

Locust Lane Leopard's Newsletter

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Events Calendar

January 4

PTO Meeting 6-7

January 9

PTO Pinehurst DQ Night

January 16

- Kindergarten field trip to Children's Museum
- Northstar Parent Preview Nigh at 5:30

January 22-26

Adult Cross Guard Appreciation Week

January 22

No School · Professional Development Day

January 23

PTO Game Night 6-7

January 25

4th grade field trip, Kids in the Kitchen



The Northstar Parent Preview Night for incoming 6th grade students will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 5:30 in the Northstar commons.

Principal's News

Happy New Year! 'Tis the season for New Year's Resolutions! My resolutions include taking more time to connect with my family and friends... and to read more books for enjoyment! These may be things to think about for you and your child, too. Here are a couple of suggestions:

Take Time to Talk! I know when I asked my children how their day was at school, their typical reply was "Fine." If I asked, "What did you learn today?" I usually got a response of "Nothing" or "I don't know." Sometimes it's like pulling teeth when talking to kids about school! Instead, try asking your child these questions: "What made you laugh today? What was something that was tricky for you today? What was easy for you today? Did anything make you sad today? What made you smile today?" These questions will spark conversation and help you to get a window into your child's day. Listen closely to your child's replies to these questions and then ask more specific questions about your child's story. You will find out a lot more information this way and will help your child to practice his/her conversation skills.

Locust Lane is the Place to Be! Your child cannot afford to miss a day away from school. The more students are in school, the higher their achievement. Our teachers at Locust Lane are fantastic, but poor attendance causes students to get behind in their learning and catching up can be very difficult when they return. Please make sure your children are at school, on time, every single day (unless they are sick, of course).

Notice, Praise, Repeat! Recognizing students for effort is more effective than rewarding them for high grades. Students try their best and want to make you proud. Therefore, the best way to motivate further effort is to notice it and praise it, so that they repeat it. For example, notice and praise the effort involved in a math problem: "Wow, you really worked hard to think through all of those steps. You didn't even think about giving up! Do you think you can do that again on the next problem?" Praise children for the process of learning versus the end product.

Read, Read, Read! The best thing your child can do to succeed at school is to read! If you need ideas of books that may interest your child, please contact his/her teacher. We'll share lots of ideas!

We can't do this without you! Finally, be involved! Study after study shows that parent involvement is the top factor leading to student success. Engage in your child's daily routine, participate in school-related events, communicate with your child's teacher on a regular basis, and contact us if you ever have any questions or concerns. We value your input!

I'm looking forward to partnering with you in 2018!
Yours truly,
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Wisconsin Adult School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week January 22-26, 2018



The Wisconsin Department of Education wishes to honor adult crossing guards across the state during the week of January 22-26th. Each day before and after school, Gene Henning keeps our students safe on the corner of Eddy and Abbe Hill. Let's think of some ways that we can honor Mr. Henning by acknowledging him during this week.

Please STOP and show your appreciation!

Kindergarten



James, from Sacred Heart Hospital picked up our kindergarten's Spread the Cheer cards and delivered them to patients in the hospital over the holidays.

4TH GRADE



4th grade students donated money to the Salvation Army instead of purchasing gifts for a gift exchange. \$88.22 was collected and donated! What a great effort in sharing our gifts with those in need.

The Giving Tree



THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS cheer

3rd Grade



In December, third graders helped to Spread the Cheer in our Locust Lane neighborhood by delivering Snowman Soup! Students made cards and deliveries the week before Christmas to help spread some holiday cheer. We are thankful for such great neighbors!

From the Gym

News/Events:

- Please remember to have tennis shoes on physical education days!

Ask Your Child to Demonstrate:

- Have our push-ups and curl-ups improved?
- Build a snowman or other snow sculpture
- Help shovel the driveway and sidewalk

Upcoming Units:

- Basketball & Indoor Invasion Games
- Gymnastics/Tumbling



Mr. Johnson

Physical Education



"The highlight of my experience includes seeing the kids really make sense of things that are so big picture, and be excited to do so!" -Tabitha (Past JA Volunteer in the ECASD)

This year, Junior Achievement is once again sending community members into Locust Lane's classrooms so that our students can learn about real-life experiences in the business and professional world. Through JA, our students learn businesses and occupations, the need to make informed decisions, and what it means to think like an entrepreneur.

There are still volunteer openings for the spring semester in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade classrooms at Locust Lane. Junior Achievement offers a

training to help you make the most of your classroom experience, all you need is a desire to learn and share with the students at Locust Lane Elementary!



We Care About Our Students' Futures!

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Hannah Morton at hmorton@javis.org or 715-214-1128. If you aren't able to volunteer, consider sponsoring a student at your school for just \$25 <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-wisconsin/donatenorthwest>



Happy New Year from your
Royal Credit Union School Sense Team!

The Super Savers of Locust Lane have started out strong practicing the saving habit with Royal Credit Union School Sense. Let's keep up the good work as we kick off 2018! Now is a great time to talk with your child to set a **saving goal**. Help them think of how rewarding it will feel to look back at the amount saved over the school year.

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to Locust Lane for every 500 deposits made. Think of it as a fund raiser that also helps teach your child to be smart with their money! Your Royal School Sense location is open at lunch every Tuesday to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school.

As a special incentive, we will have a Double-Stamp Day on **January 16!** Savers will receive **two** stamps on their Super Saver cards instead of one, helping them earn prizes more quickly!

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



Winter Safety

Frostbite

- **Frostbite** happens when the skin and outer tissues become frozen. This condition tends to happen on extremities like the fingers, toes, ears and nose. They may become pale, gray and blistered. At the same time, the child may complain that his/her skin burns or has become numb.
- If frostbite occurs, bring the child indoors and place the frostbitten parts of her body in warm (not hot) water. 104° Fahrenheit (about the temperature of most hot tubs) is recommended. Warm washcloths may be applied to frostbitten nose, ears and lips.
- Do not rub the frozen areas.
- After a few minutes, dry and cover the child with

clothing or blankets. Give him/her something warm to drink.

- If the numbness continues for more than a few minutes, call your doctor.

Winter Health

- If your child suffers from winter **nosebleeds**, try using a cold air humidifier in the child's room at night. Saline nose drops or petroleum may help keep nasal tissues moist. If bleeding is severe or recurrent, consult your pediatrician.
- Cold weather does not cause **colds** or **flu**. But the viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter, when children are in school and are in closer contact with each