

LIS FAMILY NEWS

Principal: Mrs. Kay Suzelis Secretary: Mrs. Carrie Guesman



Ms. Pierson



Mrs. Ford



Mrs. Brandt

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Title 1 Support Staff & Speech

We are so excited to introduce our Title 1 Tutoring staff. Returning to LIS this year are Mrs. Katie Ford and Mrs. Charlene Brandt. Also joining our Title Team is Ms. Kim Pierson, who has many years of elementary teaching experience in Newton Falls.

All our Title staff has been attending training and preparing to assist our students in Reading. They bring to our staff their expertise and experience. We are so fortunate to have them on our staff.

A Warm LIS Welcome

Ms. Eleni Magiasso, our new speech pathologist has joined Mrs. Carlye Markowitz to service students in Grades 5 and our older students. Mrs. Markowitz will continue serving students in grades K-4. We welcome Ms. Magiassos to our LaBrae Family.

October Focus-Anti Bullying Month

Mr. Diaz is working on announcements and programming for October, as we will be focusing on Anti-Bullying. This is a time for us to build communities and teach our students how to walk through conflict and differences with respect for each person. This is a needed focus for us as we bring many students back to in-person, everyday learning, who have not had the opportunities to focus on social interactions in a group setting. We see these issues mostly on the bus, at lunch and recess when students are not directly engaged in the learning process. We are getting there!



Eleni Magiassos



LaBrae Scholastic Book Fair begins on October 7th with Parent Teacher Conferences. The book fair will be in the school libraries at LIS and Bascom. It will be open to families all through conference night from 2:00-9:00 p.m.

A flyer will be sent home with students to preview books. Parents can also go to scholastic.com/fair and set an eWallet as a safe alternate to cash for your child. Students will be visiting the Book Fair during their scheduled library times. Thank you to Mrs. Shanower for organizing this special event!



In Person Parent Teacher Conferences

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE BEING SCHEDULED ON OCTOBER 7, 2021 FROM 2:00-9:00. SIGN UP LINKS WERE EMAILED TO PARENTS ON SEPTEMBER 20TH. TEACHERS ALSO SENT OUT THE LINKS ON THEIR REMIND APPS. THE TIMES ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY. MAKE SURE THAT YOU SIGN UP FOR ONE SLOT ONLY AS TEACHERS WILL BE MEETING AS A TEAM WITH PARENTS. USE YOUR SMART PHONE CAMERA ON THE APPROPRIATE QR CODE TO ACCESS EACH GRADE LEVEL SIGN UP. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH DIGITALLY REGISTERING FOR A TIME-WE CAN SCHEDULE YOU BY CALLING THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

301 & 302 (Meeks, DeCesare, Zigmont, DeArmitt)



303 & 304 (Rowe, Jones, Zigmont, DeArmitt)



401 & 406 (DeProfio, Balzer, Mackey)



404 & 405 (Alflen, Cordner, Mackey)



501 & 504 (Cimmento, Sabo & Huffman)



502 & 503 (Crish, Shanower & Huffman)



Gifted Mrs.Morgan



PTO Page

Pie Sale

October 15-29

**Order your pies from
our Parent
Organization delivered
in time for
Thanksgiving!**

**PTO Officers
Cathy Dean
Peg Kyer
Courtney Cowhick**

Volunteers Needed!

**Friday Popcorn Popper
Playground Area Painting
Contact the School Office**

Welcome Back Bags were provided by the PTO to all students to welcome them back to school. They contained some treats all related to a "poppin" theme. Thank you to our PTO officers and their volunteers for initiating this welcome back surprise for our student. A picture of the bags is displayed to the right.



**Our Parent Teacher Organization
had the opening meeting in
September in the Bascom
Library. They will be meeting
once a week and alternating sites
between the Bascom and LIS
libraries. The next meeting is at
*LIS at 6:00 on October 12th.***

**Consider joining this
enthusiastic organization. There
sole purpose is to support our
staff and students. They make a
difference !**

**Pantry
Thanks**

**Thank you so much to some special PTO
ladies who organized our pantry clothing. It
was a mess! Thank you to:
Peg Kyer, Willa Charvat, Sherry Huffman &
Kelly Bailey**

Fall Fundraiser

Thank you to all families that supported our Fall Fundraising here at LIS. Orders were due on September 28th. Tentative Delivery will be on October 29th from 3:15 TO 5:00.

School Pictures

Online ordering is available before and after picture day. Visit INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER. Our school code is 60063TA. Class pictures will be delivered at a later date than the individual student packages.

Progress Reports

Progress reports were sent home on September 29th. Please sign and return them to school ASAP. If there is a blank grade on the progress report, it has not been scheduled for instruction this quarter or semester.

Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences on October 7th at 1:00

No School for Students Friday, October 8, 2021

The 1st Quarter Ends on October 29th. (Early Release Day at 1:00)

Report Cards will be sent home on November 5th.



A Veteran's Day celebration is being planned here at LIS. We are hoping for an in-person assembly at 9:00 a.m. on November 11th.

To enhance our celebration, which will include music and other presentations, we are asking our student families to contribute pictures of family members who served in the military.

Pictures can be sent to school and we will scan them and send them back home. They can be emailed to kay.suzelis@labrae.school.

Thank you to Mrs. Helmick for lending her talents to help plan this special day!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents in 3rd grade will have the opportunity to review testing data and sign a RIMP or Reading Improvement Plan that has been developed for those students who have been identified as At Risk. It will contain strategies and interventions to address learning gaps.

Students identified as gifted will also have WEP's or Written Educational Plans to be signed during conference time.

These plans must be signed by parents and are done yearly as required by the state.

Reminder about Cell Phones

They are NOT permitted LIS! If a student needs permission to carry it in their bookbag because they are a latch-key student call the school.

OHIO THIRD GRADE TESTING DATES FOR ELA



**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 18TH
THRU
FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 5TH**

Ohio Law requires that 3rd graders demonstrate proficiency in reading, and the first opportunity to meet that standard will be our Fall Testing coming in a few weeks. Please make sure that students are well-rested and in school for the testing.



An end of the quarter activity is being planned for Bascom & LIS students. We will be watching a live stream from the Cleveland Playhouse of Charlotte's Web. Our PTO is planning some surprises for students to help us celebrate the end of the first quarter. This is a new focus for this year to provide students with a positive incentive for the end of each quarter to celebrate student success. LIS will view the play on October 29th.

Handbook & Discipline Reminders: During the first few weeks, there are a few things that I would like to emphasize from the LIS Handbook. Our dress code prohibits hair colors that are not natural colors and artificial nails or makeup. Clothing should be appropriate and modest. All tops are to have sleeves and clothing should be not be see-through. Shorts should be an appropriate length and mid-thigh or longer. *Please see the final page of this newsletter for the complete dress code handbook excerpt.*

Detentions are held in the morning on Tuesday or Wednesday beginning at 7:30 until 8:15. Students will have one make-up day and then the next step is a Saturday detention. We have used the first few weeks to redirect behavior and remind. At this point, students will be given the appropriate consequences. Detentions and warnings are to be signed and returned to school. As a parent, you are simply indicating that you have received notification of the disciplinary violation.



Google Classroom Parent Invitations are being sent out to Parents who signed up through a Google Form. You will receive summaries and notification of missing work. We have some glitches to work out with assignment due dates and distinguishing between homework and classwork. Please be patient as we work these things out.

November Extended Learning Opportunities are being planned by our staff. We will be sending out invitations to students, much like we did for summer safari, after we have identified those who would most benefit from a two day after school extended learning program for an hour from 3:30 to 4:30. Transportation for students who live in the district will be offered.

Final Message;

It is hard to believe that we are wrapping up the first month of school this week. While there are some bumps in the road, while we acclimate back to a more normal school setting, I think we have made great progress.

While there are many challenges academically, our first month of school has been one of blending students back into a learning environment by: repeating procedures, redirecting behavior, administering diagnostics and taking small, steady steps each day to address the many social and learning needs of our students. This is to be expected after the last few years of interrupted and redesigning of instruction that has impacted our world because of our worldwide pandemic.

Our staff remains deeply committed to do the best we can for each student through positive, innovative and engaging instruction. We cannot do this alone. Our journey is a partnership with each and everyone of you.

Whether it is remaining in touch with home-school communication, assisting students with work at home, supporting disciplinary measures at school, following the handbook guidelines or simply fostering a positive attitude at home, we invite you to be engaged with your child in what happens here at LIS.

Fall is my favorite season. It should signal for us a time to slow down, bask in the colorful array of changing leaves, take a walk on a leaf-littered path and just take time to breath in the sights and sounds of Autumn. Thank you for all you do to help us help your children. I look forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 7th.

Kay A. Suzelis



STUDENT DRESS CODE (page 17 & 18 in the LIS Handbook)

The administration works to create a school environment that is conducive to learning.

Anything worn by a student, be it clothing, jewelry or cosmetics that draws undue attention will not be permitted. If questions of dress occur, the building principal will make the final determination as to appropriateness. Students will adhere to the following:

- **Students are expected to be clean, well-groomed and to wear clean clothing that fits properly**
- **Students are to have their abdomen, waist and hips completely covered while in school.**
- **Beach and athletic wear, pants above mid-thigh, halters, mesh wear, Pajama tops /bottoms, unbuttoned shirts/blouses, midriff shirts/blouses, low-cut shirt/blouses, sweat shorts, spandex/biker pants, sleeveless t-shirts, thongs, turf shoes, aqua shoes, and sunglasses are not to be worn.**
- **Saggy or Baggy pants, low necklines, midriff shirts, or spikes are not to be worn.**
- **Skin-tight material which is not covered by some loose fitting clothing is not to be worn. The covered clothing must come at least mid-thigh. Attire such as skirts, pants, shirts, and blouses that expose excessive amounts of skin or private areas of the body are not permitted. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh, in good taste, appropriate for school, and would be acceptable in a business environment.**
- **Students may wear appropriate shorts until October 30th at the beginning of each school year. Wearing shorts may resume on April 1st of the same school year.**
- **Skirts and shorts must be approaching the knee and extend beyond the student's fingertips and are to be worn at the natural waist.**
- **See-through clothing or shirts/dresses with spaghetti straps are not to be worn unless a t-shirt is worn underneath them.**
- **Clothing and accessories labeled with objectionable logos, including references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes, sex, race, discrimination, derogatory comments, and/or pictures, gang identifiers and cult identifiers are not permitted.**
- **Coats, hats, bandanas, scarves, hoods, head apparel, and other outdoor apparel are not permitted on students during the day while in the building.**
- **Book bags, purses, hats and coats must be stored in cubbies and not carried during the school day.**
- **Students should not dress in a manner that would present a danger to their health and safety (e.g. Going barefoot, wearing high heels). Roller skating shoes, sandals, flip-flops and open toe shoes are not permitted.**
- **Jewelry will be age appropriate.**
- **Unnaturally colored hair, hairstyles, or contacts that are distracting to the educational process are not permitted. Examples of unnatural hair colors could include, but are not limited to: blue, green, pink, purple, orange, etc. Mohawks are not permitted.**
- **Makeup, perfume, or aftershave is not allowed.**
- **Any type of dress or grooming that distracts from the educational process or causes concern for health, safety, or general well-being of the student will be considered improper.**

Dress code violators will be sent home to change, or the parent/guardian or caregiver will be called to bring a change of clothes.