

THE LEE LEDGER

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Lee Parents and Guardians,



Wow, what a start to February, finally we have some snow! Congratulations to our Lee students and their families for a successful service project to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Our Kids Food Basket experience was exceptional. We have one exciting event after another here at Lee.

Lee Elementary Goes Wireless

Lee Elementary now has wireless internet access as well as 120 notebook computers for student use. The Common Core State Standards have embedded technology into our curriculum standards and Lee Elementary is ready for this challenge. Students at Lee Elementary will be using the notebooks for a variety of online curricular resources such as RAZ kids for reading, MacMillan online Math, keyboarding skills, Google Docs, online research, and much more. Two teachers are also piloting IXL (a web based math resource) to help inform math instruction. Discover Education is a web based benchmark assessment program that 5 Lee teachers are piloting this year as well. The teachers at Lee Elementary deserve much praise as they have worked extremely hard and volunteered an immense amount of time to be trained in many of these resources as well as the use and care of our notebooks. The students at Lee are so excited to be working with this technology and will be prepared for our future.

*If your child has "ear buds" and you would like to send them to school we would appreciate it. You can purchase these at Wal-Mart and most dollar stores for a few dollars. Otherwise we do have sets of headphones for student use.

Attendance

Conspicuous among mandates from the State Department of Education is the number 1,098, which represents the total number of hours of required classroom instruction per year.

Given that time is such a precious commodity and is so often equated with money, it's no wonder then that schools are forced into the position of gate-keeper. At Lee Elementary, classes begin at 8:55 and end at 3:40. As parents, you can help your child by joining us in the role of gate-keeper. Please help us by honoring those classroom hours of 8:55 to 3:40. It would be especially helpful if we could limit the practice of going directly to classrooms at the end of the day to pick up your child early (in some instances, as early as 3:00), as this often serves as a distraction to students and teachers. Late arrivals and early dismissals are a part of every school building, but collectively we can do our part to limit such interruptions. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and we look forward to working with you to improve attendance at Lee Elementary.

Upcoming Events

- **February 8:**
Count Day
- **February 14:**
Jump Rope for Heart
- **February 20:**
No School PD Day
- **March 8:**
Camp Read-a-Lot
- **March 9:**
No School Records Day
- **March 21 PTO**
FUNraiser at Pizza Hut
- **March 30-April 8:**
Spring Break
- **May 11:**
Special Person Day
- **May 28:**
No School Memorial Day
- **June 8:**
Last day of school.
Dismiss at 12:00.

Library Corner

What a great year we are having in the Lee Library. I hope your children are enjoying the titles they have checked out to bring home.

Now that winter weather has appeared, we are asking our students to be very careful putting books and wet clothing side by side in their backpacks. It takes just a bit of moisture sitting next to a book before the pages absorb the liquid. Please explain to your child it is best to put the book in a different compartment if they have one. If they don't, a plastic bag can be used to store their book until they get home.

At this age level we ask students for cost replacement of books with significant water damage. Thank you for all your help so our books can have a long shelf life.

Thank you,
Mrs. Brooks

Classroom Valentine's Day Parties

Classroom Valentine parties will be held on Tuesday, February 14th.

Check with your child's teacher for times.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART—FEBRUARY 14TH

February 14th seems like a most appropriate day to hold our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. This fundraiser and health awareness project has been dear to the hearts of Lee students and staff for many years. Mrs. Desy, our Physical Education instructor, organizes the event and embeds the lessons and activities into her PE classes. Here are the times that individual classrooms are jumping.

9:30-10:25 Mrs. Hannapel, Mr. Lester, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Wilkinson

10:30-11:25 Mrs. D'Amico, Mrs. DiIanni, Mr. Hammer, Mr. Hanna

1:10-2:05 Mrs. Gavette, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Toole, Mrs. Vanderwood, Mrs. Woods

2:10-3:05 Mr. Fischer, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Scholtens, Mrs. VanVliet

Participants will work in teams of 6 using one jump rope and alternating jumpers. Each team member will jump for two minutes, and then pass the rope to the next team member. A pink informational flyer with donation envelope has already been sent home. If you are interested in volunteering during the day please call the office and let us know. Helpers would be needed for either the morning 9:00-12:00 or the afternoon 1:00-3:00.

You are welcome to come during your child's jumping time to share their excitement and cheer them on!



CAMP READ-A-LOT—MARCH 8

At Lee Elementary we celebrate March is reading month with a visit from an author/illustrator and a night of family fun. Camp Read-a-Lot is a great evening of family activities that will include: Reader's Theater Puppets, Gently Used Book Exchange, Story Telling, Art Stations, an Internet café, karaoke and more. Michael Glenn Monroe will be visiting our students during the day on March 8th. Some of his illustrated books include: "M is for Michigan", "Penny the Forgotten Coin", and "Mister Rabbit's Wish". Camp Read-a-Lot will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m. here at Lee Elementary. This is a family event and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please email Stephanie Woods at swoods@tkschools.org if you are available to help prepare for this fun event. (Many things can be done at home. Some examples are to make flower and frog patterns) If you are able to donate any of the following it would be greatly appreciated.

List of Supplies we need to run the stations:

- small pompoms 1/2" and 1"
- 6-10 mm wiggle eyes
- magazines
- glue bottles
- paper fasteners
- pipe cleaners
- toilet paper rolls
- jewels
- milk tops
- glue sticks
- flashlights/batteries
- gently used books
- 5/8"yellow and black pompoms
- yellow or wooden tongue depressors
- black Sharpie markers

