



STILLWATER AREA SCHOOLS

Messenger

Lake Elmo Elementary School
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Stephen Gorde, Principal

February 2012

Lake Elmo Families,

February is a very busy month with lots going on. Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the three items listed below.

I Love To Read Month

Lake Elmo Elementary will be celebrating I Love to Read Month throughout February. Based on the great success of our Walkathon this year there is no fund raiser tied to this event. Our goal is to emphasize reading and push for 100% participation in this fun, all school activity.

I Love to Read Month begins on Wednesday, February 1st! During this month we hope that every child will participate in daily reading, both at school and at home. This includes someone reading to the child, the child reading aloud or silently, and reading done for homework or for pleasure, so all grades can participate. To add some variety to the students reading routine, we have created a READING BINGO card. Students are encouraged to fill in five in a row and return the card to their teacher as soon as it is completed. Students should continue to use the reading minute sheets given to them by their classroom teachers, as well. All READING BINGO CARDS are due by Thursday, March 1, 2011!! If we receive at least 50% participation by classroom, we will have Pajama Day on Friday, March 2!

Extra Reading Bingo sheets can be found on the Lake Elmo Elementary PTA web site at <http://lakeelmo.stillwater.k12.mn.us/PTA.html> or sheets can also be found in the PTA flyer bin outside the front office. If you have questions, feel free to contact your student's teacher or a PTA Board Member.

Events

Every Friday we will Drop Everything And Read
Which will include visits from Lake Elmo alums!

Thursday, March 1 Dr. Seuss Night

Join us for a variety of reading opportunities and entertainment provided by the very talented singer Peter Mayer Thursday, March 1.

Friday, March 2 - Book Fair

Friday, March 2 - Pajama Day

Throughout the month look for opportunities to read with a special person.

Recommended Budget Adjustments for Fall 2012

Board to Vote on Final Cuts March 8

After prioritizing more than 200 ideas gathered from the community and staff, the Budget Adjustment Advisory Committee has helped develop a plan to reduce the district's budget by \$10 million for the 2012-2013 school year.

View the list of recommended budget adjustments presented to the board on February 2, 2012 at http://stillwater.k12.mn.us/sites/363874ed-8822-4032-b432-366a02d38aa1/uploads/FallCut12_FinalRecom_2.pdf.

Get Involved:

Attend a school board meeting. Board meetings will be held at 7:15 p.m. on February 23 and March 8 at Stillwater City Hall. The public will have an opportunity to address the board during an Open Forum at the start of each meeting.

Join the Community Conversation. Share your opinions regarding the proposed recommendation, read other people's ideas, and vote on your favorites online. The board will vote on final budget adjustments on March 8, and adjustments would take effect for the 2012-2013 school year.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments for Grades 3-6 or MCAs

(For MORE MCA DETAILS see the letter sent in today's Friday Folder)

This year the MATH portion of the MCA will look

IMPORTANT NUMBERS!!

Main Office - 351-6700

Nurse - 351-6702

Attendance Line - 351-6701

MN Central Bus Co. - 430-3311

different from years past. Students will take it on the computer like last year but there are two big differences from past years. First, they will be taking it earlier. Lake Elmo students will be testing February 13 to March 2. (Due to the fact we are testing on-line we are unable to test all groups at the same time.) Students will complete two testing sessions to complete the math portion of the MCA. The second difference is that students will be able to take the math MCA up to three times in order to achieve a "Meets" or "Exceeds" result. Those students who score "Deficient" or "Partial" will have two additional tries before the end of the year. Dates for grade levels are listed in the letter. The reading test will remain a paper and pencil test this year and is scheduled for April 17 and 18.

Bullying Policy

As you know, our District has implemented a new anti-bullying policy. To view the details of the policy, please go to the District website using the following link:

http://www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/Policy_1_3_Bullying_Policy.html

In the January newsletter we included some websites that may provide helpful information on bullying, here are two additional sites. Please check them out at your convenience, as we believe they are valuable resources.

Top 5 Tips for Dealing with Bullying in Your Family:

<http://www.care.com/child-care-top-5-tips-for-dealing-with-bullying-in-your-family-p1017-q8764368.html>

Signs Your Child is a Bully or Being Bullied: <http://www.care.com/child-care-signs-your-child-is-a-bully-or-being-bullied-p1017-q8179037.html>

Winter Spirit of Yesteryear Rally

Saturday, February 4th, 2010

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Washington Co. Fair Grounds Main Entrance

Catch the spirit of the past, Manes & Trails Harness Club welcomes the public to their free horse and sleigh event. This event will take place regardless of snow. Several breeds of horses and styles of sleighs will be described by an announcer as they circle the show ring. Bring your cameras, bleachers are provided and there will be concessions available for purchase.

Corporate Matching Gifts

Securian Foundation is happy to match gifts made by Joan Matteson and Ben Roth to our organization with a matching gift check totaling \$400.00. Lake Elmo

appreciates this gift.

Lake Elmo received a check for \$195.65 from the Wells Fargo matching contribution of employee payroll donations made through the annual Giving Campaign. The employees who participated in the campaign are Tiffany Gilchrist, Colleen And Terry Bouthilet and Jessica Smebak. Thank you for your contributions.

Young Scientist Search

3M and Discovery Education are sponsoring a Search for America's Top Young Scientist. Students in grade 5-8 are eligible to apply. You can find more information at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/discovery-education-and-3m-search-for-americas-2012-top-young-scientist-2012-01-10>

Great Free Speaker Opportunity

Effects Technology has on Developing Brains

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Stillwater Area High School Auditorium, as Dr. Gary Johnson, a nationally-recognized expert on brain development, shares information on the effects technology has on children's developing brains. Dr. Johnson's talk will be tailored to the effects on children birth to late elementary/early secondary age. Tickets are free and can be picked up at any Stillwater Area Public School, or the Early Childhood Family Center. If you have young children, you won't want to miss this special event!

Not My Kid

A Community Conversation of Youth Suicide

No one likes to think that kids are at risk for suicide, but unfortunately they are. Come to this free community meeting to learn the facts about youth suicide from a national expert and discuss strategies for getting all segments of the community involved in simple but effective prevention strategies.

February 28, 2012

Oakland Junior High

Speaker: Maureen Underwood, LCSW, CGP

Resource Fair: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Refreshments provided

Dental Care Delivered to You

The Southside Dental van brings affordable care right to you. The van features two dental chairs with a dentist, an oral hygienist, x-rays and treatment. Their services are available to people of all ages and income levels. They accept private insurance, General and Medical Assistance, Minnesota Care, and sliding fee payments. The van will be in the Stillwater area every 4th Friday of each month in

in the Stillwater area for appointments every 4th Friday of each month in 2012. Call 612-821-2802 to schedule an appointment.

Thanks to a United Way of Washington Count-East partnership and foundation support.

Lake Elmo Lions Club Fishing Contest

The Lake Elmo Lions Club has cancelled their annual ice fishing contest on Lake Jane due to thin ice conditions as specified under DNR permit regulations.

This would be the 55th year for this popular event that combines family fun while raising money for various community programs. The \$1,000.00 cash drawing will still be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, at Lions Park - located across from the Lake Elmo Fire Department at 3510 Laverne Avenue North, Lake Elmo.

Tickets for the \$1,000.00 drawing are available for purchase at the following Lake Elmo businesses: Lake Elmo Oil, Lake Elmo Barber Shop, Lake Elmo Inn, Hagberg's, Twin Point Tavern and The Lake Elmo Bank, for \$4.00. Tickets are also available at Blue Ribbon Bait, and Meister's in Stillwater.

Event co-chair Dave Leikam would like to encourage everyone to purchase tickets to ensure continued support to deserving local programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 6th "Effects Technology has on Children's Developing Brains", Gary Johnson, Ph.D., Speaker SAHS Auditorium, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- February 7th Family Fun Night @ Culver's, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
- February 10th Read a Thon - Turn in Date
- February 10th Wellstone Community Center, 2nd Tepy, 9:45 AM – 1:30 PM
- February 13th MCA III Math Online Testing, 3rd – 5th Grade
- February 14th Lunch in the Classroom, 1st Dahl, Rm: 507, 11:50 AM – 12:20 PM
- February 16th MCA III Math Online Testing, 3rd – 5th Grade
- February 16th Spirit Club, Media Center 3:35 – 4:35 PM
- February 17th Read a Thon – Turn in Date
- February 17th Children's Museum in the Classrooms, 2nd Grade
- February 20th No School – District Staff Development
- February 21st Late Start, 11:00 AM
- February 21st PTA Meeting, Media Center & Gym, 6:15 – 8:00 PM
- February 22nd MCA III Math Online Testing, 3rd – 5th Grade
- February 23rd Read with Someone Special
- February 23rd MCA III Math Online Testing, 3rd – 5th Grade
- February 23rd 2012-2013 7th Grade Parent Information Night, OLJH Auditorium, 6:30 PM
- February 24th Read a Thon – Turn in Date
- February 24th Children's Museum in the Classroom, 2nd Grade
- February 25th Jeans and Jewels, The Prom Center in Oakdale, 6:00 PM
- February 27th MCA III Math Online Testing, 6th Grade, 10:10 AM
- February 27th Partnership's Gratitude Greeting for a Dietitian, Gym, 9:05 AM – 3:05 PM
- February 28th Guthrie Theatre 5th Heilhecker, 9:45 AM – 1:30 PM
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- February 28th OLJH Counselors Visit 1:30 PM & 2:15 PM
- February 29th MCA III Math Online Testing, 6th Grade, 10:10 AM
- February 29th Guthrie Theatre, 5th Schindler, 9:45 AM – 1:30 PM
- February 29th Partnership's Gratitude Greeting for a Dietitian, Gym 9:35 AM – 2:05 PM