



LAKE IN THE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the Winter break and the extra time of having your child(ren) at home. The students are so eager to get outside during the school day due to the long stretch of cold weather that we have had. We have many events taking place in the month of February for the students and families to enjoy. One event will be our yearly Illinois required code red practice with the LITH Police Department's participation. They will come in to supervise and oversee our code red drill to make sure we are doing this procedure correctly. This is the practice drill that we would incorporate in the event that an intruder was in the building. New this year, is the required training of all district substitutes so that they know the correct procedures for all emergency drills. In previous years the students and staff members have done a great job with preparing the students for this practice drill.

Keep sending those bottle caps in for recycling. Remember that there is no need to count them this time as we are only recycling them and not keeping track of the total number.

We are now starting the beginning of the testing stretch for the district. OTIS-Lennon testing will take place the first week of February. (More information on next page.) The very important ISAT's will take place March 1-5 with some grade levels using the following week as well. Then we have local writing tests district wide during the second week of March for grades 2 and 4. It is hard to believe that Friday, February 12th marks the 100th Day of school. My goodness the year is flying by so quickly. In an elementary school, the 100th day of school is a big celebration. Please make sure to ask your child about his/her 100th day of school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (847) 532-6900 or email me at tamara.poole@d300.org.

Principal,

Mrs. Poole

Family Educational Night– Pump up your child's skills

On Thursday, February 25th from 6PM-8PM, just in time for all of the testing, the Lake in the Hills Staff is sponsoring a fun filled night for students and families. At this special event we will have free ice cream for everyone in attendance, an awesome family basket will be raffled off, as well as games and activities in various classrooms. The fifth grade teachers are also holding their yearly used book sale. There will be a variety of activities for students of all ages. Students must have their parents with them to participate in the activities. By participating as a family we hope that the whole family will continue to practice the skills learned at home as well. The night will be both educational and fun. A flyer will be coming home soon with all of the events listed for the evening. We hope that you will make plans to attend this fun event and learn new strategies to help your child with ISAT testing and even writing.

OTIS Lennon Testing

Students in 2nd grade district wide will be taking the Otis Lennon test during the week of February 1st. This is a nationally-normed test to assess each student’s skills most related to success in school. By measuring the cognitive abilities that relate to a student’s ability to learn, teachers and other educators can use this information to design programs that will enhance students’ strengths while supporting their learning needs. In the past fifth grade students have also taken this test. However, this year fifth graders will be not be taking this test.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Monday, May 3-Friday, May 7th from 9-3. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2010. Please bring to registration with you your child’s birth certificate, updated physical and immunization records, and three proofs of residency. Please feel free to share this information with friends and neighbors. In the event that the above hours do not fit your schedule please call the office and we can set up a time that will fit your needs.

A Note from Mrs. Bumpus

Choir is off to a great start! We had our first rehearsal on Monday, January 11th. Our 25 singers are very excited to be a part of a choir. We talked about good singing posture, the importance of good breathing, and of course, we did some singing. This year we will have one performance on May 6th at 7:00 PM. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with our young vocalists.

School Improvement Day

On Monday, January 25th students will not be in school as staff members at Lake in the Hills Elementary work on writing. Mrs. King represented D300 in Bloomington, IL to work on ISAT validation for writing. She will be sharing this knowledge with staff members as they examine student writing and grade it with ISAT rubrics.

Please Send In Your Old Ink Cartridges

Thank you to those of you who have been sending in old ink cartridges. As a school, we have been collecting old ink cartridges that are empty. The school will be able to recycle these to a company. The proceeds will be used to benefit the students and activities at LITH.



Kane County Institute Day

On Friday, February 26th, schools in Kane County will be closed for what is termed Kane County Institute Day. Teachers and staff alike will be attending workshops on various topics throughout the Kane County area. Information learned at these workshops will then be transferred into the classrooms to improve instruction.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MEETING

On Wednesday, January 27th the school improvement team will be meeting to look at our school improvement plan for Lake in the Hills and to verify that we are on track. The School Improvement Team is in the process of planning an educational night for families and students to attend.



PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS IN D300

Please visit the ANNOUNCEMENTS section of the D300 website at your earliest opportunity, www.d300.org. We posted an Announcement about the School Board's decision on the 2-year school calendar.

Important information about the \$6.4 million in proposed budget cuts that were introduced at Monday night's board meeting by Superintendent Ken Arndt to the School Board, in light of the state's fiscal fiasco, is posted on the district website. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. The Board will not vote on the proposed cuts until Feb. 22, 2010. The Board strongly urges parents, staff and the general public to provide feedback and input through Feb. 22 by emailing the Board & Superintendent at board@d300.org. Again, we truly hope that all parents and the general community will read the website Announcement about the state problems and proposed D300 cuts. As Board President Joe Stevens told the meeting audience this evening, "The Board needs to hear your feedback to proceed. It's not a matter of if we'll cut; it's how we'll cut." All comments sent to the board will be posted for the public to view and your name is required.

SCHOOL STORE VOLUNTEERS

Our next school store is on Friday, February 19th from 8:30-2:30. We need parent volunteers to come in and help with the running of the school store. This includes helping the younger students buy items with their spots, popping popcorn, etc... If you would like to come in and help please call the school office or email Mrs. Poole at tamara.poole@d300.org. Any amount of time that you can help on this day is appreciated. The volunteers in the past have enjoyed the opportunity of working with the students.



Thank You From the Media Center and Mrs. Brown

Thank you to the following students, staff members, and families for donating a book to the media center:

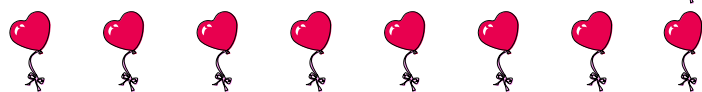
- Molly Bruski**
- Carmella Curran**
- Joey Parks**

Just a reminder when sending in birthday books that the library prefers hardback books. This allows the students to enjoy your child's birthday book for many years. Thank you.



Valentine's Day Parties

Just a reminder of our Nutrition Policy at Lake in the Hills. While we want everyone to have a great time at the school parties, we also feel it is important to keep our parties healthy. Please continue to send nutritious snacks for parties such as: cheese and crackers, vegetables and dip, Jell-O, etc... The more we can educate and help our students to make good choices about food the healthier they will be. Thank you for your continued support of the nutrition policy at Lake in the Hills Elementary.









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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Market Day Pick-up 5-6 PM	5 Assembly - Face to Face (Thomas Edison)	6
7	8 Board Mtg. @ Admin Bldg 7:30 PM	9 PTC Family Night @ Barley House	10	11	12 Classroom Valentine's Day Parties 100th DAY OF SCHOOL	13
14 	15 NO SCHOOL President's Day 	16	17	18	19 PBIS School Store 8:45—2:30 	20
21	22	23  2nd Grade Music Program 7 PM	24	25 Family Educational Night 6—8 p.m. <hr/> Bottle Cap Collecting Ends	26 NO SCHOOL Kane County Institute Day for Staff	27
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