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January News From Lyon and Pleasant Ridge Schools

LYON/PLEASANT RIDGE SCHOOL EVENTS

- Monday, January 18.....**No School - Martin Luther King**
- Tuesday, January 19.....PTA Meeting@PR/LRC (9:15)
PR 3rd grade Chorus (2:30-3:15)
PR After School PE (2:30-3:30)
PR After School Art (2:30-3:30)
- Wednesday, January 20.....PR 4th/5th grade Chorus (2:30-3:15)
- Friday, January 22.....PR After School PE (2:30-3:30)
- Saturday, January 23.....Science Fair @MPR (8:00-10:30)
- Tuesday, January 26.....PR 3rd grade Chorus (2:30-3:15)
- Wednesday, January 27.....PR 4th/5th grade Chorus (2:30-3:15)
- Thursday, January 28.....PR After School Art (2:30-3:30)
- Friday, February 5.....Lyon School Spirit Day
- Monday, February 8.....Board of Education Meeting
Administration Building 7 PM
- Monday, February 15.....**No School - President's Day**
- Tuesday, February 16.....**No School - Institute Day**
- Thursday, February 18.....Kindergarten & New 1st & 2nd
Grade Registration
4:30 pm - 7:00pm at Lyon School
- Tuesday, February 23.....PTA Meeting at Lyon - 9:15AM
- Saturday, February 27.....LY/PR Benefit "**Night at the Oscars**"

Lyon Lunch Specials

Friday, Jan. 29th - Sloppy Joe on a whole grain bun

Pleasant Ridge Lunch Specials

Friday, Jan. 22nd - Shrimp Poppers w/Cheesy Garlic Bread

Friday, Jan. 29th - Corn Dog on a Stick



The Importance of Regular Attendance and Prompt Arrival to School

“It’s not the same when you’re not here.” This sentiment expresses our feelings when our students miss school. With our return from Winter Break, and what was hopefully an opportunity for some quality time together as a family, I wanted to start 2016 by sharing some thoughts about the importance of school attendance and prompt arrival each day.

Not only do the children’s classmates and teachers miss them when they are significantly late or absent from school, but there can be real gaps that develop in their learning. “A growing consensus of researchers points to chronic absence as one of the strongest but most overlooked indicators that a student will become disengaged and fall behind academically...” (Sparks, 2010). So what is “chronic” absenteeism? The easiest definition would be missing 10% or more of school. Now this issue may not seem as critical for our youngest students. However, a recent California study found that among students who were chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade, 17% were proficient readers at the end of 3rd grade (Bruner, Discher & Chang, 2011). In addition to the academic impact, children can miss important and consistent opportunities for the early development of social and friendship skills, resilience and dependability.

Of course, a student’s health is an important consideration. We would want you to keep your child home from school if s/he has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, has diarrhea or is vomiting, or is directed by a physician to do so. In most cases other than those, we would expect students to attend school (you can always call our health office with specific questions about conditions).



So, perfect attendance would be great 😊. A realistic goal is to have your children miss no more than (on average) one day per month. Regular attendance and prompt arrival at school (no later than 8:50am – even when it’s cold, but dressed for the weather!) truly set children up for success. It really isn’t the same when they’re not here, and we appreciate your support and partnership in working toward our students having the most positive school experience.

Happy New Year! by Frank Rottman

Happy New Year! The middle of the school year is fast approaching! It probably seems like it was just yesterday that we welcomed your child to Pleasant Ridge, and now we are busy planning for next year's important transition to your student's next grade level. The placement process involves closely working with you and our teachers to find the best class placement for your child.



One of the most important responsibilities of our school staff is to assign students to classes for the next year. The Student Placement Committee is comprised of classroom teachers, Pupil Services staff, Fine Arts staff, and myself. This team is guided by a philosophy that supports the goal of **designing balanced classes according to established criteria that create the optimal learning environment for all Pleasant Ridge students. Each classroom is a small community that must be representative of the greater community in which our students live.**

Placement Criteria for a Balanced Classroom

It is the belief of Glenview District 34 and Pleasant Ridge School that children receive the most benefit from their educational experience when in a balanced classroom setting. The following criteria is influential in creating this setting:

- Classes will be balanced by gender across a grade level
- Class size will be balanced across a grade level
- Classes will be balanced by program needs
- Classes will be balanced by academic abilities and achievement
- Classes will be balanced by social-emotional needs
- Classes will be balanced by student leadership skills, work habits, and general behavior

This process is completed with a great deal of care and involves team input from the second and third grade classroom teachers, Pupil Services staff, Fine Arts staff, building principals and you, the parents, to be sure that the best decisions are being made for students.

Besides welcoming in the New Year, the month of January will also bring our second set of benchmark assessments. We will be reviewing our students' cumulative knowledge with the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). The testing window for this assessment is January 5 thru January 14. We will analyze the results of these tests and determine if our students are making adequate growth in the areas of math and reading. This process is a powerful tool we utilize in our planning for the remainder of the school year.

Attendance

Just a reminder that you may drop off students anytime before 7:50am, supervision starts at 7:35am and students are allowed into their classrooms at 7:45am. At 7:55am teachers take attendance and students start their first class. All students arriving after 7:55am should be signed in.

This arrival procedure is in place to insure the safety of your child and a smooth beginning to his or her school day. Your cooperation with these procedures is greatly appreciated. Regular school attendance (including arriving on time each day) is a very important factor in a child's academic and social-emotional growth (Balfanz & Byrnes, 2012). While there may occasionally be a valid reason for

keeping a child home from school (e.g., illness, observance of a religious holiday, etc.), we do expect families to make every effort to be in school everyday.

We care deeply about our students' growth and success, and we appreciate you working with us to make sure they have every opportunity by being present and on time for school each day. If there is anything we can do to assist, or if you would like to talk further, please do not hesitate to give your child's teacher or me a call.

Outdoor Recess Procedures

The benefits of an outdoor recess are many, and Pleasant Ridge makes every effort to see that all of our students go outdoors every day. Children are able to exercise, socialize and experience a variety of activities with friends, and this all helps to enhance their learning experience. Starting the afternoon after a time of fresh air definitely improves learning, alertness and overall productivity. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play. In cold weather boots, mittens or gloves, warm jackets, snow pants, hats and scarves are a must. If your child wears boots to school, please remember to send shoes for them to use during physical education. The wind chill factor must be ten or below or it must be too wet or raining before we cancel outdoor recess. The children are out approximately 20 minutes. Please note that children *must* wear coats if temperatures are below 32°F.

PR Science Fair 2016

Calling all young scientists!!! Do you have a burning question? Do you like experimenting? This is your opportunity for some fun research around the Scientific Method! Do some research, perform an experiment, and present your findings at the **2016 PLEASANT RIDGE SCIENCE FAIR on Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 8:30am-11am.** Students are welcome to work individually or with partners. Don't miss the fun! Registration forms are available from your homeroom teacher. Registration forms are due to the main office by **Wednesday, January 14, 2016.**

Lost and Found

Is your child missing his/her gloves, hat, scarf, coat, boots etc.? Lyon school's lost and found is overflowing. If your child is missing an article of clothing please, stop by Lyon to look through the lost and found.

Winter Weather

As the weather has turned colder please remember to dress your kids appropriately. Children will go out for recess as much as possible (if the wind chill is above ten degrees). Please send your children in snow pants and boots if there is snow on the ground.

Registration For 2016 -2017

Kindergarten and 1st & 2nd Graders New to Lyon School

If you have a child who will be attending kindergarten or a 1st and 2nd grader new to Lyon School in the fall, please go to the Lyon School website and enter your students name and address. Registration packets will be sent out the first week of February. Registration will be on **Thursday, February 18th from 4:30 – 7:00 at Lyon School**. An original certified birth certificate is required to start the registration process. Your child must be 5 years old by September 1st. You can find the link by going to the Lyon school website and clicking on "Kindergarten and New Student Registration". Please pass this information on to your neighbors and friends. If you have any questions, please call the office at (847) 998-5045.

Dental Form Reminder

All kindergarten, second and sixth grade students must have a dental report on file in the health office by **May 15, 2016**. If you child has been to the dentist within the past year, please ask the dentist to fill out the state required dental form and return it to the Lyon health office. If your child has not been seen by a dentist within the past year, please make an appointment as soon as possible and return the state dental form to the health office. If you have any questions or need a copy of the state form please call Jan Gode, Lyon Health Coordinator at (847) 998-5046 or fax your completed form to (847) 998-9701 attn: Jan Gode.

Illinois Text Messaging and Cell Phone Laws



In school zones, it is a statewide law that unless the vehicle is parked in a parking space, or a hands-free device is used, drivers may not operate cell phones. This applies to buses

as well as any other vehicles operating within the school zone. Fines for violation of Illinois cell phone law start at \$75.00. Illinois's cell phone and texting laws are considered "primary" laws. A primary law means that an officer can pull you over for the offense without having to witness some other violation.

PLEASE DO NOT TALK OR TEXT ON A CELL PHONE IN THE LYON AND

PTA News and Notes by Brandy Isaac

Geeze Louise, winter has arrived! Why do we live in this climate?! Thankfully we have the beautiful Chicago summers! Hope you are all staying warm and are looking forward to a happy, healthy 2016!

The PTA and our parent community have accomplished so much this school year! Thank you to the numerous volunteers that have worked hard on many PTA and school-sponsored events. We have celebrated our cultures together at International Night, shared a love for reading at our Fall Book Fair, and supported our neighbors and community with Holiday Helper. We have enriched our children's experiences at school through art and cultural enrichment, environmental awareness, Character Counts, and extracurricular activities. We've been busy!

So, let's celebrate our successes and continue to support our schools by attending our biggest party of the year, The Annual Benefit!

A Night At The Oscars **Saturday, February 27th** **7:00pm – Midnight at Valley Lo Club**

Invitations have been mailed to your homes and tickets are now on sale! You can visit the PTA website to purchase tickets.

Lastly, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following people who have been working hard since we started back at school.

***Kathleen Kelly** for coordinating the Read to Succeed program again this year.

***Rachel Gilles**, and her team of volunteers, for leading our upcoming Staff Appreciation Soup/Breakfast events.

***Anne Binney**, and the entire Benefit Committee, for their time and effort planning our biggest fundraiser of the year.

***Tracy Reeder** for overseeing 8,000 initiatives and preparing for the Kindergarten/New Family Registration event in February.

As always, the Lyon/PR PTA welcomes all questions, comments and suggestions, so feel free to email us at lyprpta@gmail.com. Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy 2016! Hope to see you at the benefit!

Brandy Isaac
Lyon/PR PTA President

Winter Weather Closing Information

With winter upon us, we wanted to share some important reminders about how the decision is made to either keep schools open or close schools in the event of bad weather.



HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

The superintendent makes the decision based upon:

- Information on road conditions from our transportation provider and from our facilities and grounds department.
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated.
- Whether snow/ice is continuing.
- Building conditions (such as if we have electricity and heat.)
- Parking lot conditions
- Temperature/wind chill for walkers and those waiting at bus stops.

We prefer not making our decision based on weather predictions, but sometimes this is unavoidable. We also make our decision in cooperation with other area elementary districts with Glenbrook South High School.

HOW ARE PARENTS NOTIFIED?

There are several ways to find out if school is closed, or open on what seems like a bad weather day.

- Tune in to local radio: WGN (720-AM).
- Tune in to local television: CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN, FOX and CLTV.
- Visit the District's website at www.glenview34.org
- Visit the school closing website to www.emergencyclosings.com.

Please know the district will attempt to use its automated phone calling system and send an electronic message to all parent e-mail addresses on file as well as a text message to inform parents if school is closed.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

Usually, the decision to close school is made at 5:30 a.m. or earlier the day of school being cancelled. It is difficult for the district to make the decision the night prior given that weather conditions can dramatically change overnight. Whenever a large weather event has been predicted, we encourage parents to have contingency plans in place to accommodate your child or children in the event school is cancelled.

INFORMATION ON EARLY BUS DISMISSAL AT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

If conditions worsen during the school day, we might have an early bus dismissal at the intermediate schools. This is NOT an early dismissal. The goal of releasing buses is to try to keep them running on schedule throughout the afternoon. Walkers and pickups will still be dismissed at the usual time. The only change is intermediate buses leave 15 minutes early.

OTHER INFORMATION

Although the district does its best, we know that often no perfect decision exists. If parents do not feel as though it is safe for your child to attend school, use your best judgment on whether he or she should attend. Also, please remember this year the district has built in two emergency days into the calendar (January 15 and April 4). For more information on these days, please visit the District website.

PE @ PR

Just as the Chicago Bulls have stepped up their play, the students at Pleasant Ridge have also seen similar improvements over the last two weeks! Students worked hard on their ball handling skills and were able to watch their shooting motion with a new application called Bam Video Delay. This app allows for continuous playback of what just happened for quick visual feedback. We look forward to using it more this winter. Our next units are badminton and bowling. The highly anticipated bowling tournament will occur during After School Gym on Tuesday, February 2nd and Friday, February 5th. All those with a signed permission slip are welcome to participate!





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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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Residents Asked to Join Discussion About the Future of the Kindergarten Program

Over the past several months, the Glenview District 34 Kindergarten Committee has been meeting to determine whether there is an educational need that would warrant changes to the district's current model and the feasibility of implementing those changes.

As part of this work, it is critical that the district understand the community's values about the fiscal responsibility associated with achieving an optimized kindergarten program. This feedback will be used to better inform and help shape the committee's work as it develops a final set of options for the Board of Education to evaluate in May.

District 34 will be hosting two community engagement sessions, which will take place on the following dates and times:

- **7-9 pm on Tuesday, January 12 at Attea Middle School, 2500 Chestnut Avenue**
- **12:30-2:30 pm on Tuesday, January 26 at the Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Avenue**

Need More Information?

Please click below for several informational resources. You may also visit the [district website](#).

- [Kindergarten Committee Preliminary Options Board Report](#)
- [Kindergarten Committee Preliminary Options Board Presentation](#)
- [Kindergarten Committee FAQs](#)
- [Kindergarten Committee Timeline Board Report](#)

Questions? Please e-mail news@glenview34.org.

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January 15, 2016

Dear District 34 Families,

Parents have a unique opportunity to provide feedback to their school through the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey was designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness.

[Please complete the survey today](#) for each school where you have a student enrolled. The survey is only open through March 11, 2016.

The information gathered will be used by the schools and the District to help identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. The identity of respondents and their survey responses will be kept completely confidential.

The survey is not long and should only take about 10 minutes to complete.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view 2015 Reports, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org/2015/> and type in your child's school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or 5essentials@uchicago.edu.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey.

Sincerely,

Jenn Nimke

Director of Communications & Public Relations

Estimadas familias del Distrito Escolar 34,

Los padres de familia tienen una oportunidad especial de [expresar sus comentarios sobre la escuela con la Encuesta 5Essentials para Illinois](#). Esta encuesta fue diseñada para generar una imagen detallada del funcionamiento interno de la escuela de su hijo/a. Como padre de familia, esta oportunidad le permitirá compartir sus opiniones acerca de los elementos importantes de la eficacia de la escuela.

[Responda hoy esta encuesta](#) con respecto a cada escuela en la que tenga inscritos a sus hijos. Esta encuesta estará abierta solo hasta el **11 de marzo de 2016**.

Las escuelas y el Distrito usarán la información que se reúna para ayudarles a identificar las áreas de fortaleza y las áreas en las que necesitan mejorar. La identidad de los encuestados, así como las respuestas a la encuesta, se mantendrán en estricta confidencialidad.

La encuesta no es larga y el responderla solo le tomará alrededor de 10 minutos.

Cuando usted vaya a la página web, la información en las primeras páginas está en Inglés. Por favor siga estas instrucciones para que pueda ver la encuesta en Español:

- Oprima "Start Here" debajo de "Parent Survey"
- En el área "*County", empiece a escribir "co" y seleccione "Cook"
- En el área "*School", escriba el nombre de la escuela (Henking School)
- Oprima "Login"
- Seleccione "Español" debajo de "*Language"
- Oprima "Submit"

Para obtener más información sobre la encuesta de 5Essentials de Illinois, o para ver los resultados del informe del 2015, por favor visite <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, por favor póngase en contacto con 5Essentials atención al cliente al 1-866-440-1874 o 5essentials@uchicago.edu.

Sinceramente,

Jenn Nimke

Director de Comunicaciones y Relaciones Públicas

Smile Illinois will be at Lyon and Pleasant Ridge Schools on Thursday, February 4th

Smile Illinois/Mobile Dentist is a highly acclaimed in-school dental prevention program. Funding is provided by Children's Dental Health Foundation, which receives funds from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, St. John Hospital and others. Community outreach programs and in-school dental programs are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and U.S. Surgeon General Guidelines.

Through this program, dentist's can provide:

Dental Examinations
Cleanings

Sealants
Radiographs

Fluoride

Important Information: www.mobiledentists.com

- All children are eligible for dental exams with parental/guardian permission
- The service meets the mandated dental exam requirement for grades K, 2, and 6
- Grant Assistance Available – no child is turned away from our in-school dental prevention program based on his/her ability to pay!
- Medicaid/Public Aid/ KidCare cover 100% of treatment
- Dental insurances are accepted
- X-Rays, if taken are shared with child's dental provider upon request
- FREE toothbrushes provided
- If further dental care is needed, an appropriate referral is made in your area.

If you are interested in receiving an application please complete this form and give it to the health coordinator at your school. (Forms available in English/Spanish)

Student's name: _____ School/grade: _____

Parents name: _____ Phone: _____

