

# LANDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE LION'S DEN



## News From The Principal

### **Welcome to Landis and another wonderful School Year!**

We have had a great start to the new school year! Thank you for attending our Meet Your Teacher nights here at Landis. Thank you for your support of your child and Landis.

Thank you for your patience with the dropping off and picking up of our students. Remember you cannot park along the front sidewalk at any time in the morning until after 8:15 or you cannot park along the sidewalk after 2:35. Please stay in your car. We also have had several complaints from people trying to get down Tomlinson and it is down to one lane. We simply cannot have people parking along the road. If you are going to walk up and pick up your child please park in the lot. There are several parking places in the north lot. Do not park on Tomlinson or in front of the gates. We have to keep that lane clear to get in an emergency vehicle if we would ever need it. Also, for your child's safety, please remember it is a *PARKING LOT* for cars, keep a hold of your young children. Cars cannot see them between other cars. Don't let them run off to your car. The easiest way for us as we exit our 808 students safely to the buses and your cars is if you stay in line for pick up and for your patience! It may take a little longer, but children safety is much more important.

We welcome you to come into our building at any time, just please park in the lot to enter the building.

Mrs. McLochlin

New to Landis for the 2016-17 School Year!

Mrs. Breanna Diveley - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Lu Schroder - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Katherine Flora - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Miss Christian Lawhead - Speech



## **September 2016**

### Special Reminders

- ◇ 9/5- NO SCHOOL  
Labor Day
- ◇ 9/12- Picture Day!
- ◇ 9/13- PTO Meeting  
in Landis Library @  
7pm
- ◇ 9/15- Midterms  
Home
- ◇ 9/16- PTO Popcorn  
Friday \$.25 per bag
- ◇ 9/16- United Way  
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### Office Reminders

- ◆ If your child is absent, please call the office first thing in the morning.
- ◆ You must always stop in the office and sign in.
- ◆ Transportation changes need to be called in or made by 2:20 pm daily!



# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

## Kindergarten News

Welcome to Kindergarten! We have had a wonderful beginning to our school year and are busy planning for September. We have started our Saxon Phonics program. We are learning to identify letters and recognize the sounds that accompany them. We introduce a new letter each week. Please take time to go over the letters and sounds with your child in the evenings. Any extra reinforcement at home makes a big difference! Please remember to send in lunch money with your child. Simply put the money in an envelope with your child's name, and their teacher's name on the outside. You will receive a friendly reminder if your child's lunch account is low or has a negative balance on orange paper. Thank you for all that you do to make your child successful!



## Second Grade News!!!

Second grade is off to a great start! We are learning new routines and teacher expectations. Thank you to all the parents who came to Supply Night and Meet the Teacher Night. We hope you have a better understanding of the curriculum and feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. As we begin our new math series, students will be learning new strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will continue to learn more about communities in reading and then move on to learn what it takes to survive. Second graders are taking pledges to Drop Everything and Read for 30 minutes on September 23. The money raised will be used to go on a field trip to Purdue University to see the musical, Pete the Cat, on February 26. We are very excited for this field trip! Thank you for helping us make this a great year for your child!

## 4th Grade News

Welcome back to school! Fourth grade students are off to a great start! Students will be grouped within their own classrooms for Math this year. We will be using an online program for review of skills at your child's level. A fourth grade focus is learning all four sets of math facts as quickly as possible. We will also be using an online program to practice facts at school. Contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about this program. Your child is now using their student planner and should have all assignments written down. Check with your child so you are aware of what should be completed each evening and of any upcoming events.

## FIRST GRADE NEWS

Welcome back to school! 1<sup>st</sup> grade has had such a wonderful first few weeks at school! Our students have been working very hard from their big jump to first grade and we are very proud of each and every one of them! We can't thank our parents enough for making sure our students are doing their homework and accomplishing everything. Please be sure to be practicing their spelling lists and high frequency words with your child at home. If parents ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email your child's teacher. We are here for your questions, comments, and concerns! Let's have a great month!

## 3rd Grade News

Welcome back! The third grade teachers are very excited to start another year of school. We have two new faces to the Landis third grade team: Mrs. Diveley & Mrs. Schroder. We are happy to have them at Landis! We will get right back into the swing of things by learning: proper nouns, place value, rounding, and sound. Please make sure to look through your child's newsletters, data binders, and assignment books to find out how they are doing & what we did each day!

## Fifth Grade News

A new school year has begun and we are excited about 5<sup>th</sup> grade! In Reading we're learning how to cite evidence and use context clues to find the meaning of words in a sentence or paragraph. We've also started learning our Greek and Latin Roots. Ask your child to tell you the meaning of words that have the root foli and pre in them! We are using our Science journals to write about and investigate why some things float while others sink. In Social Studies, we're going to be talking about Native American Tribes and the regions of the United States. We're excited about our new math curriculum and look forward to telling you more about the program and the cool features we can use online.



# Specials News



## News From Mrs. Wolf, Assistant Principal

Welcome back to school! It is great to see so many new and familiar faces at Landis. You will find Landis is the BEST! Just a reminder if your child is going to be late or absent, that you call the office and let us know so we won't worry about the welfare of your child. Please bring a doctor's slip to count an absence as excused. Another reminder, if you are picking your student up after school, please park in the lot if you are getting out of your car and walking up to the student area. We will not allow students to cross to the parking lots alone. The drive up is for those parents to drive up to the pick-up area and get their child. As you move closer to the student area, we will assist your child in getting to the car. **Due to emergency reasons, we cannot allow anyone to park in the circle drive or double park behind parked cars.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in keeping our Landis family safe. We are off to yet another super year. We have the best students and staff around. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help make your child more successful. Their success is very important to us. Again, welcome back!

**News From The Art Room**—Art Classes are off to a colorful start this year! Our first Art Project of the year is a school wide mural of self-portraits arranged like a "Where's Waldo Seek and Find!" The kids are enjoying searching for their picture and mine! Each grade level made a "Mini Me" self-portrait and many are hidden somewhere in the display case full of students! If you are in the building, be sure to look for your child's colorful self-portrait! We also have been working hard at learning the new behavior system for this year. Many of the students made a Landis Lion and then wrote about how we lions behave! It's going to be another great year here at Landis!

## **News From The Nurse**

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I just wanted to remind parents that a student needs to be free of a temperature of 100 F or greater for 24 hours without the use of medication before they can return to school. Also, ALL medication including cough drops MUST have a permission note for your student to be able to have them at school, otherwise I will not be able to give your student the medication. I wish everyone a healthy school year!

Mrs. Craven RN

## Music Class Update:



Welcome to another wonderful school year in the music room! We have a lot to learn, so we haven't wasted any time waiting to start! **Kindergarten** will be practicing their singing voices and learning to play the classroom instruments. **First Grade** is currently reviewing our rhythms from last year, and soon we will be learning solfege, musical notes we use to sing, like *Do-Re-Mi*. **Second Grade** is learning about a brand new rhythm, as well as reviewing rhythms from last year. Next, we will talk about melody. **Third Grade** is investigating the highs and lows of different songs, known as melodic contour. We will also be identifying special symbols and notes found in music. **Fourth Grade** is investigating how sound is produced and why our ears can hear sound. Soon, we'll be learning about dynamics, tempo, and expression. **Fifth Grade** is reviewing notes and scales, and even composing our own songs! 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders should be looking at home for their recorders, because we'll begin our recorder units soon, 5<sup>th</sup> grade on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade on September 21<sup>st</sup>!

Musically yours,  
*Mrs. Hinshaw*

## **The Counselor's Corner**

Meghan Gwin

Welcome Back to Landis! We are so excited to have all the smiling faces back and are looking forward to a wonderful year! A regular bedtime schedule can help with a smooth transition back! Also setting up an evening schedule that can be consistently followed helps as well!

In the next several weeks I will be going in to all the classes to talk about a topic that we all want to work together to prevent - Bullying. We will discuss what bullying is and what we should do if we are being bullied or no someone that is being bullied. Respect ourselves and others will be an important part in our discussions.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. My phone number is 574-722-5466 ext. 206. I look forward to an amazing year!

