

News from Laingsburg Elementary School & E.C.E.C.



December 7, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC. 11 ~ MUSIC CONCERT-GRADES 1 – 3 / 1st GRADE
@ 6 PM – 2nd & 3rd @ 7 PM

DEC. 24 – JAN. 4 ~ NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

JAN. 18 ~ ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS – RECORDS DAY

JAN. 21 ~ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – DISTRICT

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL FREEMAN

Dear Laingsburg Families,



It's beginning to look festive throughout our halls and classrooms. Decorations, trees and art projects are sprucing up our buildings. The excitement and energy is increasing by the day. The weather is reminding us that winter is on the way with cold temperatures and snow falls. It is a magical place to be and I am so thankful to be surrounded by students reminding me of this joyous season. I find myself smiling everyday as I talk with students about what they are looking forward to most over their break. Time with family, presents, food and free time are among the answers, not much different from what adults look forward to.

We have had several highlights this month. Winter Fest was on December 1 and several of our classrooms participated in the event. Mrs. Rhine's 3rd grade classroom created a "Patriotic Tree", Mr. Balow's 5th grade classroom created "Words That Inspire" and all of the classrooms in 4th grade created a "Grinch Tree". 4th grade was awarded 1st place and received 150.00 to spend in their classrooms. It was a wonderful event that brought together our school and the community. Many thanks to the Sponsors of the event along with all the participants!

Last week for ECEC and this week for LES all classrooms have participated with Lunch with a Loved One and Book Fair. Parents, family members or friends come to have lunch with students during a designated time and have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair as well. We do this twice a year once in December and again in April. Students look forward to this time. It is so fun to watch our students greet their Loved Ones and show them around their classrooms not to mention the excitement of shopping at the Book

Fair. Our hallways and classrooms are packed with visitors and we enjoy the opportunity to share "our school world" with them.

The countdown has begun and we have exactly 10 more school days until Break! Most parties will take place Friday, December 21st. Look for newsletters and notes from your child's teacher. I know that teachers are so grateful for the help in planning the event as well as bringing goodies for the celebration. We are so thankful for the role our parents play in our school. We Are Better Together!

Sheila Freeman

PAYSCHOOLS CENTRAL INFORMATION



PaySchools Central is the online payment center that Laingsburg Community Schools

uses for parents to make payments on their child's lunch account. In the past there has been a convenience fee to use this service. With the closing of our local bank in January, we are hoping to have more parents sign up to use this service, so as of December 3, 2018, there will **no longer be a convenience fee charged to the parent.**

The website you will use to make online payments is www.payschoolscentral.com. You will need the following information to create your account:

- Student Name
- Student ID
- Grade
- School

We are also working on setting up additional fees on the PaySchools system including daycare, preschool, and field trip fees.

We understand technology is not everyone's best friend. That is why we are here to help make the process easier for you. Our support team is ready to answer any questions you may have. There are now four different ways for you to connect with us. Now you'll be able to do the following:

- Email – Submit a support ticket a PaySchools Support email support@PaySchools.com
- Call – Access our phone options 800.669.0792 press 1 for support
- Chat – Chat with a live representative online
- Remote Assistance – Get live remote help <https://i3verticals.screenconnect.com> (a support representative will issue you a unique code)

ATTENTION PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS

You are invited to a Holiday Music Concert, Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

First Grade Concert:

6:00 pm in the Gymnasium (Students need to arrive at 5:45 pm.)



Second & Third Grade Concert:

7:00 pm in the Gymnasium. (Students need to arrive at 6:45 pm)

TITLE 1 TALES TO TELL

Hello Families,

Teachers, paraprofessionals, and students have been hard at work during PACK time. We have incorporated many school activities around the area of READING. Readers' theater, our book fair, book title bingo, lunch with a loved one, book bunch lunch— all things to help support a love of reading.

Another way to have fun with reading is with GAMES! Here is a link to a site that offers many games intended to support reading:

<https://www.readbrightly.com/23-fun-reading-games-for-kids/>

Here you can select a game based on your child's age. Sites like this offer great ideas to keep reading fun, try something different, and break up the dull feeling of 'practice'. KEEP READING FUN and children will LOVE TO READ.

Let me know what you think, I'd love to hear from you.

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Green
Title 1 Director

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NIGHT TO REMEMBER DANCE



Save the Date: The 2019 Night to Remember Dance will be held February 7th, 2019. The dance is open to all Laingsburg girls (Pre-K - 5th grade) and is the primary fundraiser for the Laingsburg Jr/Sr Post Prom. My time as coordinator is winding down as my kids are graduating. New parent volunteer(s) are needed to carry on the tradition of the dance. If you are interested, please contact Jamie Rivard at jamielynn2626@gmail.com or 734-558-2795.