

Locust Lane Leopard's Newsletter

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Principal's News



Events Calendar

November 1-15

Stuff-a-Truck food drive

November 2

4th grade Exploring Healthy Snacks 3:15-4:00

November 3

Harvest Festival 6-7:30

November 9

4th grade Exploring Healthy Snacks 3:15-4:00

November 10

Veteran's Day Program 9:15

November 14

PTO DQ Night

November 16

4th grade Exploring Healthy Snacks 3:15-4:00

November 20 -24

NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Break

November 30

· PTO Meeting at 6
· 4th grade Exploring Healthy Snacks 3:15-4:00

Each year, our staff works to identify goals for our students and school community. We set goals for Math, Literacy, Language Development, and Student/Family Engagement. Last month we focused on our Student/Family Engagement goal. This month, we'd like to highlight our Literacy goal. Included in this goal is for **ALL** students to make *at least* a year's growth in Reading, regardless of where your child started at the beginning of the year!

Reaching this goal involves several different practices. At the beginning of the school year, we measure each child's skill and understanding level and determine areas of strength and growth. From there, we guide our instruction based on that information. Whole class lessons, small group lessons, and individualized attention are ways we address our goals. We continue throughout the year to assess and monitor each child's progress to make sure that **EVERY** child is learning. Children who are below grade level receive appropriate interventions and, students who are at or above grade level receive enrichment and extensions appropriate for them... **EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY!**

Although our instructional strategies are very important... it's not enough. All students need to read on every day! What's the saying... "Practice makes perfect!" Well, it is true! The one sure way that students will

improve as readers is by reading!! Your role in this is invaluable. Setting aside time each night to read at home is important. Use this as a time for some "one on one" time... read to each other, have your child read to you, or even to another family member. If your schedule makes that tough... we understand that. Maybe your child can read to a pet, a stuffed animal, or even a picture of someone they know. The important thing is that any time spent reading will pay off... both with the enjoyment of reading and with increased student achievement.

And, as noted last month, your child's attendance plays a factor in his/her learning, as well. By being at school, on time, every day, you are allowing your child to participate in instruction that will further develop them as learners. If your child's attendance is a concern, please contact our counselor, Mrs. Fechhelm, or me. We will put our heads together and work with you to address your concerns!

Please know that anytime you have a question or concern, you are welcome to contact me at lschlichting@ecasd.us or 715-852-3710.

Yours truly,
Laura Schlichting

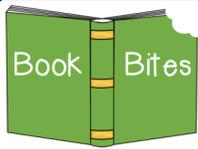
Veterans Day

Please join us for our program
November 10th
at 9:15 in the gym



Thanksgiving Break

No School
November 20-24



Title I FamilyNight

Books and Food are things that are essential to life. For Book Bites Title I Family Night, we enjoyed an evening of snacking and food related stories, while learning tips to help your child improve as a reader! First, all families went to an appetizer room where they enjoyed meatballs, strawberries, or chips and salsa while they listened to a meatball story ("Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs"), a strawberry story (either "Jamberry" or "Little Mouse, Big Hungry Bear: The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear"), or a chips and salsa story ("Chicks and Salsa"). We practiced predicting during the appetizer story, and then we played a character freeze game. Next, we all ate pizza, enjoyed a pizza story, practiced checking for understanding, and answered some conversation sticks as a family. Last but not least, we enjoyed dessert and a dessert book. After the dessert book, we retold the story we just listened to by naming the characters, setting, and what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story. Everyone was able to choose a free book to take home and enjoy. It was a fun evening for all.



Weather Conditions

Please have your child(ren) dressed in the appropriate clothing when they arrive at school. As the temperature dips below 50 degrees outside students are required to wear jackets.

P.T.O. News

The Locust Lane PTO invites you to our next meeting on November 30th (please note the date change from Nov. 9th). We have many events lined up but we need your help to make them happen. Here is a look at what is coming up:

Upcoming Events

November 14th: Pinehurst DQ Night 5:00p.m.-Close 10% of all sales is donated to the Locust Lane PTO

Students who dine-in can enter their name for a prize drawing!

November 30th: General PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00p.m. Join us for snacks and event planning for:

Family Game Night
Book Fair and Conference Meal
Move It Night

Other News

Box Tops: Congratulations to Mr. Sommer's 4th grade class! They were the winners of the Box Top pizza party!! Locust Lane collectively turned in a total of \$250 in box tops!! Wow!! Keep on collecting those box tops Leopards! We will have another contest in the spring with another class pizza party!

Walk A Thon: Thank you to ALL the Walk-A-Thon participants along with their families and friends who donated. The kids had a beautiful day for the walk and raised \$3,000! These funds will go toward many of our PTO sponsored activities and future field trips.



Pumpkin Contest Winners



Thank you students and their families for participating in this year's pumpkin contest. We had so many fabulous pumpkins! The students voted for their favorite pumpkin a long with the staff and here they are.

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd place

Cayden Richards, Mrs. Steffel's class
Malia Hurlburt, Mrs. Dunn's class
Noah Simpson, Mr. Peplinski's class

"What are you saving for?"



Start the conversation about setting and reaching savings goals with your child. You can prepare your child for their future by asking them to choose something to save for. First, encourage them to choose a small short-term goal, and work up to larger long-term goals.

After they choose what to save for, have your child draw a picture or print an image of it. Help them write words to describe their goal and how they will feel when they reach it. Display the picture and words somewhere they see often to encourage them and make their goal feel real.

Next, have your child write down how much it will cost, how much they have already saved, and how much they still need to save. Break the total into small amounts to save weekly and celebrate each small step in the right direction!

Help your child celebrate the excitement and feeling of success that comes with reaching their goal!

Royal Credit Union School \$ense wants to help your child create the habit of saving each week for life. Your Locust Lane Royal School \$ense is open on Tuesdays at lunch to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school. Remember that Royal donates \$250 to your school for every 500 deposits made.

As a special incentive, we will have a **Double-Stamp Day** on **November 7!** Savers will receive 2 stamps on their Super Saver cards, instead of one, helping them earn prizes more quickly!

If you want to know how to start saving at school with Royal School \$ense, please contact me at: Diana Rohlik at 715-855-5471 or diana.rohlik@rcu.org

From the Gym

Upcoming Units:

- Indoor Invasion Games (grades 4-5)
- Loco-motor Skills and Balance (grades K-3)
- Team Building Challenges

Discussion Topics At Home:

- Having Tennis Shoes for physical education
- 3rd-5th students finding their pulse
- K - 2nd feeling how my heart changes when I play/exercise

Ask Your Child to Demonstrate:

- K-2: jump, hop, gallop, skip, leap
- Soccer juggling

Mr. Johnson



Locust Lane's Stuff-a-Truck is Nov. 1-15

Students may bring nonperishable food items as well as specific non-food items to fill our collection boxes. Each classroom has a box along with one in front of the office. \$1 allows us to obtain \$10 worth of food. Cash donations are accepted. You can make your check out to "Feed My People Food Bank", and bring it directly to the Locust Lane office.

Eau Claire Area School district is partnering up with Feed My People Food Bank in a community-wide effort to replenish the shelves of area food pantries.

Public School Open Enrollment: February 5 - April 30, 2018

Wisconsin residents in grades 4K -12 may apply to attend school in a school district other than the one in which they live. For example: a child that lives in the Altoona School District could apply to attend the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD). Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call Sandy LaValley at 852-3003 to find out if their preschool-aged child (ren) qualify.

Students who are currently attending the ECASD through open enrollment **DO NOT** need to reapply.

The open enrollment application for the 2018-19 school year is February 5 - April 30, 2018. An online application will be available to the public beginning Monday, February 5, and closing at 4:00 pm on April 30, 2018. For more information about open enrollment, please go to: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.

Have you moved outside of the Eau Claire School District this year? If so, you need to complete a **Tuition Waiver** form. Contact Sandy LaValley for more information at 715-852-3003.

In the Cafeteria



The golden spatula award started in our lunch room! This is a friendly competition between grade levels for the best RHRS behavior in the cafeteria. Each grade will earn a number (1-3) on a daily basis for a week, given their good behavior. From there, the numbers are totaled and the winner receives the golden spatula trophy in their rooms. When a class wins 3 times they are rewarded with a special treat!



Nurse Notes

There are many types of germs (viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungi) that cause many types of illnesses. These germs can spread easily from one person to another and have wide-reaching effects.

One of the most common ways people catch colds is by rubbing their noses or eyes after touching someone or something that's contaminated with the cold virus. Nearly 22 million school days are lost annually due to the common cold.

A study involving Detroit school children showed that scheduled handwashing, at least four times a day, can reduce gastrointestinal illness and related absences by more than 50%.

Handwashing with soap and water is the most effective and inexpensive way to prevent illness.

As winter season is approaching, remember the importance of handwashing. Please remind your children and model good habits.

Amy Siegel RN
ECASD School Nurse



Pop-Up Food Pantry for the Community

Produce, meat, non-perishable and hygiene items

Wednesday, November 22nd

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Banbury– Building #2

800 Wisconsin St. Eau Claire, WI

Corner of Wisconsin & Putnam St.

Look for Feed My People Truck & Signs to help find location

Sponsored By: Feed My People Food Bank • 715-835-9415 • www.fmpfoodbank.org Eau Claire After Hours Rotary Club

FREE OF CHARGE • PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG OR BOX TO CARRY YOUR FOOD

Some Community Resources 2017-18

Please review the Help Directory below and consider how these programs may assist you and your family. These are not the only community resources available but are a few that are typically accessed by families in this area. The Eau Claire County Resource Guide identifies many additional resources and can be found here: www.eauclaire.uwex.edu/family-living/resource-directories or by calling 1-800-362-8255. Or if you are a resident of Chippewa County you can access theirs at <http://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/government/aging-disability-resource-center-adrc/resource-directory> or by calling 715-726-7788.

Agency	Activity/Program	Date/Time	Contact	Guideline
Holiday Help				
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 23 th 11:30am-1:00pm	715-835-4977	Anyone can attend. No reservation required.
Trinity Lutheran Church 1314 E. Lexington Blvd.	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 23 th 11:30am and 12:30pm meal	715-832-6601	Anyone can attend with a reservation.
Hope Gospel Mission 8 S Farwell Street	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 23 th 12:00pm-2:00pm	715-552-5566	Anyone can attend. No reservation required.
Christmas				
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas Eve Lunch	December 24 th 11:30am-1:00pm	715-835-4977	Anyone can attend. No reservation required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas Day Brunch	December 25 th 8:00am-10:00am	715-835-4977	Anyone can attend. No reservation required.
Hope Gospel Mission 8 S Farwell Street	Christmas Meal	December 16 th 5:00pm – 7:00pm	715-552-5566	Anyone can attend. No reservation required.
Salvation Army 2211 S. Hastings Way	Christmas Toy Assistance Program	Sign up: October 30 th – November 9 th M-Th both weeks, 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm	Amanda 715-834-1224	Must Be an Eau Claire County Resident. Identification for all family members, proof of residency, and income verification included in application process.