



LABRAE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Ms. Milajean Harkabus

Principal

&

Mrs. Darla Arnold

Secretary

Newsletter

October 2013

News to keep you informed about our school

Dear L.I.S. Families:

In response to an increase in the number of children with food allergies and students with medically related dietary issues, we feel it is necessary to revise our policy regarding parties in the classroom. **Therefore, we request parents not send in any food products for parties unless asked by the teacher.** Teacher requests will include special treats for the class. We would like to make the parties more activity focused rather than food focused. Food for the parties will be arranged with the cafeteria. Your child's teacher or designated party planner will contact you regarding classroom activities that may be fun for the children to do during the party.

We welcome your participation in these special events, but we must consider the needs of all the children when planning these parties. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation concerning this matter.

Thank you,

Ms. Harkabus, Principal

Mrs. Harper, School Nurse

Mrs. Jones, Cafeteria Supervisor



October Count Week

We are asking that students make every effort in making perfect attendance during the week of October 7th—11th. This week is when the state department looks at our student count to determine the amount of money the district will receive for the 2013-2014 school year. Please contact the office at 330-898-4569 when your child will be absent and follow up with a written note stating the reason for the absence.

EARLY RELEASE:

There will early release on November 1, 2013 at 1:00 pm. This is the first of 4 planned early release dates which fall on the last day of the nine weeks to provide records time for staff. Future dates for early release will be 1/24/14, 3/28/14 & 5/29/14

Third Grade Fall OAA Testing:

The Ohio State 3rd Gr. Reading Achievement Tests will be administered Monday, October 7th. You can help your child prepare by making sure they get a good night's sleep the night before and that they have a nutritious breakfast on the days of the test. Results will be sent to the school from the testing company in November and then will be sent home with the students. Tests are administered from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

School Hours:

8:45 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.

Office Phone:

330-898-4569

Transportation Phone:

330-898-0463

Cafeteria Phone:

330-898-0800 ext. 5220

NOTES FROM THE NURSE:

Parents, cold & flu season is coming. Please remind your children about the importance of frequent hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes. If your child is having excessive coughing/sneezing, to the point it interferes with his/her ability to participate in class, or is running a fever greater than 100 degrees please keep them home for a day to recuperate. Prolonged symptoms, increased fever or trouble breathing requires medical attention.

Just another reminder that emergency medical forms as well as any other forms you may have received from the nurse, were due the first week of school. If you have not yet done so, please complete these important forms and return to the office immediately.

SAFE SCHOOLS:

Visitors are required to use the main entrance. All other doors must remain locked during the school day. **Visitors must register in the office and wear a visitors badge while in the building.** Parents signing their child out in the office at the end of the day are asked to wait for the students in the office or in the foyer way between the glass doors.

Do You Have Homework????????

How many times have you asked that question as well as, "What did you do today?" So many times parents comment that their child tells them often that they do not have homework or that they don't remember what they did in school that day. Because of this problem, we have Star Binders which are to go home each day to help both staff and students to communicate better with parents.

Students are required as part of their grade, to read & record with a parent signature the time they're reading each night.

FUNDRAISER DELIVERY:

Just a reminder to parents that the fundraiser delivery pickup date is **Tuesday, October 29th** from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the Jr. High Gym. **Every order must be picked up because the product is frozen and we have nowhere to store it!!!**

Picture Day:

LaBrae Intermediate Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday morning, October 9th. Information packets will be sent home prior to this day. Pictures will be taken by Lifetouch National School Studios.



Club 24 & Math Master

Club 24 is an after-school Mathematics Club that meets from 3:30-5:00 on Wednesdays. The club focuses on a game called Challenge 24. Students who join in the club will participate in hands-on activities, as well as an online program called First in Math. Students in grades 3-5 are included in the club.

A student is chosen to participate in Club 24 by teacher referral. Participation in the club last year does not insure that students will be chosen for this year's activities. Please be on the look-out for information coming home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kay Suzelis or Mrs. Meeks.

CLUB 24: Meets Wednesday After School at the Intermediate School from 3:30-5:00.

Please pick up your students promptly!

October 16th and 23rd (NO Club on Wednesday, October 30th because of Halloween)

November 6th, 13th, 20th (NO Club on November 27th because of Thanksgiving)

December 4th, 11th & 18th

January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

February 5th possible Challenge 24 Tournament Day

Schedule for Math Masters: Meets Tuesday after school from 3:30—5:00

Dates: November 5, 12 & 19

December 3, 10 & 17

January 7, 14, 21 & 28

February 4, 11, 18 & 25

March 4, 11, 18 & 25

April 2, 9 & 16

Math Master Program is an after school program for **5th graders** to strengthen Math Skills. It includes students of all ability levels. The focus of this program is to utilize individualized computer instruction to strengthen, reinforce and extend concepts taught in the classroom.

Students that are invited to join Math Masters will receive a letter from a 5th grade math teacher inviting them to participate. There is limited membership based on the number of computers we have available for students to use. Any questions about the after school program may be directed to Mrs. Suzelis or Mrs. Shanower.

Upcoming Events:

October 7th thru 11th—October Count Week

October 7th—3rd Grade Reading Achievement Testing

October 9th—Picture Day

October 18th—NEOEA Day - NO SCHOOL

October 21st—Elementary Booster Meeting at Burger King in Champion at 6:00 pm every parent that brings their child to the meeting **the child will receive a free ice cream cone.**

October 29th—Fundraiser Pickup in MS Gym from 3:15-5:30 pm

November 1st—Early Release at 1:00 PM

End of the 1st Nine Weeks

Giant Eagle “Apples for Students” Program:

Apples for students program will be continued this year. However, for some of you, with a new building comes a new number. Changing the registration of your number is as easy as 1-2-3!!!

1. Register at www.gianteagle.com or 1-800-474-4777
2. Enter our school ID #1266
3. Shop with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card and earn points for our school each time your card is scanned.

