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LEWISTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events...

Friday, September 21—ACT 80 DAY—No School for Students

Thursday, September 20—Apple Cider Presentation

Tuesday, September 18—Third Grade Farm Field Trip

Friday, September 28—Fundraiser Kickoff Assembly—1:30pm

Looking ahead to October:

Book Fair—October 8 -12

Wednesday, October 10—LES Open House

Wednesday, October 24—Picture Day



From the Principal's desk...

Parents/Guardians:

Students are required to present a written excuse to the homeroom teacher within 3 days of an absence. Excuses must be written and signed by the student's parent, guardian, or person in parental standing.

The following information must be included in the written excuse:

- 1. Full Name of student**
- 2. Date of absence and date excuse was written (please include all dates your student was absent on the excuse)**
- 3. Reason for the absence—"Family Emergency" is not an acceptable reason.**
- 4. Signature of parent, guardian, or person in parental standing.**

Failure to submit a written excuse within 3 days will result in the absence being recorded as unexcused.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mrs. Shinskie
Assistant Principal

Flash from First Grade

First grade is off to a great start!! The kiddos are getting back into the swing of things and have been setting great examples for the new kindergarteners! There are some new 'old' faces in 1st grade this year!! Ms. Fuller has moved from 3rd grade into Miss Oliver's classroom, so Miss Oliver could become one of our EL teachers, and Mrs. Yoder has moved from kindergarten to 1st grade because there were just too many awesome 1st graders that they needed another teacher! There is lots to do this year in 1st grade and we're all super excited to get going on this great adventure!

Third Grade News

Third graders have been busy building our classroom communities and reviewing how to be respectful, responsible, ready, and safe in our classrooms and building (since we ARE the "old" kids of the school now)! Many of us have also participated in a science or STEM activity where we began to ask questions and view ourselves as scientists, while exploring the scientific process. This process will be used throughout the year to conduct experiments.



Second Grade splash...



Our 2nd grade team is getting ready to "kick off" a great academic season this year. In the coming quarters, we will be rushing forward with Language Arts, Writing, Envision Math, Spring Math, Social Studies, Science, and Cursive Writing.

LES would like to announce that we drafted a new player to our 2nd grade teacher team this year. Welcome Miss Vonada!

We are anticipating many "touchdowns" and a winning season in 2nd grade. With much practice and teamwork, we are ready to huddle together, tackle hard work and run down the field toward victory. Please continue to "cheer" us on as we head to the end zone of excellence.

Kindergarten scoop

There are many new things that happen at the start of a new school year. Lewistown Elementary School is new for our kindergartners, as well as two new kindergarten teachers. Mrs. Chelsea Schwartz and Mr. Rob French have joined our team. Mrs. Schwartz comes to us after doing her student teaching at East Derry Elementary School and working in our district for TIU 11's Second Step program. Mr. French brings with him kindergarten experience from Stone Valley Elementary School. Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!!



Fill a Bucket at HOME!

We are teaching your children at LES to be:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Ready
- Safe

at school. This is part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports or PBIS program.

And, at LES, it's all connected to Carol McCloud's book, Have You Filled a Bucket Today? Ask your children all about it. Sometime this school year, your child will be bringing this book home for families to read together.

When a child misbehaves, we view it as a skill deficit. Appropriate behaviors and expectations are taught and retaught, and when a child is caught being a Bucket Filler, his/her behavior is often acknowledged with a Bucket Filler ticket and a chance to win a weekly reward.

Parents, you can help by being good

When you're a bucket filler, you make your home, your school, and your neighborhood better places for all.



This is a page from Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

role models and encouraging the use of good manners at home and school. Ask your child if he/she received a Bucket Filler ticket, and what did he/she do to deserve it.

We encourage you to focus on the positive, by acknowledg-

ing the bucket-filling behavior of your children at home or out in the community.

Does he help with chores? Does she do her homework without a fuss? Do they get a good night's sleep, so they ready to do their morning routine with a smile and be at the bus stop on time? If your children are respectful, responsible, ready and/or safe, tell them how proud and happy you feel when they fill your bucket! Then fill out one of these Bucket Filler tickets for your child to put 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? _____

Bring this ticket back to LES and put it in the WHITE bucket.

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