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January 6, 2017



- ◆ 1/13: End of 2nd Quarter/ First Semester
- ◆ 1/16: NO SCHOOL, Staff Workday
- ◆ 1/17: NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day
- ◆ 1/18: Start of 3rd Quarter
- ◆ 1/20: Report Cards go home
- ◆ 1/20: Winter Dance
- ◆ 1/31: Jump Rope for Heart kickoff, 9:30 AM Gymnasium
- ◆ 2/6—2/14: Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ 2/7: Two Hour Early Out
- ◆ 2/7: K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2:00—8:00 PM
- ◆ 2/7: Scholastic Book Fair runs 1:30—8:00 PM
- ◆ 2/10: Jump Rope for Heart Event, 2:15 PM
- ◆ 2/14: Valentines Day
- ◆ 2/14: K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30—8:00 PM
- ◆ 2/14: Scholastic Book Fair runs 3:45—8:00 PM
- ◆ 2/17: NO SCHOOL
- ◆ 2/20: President's Day, NO SCHOOL

Lonsdale ROCKS Report



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Welcome back to TCU Lonsdale Elementary for the second half of the year!

The end of our second quarter is fast approaching. We have had a great first semester and we look forward to the rest of the year. A new year always gives us the opportunity to reflect upon what we have done well and what we can do better. Have you been trying to figure out a new year's resolution? If the answer to the question is yes, I have a great suggestion for you. How about setting plans to help your children experience greater school success in 2017? Here are some ideas to be sure your child is successful at school:

1. Monitor your student's school work. One way to do this is to have them check in with you after school and share how their day went. A good opening question to help them communicate about this is to ask, "What did you learn in school today?" If you get a vague answer, follow-up by asking them about specific subjects such as: math, reading, or science. Another important way to monitor their work is to have them share any corrected school papers they brought home and discuss them together. You can further monitor by checking on their homework. While parents should never do homework for their young people, it is sound practice to help them if they are struggling, check it over for them once they are finished.
2. Make sure your children get to school. The more students are in school, the higher their achievement. Children cannot learn if they are not in school. In addition, poor attendance causes students to get behind in their learning and catching up can be very difficult when they return. In fact, poor attendance is often the first step to students being unsuccessful at school. Please have them to school on-time. Even if they are just 10 minutes late it can impact their day. Students are involved in learning experiences as soon as they enter our doors. Our school doors open at 8:45 with a start time of 8:50. Students will be marked tardy after 9:00.
3. Reward their efforts. Rewarding students for high grades is not as effective as rewarding them for their effort and growth. Students are always trying and want to make you proud. Therefore, the best way to motivate further effort is to notice it, to praise it, and to reward it.
4. Talk up the idea of going to college. I know your students are only in elementary school, but this should start at a very young age. As a staff we are always talking about where we went to school and how we benefitted from college. Having students set higher education as a target early in their lives will help them set ambitious goals for their academic progress as they proceed through school.
5. Finally, be involved! How important is parent involvement in their children's education? Study after study shows that it may be the top factor leading to student success. Whether it's taking time after school to ask questions about your child's day or volunteering in your child's classroom, if you have education as a priority it will be apparent to your child the expectations that are set for them. High expectations lead to high effort and achievement.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year!

Ms. Klitzke, Principal



Physical Education:

We will be focusing some of our time with a basketball unit. The kids will be exploring those early hand/eye coordination drills, learning how to dribble, pass, and move in space. The last half of the month we will be playing floor hockey and focusing striking with an implement, cooperating with teammates, sportsmanship, and personal safety.



Art Room News:

It is time to get a bit messy in art class as first, second, third and fourth grade are all experiencing the joy of painting. First grade just finished up painting and drawing realistic winter trees. We looked at drawing lines with different thicknesses and splatter painted snow with tooth brushes. Soon we will be exploring abstract art. Second grade artists are learning about color mixing and Canadian artist Ted Harrison with their own fabulous landscapes. Third grade students are on the tail end of watercolor painting still lifes. They have been practicing creating accurate proportions, adding variety, and seeing positive and negative space. Fourth grade artists will soon be practicing proper proportion through portraiture but are currently on the last days of a color wheel project. Kindergarten will be coming home with paintings galore soon as they learned about warm, cool, and primary colors this quarter. Now they are looking at symmetrical balance in art by creating snowmen that are hopefully the same on both sides of the face. Some art pieces may be late in coming home as they are being saved as a possible choice for this year's Elementary Art Show at the Art and Heritage Center in Montgomery late this spring.



Technology News:

In technology for January, we will be focusing on video editing, collaboration, and sharing skills to prepare for I love to Read month (February)! K-2 will be doing a reading rainbow style book preview using green screening and 3-4 will be doing book trailers using iMovie.





Kitchen Helper Needed:

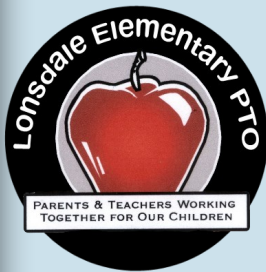
Our Lonsdale Kitchen is in need of a Kitchen Helper. This position is 3 hours per day starting at 11:00 AM and ending at 2:00 PM. If you or someone you know is interested in this part-time position or has further questions, please contact Amy Sauter at asauter@tcu2905.us or 507.364.8163.

PTO Winter Dance:

Back by popular demand is our winter dance!

Come "Beat the Winter Blues" by dancing and having fun with friends at our winter dance on January 20th from 6PM - 8PM We will be having a "free will" donation for admission as well as popcorn, water and other snacks for sale. Glow sticks will again be available for purchase! We are still looking for volunteers to help at our winter dance!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e48aeac2aa3fb6-lonsdale>



Kindness Counts:

We need your help! This month we are focusing on Kindness throughout our school. We have challenged our students to perform 1,000 acts of kindness by the end of January!

Here's how it works. Your student came home with a set of 5 kindness hearts. When you see your student being kind, write the act of kindness down on the heart along with their name and bring it back to school.

If every student participates, it doesn't take much time to work up to 1,000!



Save The Date:

February 7th and 14th are the dates for TCU's K-8 parent-teacher conferences. Look for information to be coming home soon on how to sign-up. During that time, we will also be in the middle of "I love to read month" and the Scholastic Book Fair. So come prepared to stock up on a great variety of books!



Lonsdale Youth Recycling Green Team Program



Lonsdale has curbside pickup for newspapers, corrugated cardboard and other paper products. These items can be recycled, but not everyone takes the time to do this. As a result, quite a bit of recyclable paper is being sent to the trash disposal facility. The Youth Recycling Project is designed to get youth groups involved in promoting cardboard and mixed paper recycling in Lonsdale. Newspapers, corrugated cardboard and other paper products will continue to be recycled through the curbside program. Youth groups will help promote the use of collection boxes located at IGA Foods 750 Ash St N., Lonsdale MN that will provide a more convenient location for people to drop off a variety of recyclable goods.

What's In It For Your Youth Group?

As a reward for helping to promote cardboard and mixed paper recycling in Lonsdale, your group will receive \$15/ton for all the paper and cardboard collected while you are charge of the program.

PAPER RECYCLING FACTS

For every ton of paper recycled, the following resources are saved:

- 17 trees
- 4100 KWH of electricity
- 9 barrels (380 gallons) of oil
- 54 million BTU's of energy
- 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space
- 60 pounds of air pollutants
- 7,000 gallons of water

Every year each person in the United States used paper equivalent to 2 pine trees.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES:

DO INCLUDE THESE TYPES OF PAPER IN THE MIXED PAPER RECYCLING BOX:

- Phone books
- Newspapers
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Softcover books
- Construction paper & Coloring book Paper of all types
- Envelopes of all types
- Junk mail
- File folders
- Boxboard (cereal, cake, cracker, and chip boxes- plastic liner must be removed)
- Greeting cards and wrapping paper
- Pop and beer cartons

THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE BOX NEXT TO THE MIXED PAPER RECYCLING BOX FOR CARDBOARD ONLY.

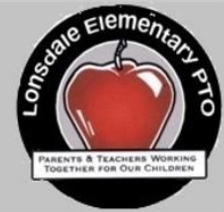


THESE ITEMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE

- Pizza boxes
- String, twine, cotton balls, diapers
- Napkins, paper towels tissues
- Cups, coffee filters, tea bags
- Photos, slides, carbon paper, transparencies
- Wallpaper Waxed paper or anything waxed like milk cartons, frozen food boxes, drink boxes
- Candy and gum wrappers



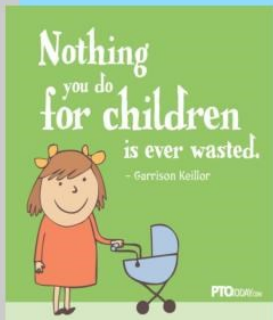
Lonsdale Elementary PTO



WINTER 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **January 20th—
Winter Dance**
- **February 6-14 —
Book Fair**
- **March 3rd—
Movie Night**



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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What we've done so far...

With the school year in full swing, your PTO has been busy! Our fall fundraiser and trash for cash have recently wrapped up and we would like to thank everyone that participated. The fall fundraiser is our main source of revenue and sets our budget each year. Trash for cash, on the other hand, is an added bonus of money that we can use to enhance learning at our school. We recently used trash for cash money to help fund the new video wall in the gym as well as a popcorn machine to be used for classroom parties and other events. We also organized a meal for all teachers and staff during conferences and were once again very grateful for the outpouring of support we received from all of you! **We appreciate each person that volunteers! No matter how small you think your job is, it doesn't go unnoticed or unappreciated!**

Members Needed!

Now is your chance to get involved

We are looking for 2 new members! Whether you're a parent looking to be more involved or just want to help make a difference at your child's school, we would love to have you join us. We meet roughly once a month for a couple hours and help organize events as well as come up with new events we think parents, student and staff will enjoy. If you are at all even a little interested, please email us!

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Fundraiser Total:
\$10,125

Trash for Cash Total:
\$615

We are also looking for people to help with the dance and movie night, you can click the link below to sign up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e48aeca2aa3fb6-lonsdale>

What's coming ↑

Winter Dance: Back by popular demand! The winter cold is coming, don't miss this fun event to help beat the winter blues on January 20th!

Family Movie Night

Movie Night: With the purchase of our new video wall, we want to be able to provide more opportunities for the community to see our awesome school! Be sure to invite any friends, family or neighbors you think might be interested. The date is March 3rd, the movie is still to be determined.



Book Fair: This is a great chance to add to your libraries at home as well as help out your child's classroom by buying a book for them! The book fair will be held February 6-14.



Look for "Lonsdale Elementary PTO" on Facebook and like our page to stay up to date!



Nurse Update

Due to the increasing amount of students that are getting sick I'd like to let everyone know what has been going around the school and making kids ill.

I did send home a letter before Christmas break but I also wanted to include this information on the News letter because we were hoping this sickness would not return to school after break but it is still here!

A 24 hour bug has been spreading throughout the school. This bug comes with no warning signs. No fever or cold/flu symptoms have been present. Kids will feel it coming on for about 10-15 minutes prior and then they will vomit. Afterwards, they have been feeling okay and back to their normal selves. However, school policy states that if a child vomits at school they cannot return to school until it has been 24 hours since the last known incident of becoming ill. For example, if a student gets ill at 10:30AM Tuesday they may not return to school until 10:30AM Wednesday.

Please call the health office with any questions or concerns!

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