

# LONDON ELEMENTARY

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## A Note From Mrs. Malin....

We have exciting news for the 2019-2020 school year! Next year, we will provide all school supplies needed for every London student! A backpack will be the only thing your child will need at the beginning of the school year. We will have some backpacks available at Open House if your child needs one from us. You will see school lists at stores in the summer for the Russellville School District, but you will not need to purchase any of the items on that list. Our hope is that this service will take a little pressure off of our families and will continue to showcase London as one of the best schools in the area!

Also in looking ahead to next school year, we will be increasing recess from 30 minutes every day to 40 minutes every day! We know that physical activity is an important part of learning and growing in children. We will share our new recess schedules with you when we return in August.



Thank you to each one of you who donated items, volunteered, purchased chili/cinnamon rolls, and bid on items during our recent Chili Supper and Auction! We had a record breaking year raising over \$11,000! This money will be used to fund t-shirts, field trips, school supplies, classroom parties, and many other things for students at our school!

A special thank you goes to our PTA who made this event happen so smoothly and successfully. Our PTA is a group of unified teachers and parents who work together for the best interest of students. Most of all, we have fun doing it! If you were not actively involved in PTA this year, we encourage you to be a part next year! Our students are worth it!

**Mark your calendars for the 2019-2020 school year!**

**Meet the Teacher Night**—Monday, Aug.12th 5pm-7pm

**1st Day of School**—Wednesday, August 14th



## Registration for 2019-2020

Students currently enrolled at London are automatically re-enrolled for the next school year. If you know of other families who are interested in joining our Tiger family next year, please pass along the following information. This helps us better plan and prepare for next year and secures spots for new students.

**Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020**—  
Tuesday, April 16th at 6pm in the library

**School Choice Applications** are due by May 1st. This is for families who do not live in our district but want to join London next year.

**Families who live in the Russellville School District London zone but do not currently attend London** may come by the office to pre-register for next school year.



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### Home Connection Tip

#### Arkansas Reads One Book™

Beginning April 8th, we are embarking on a special project, an all-school book club called Arkansas Reads One Book. Every family will receive a copy of the same book and will be asked to read it at home over the next few weeks. I am personally asking you to make time so that your family can participate in this special activity. Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the Arkansas Reads One Book program, we aim to build a Community of Readers at our school. Everyone—students, parents, teachers, and even administrative staff will all be following along together. Each family will receive a copy of the book which will be unveiled at our Awards Assembly on Friday, April 5th. Along with the book, you will receive a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read about 15 minutes each night. In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. In class, we'll be exploring the book through a variety of activities. You will want to make sure your family keeps up so that your child can be included. Throughout the month, everyone will be talking about this book! Arkansas Reads One Book is a novel program in that children of all grade levels will all be listening to their parents read the same book. Strange or daring as that may seem, it actually makes sound educational sense. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. We also believe that you can and should continue reading chapter books with your older children, even when they are able to read by themselves. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, but will captivate and stimulate older children. I know that you will enjoy this special reading time with your children. "When a whole state reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school!



### Important Dates for 4th 9 Weeks

- April 5—3rd Quarter Awards Assembly 9am
- April 9—3rd grade trip to Crystal Bridges
- April 11—1st grade trip to the zoo
- April 16—Kindergarten Registration 6pm
- April 18—PTA Meeting 3:30
- April 19—4th grade trip to Crystal Bridges
- April 23—Drama Club performance 2pm/6pm
- April 24—Progress Reports sent home
- April 25—Kindergarten Graduation Pictures
- April 25—2nd grade trip to Lake Dardanelle
- April 29-May 2—ACT Aspire testing for 3rd and 4th grade
- May 6-10—Buy One Get One Book Fair
- May 10—4th grade track meet
- May 10—Kindergarten trip to Petit Jean
- May 16—4th grade promotion
- May 16—2 hour early out dismissal
- May 20—Health/Wellness Day
- May 21—4th Quarter Awards Assembly 9am
- May 22—Field Day
- May 23—Kindergarten Graduation 9am
- May 23—Talent Show 1pm
- May 24—Last Day of School

