

Newsletter October 2015

News to keep you informed about our school

A Note from Ms Harkabus, Principal

"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives" ~ Robert M. Hutchins

Dear L.I.S. Families,

Welcome to the fall season at LaBrae Intermediate School. We hope that our new students, as well as current students have had a smooth transition to our school and feel welcome. Every member of our staff hopes that each student knows that L.I.S. cares about them and that they feel safe in an environment conducive to learning.

We have high expectations for our students as well as our staff. Each teacher on our faculty is Highly Qualified and has had numerous hours of professional development. Our classrooms are equipped with the latest technology for student learning.

Our staff is dedicated to providing your child with an education that will lay the foundation of his/her life-long learning. We invite you to be an active participant in your child's learning. We encourage you to attend PTO meetings, parent conferences, programs, to visit our website and utilize the parent assist module and the Viking Nation App to monitor your child's assignments and grades.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, or me. We are looking forward to a highly successful academic year!

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.

Many of our Staff also post work/information on our Viking Nation App. nightly. If you have not used your account that was issued last year or do not know your username and/or password contact Mrs. Arnold in the LIS Office for that information.

<u>EARLY RELEASE</u>: There will early release on October 23, 2015 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 1/15/16, 3/18/16 & 5/26/16.

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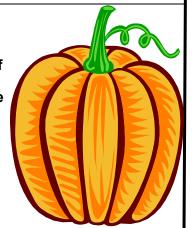
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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Due to the increasing number of students who experience food allergies and other concerns, we ask that no birthday treats be sent in from home. The school will recognize birthdays at school with a small token.



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.

Thank you,

Mrs. Harper

SAFE SCHOOLS:

Visitors are required to use the main entrance. All other doors must remain locked during the school day. Visitors must register in the office and wear a visitors badge while in the building. 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.

FUNDRAISER DELIVERY:

Just a reminder to parents that the fundraiser delivery pickup date is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October</u> <u>21st</u> from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the Jr. High Gym. <u>Every order must be picked up because the product is frozen and we have nowhere to store it!!!</u>

Picture Day:

LaBrae Intermediate Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday morning, October 7th. Information packets will be sent home prior to this day. Pictures will be taken by Lifetouch National School Studios.

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.

Upcoming Events:

October 6th—November 10, 2015—Club 24 from 3:30-5:00 pm. (Tuesdays) see schedule on next page for meeting dates.

October 7th—Picture Day

October 16th—NEOEA Day - NO SCHOOL

October 21st—Fundraiser Pickup in MS Gym from 3:15-5:30 pm

October 21st—April 6, 2016—Math Masters from 3:30-5:00 pm. (Wednesdays) see schedule on next page for meeting dates.

October 23rd—EARLY RELEASE AT 1:00 PM

End of the 1st Nine Weeks

Fundraiser Prize Assembly at 10:00 am.

October 30th—Report Cards Go Home

October 31st—Turn Your Clocks Back (1) Hour

November 2nd—NO MORE SHORTS TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL





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. Students in grades 3-5 are included in the club.

A student is chosen to participate in Club 24 by teacher referral. Participation in the club last year does not insure that students will be chosen for this year's activities. Please be on the lookout for information coming home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kay Suzelis for Math Masters or Mrs. Heather Sabo for Club 24.

CLUB 24: Meets Tuesdays After School at the Intermediate School from 3:30-5:00.

Please pick up your students promptly!

October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

November 3rd and 10th

Schedule for Math Masters: Meets Wednesdays after school from 3:30—5:00

Dates: October 21 & 28 Math Master Program is an after school program for **5th graders** to strengthen Math Skills. It includes students of all ability levels. The focus of this program is to utilize individualized computer November 4 & 11 instruction to strengthen, reinforce and extend concepts taught in the classroom. December 2, 9 & 16 Students that are invited to join Math Masters will receive a letter January 6, 13, 20 & 27 from a 5th grade math teacher inviting them to participate. There is limited membership based on the number of computers February 3, 17 & 24 we have available for students to use. Any questions about the after school program may be directed to Mrs. Suzelis or Mrs. March 3, 9, 16, 23 & 30

April 6



