

Locust Lane Leopard's Newsletter

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Principal's News

Events Calendar

December 7

4th gr. Exploring Healthy Snacks 3:15-4

December 12

PTO Pinehurst DQ Night

December 16

LL students singing Christmas songs at 1:00 in the Oakwood Mall

December 22

Class Celebrations 2:15

December 22-January 1

No School · Winter Break

January 2

School Resumes



As the Wisconsin winter weather rolls in and your buying new winter gear! Locust Lane would gladly appreciate a donation of gently used hats, mittens, scarfs, boots, coats, & snow pants.

If you are in need or would like to donate, contact Holly Brunner, Partnership Coordinator at 715-852-3707 or hbrunner@ecasd.us.

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. The last two months, we've shared our goals for Student/Family engagement and Literacy. A great way to blend these goals during the holidays is to consider the gift of reading. Books and magazines are great gift ideas... and reading with family members is a wonderful activity when you get together for the holidays. We know that the more kids read, the better readers they become! If you need ideas for books that your child may enjoy, please talk to his/her teacher. I know s/he is full of ideas!

Another goal that we have for this year is in Mathematics. Our goal is for ALL students to show growth in increased math skills. One way that students do that is by increasing their math conversations. We call it "Math Talk" and its described as how students explain their math thinking, ask questions of peers, and use their higher-level thinking skills in problem solving. Families can help with this by welcoming the opportunities for

math conversations at home, too. When math occurs in everyday life... at the store, driving distances, when cooking, etc., include your child in the process. Talking about math in real life is a wonderful way to build those problem-solving skills and make them relevant every day.

And finally, report cards were sent home this week. Report cards provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and guardians to learn more about their child and about what s/he is learning. Please take a close look at the learning targets for each subject. Each of those targets can be thought of as a learning goal for your child. Our hope is that each child will show us that he or she knows or can do each of the skills listed on the report card by the end of this school year. If you have questions about your child's report card, your child's progress, or any of the learning targets that you see, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher. You are also welcome to contact me at lschlichting@ecasd.us or 715-852-3710.

Happy Holidays!
Laura Schlichting

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Get ready for Royal Credit Union's All Student Challenge!



All Locust Lane students have an opportunity to take part in the Royal Credit Union **All Student Challenge** to strengthen their money skills. Students will receive activity sheets in their classrooms and can return completed sheets to their teacher by **December 15** to be entered in a drawing for one of two shopping sprees at the Royal School \$ense prize table!!

Students do NOT need to be a member of Royal to participate in the challenge - **EVERYONE** can join in on the fun!

'Tis the Season for Saving!

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to Locust Lane for every 500 deposits made. We are off to a good start and already have **299** deposits! Your Royal School \$ense location is open on Tuesdays at Lunch by the cafeteria to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school.

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

Happy Holidays from your Royal School \$ense Team!



P.T.O. News

There is no PTO meeting in December. We hope you have a safe and wonderful winter break!

Upcoming Events

December 12th: 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!

January 4th: General PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00p.m. Join us for event planning for:
 Family Game Night (January 23rd)
 Move It Night (March 8th)

January 9th: 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!

January 23rd: Family Game Night!



Inclement Weather



Early Dismissal, Late Start, School Closure

With winter approaching, we are reminding families about our procedures regarding inclement weather. Depending on the severity and timing of the inclement weather, the following three options are used:

1. Early Closing

- ⇒ Regular bus transportation is still provided.
- ⇒ For students who do not ride the bus, we follow the procedure you listed on the Emergency Closing form.
- ⇒ If we close school early, dismissal is at 1:10.

2. Two Hour Delay

- ⇒ Buses will run two hours after their normal schedule.
- ⇒ Buildings will begin classes two hours after the normal start time (10:10).

- ⇒ Students should not report to school until 20 minutes before the start of the school day (9:50).
- ⇒ Cold breakfast will be served.
- ⇒ School lunch will be around the normal time.

3. School Closure for Entire Day

Announcements of these decisions are made by your local television and radio stations, on the District's website, via the District's Facebook and twitter accounts, and an email is sent to those parent(s)/guardian(s) who have provided email addresses. Decisions about whether to close school due to inclement weather or to use a two-hour delay are typically made by 6 a.m. As we know, weather conditions can change rapidly. In the event that a two-hour delay must be reconsidered, the decision to close school for the full day will be made no later than 8 a.m.

From the Gym

Discussion Topics At Home:

- Please remember tennis shoes
- Favorite circuit training activity
- Qualities of a good teammate

Ask Your Child to Demonstrate:

- Good push-up technique
- Good curl-up technique
- Straight, Zig Zag, curvy and other movement patterns (K-1)

Upcoming Lessons:

- Upper body Strength Stations
- Team Building
- Basketball



Mr. Johnson
Physical Education

Christmas Community Dinner - 2017

Hope Gospel Mission will be serving its annual FREE Christmas Community Dinner on Saturday, December 16, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Everyone in the community is invited to attend and enjoy a delicious meal of ham, cheesy potatoes, glazed carrots, Jell-O salad, dinner rolls and dessert.



Nurse Notes **Allergy Reminders**

Schools are public buildings and cannot be allergen free. The following guidelines are to be followed to provide a safe learning environment for students with severe food allergies. The school cannot be responsible for food brought to the school by other students and/or parent/guardians.

Family Responsibilities

- Provide the school nurse with all necessary documentation from the student's healthcare provider
- Provide emergency medications and supplies as ordered by the healthcare provider.
- Work with the school nurse and school staff to develop and implement the allergy emergency plan
- Provide the school with current information for use in an emergency

Educate your child in self-management (as age-appropriate) of his/her allergy including: safe and unsafe foods, how to read food labels, symptoms of allergic reactions, location and availability of his/her epi-pen

Student Responsibilities

- Never trade food or share utensils with other students
- Avoid consuming food products known to contain the specific allergen or with unknown ingredients
- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of a reaction to known allergens
- Notify an adult immediately if he/she has eaten something that may contain the known allergen

As holiday parties are approaching, please keep in mind that there are students with food allergies when planning for classroom snacks.



A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

We had a very successful Veterans Day Program. Bravo to all our Locust Lane Leopards. They did a wonderful job. Thank you to all our veterans and guests for coming.

All 4th and 5th grade students have started the Recorder Karate program. Please encourage them to practice 5-10 minutes each night.

This month students will experience different holidays and the music that goes along with those celebrations. Ask your son or daughter to share what they have been doing in class!

It is a great time of year to go to a concert! Here are a few suggestions!

North High School (auditorium)
12/4: Band Holiday Concert @ 7pm
12/11: Orchestra Holiday Concert @ 7pm
12/18: Choir Holiday Concert @ 7pm

All are welcome to come see Locust Lane students (grades 3-5) perform at the Oakwood Mall on Saturday, December 16 at 1pm.

Please check out the Locust Lane Music Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/locustlanemusic

From your Locust Lane Music Teacher, Mrs. Kabat