



# LaBrae Intermediate School News

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# Newsletter

September 2011  
News to keep you informed about our school

## A Message from the Principal

Welcome back to another School Year! The Staff & I are looking forward to another exciting and challenging year. We have had a few changes in our Staff this year. We would like to welcome some new faces to our building : Mrs. Frederick who will be teaching special education, Mrs. McMillen teaching Technology, Mrs. Stone teaching Enrichment Language Arts and Mrs. Dugan who will assist in Title I Reading. The rest of the changes made involve familiar faces in different places! Mrs. DeProfio is now teaching 4th Grade Language Arts and Mrs. Bailey is teaching 5th Grade Language Arts and Math.

There are some very important notices in this newsletter. Please read carefully & discuss with your child. Also, if you missed our "Meet the Teacher/ Orientation" on August 24th, you can find the power point presentation on our web page: [www.labrae.k12.oh.us](http://www.labrae.k12.oh.us).

### SAFETY FIRST!!!

For the safety of all, **ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE** upon entering the building & obtain a pass to proceed to any other area of the building. All Teachers have a planning period each day. If you wish to speak or meet with them, please call ahead to make an appointment. Parents/Guardians may not interrupt the Teacher during class time.

For the safety of our students, parents/guardians are reminded that when dropping off students in the morning, the following procedures should be followed:

Drop student off directly in front of the entrance and exit the vehicle only on the passenger side.

**DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF IN THE PARKING LOT,** unless they are accompanied by you into the office to sign them in.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS COMING TO SCHOOL AFTER 8:45 A.M. YOU MUST COME INTO THE OFFICE AND SIGN THEM IN. YOU CANNOT JUST DROP THEM OFF!!**

If you are picking up your child **YOU MUST SIGN THEM OUT IN THE OFFICE BY 3:20 p.m.** to be called by 3:25 p.m. If they are not signed out by 3:20 p.m. we cannot be sure that they will not get on the bus to ride home.

### TO PARENTS:

IT IS SCHOOL POLICY NOW THAT A NOTE FROM YOU OR YOUR CHILD'S DOCTOR IS REQUIRED FOR ALL TARDY OR MISSED SCHOOL DAYS. PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ABSENT. THANK YOU!

*Ms. Milajejan Harkabus*

*Principal*

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*Mrs. Darla Arnold*

*Secretary*

## **October News:**

### **OAA Testing Information:**

The Ohio State 3rd Gr. Reading Achievement Tests will be Tuesday, October 4th. 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. Tests are administered from 9:45-12:15 p.m.

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### **October Count Week**

We are asking that students make every effort in making perfect attendance during the week of October 3rd-7th. This week is when the state looks at our student count to figure out the amount of money the district will be receiving for the 2011-2012 school year. Needless to say; the more children we have attending, the more money we receive. ***Another reminder***—Please contact the school at (330) 898-0800 when your child is ill and not coming to school.

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### **Zap-A-Snack Fundraiser**

LaBrae Intermediate will be sponsoring a fall sale to raise money for educational materials and field trips. The fundraiser began on **September 8th and will run through September 30th**. Money will be collected from the customers as orders are taken. Please have **check made out to "LaBrae Intermediate School"**. Money and orders will be due no later than September 23rd. **Delivery will be on Friday, November 4th**. Remember the **products are frozen**, they need to be picked up and delivered on this day. Please be sure to mark your calendars now. As always, we appreciate your support in helping our school.

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**Just a reminder that on September 30, 2011 Interim Reports will be coming home with your child!!!**

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### **FROM THE L.I.S. WELLNESS TEAM**

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. Think crafts, games and songs. 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. Also please turn in any Clinic forms & Medications, if needed, as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
Ms. Harkabus, Principal  
Mrs. Harper, School Nurse  
Mrs. Jones, Cafeteria Supervisor

### **BUTLER ART PROGRAM:**

The 4th graders will be participating in this art program because of a grant we have received through the Butler. Docents will come to our school once each month to present a power point lesson on things such as elements of design and use of colors. The 4th graders will also be given the opportunity to travel to the Butler in Youngstown for field trips twice during the school year. We are so grateful to be a part of this program knowing the children will grow in their artistic and cultural experience.

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### **JR. MASTER GARDENING PROGRAM:**

We are so happy to be having Mrs. Pat Fuller return to our 4th grade science classes this year to present the Jr. Master Gardner Program. She will visit once a month starting in October and finishing in March. The students will learn about types of seeds and plants using a power point presentation. They will also sample foods that are part of the lesson. Certificates from Ohio State University and Texas A & M will be given to all of the participants. A big thanks goes out to Mrs. Fuller for volunteering her time to share her knowledge of plants

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### **LaBrae Elementary Boosters Meeting:**

The LaBrae Elementary Booster Meeting will be held on September 21, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the complex cafeteria. All are welcome!!

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**WELCOME  
BACK FROM  
ALL OUR  
STAFF!!**

