Happy New Year!!

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A Message from the Principal:

Dear LIS Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed your winter break and found some time to marvel in what the holiday season has to offer!

Now that we are refreshed from Winter Break, our focus will be on preparing for the first round of State Testing beginning February 16, 2015. Please see schedule below. We ask that as partners in the education of your child, you continue to check your child's STAR binder/Homework Folder every night and ensure that that they are completing their nightly practice.

STATE TESTING SCHEDULE—#1

Feb.16 NO SCHOOL	Feb.17 5th Grade ELA 1	Feb.18 4th Grade ELA 1	Feb.19 5th Grade ELA 2	Feb.20 3rd Grade Math 2
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	Rooms 301,303, 303,&304	Room 306 +2 (304)	Rooms 301,303, 303,& 304	
Feb. 23 4th Grade ELA 2	Feb. 24 5th Grade ELA 3	Feb.25 4th Grade ELA 3	Feb.26 5th Grade Math 1	Feb.27
3rd Grade ELA 1	3rd Grade ELA 1	3rd Grade ELA 2	3rd Grade ELA 2	
Rooms 301,303, 303,&304	Room 306 +2 (304)	Rooms 301,303, 303,&304	Room 306 +2 (304)	_
Mar. 2 4th Grade Math 1	Mar.3 5th Grade Math 2	Mar.4 4th Grade Math 2	Mar.5 5th Grade Science	Mar.6
3rd Grade ELA 3	3rd Grade ELA 3			
Rooms 301,303, 303,&304	Room 306 +2 (304)			
Mar. 9	Mar.10 4th Grade S.S.			

Parent-teacher conferences are slated for February 11th and 18th. Please plan to join us on one of those evenings just call the office at 330-898-4569 to schedule an appointment. Meeting together is an important opportunity to support student learning and gain a deeper understanding of your child's learning profile.

Sincerely, Milajean Harkabus

Ms. Milajeau Harkabus Principal Aud Mrs. Darla Arnold Secretary

SAFETY FIRST

We have been experiencing difficulty with the number of parents who are signing their children out on a regular basis at the end of the day in the office. We have a permanent pick up process in place to help with this problem for students being picked up more than 2 days a week.

Our reasons for this are because:

- 1. We do not have sufficient room for the number of adults waiting in the office and for safety reasons we ask that parents do **not wait** in the classroom hallways.
- 2. Buses are picking up special needs students in the front of the building.
- 3. We need to keep LaBrae buses on schedule without shortening the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter!

LIS Spelling Bee:

Teachers will be holding their L.A. classroom spelling bees in January. Each classroom champion speller will participate in our school spelling bee on January 23rd. The winners of our school spelling bee will go on the participate in the County Spelling Bee. The date along with more information will be announced later.

Message from the Nurse:

The flu is here and it is aggressive. Please check for influenza information at www.cdc.gov. If you, or your children, have not received flu shots it is not too late to do so. Check with your health care provider to see if they recommend a flu shot for your family members. Please monitor your children for signs and symptoms of flu. Reinforce frequent hand washing, covering coughs & sneezes and proper tissue disposal. Avoiding crowds during cold & flu season is also a good idea. Children should be kept home until they are symptom free (fever, vomiting, diarrhea etc.) for 24 hours. Mrs. Harper

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:

January 26-30, 2015 during gym class with Mrs. Simeone

Collection envelopes must be turned into Mrs. Brandt by Friday, February 6, 2015.

Upcoming Events:

January 6,13,20 and 27, 2015—Math Masters *until 5:00 pm*.

January 16, 2015—Jump Rope for Heart Assembly at 11:00 am.

- Early Release at 1:00 pm.—End of 1st Semester

January 19, 2015 - NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 23, 2014—Spelling Bee at 1:45 pm.

- Report Cards Go Home