

# LANDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE LION'S DEN



September 2017

## News From The Principal

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

Thank you for keeping our students safe during drop-offs and pick-ups. It is SO important to remember they are children and we never know for sure where they are going, so we have to be so very careful and drive slowly when coming in and out of Landis. I know it can get backed up and hectic at times, but remember these are precious children and we have to have patience - patience - patience. Please stay in your car to pick up students, this just keeps them all safe. Always remember if you are walking in the parking lot with your children, hold their hand. Some of these big cars cannot see the kids as they are walking through the lot. Be safe and help us keep all of our kids safe. There are some things in life that we cannot redo, so be watchful and careful. Thank you.

A big change this year for our teachers is to be able to have some professional development opportunities. Our first opportunity is on September 20th. Students will NOT attend school on this day, but will have a special ELearning packet in a manila folder for that day. This is NOT a snow/fog day ELearning packet in the blue folders. Please don't get them mixed up. We will have the dates on the packets for the specified dates. We will also be having 3 other days, October 12th and October 13th as well as November 1st. So put these manila folders up with the blue folders to be completed on the above dates. October 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> are actually parent-teacher conferences. This will allow us to make sure we have enough time to talk to all parents. These are so beneficial for your students, so be sure and get in touch with your child's teacher and set up your conference times. Thank you so much for a great start to our 2017-18 school year! It has been an amazing start!

Rita McLochlin



## Special Reminders

- ◇ 9/4- NO SCHOOL Labor Day
- ◇ 9/9- Landis Color Walk at 9AM
- ◇ 9/11- Picture Day!
- ◇ 9/12- PTO Meeting in Landis Library @ 5:30pm
- ◇ 9/14- Midterms Home
- ◇ 9/15- PTO Popcorn Friday \$.25 per bag
- ◇ 9/15- United Way Day-Give Back To The Community

## 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 2:15 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! We look forward to a great year!



## Second Grade News

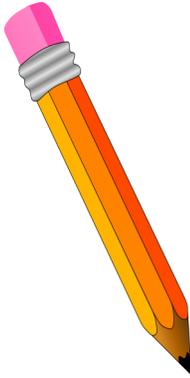
Second grade is off to a great start! We are learning new routines and teacher expectations. Thank you to all the parents who came to Supply Night and Meet the Teacher Night. We hope you have a better understanding of the curriculum and feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. In math, 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. Thank you for helping us make this a great school year for your child!

## 4th Grade News

Welcome back to school! Fourth grade students are off to a great start! Students are grouped within their own classrooms for Math instruction. We use an online program for skill review, acceleration, and fact practice. This program can be accessed at home for additional practice. 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



The Landis First Grade Team is so excited to be starting another fantastic year! This year we welcome Mrs. Heywood to our team. We are happy to have her! Thank you to all the parents who came to our Parent Night and made it such a HUGE success. We appreciate all your interest in your child's education and the time they spend with us here in First Grade. Please remember how important it is to keep track of your E Learning day packet and to remember your conference time in October. We will be sending reminders the week before conferences. EVERY CHILD must have a parent or guardian attend in order to receive a report card and other important information. Also, please check take home folders for important notes and homework every day. Make sure those come back to us as they are the best way to communicate daily with your child's teacher! We look forward to a wonderful year together and look forward to seeing you all again very soon!

## 3rd Grade News

Welcome back! The third grade teachers are very excited to start another year of school. We have a new face to the Landis third grade team, Miss Hobbs! We are happy to have her join our team! We will get right back into the swing of things by learning: proper nouns, place value, and rounding. We are also excited to have new Science textbooks and to start Minds In Motion! Please make sure to look through your child's newsletters, data binders, and assignment books to find out how they are doing and what we did each day!

## Fifth Grade News

The Fifth Grade Team would like to welcome our newest team member, Mr. Jeff Kamphues. He is excited about working with our Landis fifth graders and we hope he will enjoy teaching at Landis as much as we do! Our fifth grade guided reading groups are up and going! Students will be reading chapter books with a group based on their reading levels. In their groups they will be discussing the books read, making inferences and predictions, and writing responses to literature. These skills are all very important to good readers. Fifth grade students are responsible for earning 8 points each month for Accelerated Reader. These points will come from guided reading books and books students choose to read for pleasure. Please encourage your children to read more because reading is a big key to learning. The more you read, the more you learn!



# 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-Mrs. Williams

Welcome back! The Art room is off to a ROARING good start! All of the students have reviewed the rules, drills, and safety procedures necessary for making good Art! Please stop by the Art room display case and see a few of the fabulous lions drawn by some of my very best Artists! The kids absolutely blew me away and I hope you have a chance to see them! As always, I am collecting Pringles cans and cereal boxes. The kids know where to place them outside my classroom door. One man's trash turns into some of our best treasures! Watch next month for some exciting Art contests and opportunities to be held in the city! I am excited because I KNOW I will see some Landis prize winners! Good Luck!

## News From The Nurse

Welcome back to school! This year, Landis is lucky enough to welcome a 2nd Nurse into our building. Her name is Jan Nolte, she will be happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. 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:



We are off to a great start here in the music room! **Kindergarten** is 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** explored how sound is produced and why our ears can hear sound. Now, we are learning about harmony. We'll sing rounds, partner songs, and ostinatos! **Fifth Grade** is reviewing notes and scales, and even composing our own songs! Next, we begin our first recorder unit of the year. 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade on September 18<sup>th</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!

