

LONDON ELEMENTARY

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A Note From Mrs. Malin.....

Are you planning a family trip for the upcoming breaks? As you think about your arrangements, **we want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day possible.** Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the school breaks as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle. We know that **just a few missed days here and there can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school.** This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, **too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success.**

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school—and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Even if you've got a homework packet from the teacher, it doesn't make up for the interaction and learning that happens in the classroom. **Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until a break starts and the first day back.** You can help us convey that message to students at home. This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.



Tiger Rising Buttons

At the beginning of each month, students take a short computer assessment called **Istation.** We use the results to **measure growth in every child.** The teachers **analyze the results and plan instruction based on individual student needs.**

After each month's assessment, students who **show growth in reading AND math receive a Tiger Rising Button** to wear at school. In addition, students receive a **reward ticket.** The ticket has choices for rewards: 10 minutes of extra recess/Lunch with a friend/Lunch with an adult/No Homework Pass/Tiger Paw pencil and eraser

We talk each month with students on the **importance of learning and applying what they are learning in everyday life.** We want our students not to perform just for an assessment but to **develop an internal motivation in becoming a lifelong learner!**



Box Top Goals

We met our first Box Top goal for this year! We **collected 1000 Box Tops** in a little over a month! We will celebrate with a school-wide Bubble Recess in November!

We will be setting our next Box Top goal soon! Here's how you can help:

- ⇒ Look for Box Tops on items you already purchase at the grocery store.
- ⇒ Check the expiration date on the Box Top.
- ⇒ Cut out the Box Top on the dotted line.
- ⇒ Send them to school!



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Home Connection Tip

Why is reading at home so important?

Did you know that there's something you can do today, right now, that can help give your child the opportunity to succeed in school and have a bright and successful future?

It won't cost you a cent, and takes only 20 minutes a day....**READING!**

- Reading is the most important subject in school. A child needs reading in order to master most of the other subjects.
- A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7,800 hours at home.
- Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with children helps them develop critical reading skills.
- Children who read 20 minutes a day at home will likely score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.
- Reading aloud to your child is just as important as your child reading alone. Children who read or are read to 20 minutes a day will hear 1,800,000 words in one year and will have a strong vocabulary.
- When you're reading with kids, adding a few small questions and comments can have big impacts on their reading development.
- The more literate adults are, the more likely they'll be employed full time in good jobs with benefits. Average weekly earnings increase with each level of literacy.



Important Dates for 2nd 9 Weeks

- **October 16**—Flu Clinic in the Afternoon
- **October 17**—Bicycle Rodeo/Jr. Firefighter Challenge
- **October 19**—3rd Grade Kickball Tournament
- **October 22**—Parent/Teacher Conferences 1pm-7pm
- **October 22 & 23**—No School for Students
- **October 25**—Awards Assembly 9:00 a.m.
- **October 26**—London Fun Fair 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- **October 29**—4th Grade Field Trip
- **November 8**—Fall Picture Retakes
- **November 8**—London Family Night 6:00 p.m.
- **November 13**—K-2 to see Snow White at the Center for the Arts
- **November 13**—3rd Grade trip to Crystal Bridges
- **November 14**—Progress Reports sent home
- **November 16**—Family Thanksgiving Lunch
- **November 19-23**—Thanksgiving Break
- **December 7**—3rd/4th Grade Spelling Bee
- **December 18**—2nd Grade Musical 2pm/6pm
- **December 20**—Class Parties 1pm
- **December 20**—1 hour Early Dismissal
- **December 21-January 6**—Christmas Break
- **January 7**—School resumes for 2nd semester

