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SCHOOL NEWS

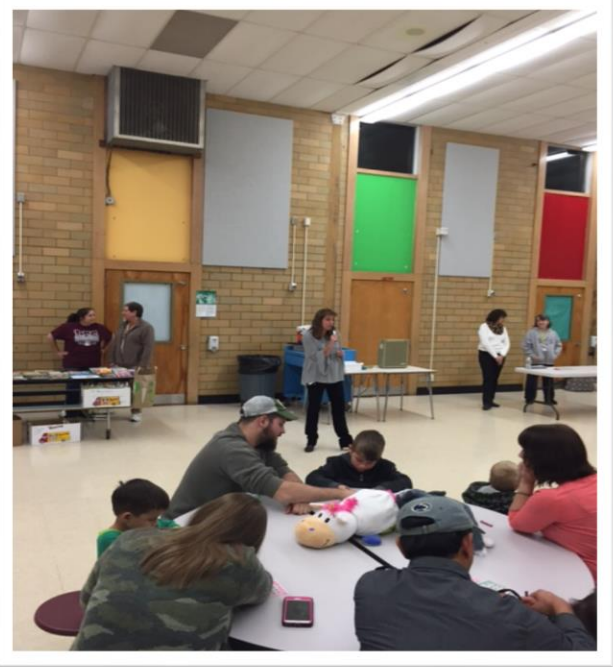
From the Principal's Desk *Chromebook Presentation*

In the picture below Zachary Zickman and Jackson Ladegard talk with Lebanon Board of Education members about some ways they are using their Chromebooks to enhance their learning opportunities at LES. The students were very excited about this opportunity. They enjoy working with these devices and teachers have capitalized on this engagement and are using the technology daily.



Bingo for Books

On the evening of November 10th LES hosted a BINGO for books event. About 40 families enjoyed several games of BINGO and each student who came left with a book of their choice.



Above, Parents, staff and students enjoy Bingo for Books

Service Learning Project

We feel that it is important to remind students that our HUSKIES expectations extend past the walls of our school. To that end, LES students and families worked together to collect items to send to North Carolina for those impacted by Hurricane Matthew. In addition to the collected items we shipped cards made by students. We packed up and mailed over 127 pounds of school supplies and toiletries that arrived just before Thanksgiving. As part of our collection efforts we asked that books be donated. We gave some books to a local charity as well. In total, we collected 189 pounds of items to help those in need.

From the Health Office

Reminder to Pre-K Parents: Children who are enrolled in a preschool program are required to show proof of immunity to influenza.

Children who have not received the flu vaccine by December 31, 2016 WILL be excluded from school for the duration of the flu season (through March 31st) or until they have received at least one dose of flu vaccine.



An Important Reminder to Parents Regarding Morning Drop-off:

For the safety of all, please do not pass the line of cars that are waiting to drop off students. Additionally we ask you please wait until your

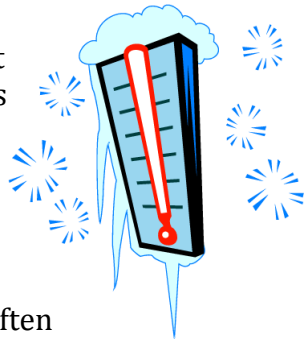
child is on the sidewalk before you pull away. Our staff has observed several close calls and we are concerned for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Cold Weather Reminders**

Although we have had an unusually warm fall, now that it is December the cold weather is surely on its way! Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the drop in temperature. We will continue to attempt to get our students outside for recess as often as possible and we want our students to be safe and comfortable.

Also with the change in weather comes the possibility of cancellations and delays. We use the Blackboard Connect message system to convey these important messages. If you are not receiving both phone call and email communications please check with the office to make sure that we have your most up to date contact information.

Please Note: If we have a delay, AM Pre-K classes will be cancelled and the PM classes will follow a normal schedule.

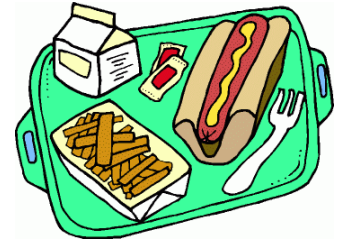
**A Note from the Cafeteria**

Hot Lunch price is \$2.65, this includes milk.

Milk only is .45

Breakfast is \$1.50

Please remember-- If you are sending lunch money to school with your child, please put the student's full name on the envelope.



Thank-you very much and we are excited to be serving your children again.

Café Staff

From the New District School Social Worker

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and express my excitement about being the first district School Social Worker for all 3 Lebanon schools. I received my Masters in Social Work from UCONN, with a certification in School Social Work Services. Prior to coming into the Lebanon community I held the role of School Social Worker in Gilead and Hebron, was the Family Community and Outreach Worker in Marlborough and was the Juvenile Review Board Case Manager at RHAM Middle and High Schools. My role in all 3 schools in Lebanon will be to provide comprehensive School Social Work services to parents and students.

Some of my responsibilities may include:

- Work with the student support teams (School Psychologist, Teachers and Administrator),
- Review student records to identify previous barriers and/or interventions,
- Conduct parent interviews to acquire socio-developmental student information,
- Analyze information gained through record reviews and interviews to determine environmental impacts and appropriate resource needs for students and families,
- Attend and participate in PPT and 504 meetings, (continued...)

- Interview students and parents to discuss issues related to attendance and develop a plan of action,
- Provide individual and/or group counseling for students with an IEP or 504 plan,
- Support students with topics of grief and loss, divorce, anxiety, anger management, social skills, self-esteem, conflict resolution and other areas of concern expressed by parents, students and staff,
- Support families through consultation, community referrals, and parent support sessions including, but not limited to, hospitalization, illness, death, DCF, domestic violence, Court proceedings, police involvement,
- Serve as a link between the home and school to promote student success,
- Advocate, refer and coordinate resources to enable a child to learn as effectively as possible in his or her educational program and
- Assist in developing positive behavioral intervention strategies,

I believe students can grow and achieve when we work together with families, to allow children to reach their potential and feel good about themselves. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at LES or email me at sabena.escott@lebanonct.org. Currently, I am at LES on Tuesday's, LMS on Wednesday's and Lyman on Monday's, Thursday's and Friday's. I am looking forward to working with you and your child and having a great school year together.

~Sabena Escott



THE READING CORNER:

By Greta Skiles

Gifts for Growth

At this time of year, we are all busy looking for gifts to give the children in our lives during the holidays. What a great time to give a present that helps support literacy in a FUN way! Here are some ideas to get you started:



Games: There are many family games available right at Walmart or Target that will reinforce your child's reading, writing, and spelling.

- ✓ Bananagrams, Appletters, and Pairs in a Pear
- ✓ Scrabble Jr. or Scrabble
- ✓ Boggle Jr. or Boggle
- ✓ POP for Sight Words
- ✓ Rory's Story Cubes (located near the card games)

Magnet Mania: Make room on your refrigerator (or on a cookie sheet) for:

- ✓ Magnet letters
- ✓ Magnetic poetry

Writing:

- ✓ Journals or notebooks
- ✓ Gel pens or Sharpies
- ✓ Art kits with markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc.

BOOKS! The best way to grow as a reader is to read – so buy some fun and easy books that your child will enjoy.

- ✓ MadLibs – remember these? Create funny stories while reviewing grammar.
- ✓ Word puzzles such as word search or children's crosswords
- ✓ Fun and EASY books about things your child is interested in.

Hopefully, this gave you a few ideas to add to your shopping list that will add laughter and learning to your gifts. Happy Holidays!

~Greta Skiles

THE DECEMBER ART CORNER

"A cold wind was blowing from the north, and it made the trees rustle like living things"

— George R.R. Martin, A Game of Thrones



A warm greeting to students and parents,

Fall is behind us and winter is finally here. My art students have been busy finishing up fall projects and starting new ones; preschoolers just finished their ice cream cones and are starting a Starry Night collage, kindergarteners just finished their papier mache bowls and are starting their cut-up alligators, 1st graders are now painting their wooden sculptures, 2nd graders have finished their trees and beginning wire sculpture, 3rd graders are finding out how to make lines move, and 4th graders just finishing glazing their clay leaf bowls. Wow, it has been a busy time in the art room and our students have worked hard creating unique pieces of artwork to be treasured! The fall projects will be coming home soon and the new projects will be on display as they are completed. I hope you can stop in and view the artwork.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns by email:

Barbara.lee@lebanonct.org or calling my extension at 5705.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Lee



Ongoing projects: I have included questions to ask our young artists as conversations starters:

- Afternoon Pre-K-ice cream cones: what are the different flavors of ice cream? What yummy things go on ice cream? What kind of lines appear on a cone? How do you make a cherry in art?
- Kindergarten-Add-Up Alligator: What is a pattern? How can you make lots of squares fast (folding/cutting paper)? Can you make a circle from a square with scissors? Why do you draw bumpy lines on an alligator? Do alligators have to be green in art?
- 1st Grade-Wooden Sculpture: What is a sculpture? Describe the low section of your sculpture, the middle section, the tall section? Why is sculpture, in most cases, one color?
- 2nd Grade-trees: How does a tree change in size from the top to the bottom? What are warm/cool colors, how can you make leaves out of paper? What is black glue?
- 3rd Grade-Moving lines: What is a diagonal line? Describe a pattern of colors? How can you divide paper into straight lines? How can you make lines move?
- 4th Grade- Ceramic Leaf Bowl Glazing: What happens when glaze goes in the oven (kiln)? How do you apply glaze to the bowl? What are the different ways to decorate a bowl? How is a ceramic leaf like a teacup?

HUSKIES!

Have responsibility
Use honesty
Show respect to all
Keep safe
In
Every
Setting

**Husky Heroes**

The following students have been nominated for demonstrating our school-wide behavior expectations on a consistent basis.

Students recognized in Late October, November & Early December:

Pre-K AM:

Mia Scavetta
 Kaylee Sarnik
 Brooke Perreault
 Emily Lake

Pre-K PM:

Alivia Perry
 Adam McGuire
 Faith Parent
 Colton Brown
 Eve Tatro
 Michael McGillicuddy

Kindergarten:

Chael Wawrzynowicz
 Brody Merritt
 Cianna Brown
 Mackenzie Lanagan
 Nathan Valente
 Ava Nowosad
 Nolan Pagano

Grade 1:

Gabe McGillicuddy
 Andrew Greene
 Maeve LaFleur
 Makenzie Albee
 Thor Zimnoch
 Haley Daniels

Grade 2:

Grace Dunnack
 Hayden Haggett
 Marissa Litwin
 Michael Saintil
 Brady Hayward
 Peyton Soula
 Cole Valente
 Jacqueline Amberg
 Gage Hassler

Grade 3:

Owen Kozlak
 Morgan Phillips
 Eleanor Rogers
 Haley Saltonstall
 Madeline Weinsteiniger
 Caroline Goderre
 Baily Russo
 Jayden Swidrak
 Gianni Pearson
 Neveah Hancock

Grade 4:

Jenny Lopez
 Natani Spears
 Emeilia Lally
 Carson Crettol
 Keirsten Kulman
 Lena Byers
 James Hiltz
 Addison Ziegler
 Kayla Osga
 Ellie Harmon
 Joshua D'Atri
 Gwen Auger
 Jaden Leone
 Kaylee Domanico
 Roman Maglio
 Juliana Haynes
 Brody Raymond
 Ethan Benoit
 Kira Mesick
 Makiah Speight
 Jackson Dodge

