



## Luther Elementary School Newsletter~April

Luther Families,

The school year is three-fourths of the way completed which is really hard to believe. The good news is that we still have one full quarter left for students to do a lot of learning. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have questions or need any items clarified please contact me by phone 920-563-7828 or email [geigerd@fortschools.org](mailto:geigerd@fortschools.org). Please enjoy some pictures below of students in action.



The picture on the upper left is of third graders working on a shading project in art class. The picture on the right is of second graders playing an instrument in music class.



The students in the upper left photo are playing scooter soccer in physical education class. The second graders in the upper right picture are working on a math lesson.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**



- 4/4 Happy Easter!
- 4/5 Classes Resume  
Early Dismissal
- 4/9 Luther Loyalty Day  
Report Cards go home with students
- 4/12 Early Dismissal
- 4/13 All School Virtual Learning
- 4/19 Early Dismissal
- 4/26 Early Dismissal



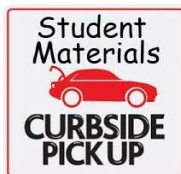
### **Report Cards:**

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, April 9th. The virtual students will receive their report card on the materials pick up on Thursday, April 8th.



### **DARE Graduation:**

The 5th graders at Luther will participate in DARE Graduation on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:00 PM at the Fort Atkinson High School Auditorium. The students are encouraged to wear their DARE t-shirts. Each graduate can bring one family member to this ceremony. This will also be live streamed and the link will be shared with families.



### **Virtual Student Materials Pick-up:**

During quarter #4 (April and May) the virtual student materials pick up will still take place in the back parking lot each Thursday from 3:30-5:30.



### **Students of the Month:**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected students of the month for March.

Grade 5 - Jaelyn Zuniga Palacios and Isaias Soriano Montiel

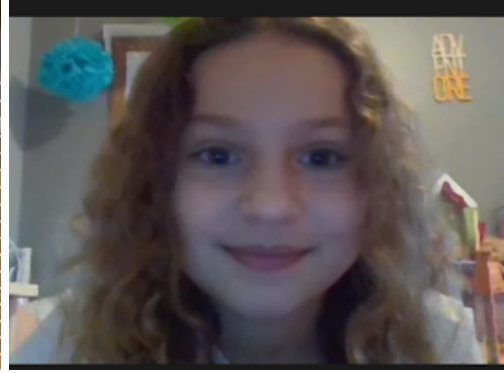
Grade 4 - Maria Payano Encarnacion and Emilio Quintana

Grade 3 - Xoe Bane and Andrew Snethen

Grade 2 - Lochton McGlynn and Leo Kalvaitis

Grade 1 - Jadzia Marchant and Savannah Welke

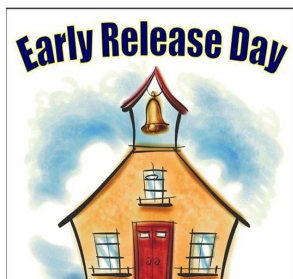
Grade K - Mason Brock and Liam Levake



**Safety Patrol Kids of the Month:**

Students in grade 5 have been trained by Officer Hefty as part of the safety patrol program. This group of students help children cross the streets surrounding Luther School. The patrollers do this before and after school. The patrollers for the month of March are Porter Trieloff and Kylee Durkee. They were treated to a free lunch from Culvers!





### **Early Release Days**

Each Monday during quarter #4 (April & May), students will be released from school at 1:30. This allows teachers to participate in professional development and collaboratively plan with grade level teams from 1:30-4:30. Students will eat lunch as normal on these days. Please be sure to have a plan in place for the early pick up. The bus system will operate on these days picking students up at 1:30 from school.



### **Luther Loyalty Day**

This takes place on the first Friday of each month. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their Luther spirit wear. If you do not have Luther clothes, then wear the school colors, purple and yellow. The PTO may have another spirit wear order in the spring.



### **Birthday Treats**

If you choose to send in a birthday treat with your child on their birthday please make sure the items are store bought. They also need to be individually wrapped and prepackaged. An example of this would be Rice Krispie bars.



### **Forward Exam:**

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the state of Wisconsin Forward Exam during the month of April or May. The students will take this on a chromebook and a schedule will be shared with you once we are closer to the testing window. All students will take tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. In addition, students in grade 4 will take Science and Social Studies tests. The Luther staff is working hard to make sure students are prepared. Parents can help in this process by ensuring students get a good amount of sleep each night, eat breakfast in the morning and are at school on time.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR LIBRARY CLASSES?**

*Each class has library class with Mrs. Westby two times during the ten day cycle. Each class meets for 30 minutes. We continue to do library book exchange with all the virtual students while students in- person do library checkout during library class time.*

Here is what they have been learning in that class during the month of March:

**KINDERGARTEN:** Learned about Kevin Henkes (author) and his books, focused on *Wemberly Worried* and *Lilly's Purple Purse*, completed writing and retelling the story projects that related to the books; and explored sinking and floating during a STEAM lesson after reading *Egg* by Kevin Henkes.

**1ST GRADE:** Continued investigating fiction and nonfiction after reading *Bored* *Bella Learns about Fiction and Nonfiction*, began a creative unit about Monsters after reading *Jeremy Draws a Monster* and *The Monster's Monster*, and completed the unit (STEAM project) by building their own monster out of Legos and writing a description about it.

**2ND GRADE:** Reviewed about checking out procedures and how fiction is organized in the library, showed the location of easier chapter books for checkout, built leprechaun traps (STEAM) after reading *How To Catch a Leprechaun*, and continued focusing on keyboarding by practicing with the program Dance Mat.

**3RD GRADE:** Focused on keyboarding by practicing with the programs Typing Club and Nitro Type, and built leprechaun traps (STEAM) after reading *How To Catch a Leprechaun*.

**4TH GRADE:** Collaborated with the classroom teachers to replace photos in their argumentative speech presentations, learned about digital citizenship information focusing on media choices and keeping games fun and friendly, and collaborated with the classroom teachers with a STEAM activities and their science lessons on electricity by creating a paper circuit card with copper tape.

**5TH GRADE:** Introduced the Egg Drop Challenge (STEAM), completed a design idea and built a “nest” for the egg in the container provided, practiced keyboarding using the program Typing Club and Nitro Type, reviewed what SORA is, and learned about digital citizenship information focusing on finding media balance every day.



## **Important Immunization Information for 5th Grade Students Vaccine Requirement for 6th Grade Students**

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law requires a dose of Tdap vaccine for students entering 6th grade. To be compliant with this law, parents must provide their child's school with proof of immunization or claim a waiver.

Tdap is the adolescent combination vaccine that protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). One dose is required.

**All students entering 6th grade in the fall will need a Tdap vaccination or waiver by October 2021.**

- Please speak with your healthcare provider about this state law, as it is a grade requirement, not an age requirement. If your provider recommends waiting for the Tdap vaccine, please have that provider complete a Student Immunization Record form indicating a health waiver for the vaccine.

### **Exceptions to the Tdap Requirement:**

- If your child received a tetanus-containing vaccine (such as Td vaccine after an injury), within the last 5 years of entering the grade it is required, your child is compliant and the Tdap vaccine is not required.

### **Additional information:**

- If you plan to claim a waiver, complete the Student Immunization Record form by indicating either Health (also requires physician signature), Religious, or Personal Conviction reason. Please sign and date the form. The Student Immunization Record form can be found on the SDFA website (Health Services).
- Please return the completed form to the Middle School Pupil Services Office or the School Nurse Office.

### **Questions:**

- Call the School Nurse Office at 563.7805
- Email - [schoolnurse@fortschools.org](mailto:schoolnurse@fortschools.org)





# SUMMER *school*

Preparations for the 2021 summer school session are in full gear. **We are looking forward to restoring our in-person summer school program this summer!** If your family is interested in virtual learning opportunities, we will be offering mirrored learning academic courses for our at-home learners as well as some fully virtual camps throughout the summer.

The Summer School Session will begin on Monday, June 21st, and end on Friday, July 23rd. There will be no summer school on Friday, July 2nd and Monday, July 5th to recognize the 4th of July holiday.

The District is excited to again offer a wide variety of great classes and camps for your family to consider!

**The District will again use a PRIORITY REGISTRATION system.** During PRIORITY REGISTRATION, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to indicate which courses or camps their children wish to take this summer using the online registration system (similar to last year). Using this information, the District will then determine the number of sections to run for each class in an effort to ensure that kids get the classes that they desire this summer.

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION will be open Friday, April 9th until Monday, April 19th. Please mark your calendar and share with your friends.**

By using PRIORITY REGISTRATION, you are giving your child the best chance to get the class(es) he/she wants this summer. There are three registration help sessions planned: Monday, April 12 from 8:00 to 9:30 AM and again from 3:15 to 6:00 PM at the Luther Elementary IMC. The third help session is on Wednesday, April 14 from 3:15 to 6:00 PM at the Purdy Elementary IMC. An interpreter will be available to help.

Registration information, including student logins and class lists, will be sent home in student folders on Thursday, April 8th. If you have any questions throughout the process, please call the Summer School Office at 920-563-7802 or email [summerschool@fortschools.org](mailto:summerschool@fortschools.org).

We hope your child will join us this summer for lots of fun!



### PARENTS of ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

All current orchestra students are invited to participate in the annual geranium sale fundraiser this year,

sponsored by Blodgett's Garden Center!!

The sale will run from April 5 - April 22.

Students are responsible for selling coupons redeemable for geraniums for Blodgett's Garden Center. After interested buyers pay for their coupons, they go to Blodgett's and redeem them for 4 1/2 inch potted. Orchestra families will receive specific information via email.

If you are looking to get your spring flowers, find an orchestra student and buy some geraniums! THINK SPRING!

Our next orchestra booster meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, at 6:00 pm over zoom. We make decisions about future orchestra events and funding. All orchestra parents are invited. Please email Mr. Finnegan [finneganp@fortschools.org](mailto:finneganp@fortschools.org) for the link.