

LAKE IN THE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Thursday, November 5

Fire Department Presentations
for grades K-2



**Thursday and Fri-
day, November 5 &
6**

Kane County Health
Dept. Dental Pro-
gram



Thursday, November 12

Picture Retakes



**Wednesday, No-
vember 18**

5th Grade
Music
Concert
@ 7PM



Friday, November 20

End of 1st Trimester
Report Cards Go
Home



**Monday, November
23**

Parent Teacher Conferences
11-8

Tuesday, November 24

Parent Teacher Conferences
8-1

**Wednesday-Friday,
November 25-27**

Thanksgiving Vacation -

No School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

Dear Families,

Happy Fall. The cold weather has certainly arrived but isn't fall just a beautiful season? We have many special events taking place at Lake in the Hills Elementary for the month of November.. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Book Fair/ Ice-Cream Social and at our family night event at Chuck E. Cheese. Thank you

for supporting these school events. The profits from the book fair go to support our birthday book program. This program provides each Lake in the Hills student with a birthday book of his/her choice on their birthday. The students love hearing their name and birthday announced over the intercom and then

the opportunity to come to the office to shop for a birthday book. Thank you to our fantastic PTC for supporting this program! As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (847) 532-6900.

Mrs. Poole

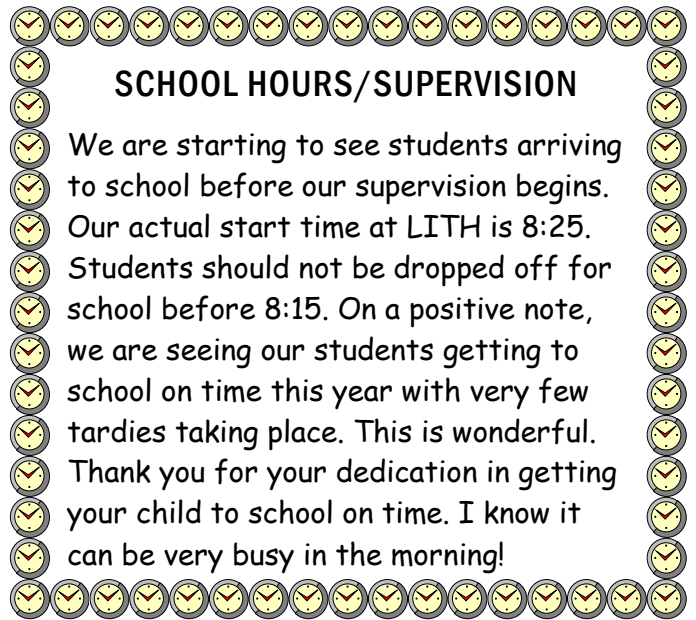
Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are Monday, Nov. 23rd from 11-8 and Tuesday, Nov. 24th from 8-1. Conference time is a critical time for teachers and parents to sit down together and talk about how the school year is going. The purpose of parent/teacher conferences is to talk about strengths and areas that your child may need more attention or work in to be at grade level. Your participation in these conferences is critical and so important to your child's education. If you have not signed up yet please do so by calling your child's teacher for a time.



PBIS School Store

Our school store continues to be a big hit with the students this year. During the month of October all of the students at Lake in the Hills were able to come shopping at the school store with their "spots." We had many exciting items to purchase such as pencils, glue, erasers, spirit wear, jewelry, dog tags, pom poms, popcorn, etc... A new item that we added this year was a special table at lunchtime. Students can pay ten spots to sit at a fancy table, for a full week, with a tablecloth and even a cloth napkin!. We definitely have a real variety this year of goodies for sale. We even have pictures on our webpage at <http://www.d300.org/schools/lhes> Please take a look and see what the school store and PBIS are all about. Just click on the PBIS link. Many students are saving up their spots for a special spot activity on Friday, December 11th. Entry into the spot celebration will be 20 spots. The school store would not have been possible without the help of the many parents that assisted: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hoelbl, Mrs. Lilliebridge, Mr. McLenna, Mrs. Goll, Mrs. Chomor, Mrs. Aupperle, Mrs. Bendis, Mrs. Marquardt, Mrs. Henkemeyer, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Woolever, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Niklaus, and Mrs. Maratea. We will be opening the school store every six weeks. If you are interested in helping work the school store please call the school office.



SCHOOL HOURS/SUPERVISION

We are starting to see students arriving to school before our supervision begins. Our actual start time at LITH is 8:25. Students should not be dropped off for school before 8:15. On a positive note, we are seeing our students getting to school on time this year with very few tardies taking place. This is wonderful. Thank you for your dedication in getting your child to school on time. I know it can be very busy in the morning!

School Improvement Team

Are you interested in getting more involved at school and learning about what really takes place in the classrooms? If so, we need you to join us on the School Improvement Team. This group is comprised of teachers, paraeducators, parents, and administration. We will meet three times per year for approximately one hour to look at how we can improve learning. This includes looking in detail at ISAT scores and local writing scores. If you love data then this is the committee for you. Please contact me immediately as our first meeting is in the media center on Wednesday, December 2nd @ 2:45.

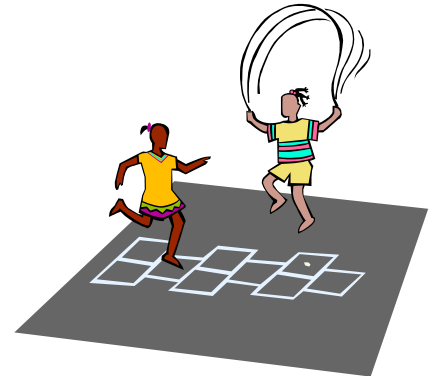
PLEASE SEND IN EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES AND OLD CELL PHONES

As a school, we have been collecting old ink cartridges that are empty and old cell phones. Continue to send in your old ink cartridges and cell phones. The school will be able to recycle these to a company. The proceeds will be used to benefit the students and activities at LITH. Thank you so much. We appreciate your help and support.



PLAYGROUND STENCILS

Have you noticed the new playground games of hopscotch, four square and tether ball? Special thanks to the PTC for buying the stencils for us to paint these exciting games on the playground. A couple of weeks ago, staff members, along with parents, helped to paint these new games on the playground for the students to enjoy. Students are learning in gym class the official rules for each of these games. We are hoping that the students will enjoy and play these classic games that entertained all of us in grade school!



School Attendance

Attendance at school is critical to the academic success of your child. Activities, experiments, and class discussions are often times items that can not be made up and are valuable components of the learning process. National studies show that the average number of school days that most students miss is six. As a result, the Illinois School Code and Juvenile Court Act consider an absentee rate of more than 10% of the school year to be at risk of not completing an education. As a result, the school is required by Illinois law to contact families when a child has been absent from school 10% or more. While we know that children do get sick and emergency situations do happen it is in your child's best interest to be at school unless he or she is sick. (Children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning back to school.) In addition, vacations are strongly discouraged during the school year. As a result, letters will be sent home with students in their report cards on November 20th to all students who have been absent or tardy more than 10% for the 2009 school year. Standard letters are sent home three times per year. If you have questions regarding your child's attendance please feel free to contact me at 847/532-6900.

Thank you from the Media Center

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

Tenayuca Family for donating several books to the library

Katie Fiske: Fairy Haven and the Quest for the Wand

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.



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NEW Lake in the Hills Elementary School E-Newsletters

The Lake in the Hills monthly newsletter is now available to you in many different formats. The traditional newsletter is sent home on pink paper in the Tuesday folders, it is also available on the Web Page and now you can subscribe for it to be delivered directly to an e-mail address. Would you or someone in your family like to have the Lake in the Hills Newsletter delivered directly to an e-mail address? You will need to visit the new and improved LITH Web page <http://www.d300.org/schools/lhes> to subscribe, be sure to check out all the important information on the Website. The subscription information is found on the right side of the screen (see sample sign on below), scroll down until you see **eNewsletters**...enter your full name, email, select the HTML format, mailing group =LHES-Newsletters, click subscribe. **(Please do not select plain text as the district does not have that option or format.)** A message will appear to check your email. The message on your e-mail will be... Mailing List Manager Pro - follow the link to complete your subscription.

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Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! Take a few minutes as a family to count your blessings and to celebrate everything you have to be thankful for this holiday.

