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SPELLING BEE CHAMPS! 1ST PLACE:
MOLLY BECK; 2ND PLACE: DAISY PEACE &
3RD PLACE: MARIA BUSTARD

State Testing at LIS

State Testing began in the middle of April and will conclude in the first week of May.

While we realize that there will be a Covid -19 pandemic impact of the students scores, there is still important information we can glean from the results.

Coupling those results with our diagnostic testing programs should highlight which students will need to participate in

academic recovery, and the areas where individual students are struggling or have gaps in learning.

This will be a process over the next several years as we address the academic impact of shut-downs, distance learning and our hybrid schedule.

Please know that we are already discussing and planning different formats and programs we can initiate to begin that recovery.



Spelling Bee
Participants from third through fifth grade are pictured to the right with our Spelling Bee Coordinators Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Cusimano.

Discipline

When students returned to our building every day for the 4th quarter, we anticipated the need for adjustments, and reorienting students to daily instruction. We certainly expected some challenges and clearly knew that they needed to be met with clear expectations and consistent consequences.

One of our greatest challenges is the student-use of technology, which still is an integral part of our school day. Since the beginning of the year, we have made it continually clear to students that technology during the hours when school is in session is limited to ONLY school assigned websites.

I have personally visited classrooms several times to review policies and I have some classrooms that check histories at the end of each day.

There are no more warnings for misuse of technology. It is an automatic detention if students are either not on the website they are instructed to be on, or are visiting sites other than those assigned by the teacher. We do not permit any online chats.

If you wish your child to have the capability of chatting with classmates, you should set up a different google account other than the school account and monitor that chat at home.

Word of the Day Winners

Everyday on the morning announcements, Mrs. Suzelis announces a word of the day. This is to support our literacy focus and our new understanding of the Science of Reading.

The daily word is announced along with the part of speech, the number of syllables (or parts), the number of sounds, the definition and a sentence using the word in context.

During lunch, students are randomly selected and asked if they know the word of the day and also can answer some questions about it such as the part of speech or the number of syllables.

When they answer correctly, they get to choose a prize from the prize bag that Mrs. Suzelis carries to lunch.

Pictured below are some Word of the Day winners who won some glow in the dark glasses.





“3rd Grade Potato Race”

The picture at the top of the page shows our 3rd grade students from 301 & 302, who participated in a Potato Race to demonstrate simple machines in Science Class.

Students competed by racing their project down an inclined plane to see which was the fastest.

First Place:
Johnny Bustard
Second Place:
Jackson Sullinger



PIE In the Face

On Friday, April 16th, we were able to reward students that participated in the Pennies for Patients and who purchased a chance to throw a pie in the face of Mrs. Cusimano, who graciously volunteered!

Student tickets were pulled randomly to participate in this fundraising incentive.

I want to thank Mrs. Cusimano for being such a good sport and

agreeing to this activity, and also thank Mrs. Wevers for organizing this event, which the students enjoyed very much.



End of the Year Important Date

The last day of the 4th Quarter is on Thursday, **May 27th**. This is also the last day of school and an **early release** day at 1:00.

May 27th is the due date for the Fuel Ed Program when all remote work is to be completed. Report Cards will be mailed on June 11th.

PTO Popcorn delivery should take place during the 3rd week of May.

The Yearbook draft was reviewed, approved and sent to print. We will let you know when they are available.

Ohio Testing ends at LIS on May 5th, except for any make-up testing.

5th Grade Band Concert

On Thursday, April 22nd, our 5th grade students participated in a band concert under the direction of Mrs. Erin Ott and Mr. Ted Steigerwald.

Special arrangements were made to follow very specific guidelines, limiting the number of spectators and requiring exit

and entrance after each performance, as well as the sanitizing of areas in between each concert.

Thank you to our music staff and custodial staff for making this performance a reality. Though perhaps not the type of band concert we are used to having, it is positive step forward.



Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-7 (Parent-Teacher Organization)

Our thanks and appreciation to our PTO for their hard work and planning for Teacher Appreciation Week during the first week of May.

This week of recognition was not only a celebration of our teaching staff, but also our entire LIS family of teachers,

custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers and all who work daily to instruct our students and keep them safe and healthy.

I see daily how very committed staff members are to doing the very best they can every day to instruct, nurture and guide our students through these very difficult times.



Mrs. Balzer Update

Message from Mrs. Balzer:

***Hi Everyone!
I cannot believe it has been 4 months since my accident. I am working hard everyday to get better. Hopefully, I will be able to leave the wheelchair behind and walk on my own.***

I miss everyone and wish everyone the best of luck on

the AIR test and the end of the year. I am thankful for all of my friends and students at LIS for their continued support.

As a staff, we were able to Zoom with Mrs. Balzer at a recent staff meeting. It was so good to see her and hear her voice. We all look forward to her return to our LIS family very soon.



Special Thanks

A special word of thanks to Mrs. Charlene Brandt, who helped us out by coming back a few days to work as a Title Teacher in the 4th Grade.

Her expertise in reading and her experience in Reading Intervention was invaluable to our staff as we work daily with students to address gaps in learning.

We are so grateful for her help! Millie loves her, too!



Academic Calendar 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 school calendar is approved and on the LaBrae Website.

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, August 31st.

[Link to Calendar](#)

LaBrae Local Schools 2021-2022 School Calendar											
August 2021				September 2021				October 2021			
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30
November 2021				December 2021				January 2022			
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17
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29	30						26	27	28	29	30
February 2022				March 2022				April 2022			
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17
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29	30						26	27	28	29	30
May 2022				June 2022				July 2022			
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th
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School Closed
 End of Nine Week Grading Period/Early Release Day
 Professional Day (No school for students)
 Report Cards
 First and Last Day of School
 Parent Teacher Conferences

Board Approved: February 8, 2021

Attention 4th Grade Band Parents

Information was emailed to parents in the middle of April for families interested in renting band instruments for their students. If you did not get the email and would like the information, please contact the office and we will send you the information again.

Schedules for 2021-2022 school year are being planned at this time so it is important that if you want your 4th grade student in 5th grade band that we know that ASAP. It does affect our scheduling.



“Literacy Committee meets to review and evaluate phonic programs for next year.”

(Pictured to the Right)



Closing Comments from Mrs. Suzelis

While there may be a quick update at the very end of the school year, this is the last official newsletter of the 2020-2021 school year. What a year it has been!

None of us had any idea a year ago what the future held for us personally and professionally. I think that we can all say that this has been a journey unlike any other. While in some ways, the end of the year seems to be

suddenly upon us, August seems a lifetime ago.

The lessons that we have learned educationally and personally reflect some of the good that does come from adversity. I think we are all just tired, spent and longing for the time when life as we once knew it resumes. We hope for a time when our children can run free to laugh and enjoy life.

We know moving forward that there is much healing needed for all of us as we come to the other side of a traumatic year.

I see everyday the hope of the future in your children's eyes. They are amazing and resilient, and the lessons of this time will help them build a better world. I believe that and it gives me great comfort and hope. Thank you for sharing your most precious gift with us.

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