

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



September 16, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT. 26 ~ LES FALL PICTURE DAY
SEPT. 26 ~ ODYSSEY OF THE MIND MEETING – LES
MEDIA CENTER @ 6:30 PM
OCT. 11 - 13 ~ HEARING & VISION SCREENING
OCT. 12 ~ ½ DAY STUDENTS AM – ½ TEACHER
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PM
OCT. 20~ ECEC FALL PICTURE DAY
OCT. 28 ~ ½ DAY STUDENTS AM – ½ DAY RECORDS
DAY FOR TEACHERS PM
NOV. 7 ~ LES PICTURE RETAKE DAY
NOV. 14 ~ HEARING & VISION RE-SCREEN
NOV. 16 ~ ECEC PICTURE RETAKE DAY
NOV. 23 – 25 ~ THANKSGIVING BREAK

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,



Recently I was reviewing the research on parent involvement in schools. I have always valued the input and support of parents, and my study of the research only strengthens my commitment to cultivating deeper home/school relationships.

When parents are involved, students:

- Achieve more, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' education level;
- Have higher grades and test scores, have better attendance, and complete homework more consistently;
- Exhibit more positive attitudes as well as decreased alcohol use, violence, and antisocial behavior.

As a parent myself, I was interested to read that the parent involvement practice having the highest impact on a child's achievement is communicating high, yet reasonable, expectations for their achievement and future careers.

Other research-supported practices include:

- Parents participating with teachers in helping children set academic goals each year.
- Teachers having a regular schedule of interactive homework that requires children to demonstrate to and discuss with parents what they are learning in school.

- Parents reading to and discussing books with their children.
- Providing sufficient sleep, nutritious food, limited TV, discussion at meals together, and a quiet place to study.

Students do best when parents and teachers understand each other's expectations and stay in touch with one another regarding the child's learning habits, attitudes toward school, social interactions, and academic progress. It is our desire to create an atmosphere conducive to developing this kind of relationship. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me at any time during the school year. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Karen Lockwood, Principal

2016-2017 PARTIAL CALENDAR

Aug. 22 & 23	District Professional Development Teachers
Aug. 25	First Day of School
Sept. 1-5	Labor Day
Weekend – No School	
Oct. 12	½ day students (am) – ½ day District Professional Development (pm)
Oct. 28	End of Term 1: ½ day students (am) – ½ day for Teacher Records (pm)
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Dec. 21-Jan. 3	Winter Break – No School
Jan. 16	No School for students – District Professional Development Teachers
Jan. 20	End of Term 2: ½ day students (am) – ½ day for Teacher Records (pm)
Apr. 3-7	Spring Break – No School

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

An international problem solving competition is coming to LES. We are forming teams for the 2nd/3rd graders and 4th/5th graders. We would love to tell you more about it. This is a competitive team experience that exercises the mind. Teams will meet regularly October through February to prepare for the regional competition. Each team is given a problem to solve and their solution is presented at competition with teams around the region. For more information, contact Cindy Brooks at 989-277-6499 or Cindy@icbrooks.net and attend our informational/sign up meeting in the LES library on **Monday, September 26th at 6:30 pm.**

FOOD SERVICE WORKERS WANTED



Looking for something to do while your children are away at school? How about a little extra income? Laingsburg Community Schools is currently looking for persons interested in substituting in the food service department.

For more information, please contact Jackie Bobb at 517-651-6381.

PICTURE DAY



Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming Monday, September 26, for the Elementary School and Thursday, October 20, for the ECEC. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer / order form coming soon. Visit Lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more. For ordering online, our Picture Day ID is LM426024Y0.

CLOTHESLINE NEWS



The Clothesline non- profit clothing store is open every Wednesday from 3 – 6pm and Saturdays from 10 – 2.

They are currently offering “buy 10 items for \$10 get one bag free” (some exclusions may apply). The racks are packed with high quality clothing, shoes, and outerwear for the whole family.

The Clothesline is located at 120 Grand River Rd, and is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Jelenek at 517-256-1399.

BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

Did you know that your child can have a nutritional breakfast right here at school? For \$1.50, elementary students can purchase breakfast. It is served from 7:40 – 8:00 am daily in the cafeteria.

