



THE WILDCAT'S ROAR

Lebanon Borough School Family Newsletter

January 2018

Mr. Arcurio's Corner

Happy New Year! We have entered 2018 and it is going to be another great year of learning and growing in the LBS community. During this time we often reflect upon the successes and struggles of the previous year and resolve to make changes in the year ahead. I would like to encourage everyone to take a different view of this process for 2018. It is certainly worthwhile to review the previous year; however, I would simply ask that we encourage our children to form habits that will lead to success. If each child identifies and actualizes three habits that can increase success in any meaningful areas of their lives they will be on a solid road to personal growth. Sometimes we look for perfection at this time of year when we should be encouraging and celebrating progress.

As parents we are always looking for information to help us in the difficult job of raising children. As I mentioned above we need to focus on progress, not

perfection. I encourage everyone to

check out some of the resources on Cybraryman.com's website related to Learning From Mistakes

(<https://cybraryman.com/learningfrommistakes.html>). There are some wonderful articles, videos, and TEDtalks that provide ideas and strategies for supporting children so that they develop resilience in the face of adversity. As we move to 2018, take a moment to think of ways that you can take a role in the LBS community. Contact the PTA or your teachers and they can

certainly provide ideas for getting involved. As always, thank you for your continued support.



Important Dates

Jan 4	BOE Meeting (6:30pm)
Jan 8	PTA Meeting (7pm)
Jan 15	MLK Observance (school closed)
Jan 29	Student Council Pajama Day (P-6th)
Jan 30	Parent Program - High Bridge (7pm) (see office section of newsletter)

The Office...

- High Bridge Public Schools is holding a parent program on January 30, 2018 from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the library at High Bridge Elementary School (40 Fairview Ave). It is open to parents from all surrounding districts. The speaker will be Lynne Gonski, School Based Counselor with Hunterdon Behavioral Health and Professor at RVCC. The program topic is "communication" and is based on the book, How to Talk so Your Kids Will Listen and How to Listen so Your Kids Will Talk by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish.

Mission Statement: Lebanon Borough School District is committed to facilitate the development of each child to his or her greatest potential. Recognizing individual differences among pupils and encouraging achievement is a cornerstone of the school district. Addressing not only basic skills that students need, but requiring them to think independently and critically is an essential purpose of the school district. The Lebanon Borough School District emphasizes the enhancement of student learning with the delivery of instruction through curriculum and programs that align with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and reflects the ten New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers. The Lebanon Borough School strives to provide each child with the ability and tools to achieve excellence. 1

- Reminder: We are in the process of reviewing our District Website and investigating changes for the future. Your input is extremely important. Please take a moment and take our brief (5 minute) survey to let us know your experience with the site. It is important for us to know the things that you like or dislike in order to make improvements so that the website is more useful to our community. Please use the link below to take the survey. If it does not take you right to the survey either copy and paste or type it into your web browser.

<https://goo.gl/forms/DII07GH4dBysPIPv1>

The Survey will close on Sunday January 7, 2018.

- Please be sure to update your contact information with the office. It is important that we have your updated phone numbers and your email address. This will assist in the case of medical issues and it will also help to provide us with communication options moving forward.

Health Office...

Nurse's News: At the beginning of December I visited with each grade and reviewed our Stop-Walk-Talk program. The students also had a Caring Assembly on Dec 14th. Ms. Bogart and the first grade class presented for the student body. For the months of January and February our pillar of character will be Fairness. Fairness focuses on treating individuals equally, regardless of their ideas, opinions or moral standards.

Physical Education/Health...

During December, upper grades completed their floor hockey unit. Lessons focused on passing/receiving, striking/hitting a target, offensive/defensive strategies, and teamwork. Students were engaged in various games/activities leading up to floor hockey games. Lower grades focused on the basics of floor hockey. Lesson focused on knowledge of correctly using a hockey stick, basic rules of floor hockey, dribbling, and passing. In Health, students learned about the Body systems. Students were engaged in various experiments and lessons reviewing the five body systems. In January students will be starting their Volleyball unit.



Art...

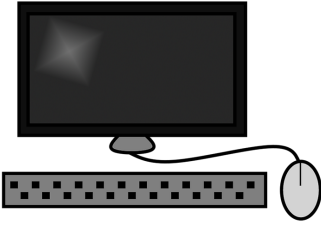
In the art room this past month we have been busy creating art for the winter concert. We helped decorate the gym with poinsettias, gingerbread houses, holiday lights, winter tree landscapes and "stained glass" watercolor trees. We were able to finish everything before the winter break. Looking forward to January we will be working on more skills, more knowledge of different mediums, learn about different artists' and also prepare for the art show at The Hunterdon Art Museum. Our opening reception will be Saturday, January 27, 2018 @ 3-4pm. More information will be handed out in the next couple of weeks. We will also be creating theme based art for the season as well as the upcoming holidays.

Music...

I would like to congratulate all of the students of Lebanon Borough for their outstanding performance during our winter concert! I am so proud of all of their hard work and practice!

I am very excited to announce the show for our spring concert. We will be performing "The Wizard of Oz". The concert date as well as more information involving the show will be sent home soon.

Musically yours,
Mrs. Thompson



Enrichment/Technology...

All LBS students participated in the Hour of Code during the week of December 4-8 during their Enrichment and Technology classes. The Hour of Code was started four years ago by code.org as a way of encouraging young students to take an interest in S.T.E.M. activities, particularly coding/programming. It is amazing to see even kindergarten students use problem-solving and logical thinking to work their way through multiple puzzles in different apps.

Beginning in January, we will have 10 weeks of coding classes, twice a week for ten weeks. App developers have made coding fun as well as challenging, teaching coding using blocks to the younger children, and introducing various coding languages to the older students who are ready for a challenge. Everyone loves coding!!

Club News...

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TREP\$ Marketplace Club will resume on Wednesday, January 10. We will meet at 3:10 p.m. in the school library. If any students in Third grade would like to join the club, please complete and return a permission slip by Monday, January 8 to your classroom teacher. You will find the permission slips in your Friday folder. "

Preschool...

In preschool this month we continued our clothing unit and took a break to learn about different holidays that are in December. We made gingerbread ornaments (AM) and salt dough handprints (PM), we measured out the ingredients and counted to make sure we added the correct amount. We learned the letters J-L. The afternoon class worked really hard preparing for the winter concert, everyone did an amazing job! We have practiced our size ordering a lot. In January we will have a unit on winter, make our winter bulletin board and continue our clothing's unit.

Kindergarten...

During the month of December the Kindergartners were eagerly awaiting to hear from our gingerbread pen pals. We received 22 of the 25 from around the USA! We sent 25 gingerbread pals and letters about Lebanon, NJ. We learned all about different states, like in North Dakota the kids go out to play in the snow during recess! Also in Hawaii it never gets below 70! The children really enjoyed learning about our pen pals and deciding if their town looked more like Lebanon or a big city on Google earth! We hope to get our missing 3 in January.



First Grade...

First Grade is ready for 2018! We will begin by thinking about how we can become even better readers by writing our New Year's Reading Resolutions. In January, we will continue to work on our fluency, comprehension and word attack skills in guided reading. In our Reading Street books, we will be

reading non-fiction texts about forests and honey bees. We will pay close attention to the author's purpose and sequence of events.

In Math, we will continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies. Some of our strategies include using doubles plus one and minus one, using ten to subtract, and using addition to subtract. First grade will also continue to work on our math fact fluency.

In writing workshop, we will still use a three step process to write personal narratives. In December, we've learned that good writers think, draw, and then write. In January, the students will learn how to revise their writing to add details and dialogue.

Finally, we're very excited to start our science unit on Penguins! The students will research various species of penguins and learn about their habitat, life cycle and behavior in the wild. Later, the students will be using their research to write non-fiction books.



Second Grade...

Second Grade has had a fun filled December! We had many parents come into our class and share with us their Holiday Traditions. It was wonderful to hear (and taste!) some of the wonderful ways this community celebrates! We have also been sharing ways we can care for others and help those around us. It has been a pleasure working at LBS school and I have enjoyed watching your children grow and learn. I will be sure to come visit! Thank you all for your support and encouragement! (Mrs. Boyce)

Third Grade...

3rd Graders have had a wonderful few weeks sharing holiday poems and songs, and bringing a homemade snowman to life in story. In math we learned how the distributive property of multiplication works. This new strategy helps us to be more efficient and fluent with our multiplication by decomposing or breaking down multiplication sentences into more manageable known factors. We also wrote and mailed friendly letters with a holiday theme to extended family members. This month we also shared "Caring Tickets" with our classmates when we were impressed by their compassion and kindness. In science we finished our unit on animals and their survival and connected this in reading where we read all about unique birds' nests! In social studies we are learning about famous people who changed the world. We look forward to a wonderful New Year filled with new challenges and fun together.

Fourth Grade...

December was a busy month in Fourth Grade! We read the short novel, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, where we explored theme, character traits and development. In writing, we learned what a thesis statement is and wrote our first 5 paragraph essay. We also worked on speaking to a group and presented during our Tradition Celebration while working on those public speaking skills.

In Social Studies, we learned about the early European Explorers that came to this area and why the Lenape left the area. We also explored traditions and customs around the world while we looked at our own family holiday traditions. These traditions are what we wrote about in our first 5 paragraph essay and what we spoke about during our Tradition Celebration! In Math, we learned how to use compatible numbers to get an estimate when dividing, how to interpret the remainder when looking at real world situations and began the super exciting skill of long division! We will review and continue that as we



