

November 2012

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IMPORTANT DATES:

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| November 2 | End of First Marking Period |
| November 7 | <u>Picture Re-takes</u> |
| November 8 | Act 80 Day-Early Dismissal (12:15pm) |
| November 9 | Teacher Inservice Day-No School for Students |
| November 14 | Report Cards Issued |
| November 22 -27 | Thanksgiving Break-No School for Students |
| December 4 | LIS Christmas Band Concert – (7:00pm MCMS) |
| December 24 – Jan 1 | Christmas Vacation - No School for Students |
| January 18 | Act 80 Day – Early Dismissal (12:15pm) |
| January 21 | Martin Luther King Day – No School for Students |

Second Step School Based Program

Second Step is a research based violence prevention curriculum that is designed to increase social skills and reduce violence among young people. This program teaches skills needed in getting along with others and resisting peer pressure. The program is a grade specific curriculum that has 22-25 weekly lessons, (half hour per lesson). The program is divided into four main units:

1. Skills for Learning, (skills for listening, paying attention, staying on task, etc.)
2. Empathy, (identifying feelings, etc.)
3. Emotional management, (managing frustration, calming down technique, etc.)
4. Problem Solving

The Second Step Program is designed to be a universal program offered to students school wide. Every week at LIS , a Second Step Facilitator teaches a half hour grade specific lesson to students.

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Meetings

For the
2012-2013 School Year
will be held at 6:00 pm at the
Lewistown Elementary School Library
On the following dates:
November 7, 2012
January 9, 2013
February 20, 2013
April 10, 2013

Parents of students with IEPs and Section 504 Service Plans, as well as other interested individuals, are welcome to attend. Please direct questions to the Special Education Office at (717) 248-0148, ext. 2.



School Bus Safety Tips for Parents and Students

School bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, transportation personnel and the motoring public all play important roles in keeping our children safe while on or around the school bus.

Please take a moment to review the following safety tips to help ensure our children arrive to and from school safely each day:

- Get to the school bus stop five minutes early.
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic. Line up at least five giant steps away from the curb or the roadway to wait for the bus.
- Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- Never push when getting on or off of the school bus.
- Always walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so that the school bus driver can see you.
- Be aware – Cross with Care! Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.
- When the school bus is moving, always stay in your seat. Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.
- Talk quietly; do not distract your school bus driver.
- If your school bus crosses railroad tracks, be calm and quiet so that your driver can listen for a train. Always obey your school bus driver's instructions, so that he or she can make safe decisions.
- Never play with the emergency exits. Backpacks, band instruments, or sports equipment may not block the aisle or emergency exits. If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.
- When getting off of the school bus, make sure that all drawstrings and other loose objects are secure so that they don't get caught on the handrail or the door.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.
- If you leave something on the bus or drop something outside of the bus, never go back for it. The driver may not see you and begin moving the bus.
- Never speak to strangers at the bus stop and never get into a car with a stranger.



Office Notes

- *Excuses for absences are due within 3 days of the absence. Please include the student's **full** name.
- *Please notify the office of any changes to emergency forms.
- *Students arriving to school after 9:30 will be marked ½ day absent.
- *Students leaving school prior to 2:00 will be marked ½ day absent.
- *Students that arrive after 8:20 will be marked tardy.

PARENT PICK-UP/DROP OFF

Please use Green Avenue and the teachers' parking lot to pick-up or drop off your student. **DO NOT** use Kish Street.

If your child is not to ride the bus on a given day, a **note** is required, otherwise students will be placed on their bus as usual.

LIS HALLOWEEN PARADE

