

Lapham Lookout Elementary

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Lapham Elementary School
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Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! It is my hope that you and your family had a great break. A big thanks to all of those who attended and volunteered at our Annual Lapham Family Holiday Luncheon. We served almost 600 meals! This was truly a nice event for our school.

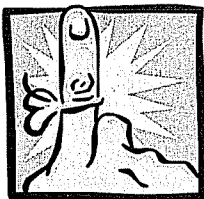
Again, this past December brought a lot of snow. Please think about joining our kids for recess. They have so much fun in the snow. They build things, haul snow all over, run in it, roll around in it and many other fun things. I say let's go for another record this winter!

January brings the half way point in the year. Report cards will be sent home on January 30th. There is further information on report cards later in this newsletter. If you have questions, please be sure to contact your child's teacher. For our new kindergarten parents the grading may be different from what you were used to as a student; hopefully we are providing detailed information for parents on the progress of their children.

Last January I suggested a New Year's resolution on improving our tardiness. It has been improving and we really appreciate it. Please continue to work on this. We will look at how we are doing at the semester. Please remember each late student is an interruption to the work and learning of many people. Most importantly is the loss of instructional time to students, especially as teachers have to spend their time reteaching information that was missed. Again, thanks so much for your help in this area.

Have a great month! Your principal, Mike Hertting

Dates To Remember



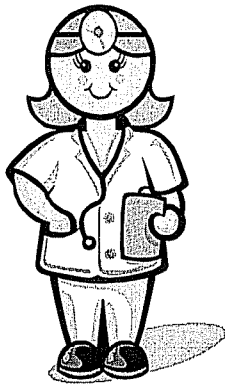
Tuesday, Jan 13	6:30 PM	PTG Meeting at Lapham
Monday, Jan 19	No School	Martin Luther King Day
Friday, Jan 23	10:45 AM Dismissal	2nd quarter ends
Tuesday, Jan 27	9:00 AM & 6:45 PM	Drama Performance
Tuesday, Feb 3	1:00 PM	Opera for the Young
Thursday, Feb 12	9:15 AM	Awards Prog. (Kdg sings)



Questions and Answers

Where can I drop off my child in the morning? Ideally, please drop your child off by the playground so he/she can come in with his/her class. You may park on the street if you want to walk to the playground with your child. Please **do not** drop your child off in the parking lot! Children must be with an adult in our parking lot at all times; there are too many vehicles arriving and leaving for children to be by themselves at our entrance and dismissal times.

Can I drop my child off at the Ingersol entrance? If the bell has not rung, please drop your child off at the playground. You may drop off your child at this entrance if the bell has rung. Please **do not** park in the Ingersol drop off area. You could be ticketed if you park in this area. We have been receiving parent complaints about cars parked in this area.



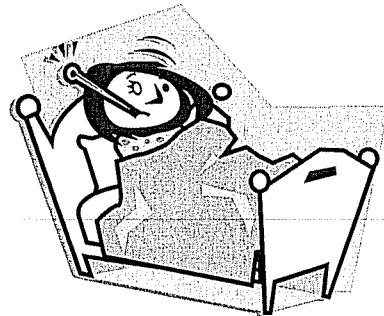
FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

We understand that it may be a tough decision in the morning on whether to send your child, so below are the MMSD guidelines to help you decide whether to send your child to school:

Fever- If your child has a fever of 100 or more, the child should be kept home. Please do not give a fever reducer and send to school.

Vomiting- If your child has vomited or has severe nausea or diarrhea, please make sure they have tolerated a normal diet the night before and the morning of school.

Colds and coughs- You can send your child to school with a mild cold, if your child is comfortable enough and knows how to minimize the spread of the cold. Although, the child will be excluded for consistent coughing.



We would also like to remind you of the MMSD policy about medicines at school. This policy is made to abide by state laws and to protect all students. Absolutely no medicine, including aspirin and inhalers, can be placed in children's lunch boxes, desks, or backpacks. If a student needs to take medication during the school day, the medicine is kept in the Health Office. The medicine must be in a labeled container. More importantly, a parent/guardian permission form and physician's written order must accompany the medication.

Lapham Wish List

We would like some additional DVDs appropriate for all Lapham grades for when we have in-door recesses. Please send them to the office. Thanks!



Notes from the Music Room

The following students performed two excellent concerts with the World-Famous Lapham Second Grade Choir on December 16. Now we are looking forward to our spring concerts on April 28 and a command performance at Marquette on May 5!

CHOIR FALL 2008-2009

ANTON

Althea Bernstein
Phoebe Kimes
Gemma Koester-Jess
Jude Langhammer
Phoebe Link
Gwen Looper
Liam McCarthy
Veronica Mingle
Hans Nielson-Fox
Isabella Parenteau
Joshua Soldner
Mahaya Yttri

RICHNER

Mahailia Avendano
Fatoumata Barrow
Layne Bower
Sierra Bryant
Lukas Coffin-Ness
Sam Heiman
Corey Jacob
Marlin Lee
Lydia Marszal
Lulu Newman
Milo Sachse-Hofheimer
Rhea West

MCCOLLISTER

Ella Blackwell
Niamh Collins
Malia Gavney
Maria Griffiths
Ariel Haber-Fawcett
Ellie McLean
Annie Motoviloff
Calysta Orvis
Kasia Ostrowski
Max Ruoho
Tate Sayer
Leah Sexson
Nicholas Soldner
Maria Walters

SWIFT

Quaid Agard
Bridget Dempsey
Sha Frasier
Jasper Goldman
Ed Hansen
Solveig Macaulay
Ella Nowicki
Eva Paddock
Eden Rippenburg
Carson Tomony

More Notes from the Music Room



The following students will be performing "Mouse Country", a musical version of the City Mouse and the Country Mouse on January 27 at 9:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in our auditorium. You will not want to miss this, so put it on your calendar!

COUNTRY FAMILY

Country	Taden Ellenbolt
Corinne	Annie Motoviloff
Teeny	Leah Sexson
Meany	Bridget Dempsey
Marty	Carson Tomony
Mighty	Isabella Parenteau

CITY FAMILY

Dan	Fatoumata Barrow
Mabelline	Malia Gavney
Micky	Jude Langhammer
Ricky	Lulu Newman
Pete	Layne Bower
Tricky Treat	Althea Bernstein

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Hank	Mahaya Yttri
Hunk	Phoebe Kimes
Aunt Rhody	Sophia Jameson
Uncle Hoady	Joshua Soldner
Granny	Gemma Koester-Jess
Fanny	Niamh Collins
Plowboy	Sophia Montgomery
Billie Joe	Solveig Macaulay
Meg	Calysta Orvis
Bobbi Jo	Eden Riphenburg
Billy Bob	David Gomez
Jim Bob	Max Parmaker
Cousin Barbie	Ella Blackwell
Ned	Ed Hansen
Ma	Mahailia Avendano
Martin	Max Ruoho
Auntie Em	Aysa Klecker
Posey	Parker Buske
Otis	Cody Bartel

Slim	Maria Walters
Jim	Ella Nowicki
Jody	Sierra Jones
Gramps	Ariel Haber-Fawcett
Fud	Nicholas Soldner
Cowboy	Lukas Coffin-Ness
Apple Annie	Daisy Wolf
Betty Bob	Maria Griffiths
Jake	Sha Frasier
Bubba	Marlin Lee
Brett	Liam McCarthy
Cousin Susie	Phoebe Link
Cousin Lily	Sierra Bryant
Big Sam	Sam Heiman
Lester	Lydia Marszal
Esther	Ellie McLean
Hector	Hans Nielson-Fox
Clem	Quaid Agard

CATS

Eva Paddock
Jasper Goldman
Tate Sayer
Veronica Mingle

Lapham-Marquette PTG Meeting Minutes
(Rescheduled due to weather Dec. 15th)
Special Brainstorming and Committees Meeting

1. Vote on Lapham and Marquette "Wish List" Purchases.

Risso for Marquette-service contract comes with it for a few years.

Laminator for Lapham- comes with 2 year maintenance agreement.

Board recommending that we approve these items purchased out of our surplus. Vote taken and approved. Each about \$2300.

2. Principal Reports

Lapham- Indoor recess went well. K had choice. Holiday luncheon went well. About 600 people turned out. Students from Affiliated Programs helped set up, serve and clean up. Report card window has opened. Report cards coming home 1/30.

Marquette-using PTG purchased digital cameras for ongoing project. Slideshow this Friday. Line item for performing arts-possible Drum and Dance theatre performance in the spring. Skip Jones coming for "Bully Proofing" community building. He is willing come through net PTG meeting and share out. Opera for the Young unable to come this year. Andrea asking for PTG input to use the rest of the item for. Lapham Choir coming over in the spring. Geography Bee is this Wed. 6 participants. Spelling Bee is coming up. Looking for parent input around Bees. How does the PTG feel about them? Traffic Committee meeting again.City releasing report. Update next meeting. Marquette received a grant to get the gardening /market up and running. More to come.

3. Short Committee Updates

Budget Update-full update on website. Currently we are at where we were last year, but concern we may fall short. General appeal will come out with the directory. PTG currently has a surplus. Currently we can calculate a 15,000 surplus. Typically PTGs spend down budgets. Alex recommending a cushion to keep to cover future needs but still able to spend on WISH LIST items.

Advocacy-CaSt meeting last week to talk about school finance reform. Coming in legislature probably in Feb. Another upcoming meeting in January after new make up of assembly.

After School Clubs-Peggy Gartes- full proposal on website. We need to recruit leaders. Stipend offered. Sending parent interest info in list serve, on website, backpack mail and newsletter. No bus transportation, parent pick up or Red Caboose. Looking for a site coordinator for each school for 6 weeks Wednesday nights in Feb./March.

Fundraising Committee-looking for a committee of people to recruit volunteers, discuss what ones to continue and add etc. Minimal commitment. Contact Anita and Daithi. Donated Bucky Books will be used as an attendance incentive for PTG meetings. John Bishop first winner!! A Bucky Book will be given away at every PTG meeting. Others for sale for \$40 as a PTG fundraiser. Table set up at each office this Friday 2-3:30.

Gardening Committee- presented an organization proposal. See website for proposed plan. Proposed a first draft with expanded plans for gardening initiative. Future discussion to come.

Brainstorming and Committee Formation: Parents discussed interests, updates and issues and ideas were grouped into committees as follows:

Traffic Safety/Recess Playground

Enrichment/After-school Clubs

Fundraising

Gardening/Nutrition

Room Reps

Advocacy

PTG Minutes

Please visit the website for the latest information.
<http://www.lapham-marquette-ptg.org/minutes.htm>

Next meeting—January 13th - 6:30pm @Lapham

Next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13 6:30 at Lapham. Childcare available. Social hour, snacks, get to know other parents, join and see what committees are forming. Each committee will have a rep there to share objectives/ideas and projects and to add your ideas.

MMSD Board of Education Progress Report – January, 2009

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful winter break. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2009. December was a fairly quiet month for the Board.

Legislative: The Board met with the Madison state legislative delegation in December. This meeting was an opportunity to touch base and get an overview of the state budget and school finance plans that are being developed throughout the state. The dire condition of the state budget is certainly going to be their focus in the coming months. The Board will discuss our legislative agenda for the district at the 1/12/09 Board meeting. Once we approve our agenda, we will be working with the community and other school districts on the best way to advocate for the state budget and school finance programs.

Regular Board Meeting: The Regular Board meetings will now be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm. This is a change from having the meetings on the first Monday of the month. Committee meetings will now be scheduled on the first Monday of each month.

Community Partnerships: The Board approved funding (under Fund 80) proposals for the following organizations to provide specific community service activities for the 2009-10 fiscal year. These are exciting proposals that will benefit our students in the MMSD. The organizations are: Literacy Network; Asset Builders of America; Vera Court Neighborhood Center; Goodman Community Center; UW-Madison Pre-College Initiatives; Children's Services Society of Wisconsin; Lussier Community Education Center; Gay, Straight Alliance for Safe Schools; UW-Madison Center for Biology Education; Urban League of Greater Madison (Bootstrap); African American Ethnic Academy; and Kajiab House.

Strategic Planning Process: The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation for the structure and timeline for the MMSD strategic planning process. The strategic planning sessions will take place during the month of January. We are in the process of finalizing the strategic planning team. We have approved the use of an outside facilitator for the planning process. Dr. Keith Marty has extensive experience in working with school districts in developing strategic plans. I am very excited about the planning process and will update you as we move forward.

What's happening in January? January is a busy month. We start our new committee structure on January 5. The community input sessions on the recommendations from the Math Task Force take place in early January. The strategic planning meetings will also take place.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the Board at comments@madison.k12.wi.us or call me at 516-8981.

Best regards, Arlene Silveira