



L.E.S. NEWS



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SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal's Desk

Parent Teacher Conferences

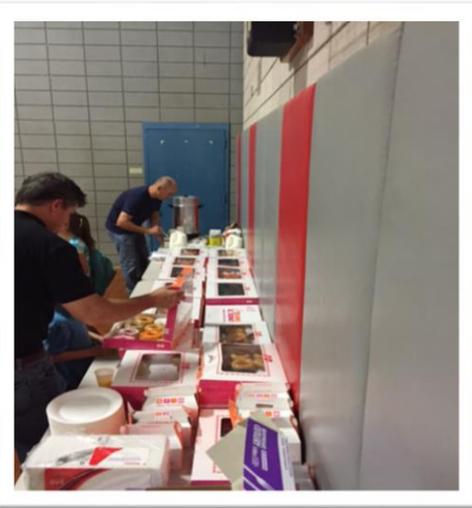
We hope you were able to attend our 2016 Parent Teacher conferences. Teachers look forward to this time of year to share with you the progress that your children are making. If you have any feedback on how the conferences went or suggestions for improvement please let me know. We strive to provide families with a comfortable environment for these conferences that sets the stage for an informative meeting but also opens the door to allow families to ask questions about their child's education. Looking ahead the first trimester of this school year comes to a close December 2nd.

Donuts with Dad

In effort to continue to provide opportunities for families to come be a part of their child's school day we held the first Donuts with Dad event at LES on Wednesday, October 19th. Over 350 people attended and shared a special morning snack with the students!

During their visit these adult role models had time to converse with the students and then spend some

time on the playground with them. To all who attended, thanks for making this an enjoyable school experience for the kids.



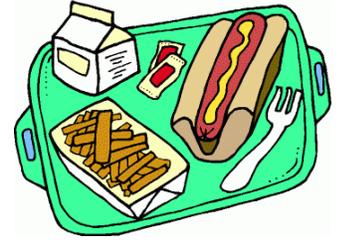
Fire Safety Assemblies

Thanks go out to our Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department for dedicating time to have a conversation with all the students at LES about fire safety. The students watched a video with safety tips, got to see the firefighters in all their gear and even got to tour the vehicles and spray the hose!



A Note from the Cafeteria

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



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

School Psychology Corner

Ms. Scorso and Ms. Vivian, the School Psychology Intern, have been visiting the Pre-K, Kindergarten, and first grade classrooms to conduct lessons from the Second Step curriculum. In this program, students are taught skills for learning, how to identify, understand, and manage emotions, and ways to solve peer problems in a positive way. If you have questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Scorso at 860.642.5766 or Jessica.scorso@lebanonct.org.

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.

REMINDER

Halloween Parade
Friday, October 28th 2:00pm



Science Projects in Grade 4

The fourth graders in Mrs. Olsen's and Mrs. Ieni's class completed their first science unit on processes that shape the earth. This unit included the study of the Earth's layers, plate tectonics, and formation of mountains and volcanos. The students created a final project to share what they learned. We had a wide variety of projects including posters, 3-D models, books, brochures, PowerPoint presentations, and even a T-shirt! Students have done a tremendous job presenting their projects to their class.



Author's Visit- Brochu in Grade 2

Mrs. Brochu's class participated in our very first Author's Celebration today. Our class has spent weeks writing, editing, and finally publishing a piece of writing we were proud of. Today we shared our writing with our classmates and allowed people to leave compliments about our writing.



We had three special guests: Mr. Gonzalez, Mrs. Lyon and Miss Skiles. This process is called an author's stroll. You take a turn reading each piece of writing and leave a complement for the author. Our class did an amazing job. Our guests were so impressed with our writing as well as with our complements. I am so unbelievably proud of this class!!!

THE READING CORNER:

By Greta Skiles

Pop Quiz!

Which type of reading will help your child's reading achievement improve the most?

- easy or slightly challenging books
- complex, challenging books
- audio books
- decodable (phonics) books

You might be surprised to know that answer "a" is the one that research supports! Learning to read is like using a rubber band; it needs a slight stretch to do its job, but if you stretch it too far, it will break. It is better to err on the side of "easy" rather than pushing a child into something too hard that will make reading into a meaningless and miserable experience.

Reading is like any other skill that requires hours of practice. Like learning to dribble a soccer ball or basketball, it takes repeated success to make the skill automatic enough to be easy and effective. Therefore, it is actually more important that kids spend lots of time practicing reading with easier, high-success texts than trudging through challenging ones. Better to read many pages of an easy or slightly challenging book than only one or two pages that are quite difficult!

How do you know if a book is easy enough? Your child should be able to read it without having to stop and figure out more than 3 or 4 words on a page (1-2 words per page if the book is an "early reader" book). If your child can "read it like talking" (with expression) and can understand and remember the ideas, it is probably easy or just right!

Make reading time at home fun and enjoyable by allowing your child to read easy books. It will increase his or her motivation and success!

Kindergarten News

In Mrs. Ingram's Kindergarten class, children are recognizing that numbers are shown in many ways. They are recognizing them as picture stories, as words, as numerals, and even as numerals in combination with symbols that tell us what task is being done to solve a problem. Math can be thought of as a universal language.

**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 Reminder

I know it does not seem like it, but colder weather is on its way. Please make sure 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. 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 we have your most up to date contact information.

The October Art Corner



“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”

– **L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables**

A cozy greeting to students and parents,

We are “falling” into art! Students have finished or just about finished with their self-portraits. Each one is a unique piece of artwork that I hope will be treasured by our families for years to come.

Students from Pre-school to fourth grade have started or about to start a unit focusing on the fall season. Leaves, trees, and pumpkins are being drawn, painted, sculpted or printed. The pre-school, kindergarten and first grade self-portraits have been displayed and will be coming home by next week. The 2nd, 3rd, and fourth graders’ self- portraits will be displayed as they are completed in the LES Art Gallery (near the cafeteria).

On the week of November 14-18th, students will be making pine cone turkeys. The pine cones have been baked to remove sap, insects and to preserve them. This turkey-making has become a tradition at LES and the students really look forward to this special project. The turkeys will be arriving before Thanksgiving break.

I anticipate a busy fall in the art room with lots of energy and enthusiasm and most importantly...fun! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns by email:

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

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather,

~Mrs. Lee



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

- Kindergarten-Tissue paper leaf with border: What color is the sky? What colors are the leaves? How do you stick tissue to paper? What is a pattern?
- 1st Grade-Pumpkin Patch Painting: How do you paint a sky? What is a picket fence? What kinds of lines are used to draw a pumpkin? What is included in a pumpkin patch?
- 2nd Grade-Black Glue Resist Tree: What colors can skies be? How do you apply black glue? What direction to branches go and why? How do you use a craypa?
- 3rd Grade-Pastel Fall leaves: What different designs can you use to paint a sky? How do you sponge on paint? What colors can be used for tree bark? What are the rules of using pastel safely?
- 4th Grade- Ceramic Leaf Bowls: Explain the preparation needed to start a ceramic leaf? Why does the clay need to be placed on a stuffed bowl? How do you smooth edges? What are leaf veins? How does the bowl stand up?

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 October:**Pre-K AM:**

Charlotte Rogers
 Anthony Previti
 Lucas Swanson
 Tristan Hayes

Pre-K PM:

Evelyn Dodge
 Ariana Shanks
 Lucas Haynes
 Alexa DePiano
 Jaelyn Allende

Kindergarten:

Iris Smithwick
 Jeremiah DeVoe
 Charlotte Grant
 Madison Woolman
 Nolan Pagano
 Allister Goven

Grade 1:

Ava Buckley
 Chelsee Boothroyd
 Liam Coulombe
 Jonah Dodge
 Colin Rahmann
 Piper Walker
 Tessa Ruffo
 Hailey Daniels
 Emily Densman
 Nora Johnson
 Brody Johns

Grade 2:

Tilden Reinkens
 Ryan Lake
 Isabella Shuckerow
 Shawn Wales
 Jaxson Bobbi
 Tyler Gendron
 Jacob Smith
 Colby Dunnack
 Samuel Barnes
 Vanni Guachione
 Kellen Johnson
 Jacqueline Amberg
 Isabelle Christina

Grade 3:

Brooke Gorgone
 Niko Chaviaras
 Kaytlyn Howard
 George Kowalyshyn
 Nicholas DePiano
 Sylvie Hiltz
 Talia Hiltz
 Colby Dunnack
 Samuel Barnes
 Cody Ayasse
 Harrison Billiot

Grade 4:

Carson Crettol
 Kiersten Kulman
 Lena Byers
 Addison Ziegler
 Nicholas Chalifoux
 Holden LeMay
 Hanna Gonzalez
 Christina Pineault
 Raymond Coia
 Shelby Ballou
 Jackson Ladegard
 Emma Morgan
 Alana Nowosad



Memo to Parents

At the beginning of the school year all families were issued an official "Note from Home" note pad for all correspondence to the school. This has been an overwhelming success and we have received a great deal of positive feedback from parents as well. Our thanks to all of you who are using the note pads consistently and please let us know anytime if you should need another one.

From the Superintendent's Office

Lebanon Public Schools is currently hiring substitute teachers for all grade levels. A Bachelor's degree is required. For more information please contact Jody Waldron at 860-642-5637 or jody.waldron@lebanonct.org

Important Dates Coming Up

- **Halloween Parade – Friday, October 28th 2:00 pm**
- **PTA Sponsored Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 28th at 5:30 – LES Parking Lot**
- **November 8th – NO SCHOOL Professional Development**



Make-up day for School Pictures will be Wednesday, November 9th

- **November 11th – NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day**
- **November 24th & 25th NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break**
- **Save the date! 4th grade concert at 6:30 on December 7th**

**Lost and Found**

An orange Chicco brand baby stroller was left in the school parking lot after conferences this month. Please contact the office if you know who this belongs to.

