



L.E.S. NEWS



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SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal's Desk

The start of the school year is underway at Lebanon Elementary School. It is such an exciting time of year for staff, students and families. We attempted to set a positive tone by hanging a banner by the entrance of our building that welcomed everyone back to school. Additionally, staff lined the hallways greeting people and applauding with enthusiasm while leading our students to the gymnasium where we held a community meeting to kick off our year. The feeling of exhilaration at LES is palpable. We have added some talented and highly qualified staff to our teaching team. We are rolling out 90 Chromebooks to our 4th grade students which will give us one to one computing at this grade level. This year we are using the Writer's Workshop approach to teaching our students this discipline. Furthermore, we have a robust schedule of professional development activities to engage in as educators in order to fine tune our practice. There were also numerous facilities updates that have our building looking modern and clean. The year is off to a smooth start and we are eager to see what lies ahead. I have no doubt that our students will accomplish great things academically, develop socially and have a fantastic experience at LES in 2016-2017!

A note from the Cafeteria:

Hot Lunch price is \$2.65,
this includes milk.
Milk only is .45
Breakfast is \$1.50



Also, when sending money into school, please put the students full name on the envelope.

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

Café Staff



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!

School Psychology Corner

Welcome back LES families! My name is Jessica Scorso and I am the school psychologist for the elementary school. My role includes providing assessment services, counseling, and social emotional and behavioral consultation. I am happy to introduce our School Psychology Intern, Madeleine Vivian. Ms. Vivian will also work with students, families, and teachers.

Ms. Vivian, Sabena Escott, School Social Worker, and I meet with students in Lunch Bunch groups. Your child may be chosen to attend our groups as an invited guest and role model one or two times this school year. If you would like more information about Lunch Bunch, please do not hesitate to contact me: jessica.scorso@lebanonct.org.

From the Health Office

Does Your Child Have Health Insurance? Connecticut offers low-cost or free coverage! To apply online please visit: AccessHealthCT.com. To apply by phone, please call 855-805-4325 (TTY: 855-789-2428). For general information about HUSKY Health, please visit HuskyHealth.com. You can apply for a HUSKY A or HUSKY B any time of the year.

THE READING CORNER:**Who am I?**

LES has a new reading consultant – me! My name is Greta Skiles, and I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful school. Please allow me to share a bit about myself.

I became a teacher because I loved to read as a child (still do!)

and wanted to help others learn how to read. During my first year of teaching, I was mentored by a wonderful woman who held the position of reading consultant. Her job was to assist teachers with reading and writing instruction, provide resources and coaching and help with students who were having difficulty in literacy areas. I knew that following in her footsteps would be my next professional goal. In 2002, I took over the reading consultant position in that school district and found my niche.

My most recent position before coming to Lebanon was at neighboring Franklin Elementary School. I was their reading specialist and spent the majority of my time providing intervention and special education services for struggling readers. When I saw the opening here in Lebanon for the K-4 reading consultant position, I was eager to apply to a district with such a great reputation and the same feel as my very first reading consultant job. LES already feels like the perfect place for me! While my job is to primarily work with and support the teachers, I will also be helping with some of our students and doing work in the classrooms. My office is in Room 10; feel free to drop in or contact me if you have questions about reading, writing, or spelling. I want to be a resource to parents as well! Thank you for allowing me the privilege of working here and I look forward to many years of serving the families and staff of Lebanon Elementary School!

**WONDERFUL WORLD**

I can see
Trees and grass,
The sun and sky;

I can taste
Chocolate ice cream,
Apple pie;

I can hear
Music, laughter,
Words you said;

I can smell
Perfume, flowers,
Baking bread;

I can touch
Silk and velvet,
A baby's skin;

What a wonderful
World I'm in!

Eva Grant

**IDIOM OF THE MONTH:**

“Smell like a Rose”

Meaning: To look good in a bad situation, to appear innocent

Origin: This early 20th century expression was used because most people like the smell of roses, and when someone caused trouble, without getting in trouble themselves, it was said he came out smelling like a rose!

JOKE:

What paper products always doze off at lunch time?

Nap-kins!

What items on the lunch menu got fired?

The vegetables. They were canned.

Why did the police arrest the hamburger?

They wanted to grill him at the station.

From the Library

The LES Library is looking for one or two volunteers to shelve books and help with the Pre-K classes on Wednesday mornings between 10:00 and 10:40 with time before and after to shelve books. For more information please contact:

Genevieve.Nowosad@lebanonct.org

**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 September:

Pre-K am:

Kylie Morek

Lucas Swanson

Zoe Salisbury

Pre-K pm:

Lucas Haynes

Alexa DePiano

Sadie Reinkens

Kindergarten:

Marley Salisbury

Gunner Boothroyd

Iris Smithwick

Grade 1:

Andrew Sweeny

Cecilia Wilkosz

Jonah Dodge

Nora Johnson

Madison Henry

Sophie Gendron

Luke DePiano

Justin Ladegard

Grade 2:

Sarah Gonzalez

Luci Gardella

Lucas Judd

Ella Massicotte

Grade 3:

Darnell Pan

Muhanna Salaam

Gabriella DiNapoli

Matthew Willams

Matthew Dubicki

Ella King

Hazel DeLucia

Grade 4:

Nick Liscum

Kevin Botticello

Mackenzie Lucey

Zachary Zickmann

Becca Ziegler

Naomi Andrews Kowal

Amelia Curtis

Nichola Zaprianov

Barry Green

Hannah Barnes

Musical Note:

Save the date! 4th grade concert at 6:30 on December 7th



The September Art Corner

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.” - Pablo Picasso



It is always a happy time to have the students back at school ready to start another year of creating in the art room. I like to start every beginning of the year with a self-portrait. Most students love the chance to draw themselves with the many changes that they have encountered over an entire year. First we draw, then we color, then Mrs. Lee displays their artwork, and finally the self-portrait goes home! Every finished self-portrait is displayed in the school.

A reminder: All students are asked to bring an art shirt to be worn in art class on their art day. These art shirts can be stored in their backpacks. Another alternative is for students to wear old clothes on their art day that can “get messy” and reserved for this purpose. We will be using paint, clay, markers, glue, glitter and lots of various art materials throughout the year, so please have your children prepared to have fun on art day.

I know I have included this in previous years, but there is a website that instructs parents on how to question their children about the art they bring home. Please take a look, for the tips will help to have more interactive discussion with your young artist. It is:

<http://minds-in-bloom.com/2009/10/8-questions-to-ask-children-about-their.html>

I look forward to another wonderful year of teaching your children about the wonder of art. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns by email:

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

Happy Fall to all the parents and students!

Mrs. Lee



School Picture Day!

Thursday, October 6th is School Picture Day!
Make-up day will be Wednesday, November 9th

Other Upcoming Events:

- **Donuts with Dad- October 19th 8:00-8:30 LES Cafeteria**
- **Parent Teacher Conferences- October 20th and 21st (half days)**
- **Halloween Parade- October 28th at 2:00 Bus Loop**



Welcome Autumn!