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Newsletter October 2012 News to keep you informed about our school

Dear L.I.S. Families:

In response to an increase in the number of children with food allergies and students with medically related dietary issues, we feel it is necessary to revise our policy regarding parties in the classroom. Therefore, we request parents not send in any food products for parties unless asked by the teacher. Teacher requests will include special treats for the class. We would like to make the parties more activity focused rather than food focused. **Food for the parties will be arranged with the cafeteria. Your child's** teacher or designated party planner will contact you regarding classroom activities that may be fun for the children to do during the party.

We welcome your participation in these special events, but we must consider the needs of all the children when planning these parties. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation concerning this matter.

Thank you,

Ms. Harkabus, Principal

Mrs. Harper, School Nurse

Mrs. Jones, Cafeteria Supervisor

October Count Week

We are asking that students make every effort in making perfect attendance during <u>the week of October 1st—5th</u>. This week is when the state department looks at our student count to determine the amount of money the district will receive for the 2012-2013 school year. Please contact the office at 330-898-4569 when your child will be absent and follow up with a written note stating the reason for the absents.

EARLY RELEASE:

There will early release on November 2, 2012 at 1:00 pm. This is the first of 4 planned early release dates which fall on the last day of the nine weeks to provide records time for staff. Future dates for early release will be 1/18/13, 3/22/13 & 5/29/13

Third Grade Fall OAA Testing:

The Ohio State <u>3rd Gr. Reading Achievement</u> <u>Tests</u> will be administered <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October</u> <u>2nd.</u> You can help your child prepare by making **sure they get a good night's sleep the night before** and that they have a nutritious breakfast on the days of the test. Results will be sent to the school from the testing company in November and then will be sent home with the students. <u>Tests are ad-</u> ministered from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. School Hours: 8:45 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. <u>Office Phone:</u> 330-898-4569 <u>Transportation Phone:</u> 330-898-0463 Cafeteria Phone: 330-898-0800 ext. 5220

Ms. Milajean Harkabus Principal & Mrs. Darla Arnold Secretary

NOTES FROM THE NURSE:

Parents, cold & flu season is coming. Please remind your children about the importance of frequent hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes. If your child is having excessive coughing/sneezing, to the point it interferes with his/her ability to participate in class, or is running a fever greater that 100 degrees please keep them home for a day to recuperate. Prolonged symptoms, increased fever or trouble breathing requires medical attention.

Just another reminder that emergency medical forms as well as any other forms you may have received from the nurse, were due the first week of school. If you have not yet done so, please complete these important forms and return to the office immediately.

SAFE SCHOOLS:

Visitors are required to use the main entrance. All other doors must remain locked during the school day. <u>Visitors must register in the office and wear a visitors badge while in the building.</u> Parents signing their child out in the office at the end of the day are asked to wait for the students in the office or in the foyer way between the glass doors.

Do You Have Homework?????????

How may times have you asked that question as well as, "What did you do today?" So many times parents comment that their child tells them often that they do not have homework or that they don't remember what they did in school that day. Because of this problem, we have Star Binders which are to go home each day to help both staff and students to communicate better with parents.

Students are required as part of their grade, to read & record with a parent signature the time they're reading each night.

FUNDRAISER DELIVERY:

Just a reminder to parents that the fundraiser delivery pickup date is <u>Thursday, No-vember 1st</u> from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the Jr. High Gym. <u>Every order must be</u> picked up because the product is frozen and we have nowhere to store it!!!

Picture Day:

LaBrae Intermediate Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday morning, October 10th. Information packets will be sent home prior to this day. Pictures will be taken by Lifetouch National School Studios.

Club 24:

Club 24 is an after-school Mathematics Club that meets from 3:30-5:00 on Wednesdays. The club focuses on a game called Challenge 24. Students who join in the club will participate in hands-on activities, as well as an online program called First in Math.

A student is chosen to participate in Club 24 by teacher referral. If your child participated in the club last year, he or she will be invited again for the 2012-2013 school year. Please be on the lookout for information coming home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kay Suzelis at <u>kay.suzelis@neomin.org</u> or call the school at 330-898-4569.

The following is the schedule for this year. Keep this and do not throw away. We will have to skip some club days because of holidays and extended staff days.

CLUB 24: Meets at the Intermediate School from 3:30-5:00. Please pick up your students promptly!

October 17th and 24th (NO Club on Wednesday, October 31st because of Halloween)

November 7th, 14th & 28th (NO Club on November 21st because of Thanksgiving)

December 5th, 12th & 19th

January 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th (NO Club on January 9th because of extended staff day)

February 6th Challenge 24 Tournament Day

Mrs. DeProfio & Mrs. Ozanich will continue to help with the tournament this year. They deserve a big THANK YOU for all the years they have devoted to establishing a successful Challenge 24 after school program.

Kay A. Suzelis Christine Meeks

MARKET DAY SALE

Market Day Order Forms are to be returned to the school by Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

PICK-UP DATE:OCTOBER 11, 2012PICK-UP TIME:4:00 - 5:00 PMPICK-UP PLACE:BASCOM GYM

Upcoming Events:

September 28th - Interims Go Home - Fundraiser Forms & Money Due October 1st thru 5th - October Count Week October 2nd - 3rd Grade Reading Achievement Testing October 10th - Picture Day October 12th - NEOEA Day - NO SCHOOL October 16th—Prof. Development/Waiver Day(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS) October 17th—Elementary Booster Meeting at Bascom at 6:00 pm in the Media Center November 1st—Fundraiser Pickup in MS Gym from 3:15-5:30 pm November 2nd—Early Release at 1:00 PM

Giant Eagle "Apples for Students" Program:

Apples for students program will be continued this year. However, for some of you, with a new building comes a new number. Changing the registration of your number is as easy as 1-2-3!!!

- 1. Register at www.gianteagle.com or 1-800-474-4777
- 2. Enter our school ID #1266
- 3. Shop with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card and earn points for our school each time your card is scanned.

