

# Lebanon Elementary School Newsletter

## Winter 2011/2012



### Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, December 7th.....Market Day Pick-up from 6:15-7:15  
Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.....K-5 Christmas Concert- LHS gym @ 7:00 pm  
Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>..... Raging Reader log sheets due  
Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>..... Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ LGS Cafeteria  
Tuesday, December 20th.....End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
2:30 dismissal  
Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.....Beginning of the Christmas Break- **school will be in session if we have a snow day before Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.**  
December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 4<sup>th</sup>.....No School- Christmas Break  
Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.....PTO meeting 5:30 pm @ LGS  
Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.....Report Cards sent home  
Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.....2:30 Dismissal  
Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ LGS Cafeteria  
Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.....No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Wednesday, January 18th.....Market Day Pick-up from 6:15-7:15

### **Pennies for Pies**

I would like to thank the many students and parents who participated in Pennies for Pies this year. Over 40 pies were donated to the local food pantry due to the generosity of our students and community. Special thanks goes to the school staff and PTO members who were instrumental in getting the word out about Pennies for Pies and helping to coordinate the drive. I continue to be impressed with the willingness of our students and school community to help those in need.

### **Pie Days**

Thanks for making our pie sale a huge success! We sold over 600 pies and raised \$4,029.23 for the spring carnival! Congratulations to the students and parents for the great support of Pie Days, and for the PTO for their hard work organizing the fundraiser.





**It is very important to call the office at 537-4553 to report when your child is absent, even if you have notified the child's teacher. Also, please remember that students must be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to school.**

### **How to Listen When Your Kids Want to Talk!**

Why don't you and your children communicate better? If you've asked this question more than once, you may want to take a look at your own listening skills. It's as true with children as it is with adults: Good communication is mostly listening.

- **Don't interrupt.** Kids, especially younger children, may need more time to find the words they need. Be patient. You don't like being cut off by others in mid-sentence, and your children don't enjoy being interrupted either.
- **Ask good questions.** Grown-ups may see a yes-or-no question as an opportunity to expand at length on a subject. Children are more likely to take the question literally and respond with a one-word answer. Structure questions that encourage full answers- What did you do? Why did that happen?
- **Be empathetic.** You don't have to agree with what your child says to understand how he or she feels. Before giving advice, share your own feelings honestly: "I get angry when that happens to me, too. What do you think you could have done differently?"

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### **Winter Weather Reminders**

As the weather becomes much colder, please help by making sure your child is properly dressed for the conditions. Many of our students enjoy going outside during lunch for some exercise, but the cold weather can be dangerous if not properly dressed.

Those students who walk to school should leave home in time to get to school by 8:00 if they are eating breakfast and no earlier than 8:25 if they are going straight to class. In extreme temperatures, students will be allowed into the school at 8:15 if on school property.

Please make sure we have your updated contact information in the office for our emergency notification system, Alert Now.



As we move into the holiday season and the latter half of the first semester of school, I would like to thank our parents for the support they provide to students and staff. Parent involvement makes a big difference in the success of individual students and the school as a whole. The contributions of parents continue to be a significant help to the efforts of Lebanon Elementary staff to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of our students. I wish you and your family a restful, relaxing, and fun Christmas Break!

-Christie Johnson