
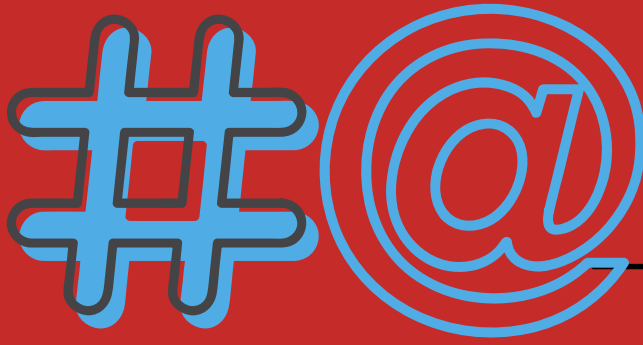
Most Needed Items

canned meat: tuna, chicken, Spam
macaroni, rice, pasta, Ramen noodles
spaghetti sauce
canned soups
canned fruits & vegetables/potatoes
coffee, tea, sugar, creamer
canned pasta dinners
cereal/oatmeal
cereal bars
mac & cheese
peanut butter/jelly
tuna/hamburger helper
ketchup, mustard, mayo

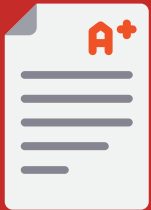


THANK YOU
VETERANS





If you have not been a follower of LIS on Twitter, please consider it. If you go to the LaBrae Local School Website, on the left side there is a link to all the building Twitter Accounts. If you click on the LaBraeIntSchool, you can follow us. We have some neat videos and pictures posted there. It will keep you more in the loop as to what is happening at LIS.



Quarter 1 Report Cards sent home Friday, November 4th!



Pantry Needs

LIS Pantry is in need of hats and gloves for our students. We would appreciate any donations for our students.

LIS Coats for the Winter: There is a family at LIS that would like to donate coats for LIS students. If you need a coat please click on the QR Code and fill out the google form. Names will be confidential.





Mr. Nick, from Cadence Care sharing some group time with 3rd grade students.



happy harvest



Parents & Guardians,

Personally, I don't think there is a more beautiful time of year than Autumn. It may have been my upbringing in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania, where our home was surrounded by an array of colorful trees that seeded my deep affection for the Fall Season. The vibrant forest around our home always seemed to blanket the time with peace, tranquility and beauty. It was a time for reflection and slowing down. It often, for me, is also a time of remembrance, as this season prepares us for the coming of winter and the end of a seasonal cycle. My grandfather's farm house sat on the hill above our home and right next to that house was our family church, where my ancestors laid the cornerstones generations before me. It was home. There was a deep sense of being rooted there in something generational that was firm and secure. Sometimes it does feel like our culture has disconnected from those strong places of grounding that was relational.

November is a time when we celebrate those places of blessings, harvest and family. I don't know about you, but for our family that has certainly transitioned to a very different kind of celebration, especially as we have walked through a time of isolation and separation. One thing I hope we can celebrate is the dawning of a time where we can reconnect and be truly present with one another.

As we enter this time of reconnection, we here at LIS do see challenges for our students as they begin to be fully present with one another. They have gaps in social-emotional experiences that we navigate through as children where we learn how to interact appropriately and successfully with others as we build relationships that for some last a lifetime. Our students need to be taught those things. It does require understanding, reteaching, consistency and even at times consequences as we learn more and more to become relational. Think about it, our children missed birthday parties, sleepovers and other activities that we have only recently been able to reinstate for them. I guess what I am saying, is that it is going to take time.

As we work diligently to make up the academic gaps that are clearly evident in our local, state and nationwide testing, there is more and in some much more important work to do. Here at LIS and LaBrae, we recognize that we are nurturing the whole child. I am grateful to be a part of the team with Mrs. Frederick and Cadence Care Network to be able to provide intervention for our students for growth in their social emotional skills and behavior management. If you have not had the opportunity to meet them or work with them, they are a blessing to our school family. Have a peaceful, family-filled blessed time this Thanksgiving. KAS