



Lucy Eagles Times

January 2009

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PTA News

Happy New Year! I would like to personally thank Mrs. Lane and all the students that performed in our Holiday program. It was a real treat. Feel free to contact any one of us at any time. We are here to serve. Our email address is lucyelementarypta@gmail.com

Laura Worthington, PTA President

PTA Purposes

To Promote: the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and the place of worship.

To Raise: the standards of home life.

To Secure: adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To Bring: into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.

To Develop: between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

Important DATES

January 14th Report Card goes home

January 15th Science Night;
6:00P.M.

January 19th NO School Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 28th Practice Writing Day

February 3rd T Cap Writing

February 12th Founders Day Program

February 12th Social Studies Night; 6:00 P.M

Membership

It's not too late for YOU to join LUCY PTA. Dues are only \$5.00 per person. If we reach 300 members by the end of January then we are going to get to have a JEANS day. We are currently at 192 members. Thank you in advance for your support. Please send your dues in the envelope that was provided. Thanks!

Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a restful and peaceful vacation filled with wonderful memories. It's hard to believe that we are already one week into the New Year. We have lots of learning and activities to look forward to in 2009! It has been great walking into classrooms and sharing in the excitement and energy that our students bring to their learning! There is always a special enthusiasm that our students and teachers bring back when they return from a break. Our students continue to be a source of great pride and joy. I am greatly impressed with the level of student involvement and commitment to learning. I am also impressed with the character of our student body. You entrust us with wonderful children who have a true sense of respect, responsibility, honesty, and integrity. It shows in their daily interactions and in the way they treat others and conduct themselves throughout the day.

During the following months, teachers will be covering important material in their classrooms and we have found that students make the most growth academically at this time of the year. I would like to remind all parents about the importance of students attending school every day unless excused for illness. While there is no substitute for in-class instruction by the teacher, please request a homework packet from your child's teacher if he/she must be absent for more than one day.

Also, it is extremely important that we have current contact information for you in the school's office. If your address, phone number or emergency contact has changed, please submit the changes, in writing, to Lucy's office staff. Your child's teachers and office staff should be able to contact you whenever needed.

Thanks for being such a wonderful community to work with. Here's to a great second semester!!

Sincerely,

Detris Anderson, Principal

BOX TOP UPDATES

The overall leaders for BOX TOPS are 1st place Mrs. Henderson's 4th grade class, 2nd place: Mrs. Clymer's 2nd grade class and 3rd place was Ms. Rosser's 3rd grade class. Ms. Beckleheimer's 3rd grade class collected the most Box Tops for the 2nd nine weeks period. Keep up the good work – no matter how small your contribution is, it all adds up! The next deadline is February 20th. Remember that the overall class leader for the year gets a pizza party in May! Please continue to send in Tyson's labels and Ink cartages. We are NO LONGER collecting Campbell's labels. Thanks so much for your participation!!!

Counselors' Corner Character Word of the Month

The character word of the month for January is self-discipline. Self-discipline is control of one's own words, actions, responses, and/or emotions.

During the month of January, please discuss the meaning of self-discipline with your children. Please remind them of the importance of accepting responsibility for their actions.

Quote of the Month

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it. William Arthur Ward

School Counselors
Tiffany Sanders
Carolyn Williams

OUR A B C's OF PARENTING

A---Accept and value yourself and your wonderful child.

B--Balance your needs with your child's needs. Be consistent, honest, fair, and firm as you relate to your child.

C--Catch your child doing something right. Make an effort to concentrate on what you like about your child and comment on it.

D---Declare every day a "Hug Day." Ask for those loving hugs. Delight in their efforts in school and at home.

E--Encourage! Encourage! your child to discuss interests, ideas, and goals. Establish a routine for getting up in the morning, going to bed, bathing, doing chores, etc. This teaches your child organizational skills.

F---Forgive your child's mistakes, which are a natural part of learning.

G--Guide your child in their decision-making. Gladly share your time, affection and support.

H--Have a listening ear to your child's concerns. Help your child feel safe and secure.

I---Interest your child in work by complimenting his or her efforts.

J----Joyfully take great pleasure in life.

K--Keep their confidence.

L---Let your child know in advance what is expected of him/her.

M----Model by example those qualities you want your child to have.

N-----Negotiate privileges and responsibilities---NO is a complete sentence. Neutralize Arguing--(Example: "I love you too much to argue.")

O----Offer some choices, allowing your child to STOP and THINK.... enabling him or her to experience problem-solving situations.

P---Pay attention (eye contact) when your child talks to you.

Q--Quit blaming, shaming and threatening.

R---Respect your child's right to grow at his or her own rate without being pushed or compared to others.

S----Show them love. Tell your child, " I love you."

T----Try to separate the deed from the doer. For example: "I like you, It is what you did that I do not like".

U-----Use a photo album to record pleasant family memories.

V----Very carefully, value honesty, kindness, dependability, truthfulness and caring.

W----Watch them grow and appreciate each stage of development.

X-----Examine your attitude toward your child. Expect them to follow your family or household rules.

Y-----Yield to professional suggestions concerning healthy living habits.

Z---Zestfully participate in a variety of family traditions and activities.