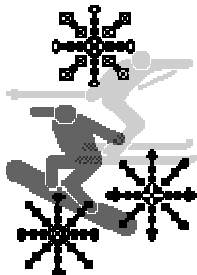


Lebanon Grade School & Junior High Winter Newsletter



- ❖ Welcome to Mrs. Linda Berberich, the newest member of the LGS staff. Mrs. Berberich is serving as a math specialist to provide extra help for students having difficulty with specific areas of math. Her position is funded by federal stimulus money received by our district. Mrs. Berberich taught 5th grade part-time in our district a number of years ago. We are happy to have her back on staff at LGS. With the addition of Mrs. Berberich to the LGS staff, Mrs. Quayle will now serve students at SGS full-time instead of traveling between buildings.
- ❖ Pumpkin Day was delayed a day due to the weather, but ended up being a big success. The pumpkins were huge and the kids had a great time picking out "the perfect pumpkin".
- ❖ November 3rd the PTO held a quarter auction/vendor fair/silent auction in conjunction with their PTO meeting. Approximately 150 people attended the event and everyone enjoyed themselves. The PTO made in excess of \$1500.00 with this event.
- ❖ The National Jr. Honor Society's fall dance was held Friday, October 30th. 114 students attended. The decorations were outstanding; student behavior was great and all seemed to have a wonderful time.



The holiday program, December Around the World, was held on December 14th and was well attended. The program was a musical play this year. A group of junior high students helped with the program. This group will continue to be an informal drama club 2nd semester. Mrs. Davis was in charge of this program and works with the drama club as well.

- ❖ The Junior High Geography Bee was held Wednesday, December 2nd. Joe Sampson was the winner, Phelan Bahr was the runner-up and Cory Berberich placed 3rd. Fourteen of the twenty students who qualified in the preliminary round participated and the Bee lasted about 40 minutes as

students did a great job of giving correct answers. Thanks to Amy Baer and Betty Forsythe for helping out with the Geography Bee.

- ❖ Seventy two honor roll students celebrated their academic accomplishments the first week in December with an off-campus lunch to McDonalds. McDonalds treated them to a dessert of their choice. Fifty-two students made the honor roll 2nd quarter and will be deciding how they want to celebrate this accomplishment.
- ❖ 126 students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades participated in the 1st quarter detentionless party and 114 are eligible for the 2nd quarter party. They enjoyed popcorn donated by the Lebanon Education Foundation and sodas while having a 6th hour recess on the east playground.



- ❖ Ms. Kalert is allowing the seven 8th grade students currently taking Algebra I with the freshman class to participate in a math competition this year. All seven wanted to participate. This is the first year 8th grade students have had the option of taking Algebra I with the high school students - and it will be their first attempt at a math competition.
- ❖ **The 5th grade DARE graduation was held December 15th. Officer Tutterow taught this class, as well as 7th grade classes, 1st semester. Libby Crowell and Kenlea Meeker read their winning essays about what they learned in DARE. The Hample Family Circus provided entertainment and students enjoyed pizza, cake and drinks afterward.**



- ❖ Modern Woodman is a fraternal financial group. They have provided us with two units of study that look very good. One is "Fun, Food and Fitness." In addition to the lessons, students received bookmarks and jump ropes. The other is "Our Great Democracy" and teaches citizenship through music.

- ❖ Seven smart boards were installed at LGS recently. Some are in classrooms and others are in common areas where any teacher or class may use them as needed. Teachers are using them and both teachers and students are excited about the possibilities.
- ❖ *The girl's basketball team celebrated 8th grade night on January 6th. 8th grade night for the boys' basketball team and cheerleaders will be January 20th. The boy's basketball team won the regional championship on February 1st. Volleyball practice has started for the girls and the bowling team has been selected. These sports begin in early February.*
- ❖ The spring semester of Homework Helpline began January 18th. This is an after-school tutoring program for students in 5th – 8th grade that is run in conjunction with Lebanon Kids, Inc. Volunteers from the community and McKendree University work with our

students from 3:30 – 4:30 Monday through Thursday afternoons when McKendree is in session.



The JH spelling bee was rescheduled for Monday, January 25th due to a snow storm the first week in January. Cheyenne Pinkstaff was the winner, Kristen Espique was the runner-up and Olivia Cruthis placed third.

- ❖ The student council has been selling McDonald's coupons again this year through the McCare program. The coupons cost \$1.00 each and entitle the person to one of the "big" sandwiches served at the Lebanon McDonalds. The student council gets to keep \$.50 for each coupon it sells. Anyone interested in purchasing some of these coupons can contact a student council member or the LGS office. The student council has decided to donate \$50.00 of their profits to the school's Haiti Relief project. They will also be providing an assembly by the Tye-Dyed Iguana for all the students at Lebanon Grade School the end of March.
- ❖ *The Lebanon McDonalds will have the second McTeachers' Night for this year on March 2nd from 4:00 – 8:00. Staff from both LGS and SGS are participating.*
- ❖ **Students at LGS, lead by Jon Adams and Kelsey Utley collected money for Haiti Relief following the earthquake there. \$699.23 was collected. This included a generous gift from the Essenpreis Horse Farm and the Lebanon Jr. High Student Council. The money was sent through the American Red Cross.**

- ❖ Mrs. Elmore, PE teacher at both LGS & SGS, has a great program planned for Kdg – 5th grade students on Feb. 11. We will have 50s-60s day. There will be jitterbug dancers and Elvis will be stopping by. Hamburgers, fries and ice cream floats will be served at lunch that day. We will need some parent help with the floats. If you are willing to help out, please contact the school office at 537-4553.



- ❖ Fifth through eighth grade students are invited to see Street Beat performed by River North- Chicago at 10:00 on March 4th at The Hett. This program will trace history through music and dance.

There is no cost for this program. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to participate in a unique learning experience.

- ❖ Family Reading Night is scheduled for February 23rd at Lebanon Grade School. We will have a book fair as well as several stations for parents and children to do activities together. More information will be coming home about this event as we get closer to it.
- ❖ *We received notice that our first year requirements from the special education focused monitoring visit have been met and our file closed. The representatives from ISBE were very pleased with the changes we have made. They will check our FACTS counts December 1, 2010 to make sure we have increased our percent of students with IEPs in general education settings more than 80% of the school day to 37% or higher.*
- ❖ The LGS ASPIRE team went to its final training. Our RtI reading program is working well in grades K-5. The second reading sweep took place the week of January 11th. Thanks to the federal government stimulus funds, we are beginning RtI math 2nd semester. By the next school year, RtI needs to be incorporated throughout all grade levels in the district. At this point our RtI plan has been accepted and all components are in compliance.

