

LIS SEPTEMBER 2021 FAMILY NEWS



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SUMMER SAFARI & ZOO NEWS

What an exciting kick off to the new school year we had here at LIS with our Bascom friends for our summer safari experience!

Beginning on August 9th, almost 90 students attending our summer safari session. We celebrated the end of the two weeks with a trip to the Akron Zoo!

Students were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the animals and learning!

Our teachers spend a great deal of time planning for special lessons that aligned with our

Summer Safari Theme, making special treats and doing fun learning experiences that were connected to what the students needed to learn.

Special thanks to our Summer Safari Zoo Crew Teachers from LIS: Mrs. Jessica Glatz, Mrs. Lori Cusimano, Mrs. Nicha Mackey, Mrs. Michele DeProfio, Ms. Maddie Crish and Mrs. Jill Huffman.

Also, we had extra support staff that assisted both Buildings doing Speech and Language activities and Social-Emotional Learning.

Our Special Support Staff included: Carlye Markowitz, Melody Johns, Ben Meardith, Mr. Jason Diaz and Mrs. Amy Frederick.

Thank you to all who helped to make our summer program a success!





5TH GRADE BAND

On August 31st, 5th grade band parents and students had the opportunity to attend a meeting about our 5th grade beginning band program..

If there are any students in 5th grade still interested in joining beginning band, please contact our school office .

LIS PICTURE DAY



Monday, **September 27th** is LIS Picture Day! You will be receiving a link in your school email to order!



Band Meeting with Representatives from Daybreak Music

Handle With Care

If your family is experiencing difficulty at home, we can provide additional supports at school. We are committed to do everything we can to help.

Mrs. Amy Frederick has set up a REMIND account for you to notify her if your student needs to be handled with care.

To sign up for the Remind account, send a text to **81010** and text the following message **@agfg6hk** or you can join by emailing **www.remind.com/join/agfg6hk**.

Once you sign up, you can simply email Mrs. Frederick that your student needs to be "Handled With Care" for that day. It is up to you if you want to share any details with her or suggest what your student may need.



Below is a candid of our new Intermediate/Middle School Band Director, Ms. Pavlovich. We welcome her to the La Brae Family!

Here is the Link to the Band Night Presentation.



**Band Director
Ms. Stephanie Pavlovich**



LIS PANTRY

Our LIS Pantry Area is in need of some TLC. We did ask at the end of the school year for some volunteers to help us organize. If anyone has some time to donate for sorting and organization, especially clothing, we would welcome your help.

Please give the office a call if you can help.

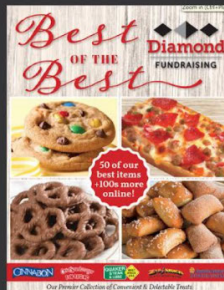
If your family is in need of some assistance with food from our pantry, please call the school office or Mrs. Frederick. We will be ready to begin sending things home soon.

OUR FUNDRAISER STARTS

September 10th

Great
products
& prizes


Diamond
FUNDRAISING
DiamondFundraising.com



SEPTEMBER 10TH KICKOFF

On Friday, September 10th, we will be holding a kickoff assembly for our LIS Fall fundraiser from Diamond Fundraising.

The sale will be from September 10th-28th
It is a Prepay sale with all items paid and ordered in advance.

Top Seller (with 45 items) will have a chance for a weekend family getaway at Kalahari!



Use the phone on your camera to access the parent letter for our Fall Fundraiser!

Fund raising products include: Zap-a-Snack, Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough, Auntie Anne's soft pretzels, Quaker Steak & Lube Sauces, Premium Candies and much much more!

Online option:
www.fundraisingstore.com
School ID DGF21LABLEA

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Hailee Miller is our new social worker for grades K-5. She has been a social worker in a school setting for the past three years.

Melody Johns is our new school support behavior specialist. Melody has a background in general education and the special education classroom.

Our new staff additions come to us through Cadence Care Network!

GOOGLE CLASSROOM PARENT INVITES

Part of our district plan to enhance communication between home and school. We are offering parents the opportunity to sign up to receive and invitation from your student's teacher to receive updates from Google Classroom.

You may choose which classrooms you would like to receive classroom summaries and information such as due dates and missing work. It is not to see grades and it also does not link you to the students' page. A google link will be sent to each grade level for parents/guardians to respond and indicate their interest in requesting in receiving an invitation.



Link to Open House Slide Show



LaBrae Intermediate School

Meet the Teacher



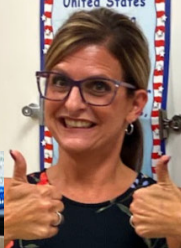
OPEN HOUSE 2021-22

LIS and Bascom Open House and Meet the Teacher Night was held on Wednesday, August 25th.

The evening began with a general meeting in the auditorium with the principal and then families had the opportunity to meet with the classroom teachers.

The QR Code at the top of the page will link you to the slide show from Open House if you were unable to attend.

**4th Grade Teachers
Smiling & Planning
After Open House!**



DRESS CODE

Please review the dress code outlined in the LIS Handbook. Just a reminder that hair coloring should be natural coloring and not blue, green, pink, etc.

Hoodies are permitted but the hoods must be down while students are indoors.

Shorts should be of appropriate length and girls should wear tops with a sleeve.

Shoes should be comfortable to play in as we are going outside for recess.

LIS VETERAN'S DAY

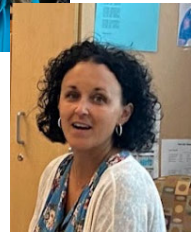
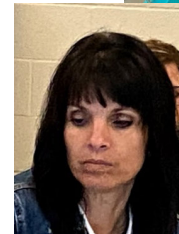
We would like to bring back our traditional Veteran's Day celebration on November 11th with a special program presented by our students and honoring our local and LIS family veterans.

I am asking that if you have photos of any family members that have served in the military that we could use in a slide show that you send them to us at school through email, remind or even bring them to school and we will scan them and return them to you. We need them by November 1st.

This would be a program that we would hopefully be able to have many of our local heroes attend.

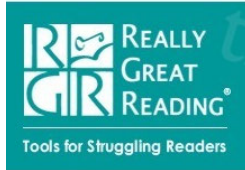
Mrs. Jenny Helmick is helping in the planning of this program and should feature many of our LIS students.

**Staff & County at
Our Opening PD Days
on Really Great Reading**



DIGITAL PROGRAMS

EXTENDED LEARNING



DIGITAL SUPPORTS

This year, we are implementing a new digital support program for math in grades K-5, called Symphony Math, which diagnosis student learning needs and prescribes lessons to help students close gaps and progress to grade level. The recommended time for students is 15 minutes a day. We continue our use of Reflex math to work on fact fluency.

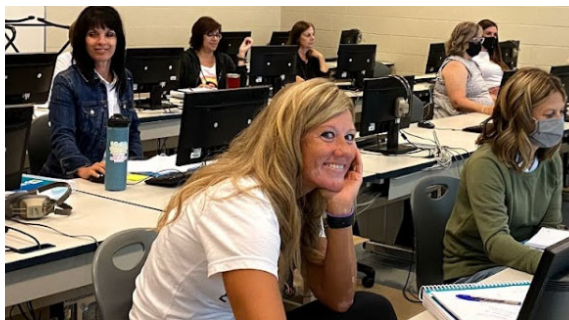
Lexia is our digital support program for ELA and also continues to diagnose and plan intervention lessons to help students close gaps and progress towards grade level.

This year we begin Really Great Reading for our new phonics program. Our teachers have already put in hours of training to be able to implement this new program. There is also a digital support for Really Great Reading that is called the **Really Great Reading Playground**.

It is our intention to offer some after school extended learning opportunities for our students during this school year that would target students who need support in making up some learning loss due to the interruptions in instruction over the last few years due to the pandemic.

More information will be coming to families through further newsletters or email.

If your child is recommended for the extended learning programs, please consider signing up for these programs while we have the opportunity and the funding.



Principal's Corner



I am writing this as we come to the end of the first week of school. The week went pretty well with just a few minor adjustments. We have been working very consistently to help students make the transition back into school. Many of the students are entering the school setting after quite some time. It is important at the beginning of the school year to clearly establish our expectations, procedures and routines. We continue to utilize our PAX behavior program which focuses on positive behavior choices. These were reviewed in our PAX Leadership Training stations during the first few days of school.

I visited each classroom to just talk to the students about some general expectations that I wanted to stress at the beginning of the year. This included homework, behavior, technology, dress code and respect for staff and students. If you are new to LIS, we will give the students plenty of time to be redirected and reminded about our expectations before we have to implement consequences that include things like morning detentions. We know it will take concentrated effort and consistency as many students are not used to being in a structured school setting.

We are also still following some special Covid protocols to maintain social distancing, especially during transitions. This also take more supervision and stricter restrictions as we strive to keep everyone safer from the spread of Covid should we have a Covid exposure.

It is so good to see all the students return to in person learning. We have welcomed many students back from virtual learning and also new students to the district. Everyday is very busy as we acclimate new students into our LaBrae School Family.

We continue to provide many opportunities for communication between home and school. Many of the teachers have invited you to join Remind for direct communication between home and school. You have been given information to access Progress Book to track your student's grades and we are soon to invite parents to connect to Google Classroom to receive parent summaries. You will receive monthly newsletters from me and updates as needed through email. I include a video of the newsletter for the condensed version, especially if you don't have time to read a lengthy newsletter but can watch or listen to a video. Communication is vital to our school & family partnership.

I am so grateful to be a part of the LaBrae Family. Our staff has shown amazing vision, creativity, insight, innovation and resilience in adjusting and planning instruction to do the very best we can for each and every child. While this year is still fraught with uncertainty, I can assure you that we work hard every day to make sure that your children are safe, happy and learning. Thank you for partnering with us to walk daily through these challenging times of teaching and learning.

Mrs. Kay Suzelis

