



# L.E.S. NEWS



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### From the Principal's Desk

#### *Parent Teacher Conferences*

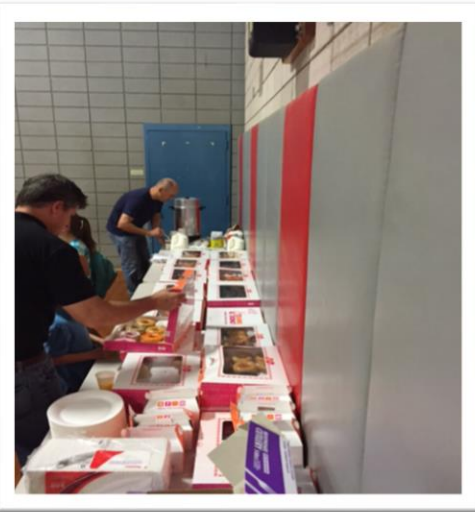
We hope you were able to attend our 2016 Parent Teacher conferences. Teachers look forward to this time of year to share with you the progress that your children are making. If you have any feedback on how the conferences went or suggestions for improvement please let me know. We strive to provide families 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

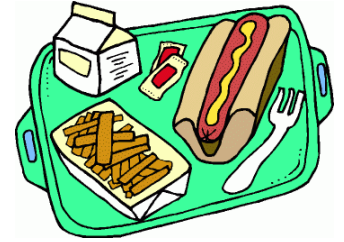


**Fire Safety Assemblies**

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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>) or until they have received at least one dose of flu vaccine.

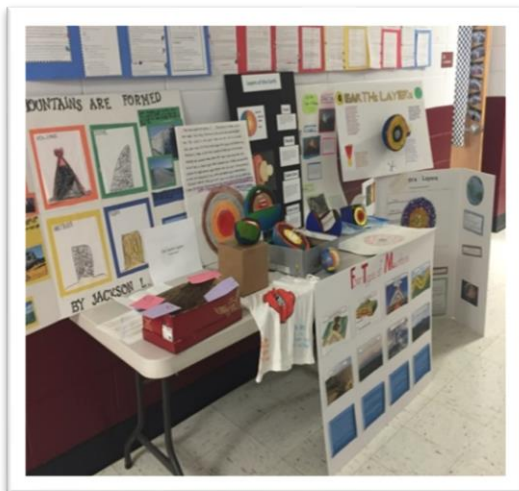
**REMINDER**

**Halloween Parade**  
Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm



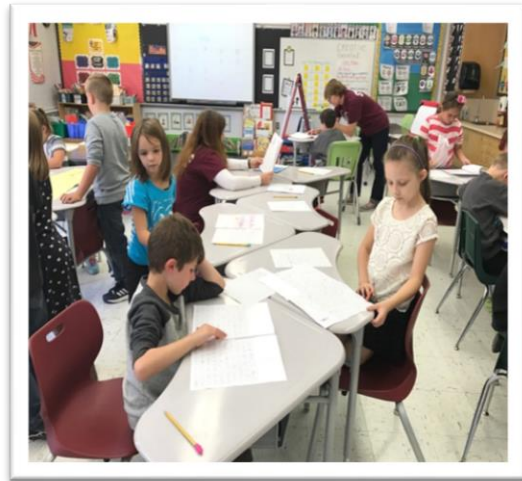
### Science Projects in Grade 4

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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?
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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?
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**H**ave responsibility  
**U**se honesty  
**S**how respect to all  
**K**eep safe  
**I**n  
**E**very  
**S**etting

**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  
 Chelsea 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](mailto:jody.waldron@lebanonct.org)

**Important Dates Coming Up**

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



**Make-up day for School Pictures will be Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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.

