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LAKE IN THE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2010

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the second trimester is Friday, March 5th. As a result, report cards will go home on Friday, March 12th. Please spend some time talking with your child about his/her progress and what they are doing well and in what areas they need to work harder. Please also remember that the report card is an end of the year document in regards to the state standards.

The school year is quickly flying by, in March we will begin our state testing for students in grades 3-5. In addition, we will also take the local writing tests in fourth grade.

Spring Break is just right around the corner. All District 300 schools will be celebrating Spring Break from Monday, March 29-Friday, April 2. I hope you and your family have a wonderful week together.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Monday, May 3rd-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.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. I can be reached at 847-532-6900.

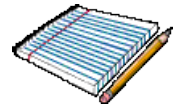
Mrs. Poole
Principal

FAMILY EDUCATION 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 from Culvers for everyone in attendance, an awesome family basket will be raffled off, as well as games and activities in various classrooms. Earn a raffle ticket for every station that your family attends. This basket is valued at over \$125. In addition, 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. We hope that you will make plans to attend this fun event.



STATE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS



State and Local Assessment tests impact almost every grade level of students at LITH. Students in 4th grade will take the local assessments in a few weeks in the area of writing.

In addition, students in grades 3-5 are also required to take part in the state assessment- ISAT.

ISAT tests will begin on Monday, March 1st and continue until Friday, March 12th. Most of the second week in March is for make up tests. The best ways to help your child be ready for these tests are to ensure that they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and to reinforce to them to do their best. As a school, we will be providing water bottles daily and a healthy snack for all students in grades 3-5. However, students are encouraged and welcome to bring a healthy snack of their choice if they would like. In addition, we encourage all parents to attend our Family Education Night on Thursday, February 25 as we will even have sessions on ISAT help and what you can do as parents to help your child succeed.

ISAT tests are very important assessments that measure your child's academic achievement. The results of the ISAT are also the criteria used to determine if each school makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) which is part of the federal No Child Left Behind Law. As many of you know, Lake in the Hills is a school that was on the academic watch list but as of the last five years we have made Adequate Yearly Progress. We have shown tremendous growth in reading and writing. I am very proud of the effort that the entire staff has put into preparing our students for these state tests. I am very confident that the students will do well again this year.

DISTRICT WIDE REGISTRATION AND NEW CHANGES

The district will be going back to the previous way of registration that was done many years ago. Due to technology issues **online registration will not be an option this year**. District wide registration is being held in each school building on the following dates: **July 12-14 from 12-8PM**. The buildings will be closed on July 15 and 16th. Any questions please feel free to call the school office. Continue to read the monthly newsletter as we provide more

INTERNET AND CELL PHONE SAFETY PRESENTATION BY LAKE IN THE HILLS POLICE

The Lake in the Hills Police Department welcomes you and your child to come to an internet and cell phone safety presentation that will cover texting, sexting, social websites, and Internet safety. Children today are very savvy with computer skills so it is important to try to stay one step ahead of them in regards to being safe on the Internet etc... This event will be held in the gym at LITH Elementary on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00. Children are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents. See attached flyer from the LITH Police Department.

BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION



The students and families did such a great job of recycling those bottle caps again. This collection ends on Thursday, February 25th. Thank you to all of the families who sent in bottle caps. We are making the world a better place!



LAKE IN THE HILLS PLEDGE LEADERS

On Monday, February 8th, twelve very special students lead D300 in the pledge of allegiance at the school board meeting. The students did a wonderful job and represented Lake in the Hills Elementary well. The students who were selected were:

Molly Bruski — 4th grader

Meredith Russell — 2nd grader

Lamarie Bush — 5th grader

Brisa Sanchez — 2nd grader

Katharine Fiske — 5th grader

Joshua Schoen — 5th grader

Riya Patel — 1st grader

Samantha Voss — kindergartener

Emily Pena — 3rd grader

Gabriella Youash — 3rd grade

Enrique Rivas — 1st grader

Diane Zepka — kindergartener



**THE SPECIAL EDUCATION NETWORK
AND
SCHOOL DISTRICT 300
PRESENT A FREE PROGRAM ON SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT**

District 300 parents are invited to a free program on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act which is a law that protects disabled students from discrimination based on their disabilities. Darcy Kirha of the law firm Franczek Radelet will be our presenter for the evening and will explain how this law affects District 300's obligations to provide services to students including eligibility, evaluation, procedural safeguards and student discipline matters. This also includes students with health impairments such as diabetes, AD/HD and others as well as temporary impairments and other unique circumstances.

The program will be held on February 18th at 7:00 PM at Westfield Community School, 2100 Algonquin Road in Algonquin.

Reservations are not required.

THANK YOU FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Thank you from the Media Center to the following students for donating birthday books to the Media Center:

Marie Russell: Fancy Nancy, Explorer Extraordinaire!

Abigale Lilliebridge: Dance Y'All Dance

Thank you to the following students for donating books to the Media Center:

Sara Harvey

Joey Parks

Zachary Podschwiet





RAPID COMMUNICATION SYSTEM/SCHOOL CLOSINGS

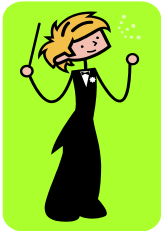
Just a reminder that in the event of a snow day or district closing you will get an automated call from the district office, usually this message will be from Dr. Arndt or Dr. Scarpino. They are the ones that make this critical decision. Please make sure to listen to the entire message when receiving these calls. Do not hang up and just call the school. If you have any questions about this system please do not hesitate to call the office to make sure we have your correct information listed. We do receive a print out from this system which shows the time your home was called and whether someone answered the phone or not. It also shows us if the phone number has been disconnected etc...

If you feel we have inaccurate information for your contact information please call the school immediately and let us know.



BAND OLYMPICS WITH MRS. HOFFMAN

In February, the 5th grade band students participated in the LITH Band Olympics. The goals of this event were to motivate the students to practice, introduce new notes, songs, and techniques and also to create a fun learning environment through friendly competition. There were opening and closing ceremonies, awards presentations, and national anthems.



The events were called Longest Note, Highest Note, Lowest Note, Speed Scale, Solo, and Duet. Each student was required to participate in at least 3 events. The band was divided into the following categories: Clarinet, Flute/Oboe, Trumpet/French Horn, Trombone, and Percussion. Certificates were given to students earning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each event for each category.




Mrs. Hoffman was very proud of her students for their preparation and participation. Now some of the students are working on solos and duets for the Solo & Ensemble Contest on April 17 at Dundee Crown High School, and everyone is learning new music for the Spring Concert on May 6th. See you there!





March 2010



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 MARKET DAY PICK-UP 5—6 PM	5 END OF 2ND TRIMESTER	6
ISAT TESTING (Grades 3-5)						
7	8	9	10	11 PTC MEETING 7:00 PM	12 ASSEMBLY @ 9:45 & 1:15 W. Nikola-Lisa Storyteller REPORT CARDS GO HOME	13
ISAT TESTING (Grades 3-5)						
14	15 3rd GRADE CONCERT @ 7:00 PM 	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 SPRING PICTURES  <hr/> MENTOR ACTIVITY @ 2:45 PM	19	20
21	22	23 INTERNET SAFETY WITH LITH POLICE @ 7:00 PM 	24 PTC FAMILY NIGHT @ WENDY'S 5—8 PM	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2 District Holiday Closed	APRIL 3
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