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**LEWISTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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## Upcoming Events...

Friday, November 2—**MEGA PARTY**  
Thursday, November 8—**Fundraiser Pick Up— 3:30—5:30pm**  
November 8, 9, 14, 15, 16—**Vision & Hearing Screenings**  
Friday, November 16—**PBIS Celebration**  
Wednesday, November 21—**Early Dismissal—1:15pm**  
Thursday, Nov 22—**Tuesday, Nov 27—THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
Thursday, November 29—**Student Photo Retakes**

### *From the Principal's desk...*

Parents/Guardians:

Parents/Guardians who decide to take an educational field trip during school time may do so, however, the days absent cannot exceed 5 days. Any Days missed beyond that will be considered unlawful. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to complete the application form available in the school office.

*The application form must be completed and returned to the school Principal before leaving on **the trip**. Failure to complete the application form before the trip will result in the school absence being marked as unlawful. The educational trip may be one to five days. Students are expected to submit a report about their educational trip upon their return to school. All questions about taking students on educational trips should be directed to the school principal.*

*Happy Thanksgiving*

## Flash from First Grade

On Friday, October 12th, the first graders visited "At The Barnyard" in Ferguson Valley! It was a chilly day and a little muddy too, but that did not stop us from having a blast!! The students ventured around the farm on a hayride. They picked an ear of corn from the field. After that, they removed the kernels from the cob using an antique corn kernel remover. Then, they enjoyed a popcorn treat. The students had a brief dairy lesson provided by the Dairy Princesses. They played a game and won prizes, but best of all, they got an ice cream treat! Students also demonstrated problem-solving skills as they journeyed through the corn maze looking for clues to solve a Herbie the Love Bug mystery! In addition, students were so excited to have the opportunity to walk in the pumpkin patch looking for their perfect pumpkin to take home. Students had a firsthand look at the life cycle of a pumpkin...seeds, vines, flowers, green pumpkins and orange pumpkins. Not only did our students learn a lot, they had so much fun. There were hay bale mountains, dark mazes, play equipment, barrel train rides, a giant slide and play tractors! Lots of laughter and learning all in one day!!



## Second Grade splash...

Second grade has been embracing the Halloween season with decorating pumpkins, learning about spiders, and doing STEM projects that include candy corn!



## Kindergarten scoop

If your kindergartner tells you he is doing Spring Math, he's not foregoing math this fall or winter. In fact, he's participating in intensive but fun math interventions that target foundational math skills. They do this for the first 15 or so minutes of math on a daily basis. They started out counting counters or dots and pointing to or circling the number of counted. This intervention might sound simple, but for kindergartners who cannot identify numbers 0-10, it's a challenge. Then they had to read a number and draw that number of circles. Parents, you can help your children by practicing number identification! They are required to accurately identify 0-20 in kindergarten. Then we compared groups of dots, circling the groups with more, and now, most kindergarten classes are working on missing numbers – definitely a challenge!

Students practice with partners, and then take a one-minute timed practice test. Once a week, the scores are entered into the Spring Math website. Class progress is graphed and if the class achieves the target score, the class moves on to the next foundational skill. Spring Math was piloted by Mrs. Kehler and Mrs. Gipe last school year, and is now part of all seven kindergarten classes.

Thank you for practicing number identification at home!



## Third Grade News

Third graders have been busy learning their multiplication facts. Each class has been doing a variety of games such as Bump Its, Color by Numbers, and Multiplication Tic Tac Toe to help! They have also learned tons of "finger tricks" and "riddles" for the facts. Flashcards have been made that can be practiced at home or school! Keep up the fantastic work boys and girl!



### LES Huskies Fill Home Buckets!

Miley Knepp, a second-grader in Mrs. Carper's class, helped Mom with chores. Zoey Stains, a first-grader in Mrs. Sweeney's class, helped with a tree clean-up project, and Treyson Yohn, a first-grader in Mr. Winey's class, helped fold the laundry. Kaylee Wade, a first-grader in Mrs. Weaver's class, brought her dishes to the sink instead of leaving them on the table after supper, and Sidney Koontz, a kindergartner in Mrs. Kehler's class, fed her fish without Mom telling her to do so. Dakota Bailey, a first-grader in Mrs. Hack's class, helped Dad after surgery.

These are only a few of our Lewistown Elementary School students who are filling their families' buckets at home and in the community.

Brody Hower made his parents proud when he showed respect during a football game toward a team displaying unsportsmanlike conduct. Owen Wagner gave one of his Cowabungas to a friend. Both boys are first-graders in Mrs. Sweeney's class.

And what teacher wouldn't want to hear to that her student is reading to his younger siblings at home? That's what Griffin McMorris, a first-grader in Mrs. Ryan's class, did and earned a Bucket Filler ticket from his Mom.

Our home bucket-filling program is off to great start! Parents are encouraged to acknowledge their children's good deeds by filling out the tickets in the monthly newsletter. So far, more than 100 students have filled their families' buckets! Bring the tickets to school and put them in the white bucket for a chance to win a special reward.

I am a **BUCKET FILLER** at home!

Name of Bucket Filler \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grownup awarding ticket \_\_\_\_\_

What did your child do? \_\_\_\_\_

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