#### LIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

Principal: Martin Kelly
Secretary: Mrs. Carrie Guesman
Counselor: Jason Diaz

### Principal's Message From Mr. Kelly



Don't Forget

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

NOV. 7: No School for

Students

NOV. 10: Report cards will be

sent home with students

NOV. 22-24: No School

Thanksgiving Break

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

LIS held our Annual Bookfair and Parent Teacher Conferences during the same week in October. The Bookfair raised roughly \$2,500 for the building! This money is utilized to support the library, classrooms, and students at LIS. Our recent fundraiser was also quite successful with those proceeds also used to support our students and building. The staff at LIS appreciates the support that the community gives by participating in their events. Congratulations to Meilani Pascute, 3rd grade, who was our top seller this year and won a trip for eight to Kalahari!

On October 12, we held our first Parent-Teacher Conference for this school year. The building held 276 conferences on that day. I find that number amazing coming from the middle school. While in the middle school, I thought 60 conferences was a good showing. Parents need to continue to attend conferences as their students hit the middle school and high school buildings. Attending conferences, regardless of your child's grade, opens lines of communication, shows your child that you value what they do, but most of all, allows the parents to understand what transpires during a school year. Don't underestimate the importance of your involvement and the impact it has on your child.

During the month of October, students in grades 4 and 5 were taking benchmark assessments. The first assessment is given at the beginning of the year with the second benchmark given shortly before our state tests. These benchmarks allow staff to measure growth as it takes place throughout the year.

The state has also provided checkpoint assessments that measure student growth in comparison to state standards in given content areas. The 3rd grade has completed the annual Third Grade Reading Guarantee. This data has not yet returned to the district. The testing window was open until November 3.

The district recently completed a lockdown drill with several K-9 units in attendance. The drill is

designated to ready and protect our students and staff should the need arise. Report cards will be sent home with students November 10.

Thank you, and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Kelly

## LIS OCTOBER 2023 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



3rd Grade - Emma Host 4th Grade - Harvey Lutz 5th Grade - Dyson Litz

### LIS Student Council food drive to benefit area veterans

For the month of November, Student Council will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Veteran Affairs of Trumbull County. The food drive will start on Nov. 6 and end on Nov. 17.

Every Friday, LIS Student Council will come into your rooms and collect the food that your homeroom donates. The homeroom that collects the most cans will have a PIZZA PARTY provided by Student Council. By the end of the day tomorrow, I will have flyers in your mailboxes if you could please send those home sometime this week.

### DONATION DEADLINE

Nov. 17

# 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: 11/17/23** 

#### 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





The LIS Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous amount of fun and very successful this year.







## OUR LIS CHALLENGE 24 STUDENTS



The Challenge 24 Tournament is Thursday, Nov. 9. The students we have participating this year are:

#### 5th Grade

Tyler Levensky
Jace Lindenmuth
Dyson Litz
Olivia Gee (alternate)

#### 4th Grade

Kaydence Collins Case Sutliff Blake Vasbinder Hailey Young (alternate)



Fifth-grade students recently spent some time at Brecksville Nature Center.
Activities included a nature hike. The students learned about ecosystems and

invasive species, which they are learning about in class. The field trip was Oct. 26. The nature center is part of Cleveland Metroparks.





#### 5th Grade Field Trip





# MISS AMY, A.K.A. 'THE SCIENCE LADY' DISCUSSES CONSERVATION



Miss Amy from the Trumbull County Soil and Water Department recently spoke to students about conservation.

The first visit, on Sept 28, she talked about bird beaks and adaptations birds have to eat different foods. She set up stations for students to try different tools similar to different types of bird beaks to see which beaks worked best for different kinds of bird food.

The second visit, on Oct 12, she brought in animal pelts and skulls and talked about different adaptations animals in Ohio have to fit our ecosystems.













## conservation







## "Home of the Vikings"

