

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



September 28, 2018

## DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT. 3 ~ FALL COUNT DAY

OCT. 10 ~ ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS / ½ DAY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

OCT. 18 ~ ECEC FALL PICTURE DAY

OCT. 26 ~ ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS / ½ DAY RECORDS DAY

## A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL FREEMAN

Hello Laingsburg Families,



This was our first week with our New Parent Pick-Up Procedures. First, I would like to give a really BIG thank you to all parents for helping us make this transition a success. I know that it isn't perfect yet but I am confident that as the weeks continue we will be able to make tweaks and smooth out any bumps along the way.

I have a few suggestions that may help in alleviating some frustration and get you out quicker once you arrive at school. If you wait until 3:10 in your cars and allow buses to leave and bikers and walkers to cross the parking lot, you will be able to walk into the gym, find your child and leave immediately. If you arrive earlier, you are welcome to wait in the gym but it will seem much longer before you can be released to leave. **I want to acknowledge that this is not always convenient for you as a parent but the purpose behind the switch is to ensure safety for ALL students at ALL times. I appreciate you partnering with us to make this happen.**

Monday we enjoyed a "mini celebration" earned by the students for their safe, respectful and responsible behavior in the last several weeks. Each classroom had the opportunity to chew gum in school. It was pretty exciting! This week we have participated with Middle and High School in getting ready for Homecoming by having "Spirit Week". Each day the students were able to do something special like wearing mismatched outfits, sharing their favorite sports team, wearing a hat and proudly wearing their red and white colors. It has been so fun to see the students as they enter our building in the morning. As their principal, I love greeting students in the morning and seeing their smiling faces throughout the day. It is a wonderful privilege to see "up close" our

students learning and growing during the school year. I am always amazed what our students accomplish within our 9 months with them.

Thank you for coming along side us to help all our students experience success. It is your partnership with us that makes it possible.

Sheila Freeman

## MEET OUR NEW COUNSELOR



from MSU (Go GREEN!).

Hello and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! My name is Katie Goff, and I am the new full time counselor at Laingsburg Elementary School! I am very excited to begin my 15th year in public education as a part of the Wolfpack! I attended CMU for my Master's degree in Counseling, and have my undergraduate degree in Elementary Education

I am here to help **students** with problem solving, managing feelings, setting goals, adjusting to school, learning how to make healthy decisions, handling peer pressure, and school organizational skills.

I am here to help **parents** with exploring ways to help your child succeed in school, by improving parent and child communications, referrals for community resources, understanding development changes of childhood and specific needs, and supplying reference materials.

I am planning on getting to know all students at Laingsburg Elementary through classroom lessons; and hold some small counseling groups throughout the year for some students, and then also work individually with students as needed.

I am always happy to hear from you! You can reach me by phone at 517-651-5067 ext. 1144 or email at [katie.goff@laingsburg.k12.mi.us](mailto:katie.goff@laingsburg.k12.mi.us).

**PUPIL ACCOUNTING DAY,  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018**

Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is a very important day for our school district. This is the first of two days each school year on which attendance is recorded to determine the level of funding our school will receive from the State of Michigan. You can help us by avoiding any unnecessary absences from school that day. Should your child happen to be ill on that Wednesday, we ask that you call in that morning and also provide us with a note or letter verifying that fact for our records. Thank you for your support!

**LHS DRAMA CLUB SHOE DRIVE**



The LHS Drama Club is holding a shoe drive from now through November 17. There is a large collection box near the main entrance of the elementary school. Please help them make their goal of 100 bags of shoes by donating your gently used shoes. Follow these links for more information;  
<http://ourshoedrive.com/laingsburg-high-school-drama/>

[ourshoedrive.com](http://ourshoedrive.com)

**PACK RUN**



The PALS Pack Run will be held during school on October 5th. PALS is a group of parents, teachers, administrators and community members that share a goal and commitment to

enriching the learning experiences of elementary and middle school students in Laingsburg. The Pack Run is a fundraiser with a goal of raising \$15,000. If PALS reaches or surpasses this goal, there will be no other PALS sponsored fundraising events during the year! 100% of the profits from this event will go back to the elementary and middle schools. Your child received a paper with more information and a donation form. Please consider helping to make the second annual PALS Pack Run a success!



**CLOTHESLINE NEWS**

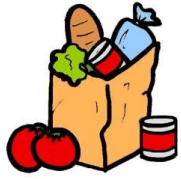


The Clothesline non – profit clothing store is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Wednesdays, 3 – 6 pm.

They currently have many **Halloween Costumes**, priced from \$2 to \$5. Make sure to stop in and check them out.

The Clothesline is located at 120 E. Grand River Rd., Laingsburg.

Dear Laingsburg Elementary Families,



The Laingsburg Area Food Bank invites you to participate in a program that we are offering in Laingsburg called Bags for Buddies. This program will offer your children a supply of nutritious meals and snacks, free of charge, to enjoy during Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter Break, Spring Break, along with some weekends.

We know that it can be difficult to meet the increased need for food when kids are home from school. Bags of nonperishable food will be **confidentially distributed to any child who is eligible to receive free lunch and who returns this form by Monday, October 8, 2018.**

If you believe your child could benefit from this program, we encourage you to sign him/her up by filling out this form and returning it your child’s school office by Monday, October 8, 2018. One form is needed for each child in your family. This information is kept strictly confidential. Bags for Buddies will only receive a count of the number of requested bags; no student information will be shared. Once your child is signed up, they will receive bags of free food according to the provided schedule.

We would like to encourage you to take advantage of this program for your family! Have questions or concerns? Please feel free to contact Tricia Butch, Co-chair, Bags for Buddies Program, 651-1267.

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Child’s Name, Teacher, Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs (diabetic, or food allergy)

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_