

LAKE IN THE HILLS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk...Welcome Back

Welcome Back Lake in the Hills Families:

Starting a new school year is such an exciting time for everyone: students, parents, teachers and staff members. There is just nothing like that first day when all the students arrive with a big smile on their face and ready to start the school year. It is going to be a great year at LITH. You may have heard that we have offered the whole school a PBIS incentive that if we have 10% less referrals than last year, by December 17, then I will do something crazy and the students can nominate another staff member to do the same. This is going to be a tough goal as we will need to have 26 discipline referrals or less by the December 17th date. Well the votes are still coming in but it looks like I may have to eat a worm or spider. I will be performing this fun task along with another staff member, or two, at LITH. The students have nominated a number of staff members so we will see who the "winner" is. I am not sure if I should want the students to reach their goal or not! This contest really has built the excitement for the beginning of the school year. There will be a bulletin board in the hallway tracking our progress. I know we can meet our goal!

I want to personally thank you for all your support for the number of events we have already had such as the Kindergarten Teddy Bear Picnic, School Supply Drop-Off and our so important Parent Information Nights. We had such a great turn out at all of these events. Many teachers told me that this was the best attendance that they had seen for Parent Information Night so once again thank you.

I am attaching the results of our District wide school survey. The results for Lake in the Hills Elementary are attached. Thank you so much for your feedback. The area with the greatest positive feedback, according to the surveys, was question # 23 safety in the schools which scored a 99%. Please know that this is a very important area to all of us at LITH and we appreciate the fact that you notice we work hard to keep all of our students safe with all staff members helping with arrival and dismissal, school wide practice of fire drills, lockdown drills etc... as well as many other safety steps. We are also hoping that with the addition of staff web pages that more families will visit our LITH webpage which contains a lot of valuable information about our school. Our survey indicated that only 59% of those completing the survey look at the school's website. Please spend some time looking at the survey results and once again thank you for your constant support. This survey really shows that Lake in the Hills Elementary is a great school and is making a difference in the lives of our students.

Please know we are very committed to ensuring that your child(ren) has a great year. Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us. Feel free to call me at (847) 532-6900 with any questions or concerns or email me at tamara.poole@d300.org.

Mrs. Poole

Principal



PBIS School Store Open and Ready for Business on Friday, September 24th



The students have already started saving their spots for the opening of our SPOT Store. We have added lots of new items to the store again this year for the students to purchase with their spots. However, the school store would not be possible without parent support and help. If you would like to come in and help with the school store on Friday, Sept. 24 for any portion of the day please call the school office. Many of our parent volunteers can testify that this is so much fun to help the students shop. Even if you can only stay a few hours your help is appreciated and needed. Please call 847 532-6900 to sign up.



TAP VOLUNTEER MEETING

Are you interested in helping out in your child's classroom? If so, please attend a very brief but important meeting. We will have a meeting for all volunteers on Friday, September 3 at 9:00 and at 1:45. In order to accommodate as many schedules as possible you have a choice of attending the 9:00 AM meeting or the 1:45 PM time. This meeting will take place in the school cafeteria. If you are planning on volunteering in your child's classroom this year please make plans to attend.

PEANUT ALLERGIES

This year at LITH we have several students with severe peanut allergies. As a result, at all grade levels we will be offering a table for students to sit at during lunch that is completely peanut free.



OLD INK CARTRIDGES AND BOX TOPS

Once again this year we will be collecting old ink cartridges as well as box tops. So when you are finished with that old ink cartridge send it to school with your child. The drop box for these is the plastic yellow box in the hallway. In regards to the box tops, students should put their first and last name on the box top and then put the box tops in the box of their choice to win a special prize. The boxes are just outside the cafeteria. There are three prizes and drawings each month. The money that the school receives from the ink cartridges and the box tops goes to support student needs and student projects.

KOHL'S GIVING AWAY 500,000 TO 20 SCHOOLS



If you love LITH Elementary as much as I do then go to facebook.com/kohls and vote for Lake in the Hills Elementary as your favorite school. Please note that the voting ends on September 3rd so vote soon. Each person can vote up to 5 times so cast your vote for us as we can always think of things that our school needs, that would benefit our students, if we were to win any portion of the money.

5TH GRADE BAND RECRUITMENT

If your child is interested in joining the 5th grade band please make plans to attend the informational night, for LITH and many other schools, which will be held at Algonquin Lakes on Tuesday, September 7th from 3:30-8. You can stop by at anytime during those hours. Mrs. Bumpus is our band and orchestra teacher and she is looking forward to a large band and orchestra.



DISTRICT WIDE FOOD POLICY FROM THE KANE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Per the Kane County Health Department we can no longer distribute food to students that is not from a commercial establishment. As a result, all food items brought into the school for classroom parties, birthday treats, etc... must be purchased from a commercial food establishment. This is to better protect the students and faculty from possible contamination of food that is served.



From the Nurse's Office:

Remember your child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. This will prevent other children from also possibly getting sick.

SCHOOL HOURS.....

8:25 a.m. first bell with tardy bell at 8:30 a.m. / Dismissal at 2:45 p.m.

Kindergarten times are as such:

AM: 8:25-11:05

PM: 12:10-2:45



NEW FACES/CHANGES AT LAKE IN THE HILLS ELEMENTARY

We have a number of new staff members this year at LITH. Due to budget concerns/cuts due to the State of Illinois still owing us over \$13 million many staff members are being shared between buildings. The new staff members at LITH are:

Kindergarten Teacher: **Mrs. Bloomberg**

PM Kindergarten Teacher: **Mrs. Conzelman**

Cross Cat Teacher: **Mrs. Russell**

2nd Grade Teacher: **Mr. Didricksen**

3rd Grade: **Mrs. Strojny** moved from 2nd grade to 3rd grade

4th Grade: **Mrs. Bates** who was one of the gifted teachers last year

PE: **Mr. Steinhaus** and **Mr. Thompson**

Media: **Mr. Campbell** and **Mrs. Franquelli**

Music: **Mrs. Walters**

Band/Orchestra: **Mrs. Bumpus**

Child ID Kits from Chase Bank

If you came to School Supply Drop Off and completed a Child ID kit they will be available for pick up on Saturday, October 9th from 9-3 at Chase Bank which is located on 1000 S. Randall Road, Algonquin, IL. If you have any questions please call 847/532-4230. If you were not able to come to School Supply Drop Off and are interested in a Child ID kit which includes tools for parents if a child becomes missing etc... (this tool kit would then be available for use by law enforcement agencies). They can possibly still create one for you. Please call the above number.



MUSIC PROGRAMS

The following dates have been set for the music programs for the school year:



3rd Grade-November 4
1st Grade-December 9
2nd Grade- February 10
5th Grade-March 24
4th Grade-April 14
Band/Orchestra/Chorus- May 9



All programs will start at 7PM in the gym.

From the Media Center

Students and staff members are welcome to purchase a hard back book for the Media center on their birthday. The student's name will then be added to a book plate which will be placed in the book as a reminder to all that your family purchased this library book. Your child's name is also mentioned in the monthly newsletter. The media center has asked that all donations be hard back books as they last so much longer and can be kept in circulation longer for many more students to read and enjoy.

NO Cell Phones in a School Zone Law

This law took effect on January 1st, 2010. According to the new law: "A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone." There are exceptions for a person engaged in highway construction, maintenance, emergencies and when the phone is in voice activated mode. To read the rest of this law please use this link:
www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicats/fulltext.asp?Name=096-0131



BUSSING / TRANSPORTATION

Just a reminder that transportation is not accepting requests to have bus stops changed until we have completed the fourth week of school. Also students may only ride the bus to which they are assigned and can only get off the bus at their scheduled bus stop. Please remind your child of this rule. Each year we have students who decide to get off the bus at a friend's house without parental permission which causes everyone looking for the child great stress and concern. Thank you.



