Lakeview Elementary Newsletter

April 2018

From the Desk of Mrs. Kowatch...

Welcome back! We hope you and your families had a wonderful and relaxing spring break! We are thrilled to have all of our smiling faces back in the building!

Changing Weather: Now that spring is upon us, our weather is constantly changing. Please help your child dress in layers and be prepared for anything. It is typical for the mornings to remain very cold while the afternoons start warming up. We appreciate your help with this as we want all of our students to be able to enjoy their recess by dressing appropriately.

Earth Day: Be on the lookout for the Home Energy Audit that your child will be bringing home. Please take an opportunity to work with your child on completing this task. Classrooms will be discussing our impact on the environment during our Earth Day celebrations this year.

Reading Month Success: Thank you to all families that read with your children last month. Our Get Your Paws on a Good Book reading month was a huge success and our students read thousands of books. Way to go!

Safety and Security Updates: Just a reminder that if you are in the building at any time between 7:30 and 3:30 you will need to stop in the office to receive a visitor badge/ sticker. In an effort to keep our schools safer, we have also installed a new buzzer system to our front entrance. Our doors will now be locked at all times. If you have not previously done so, please check the LASD webpage at www.lasd.net or our Facebook page for important updates to the District Safety and Security Process.

Mrs. Kowatch

Kindergarten News

Much of the school year has passed, but here at Lakeview Kindergarten the students are busy participating in new activities and learning every day!

This month we will be observing Earth Day and celebrated by picking up trash around the school building and grounds. This fits well with our Science unit, as we are studying plants and "my earth".

We will also participate in ACES Day (All Children Exercise Simultaneously); which is always a sight to see!

In May, we will host next year's incoming Kindergarteners for a sneak peak of the classroom and building.

We will also be heading out on several field trips. We are planning on going to the State Park, Sandcastles, the Public Library, and the Ludington Coast Guard Station.

This is always an exciting time as we see the growth these current students have made in just one short school year!

Mr. Albrecht, Mr. Korienek, Mrs. Sniegowski

March
Star Students:

KG
Avianna
Olivia
Lily
Orion

1st
Alexa
Avery
Aiden J

2nd
Trenton
Rockne
John

Fabulous First Grade

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great spring break!

Math: We have been working on using comparison bars to solve word problems. We are figuring out the parts to a whole.

Writing: We started learning how to write personal narratives. We have been writing about snapshots from our life and zooming in on the details. We are checking our work with rubrics as well.

Science: We started learning about the life cycle and will soon have caterpillars to watch grow into butterflies. We can't wait to have them in our classroom!

Social Studies: We have been enjoying learning about philanthropy and how we can help others. We are excited to put our knowledge to use on our upcoming field trip.

Please don't forget:

Weather: Please make sure to dress accordingly. Layers work best since the weather is fluctuating.

Attendance: If you are going to be absent or tardy please let the office know. If absent please send in a doctor's note.

4/16: Bugz musical! Students must arrive at 6:45 pm and the show will begin at 7 pm at Peterson Auditorium.

4/13: Win With Wellness Assembly. Please be sure to turn calendars in because the program is ending May 15th.

Mr. Dila, Ms. Jarvie & Ms. O'Connor

Lakeview First and Second Grade Students will present the musical play, "Bugz" on Monday evening, April 16, 2018. The musical will take place at Peterson Auditorium and will begin at 7:00 P.M. Please put this date on your calendar!

Mrs. Shinn

Shining in Second

Welcome back to school! I hope spring break brought you fun, relaxation and good memories. We are in our final trimester before we enter 3rd grade. There is still a lot of material to cover and we are excited for these last three months!

In our math unit students will work toward building fluency with addition and subtraction within 1,000 and mastering all addition and subtraction word problem subtypes. For three digit addition, the important concept that we need to grasp is that one new hundred is made when there are 10 or more tens. For three digit subtraction we will continue to learn to make enough ones in the ones place and enough tens in the tens place to allow for the completion of the subtraction calculation. Then we will need to subtract in the hundreds place, as well.

Our new science unit is Plant and Animal Relationships. We are excited to dive into this new unit that was developed for second grade. Students will explore the diversity of plants and animals, the dependency of plants on animals, and the dependency of animals on plants.

We are beginning our new writing unit this month. It is called Informational Writing: Personal Expertise. This unit gives students the opportunity to become an expert in an area they would like to research. They will begin to learn the process of researching nonfiction information, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.

In reading we have been reading individually, small group and whole group. We have read some wonderful stories that have generated great discussions in the classroom. We will continue to look at many different genres and work on strategies that we have learned throughout the school year to increase our fluency and reading comprehension. Some of these include self monitoring, asking and answering questions, and relating the text to our own experiences. Please read with your child at home and discuss the stories.

Happy Spring!

Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. King

Upcoming Events

April 5th:
PTC Meeting @ 5:30pm

April 11th:
Kindergarten Round-Up
6:00pm-7:00pm @ Lakeview Elementary School

April 16th:
1st & 2nd Grade Musical BUGZ!
7pm @ Petersen Auditorium

April 18th:
Doughnuts with Dad
7:30am-8:00am @ Lakeview

April 25th:
Muffins with Mom
7:30-8:00am @ Lakeview

April 27th:
1/2 day of School dismissal @ 11:41/
PLC in the afternoon

Reminders from the Office…

Don't forget to keep the office informed of any changes to your:

- address
- personal phone number
- work location
- work phone number
- emergency contacts

We would appreciate you calling the school office every morning that your child is absent from school. Our direct number is 845-3840. Since it is the policy of Ludington Schools to call the homes of all our absent students each morning, we will call you if we do not hear from you first. If your child will be late to school, please call in their hot lunch order by 9:00AM!

Please continue to have an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack! Accidents happen for kids at any age and we do not always have extra undergarments and pants to spare! If your child has an accident we will call you for a change of clothes! As always, thank you for your help!

PBIS

What is PBIS?

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is a school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment.

Why do we use it?

By teaching and implementing clearly defined expectations and behaviors for all students, we create a positive learning environment for everyone.

What are Lakeview's Expectations?

Be Respectful!
Be Responsible!
Be Safe!

Expectations should be:

*Taught
*Modeled
*Practiced
*Acknowledged

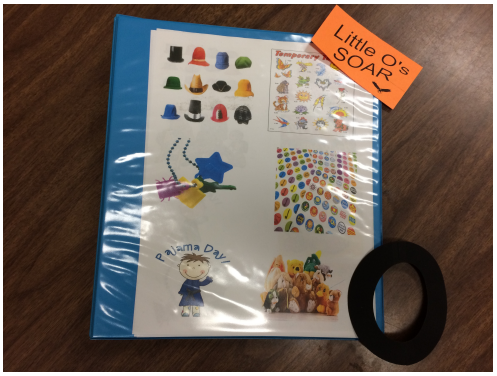
Mission Mondays:

Each Monday morning students are presented with a mission for the week that reinforces our monthly focus. Teachers present students with questions and scenarios for reflection and clarification and challenge them to meet a goal by the end of the week. On Friday there is time to debrief about the week's mission.

How do we acknowledge Lakeview students?

*Star Students
*The Bravo Board
*Little O Tickets
*O Ticket Shopping
*Monthly Incentives that focus on our expectations in different areas of our school

Bravo Board!



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