

LIS JANUARY FAMILY NEWS

2023



Mark Your Calendar

- Tuesday, January 3rd - Classes Resume
- Thursday, January 5th - Spelling Bee 145
- Friday, January 6th- Yearbook Group Pics
- Tuesday, January 10th-PTO General Mtg.
- Monday, January 16th-No School MLK Day
- Monday, January 23rd-PTO Candy Gram Sale
- Friday, January 20th-Quarter 2 & Semester Ends Early Release
- Friday, January 27th-Report Cards Sent Home
- Tuesday, January 31st-LIS Awards Assembly
- Friday, February 3rd-PTO Candy Gram Sale Ends
- Saturday, February 11th - Prep Bowl Competition



Mrs. Sabo helps with purchases!

Santa's Snowball Express Shop

The first full week of December was a very joyous time here at LIS. Our wonderful PTO parents organized and opened a Santa Shop for our students to be able to buy Christmas gifts for their families. The shop included a wrapping station as well. The week long Santa theme concluded with the Santa Breakfast on Saturday. This was also the final day of shopping.

We appreciate our PTO and all they do for us in every season!



Check out the Videos from the Santa Shop & Santa's Breakfast that is also posted on LIS Twitter Account.

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LIS Christmas Countdown Theme Days



LIS partnered with Bascom for our Christmas Break Countdown Spirit Days! Check out our videos and pictures throughout the newsletter depicting all our holiday themes!



Cafeteria Scan Cards

At LIS we are using scan cards at breakfast & lunch. We have provided lanyards and plastic covers for them. Many students have lost them. They must use the card even if they know their number. It makes the lines move quickly and efficiently. We have replaced many of the cards. If you see those at home-make sure they are returned to school. The students should keep them in their cubby and take them to the cafeteria at the appropriate time. They should never go home. We may have to charge a fee if we keep replacing the cards over and over. Many students have already had to be given replacement cards. They do need to be responsible.





Ugly Sweater

Part of our Christmas Spirit Week was an Ugly Sweater Day. Our 5th graders added a crafty switch to the week by making their own sweaters. See the video by scanning the QR code to see more pictures.

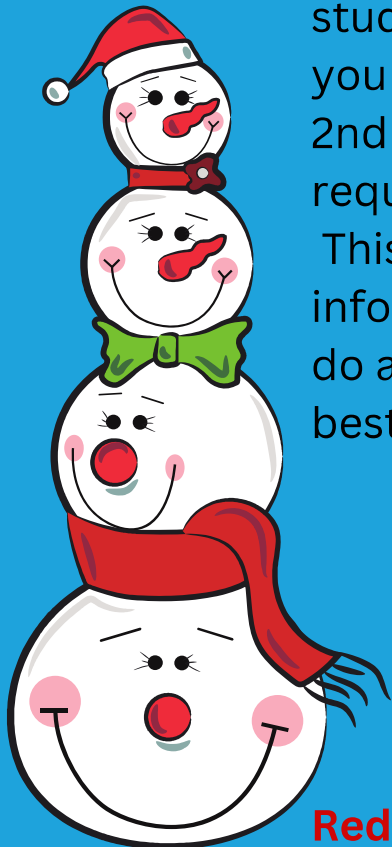
End of the Quarter Reminders

January 20th marks the end of the quarter semester. **IT IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY!**

Retention Letters: First Notification

If the teachers have concerns as to whether or not your students will be able to be promoted to the next grade level, you will receive a notification of possible retention with the 2nd quarter report card. Retention is a process that would require additional conferences and a written agreement.

This notification is the first written notification to parents to inform them of specific areas of concern. We will proceed to do all we can to avoid retention, but sometimes it is in the best interest of students.



Red Day



LIS Cafeteria Update



In the cafeteria there are two microwaves that students can ask to use. Just keep in mind as we have more and more students using the microwaves, the lines become longer. This time waiting does affect the amount time students will have to actually have to eat. Depending on how long students take a student could be standing in line for a long time. You may want to reconsider how often you send in food that needs warmed up with your student. Also, students who wish to use the microwave should know how to use one without assistance.



Student Council January Project

Winter Clothing and Blanket Drive for the Warren Family Mission

January 17th to January 31st

Donate New or Gently Used Items (make sure laundered)

Any Size-Any Gender-Adult Or Kids

Winning Homeroom gets Hot Chocolate and Cookie Treat



Spelling Bee Thursday, January 5th 1:45 Auditorium



Students will be taking a spelling test before break in each classroom to see who qualifies for our LIS Spelling Bee. The winner will participate in the TCESC practice bee in February and the Scripps Spelling Bee held at Stambaugh Auditorium in March. Spelling Bee participants will be listed in the next newsletter. Thank you to Mrs. Morgan for being the moderator for this event.



Green Day

Band Assembly



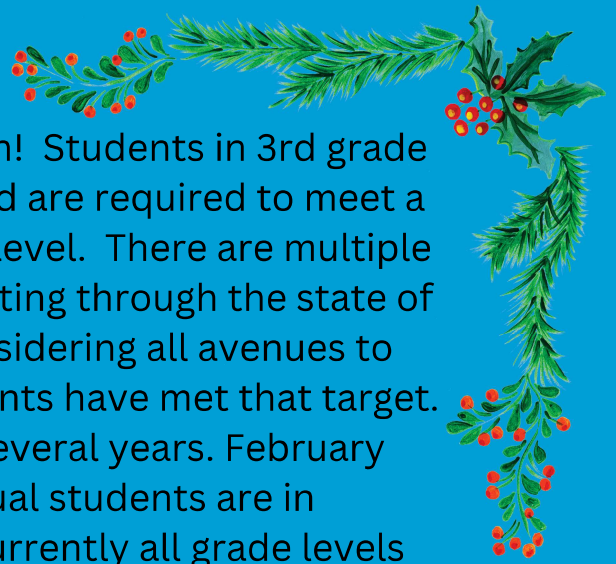
Before Christmas Break, students at LIS were treated to a preview concert (Dress Rehearsal) performed by the Middle School and High School Bands. The students did not get to see the every band but were very excited to hear the students play and be able to ask the band director questions about the instruments and the band.

Thank you to our band directors and band students for allowing us to attend these performance.

Students behavior as an audience was exemplary. I am so proud of them. They have come a long way.



3rd Grade Fall Testing Results



The results from the Fall testing for 3rd grade are in! Students in 3rd grade are still under the 3rd grade Reading Guarantee and are required to meet a particular score to be promoted to the next grade level. There are multiple attempts to show mastery: Fall and Spring ELA testing through the state of Ohio and I-ready diagnostic testing. Currently considering all avenues to meeting the 3rd grade guarantee, 47% of our students have met that target. This is a considerable improvement over the last several years. February conferences will be a time to review where individual students are in relationship to meeting the 3rd grade standard. Currently all grade levels are taking the Winter diagnostics in Math and Reading to assess progress and plan appropriate interventions.

Farewell to Mrs. Brandt

The end of December will see us saying goodbye to Title Tutor Mrs. Brandt. As a retired teacher, Mrs. Brandt has returned to help us out in many ways over the last several years. She has served this community faithfully for many many years and feels like now is the time to retire once and for all. Good luck to her and her family. We have many wonderful memories of our special "Char!".



We are looking for a part time Title Tutor to work with students several times a week. If you know of someone who is interested in a couple days tutoring, please contact Mrs. Suzelis.



Head to Toe Day



December Classroom Projects

December was characterized by many fun and interactive projects throughout the LIS hallways.

Students were engaged in creative writing, designing instruments and parachutes in Science and creating landforms from Salt Dough.

It was great to see the students using creativity and learning how to demonstrate mastery through some concrete activities.

4th Grade Salt Dough Land Forms & Gingerbread Designs



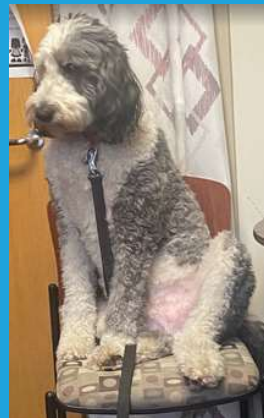
3rd Grade Parachutes!



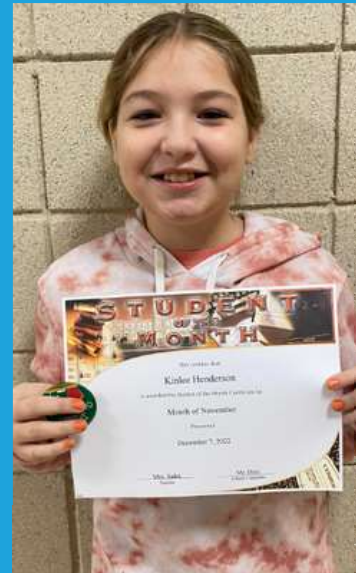
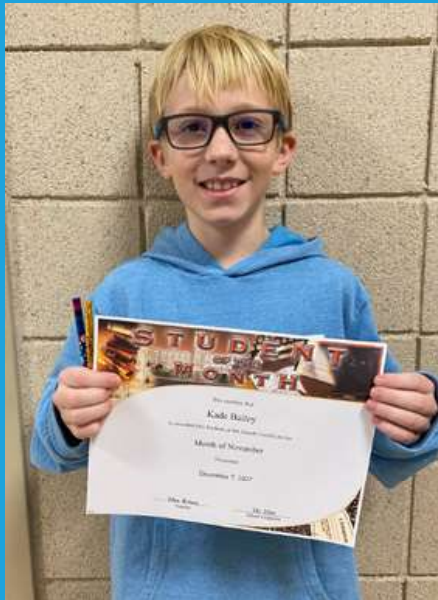
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Sweater Video



Head to Toe
Mrs. Mocella & Mrs. Dugan's
Class

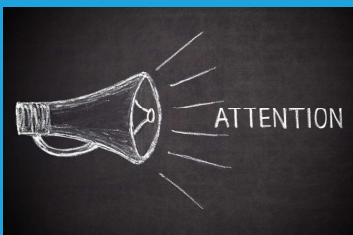


Student of the Month for November: Kade
Bailey, Dyson Litz & Kinlee Henderson



Disciplinary Infractions

**ALL disciplinary consequences are met before
Christmas Break. Morning makeup detentions are all
made up or students will miss Christmas activities.
Students may be removed from Christmas activities
for behavior and counted as a detention.**



Note from the Principal

We are approaching the final few days before Christmas break which is always a challenging time, as we strive to move forward academically amidst the excitement and anticipation of the holiday season. If you are experiencing that at home, know we are experiencing it exponentially here!

We are making great strides here academically and behaviorally. I am very pleased with the growth that is demonstrated on our assessments, and overall I believe that students are becoming more responsive to our behavior expectations. That doesn't mean it is perfect, but as we all know-kids learn from testing parameters and from making mistakes.

My wish for your holiday season is that your homes are filled with joy and peace and our time spent apart is a time to focus on the precious gift of family. For those who have a table with missing places, may your hearts be filled with sweet memories knowing the legacy they have planted on your heart is forever. They are with us.

I know I have said it often, but as we celebrate our gift of family during Christmas, I also want to celebrate the LaBrae Family.

I am rounding the corner on 43 years in education and

I can truly say these are extraordinary times in education; however-

Here at LaBrae, we have an extraordinary team to help to meet those challenges. I am so grateful for our teachers, our support staff, fellow administrators and our superintendent.

Altogether we can and do make a difference - not as individuals- but as a finely tuned orchestra, each playing a balanced and significant part. As I listen to the songs of the season, I am reminded of this analogy and grateful to play a small part of the symphony.

KAS

