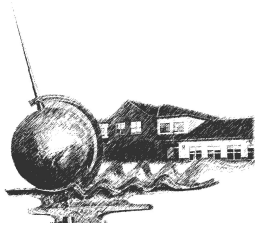


Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

Next week, 2-12-18 through 2-16-18, we will celebrate "Read Across LER Week!" Our school will do a week long celebration of literacy events. Kick off will be this Friday, 2-9-18, with a book swap at LER starting at 6:00. Your child is invited to come to school with gently used books to trade for other books that also have been donated. There is no cost for this event. Each grade level has put together a "Literacy Raffle Basket". These will be displayed and raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Book Swap. All proceeds will go to funding field trips. On Thursday the 15th, everyone is invited to dress up as a favorite book character. We will have our Learning Night that night as well, starting with a pizza supper for families. This is also free. The raffle baskets will again be on display that night. The drawing will be held on Friday, 2-16-18. We are looking forward to a fun week of events to enjoy and celebrate literacy!

Our NWEA testing is just about finished now for all the K-2 students. This test gives us information about student progress in reading and math to help inform our decisions about students' instructional needs and services. All K-2 students will be tested again this May.

I hope you all are able to enjoy the longer days of sunshine ahead as we start to come out of the winter season! Stay warm and safe! To date, the last of day school is June 19th. If you have any questions, please be sure to call or stop in.



Yours in the service of children,

Kindergarten Calendar Note

Parents of kindergarteners, please mark your calendars! There will be no school for LER kindergarten students on **Friday, May 4th**. Our teachers will be screening incoming kindergarteners for the coming school year. (First and second graders will attend school as usual.)

Upcoming Events

February:

9th: Book Swap, 6:00 - 7:00 at LER
 12th: Literacy Week begins
 13th: GEPTA meeting, 6:15 at RVCS
(Please note new date and time!)
 15th: Book Character Day
 15th: Family Learning Night, 5:30
 16th: Early release
 19th -23rd: No school, Winter vacation
 28th: Assembly, 10:00

March:

9th: End of second trimester
 13th: GEPTA meeting, 6:15 at LER
 15th: Early release
 16th: Workshop day, no school
 28th: Assembly, 2:00
 29th: Early release
 29th: Parent-Teacher Conferences, *more info to follow!*

April:

10th Spring pictures
 10th: GEPTA meeting, 6:15 at RVCS
 13th: Workshop day, no school
 16th - 20th: Spring break, no school
 25th: Assembly, 2:00

May:

4th: Kindergarten screening for incoming students - *No school for kindergarteners!*
 8th: GEPTA meeting, 6:15 at LER
 9th: Early release
 16th: Spring concert, 10:00 & 2:00
 30th: Assembly, 8:45

Helpful Phone Numbers

Laura E. Richards School	582-3612
Superintendent's Office	582-5346
Transportation Office	582-6663
Boys & Girls Club	582-8458
Special Education Office	582-7366
LER fax	582-3175
River View School & fax	582-3402

For safety reasons:

Please do not drop your child off at school before 8:10. There is no supervision inside or on the playground until then.
Please remain in the lobby when dropping off or picking up your child.

The Laura E. Richards School community will nurture, guide, and encourage students. We will provide a safe environment, rich in learning experiences, to foster respectful, caring, independent learners.

Catch the Walking School Bus in the Spring!

Be watching for the Walking School Bus to resume in April, weather permitting!



Remember to collect and send in your empty printer cartridges and BoxTops for Education!



Star Students - Every week, each teacher chooses a student who has demonstrated the “4 Be’s” -- Be safe, be kind, be respectful, be responsible. Each Star Student receives a certificate and a special pencil! Congratulations to our Star Students!

Early Release Day
 Friday, February 16th, is an Early Release Day. All elementary students will be dismissed at 12:30. Lunch will be served. If your child will be leaving school in any way other than the usual manner, please send a note to his/her teacher.

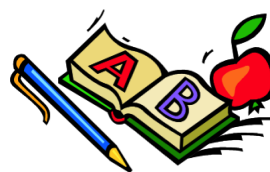
No School
 Please note that there is no school February 19th - 23rd. Have a safe and restful break!

GEPTA News

Clean out your bookshelves and bring your gently used books directly to our Book Swap on Friday, February 9th, 6:00 - 7:00 in the LER Cafeteria. (Please, no coloring books, activity or sticker books, and no books with rips, tears, writing, or bent edges. Thank you!)

Family Learning Night

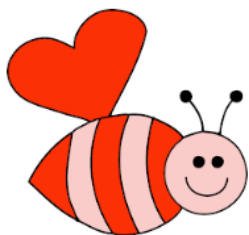
Thursday, February 15th
5:30 –7:00



PreK - 2nd grade families, please join us for a FREE evening of pizza, salad, beverages, and dessert! Our staff will be sharing math and literacy games and activities!



Please note our new meeting schedule:



Tuesday, February 13th - 6:15 at RV
 Tuesday, March 13th - 6:15 at LER
 Tuesday, April 10th - 6:15 at RVCS

Tuesday, May 8th - 6:15 - LER
 Tuesday, June 12th - 6:15 - RVCS

It’s Pre-K & K Registration Time!

The Four Year Old Program will soon be registering students for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Children must be four years of age on or before October 15, 2018 and may not turn five before September 1st. If you are interested, please call 582-3612 for more information and for registration forms. Space is limited.

Kindergarten registration time is also approaching! If you have a child who will be five years of age on or before October 15, 2018, or if you know of one, please contact the school at 582-3612.