

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



November 22, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOV. 23 – 25 ~ THANKSGIVING BREAK
DEC. 21 – JAN. 3 ~ WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL
JAN. 16 ~ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
JAN. 20 ~ ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS – ECEC DISMISSAL AT 11:09 AM - LES DISMISSAL AT 11:20 AM; TEACHER ½ DAY RECORDS
APR. 3 – 7 ~ NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

Dear Parents,
We are now into the second term of the school year. Fall is in full swing and students and teachers are busy learning and growing together.

November has been a very busy month here with the Wolfpack. We have celebrated reaching our school-wide behavior goal, enjoyed the Holiday Food Drive, completed and shared students' first term report cards, and met with all of you in parent/teacher conferences!



As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded to be thankful. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with a dedicated and attentive staff, well-mannered and kind students, and caring families. It was a pleasure to be a part of the Holiday Food Drive and watch as families donated over 2500 food items to the Laingsburg Food Bank!

Though we celebrate and recognize the importance of Thanksgiving this month, I try to always be thankful for the school district in which I work and the wonderful families of this community.
Happy Thanksgiving!
Karen Lockwood

COUNSELING CORNER

I am in the planning stages for student support groups for grades K – 5. If you are interested in having your child participate in a group, please sign and return this section to your child's classroom teacher or main office by **Monday, December 12, 2016**. If you have any questions or would like more information about the groups offered, please feel free to contact me at julie.nosek@laingsburg.k12.mi.us or at 517-651-5067 ext. 1144.

____ I am interested in my child participating in the following group(s):

____ **Cool in School** (Impulse control & managing emotions)

____ **Fearless Fridays** (Anxiety and Worries)

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

I _____ have discussed the above group(s) with my child and agree to have my child participate. I understand the groups meet during the school day for 6 – 8 weeks and are facilitated by the school counselor, Mrs. Julie Nosek.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Best way to contact you?

- By Email
Email Address: _____
- By Phone
Daytime Phone#: _____

WinterFest

The Laingsburg Business & Community Association is again holding its annual Winterfest on Saturday, December 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. Free, family - oriented events will be held throughout downtown Laingsburg.

Children's events at 4 p.m. are in a new place this year - in the lot between First Merit Bank and the dentist's office. Santa's Light Parade will be "static" this year with a variety of festive floats, vehicles and walking units parked downtown along Grand River throughout the evening. Santa and Mrs. Claus will still arrive in town in an antique fire truck at 5 p.m. then visit with families at the ECEC.

Other Winterfest activities include:

- Ice sculptures at Town Plaza and Twilliger's
- Santa and Mrs. Claus inside the warmth of the ECEC
- Pictures with Santa
- Horse-drawn wagon rides throughout downtown
- Twilliger's Tavern Chili Cook-Off
- Pancake eating contest at Tammy's Bakery
- LHS Jazz Band performance
- Community bonfire near Leonard's Hardware
- Drawings, raffles and special activities in businesses
- Door prizes for event participants
- Holiday Marketplace and Scholastic Book Fair at the ECEC to benefit the LHS junior class
- Laingsburg Public Library silent auction and book sale
- Make-and-Take Ornaments at Rose Villa
- Congregational Church warming station and winter coat, hat and glove collection

New this year: Selfies with Elfie! Teens, youngsters and adults alike can take their picture with our own local elf and help promote the festival.

More information and a schedule are available at www.laingsburgbusiness.org.

PayForIt.net - LUNCH PAYMENT SYSTEM

Letters have been sent home with all students explaining our new lunch payment system. Please be checking your student's backpack for this valuable information.

ATTENTION PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS

You are invited to a Christmas Music Concert, Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

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.

GIVING TREE AT LES



We have a "Giving Tree" here at LES and we need your help to make sure all the children with ornaments on this tree have a wonderful Christmas. If you are interested in helping, please stop by the school office to select an "ornament". Each ornament provides information on the age of a child and a gift he/she would like for Christmas. We ask that you wrap the gift you purchase and attach the ornament for identification. All gifts need to be dropped off at Mrs. Nosek's or Mrs. Bates' office at the elementary school by Monday, December 12.

BOOK FAIR & LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE



A Scholastic Book Fair is coming to LES December 5-9, so mark your calendars! During this week celebrating the love of books, classrooms will be assigned a particular day to invite a loved one to eat lunch with them. During the students' recess and lunch times they can visit the book fair and then eat lunch in their classroom with their special friend. Look for invitations for your child's specific Lunch with a Loved One day to come home the week of November 28th.

WINTER COAT & GLOVE DRIVE



First Congregational Church, 401 E. Grand River (across from ECEC), is accepting donations of laundered winter coats and NEW hats/gloves to be offered back to the community at Winterfest on December 3rd. A container has been placed by the external office door by the parking lot for donations. Thank you for helping our community!

“TOYS FOR TOTS”



It's that time of year once again. Our local Marine Corps Reserve members are collecting toys for needy children in the Laingsburg area. If you are willing to help make Christmas merry for a deserving child this season, please bring in a new, unwrapped toy and place it in the Toys for Tots box located outside of the elementary office. **Toys will be collected until December 15.** Cash donations are also accepted. Your kindness and generosity will be greatly appreciated.



CLOTHESLINE NEWS



The Clothesline non- profit clothing store is open Saturdays from 10 – 2. They are currently offering “buy 10 items for \$10” (some exclusions may apply).

The Clothesline will be closed Thanksgiving weekend, but will be open during Laingsburg Winterfest on December 3 from 10-2 and again from 4-8 with special prices, (buy one bag of 10 items, get one bag of 10 items free.) **New** this year, they are also running a men’s special of buy 10 men’s items get 1 outerwear item free!

The Clothesline is located at 120 Grand River Rd. Currently they are in need of **volunteers as well as children’s fall and winter clothing donations.** If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Jelenek at 517-256-1399. If you have donations, they may be brought to the Clothesline during normal business hours.