



LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Luther Families,

The first quarter has ended and we are well into quarter number two. Your child has been taking on new learning in this virtual learning model. The best thing parents can do at this time to support their children is to be understanding as they take on new learning in a virtual format. It is great to give them breaks, have fun with them by playing a game or taking a walk. Be sure to spend some time reading with your children or playing some math games. Another fun activity is to have your kids write to a family member and send in the US mail. There is a lot we can do during this time to keep our students going and engaged in everyday learning. Thank you for your support!

A tradition in the month of December at Luther has been to have holiday concerts performed by our students in Kindergarten-Fifth Grade. Well, as like anything during COVID, we have had to get creative in this process. The students have been preparing some holiday songs with Mrs. Berg in Music class. They are preparing for the virtual concert that will take place on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Berg along with the other elementary music teachers will be leading this event along with some surprise guests. Each of you will receive the link in an email so you can enjoy the show and even

have your family sing-along during this program. We hope you enjoy this virtual holiday program!

Please be sure to read the items listed in the next few pages. The Luther Staff wishes all of our students and parents a joyous, healthy and safe holiday season.

Mr. Geiger, Luther Principal

December

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 12/4 Luther Loyalty Day
- 12/15 Virtual Winter Sing Along 6:30-7:30
- 12/23 Winter Break Begins thru January 4th, 2021
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 Merry Christmas!
- 12/31 New Year's Eve
- 1/1 Happy New Year!
- 1/4 Classes Resume



Luther PTO Spirit Wear:

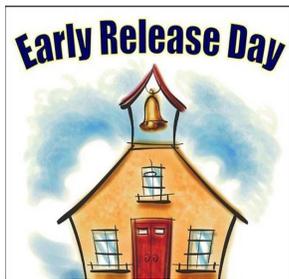
The Luther PTO has the spirit wear shop open and ready for you to browse. Please click on the link below to view the items. Orders can be placed until November 29th and will be shipped in time for the holidays. As you complete your order, you can choose to have the items shipped directly to your residence or to school.

[Luther Spirit Wear](#)



Box Tops:

We still collect Box Tops! There are several ways to turn these in. You can download the app from the PTO website, send them to school with students, or drop them off at material pick up.



Early Release Days (in person only)

The following Mondays, students are released from school at 1:30. This allows teachers to participate in professional development from 1:30-4:30 in order to continue to grow in their practice. Students will eat lunch as normal on these days. Please be sure to have a plan in place for the early pick up. [School Calendar](#). Thank you!

January 25th

February 15th

March 15th

April 19th

May 17th



School District of Fort Atkinson 2020-2021

Anthology Perseverance: We can. We will. We must.

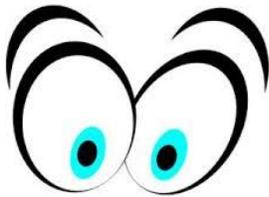
This year, the School District of Fort Atkinson will publish its own anthology of student

writing and artwork. The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity for talented writers, artists, and cartoonists in grades K-12 to publish their original work based on the common theme of Perseverance: We can. We will. We must.

For more information, including submission guidelines, visit

<https://sites.google.com/fortschools.org/anthology/home>

Please send any questions to anthology@fortschools.org



Vision in the Virtual Classroom:

As children are now spending more time in front of digital devices and screens with remote learning, it's important to recognize the impact that increased screen-time can have on children's visual systems. Encourage children to follow the **20-20-20 Rule** when using screens and digital devices: every **20 minutes**, look **20 feet** away for **20 seconds**. For more information on screen time and its link to nearsightedness, please see the attached sheet.

The Health Services team will not be doing mass vision or hearing screenings this year. If you feel your student is having vision or hearing issues please reach out to your medical provider. If you need help finding a vision provider please contact our office 920-563-7805.



Supports for Parents

The Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) has created flyers, videos and other resources for parents to help their children during this Global Pandemic.

[WEAC Webinar Series for Parents](#)

Upcoming Webinars are as follows:

- Tuesday, November 17 -- Navigating Online Learning Platforms
- Tuesday, December 1 -- Academic Supports and Resources

- Tuesday, December 8 -- Special Education Needs



School Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Rottmann, School Counselor, attended a WEAC session in mid November. She has created a flyer with the information she learned in this meeting. There are some really helpful tips for students and parents!

[English Parent Resource](#)

[Spanish Parent Resource](#)



UW-Whitewater Clinical Students

Mykayla Kuhn and Makenna Lauterbach, UWW students will join Mrs. Tamblyn's grade 5 room during quarter #2. They will be helping in breakout rooms on zoom lessons. If we were to return to in-person learning, these college students will continue to join via zoom only and not be in the classroom.



2021 Fort Atkinson Regional Virtual Science Fair

We are excited to share that the 2021 Fort Atkinson Regional VIRTUAL Science Fair will be held on Sunday, February 14th!

Even though the Fair is months away, there is an exciting t-shirt design contest happening right now! Submit your design by December 1st for a chance to win a free t-shirt and \$50 cash! Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Learn more about the rules, submission deadlines, prizes and more at www.FAScienceFair.org

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CHRISTMAS NEIGHBORS

Christmas Neighbors

Does your family need help this Christmas? Jefferson County Christmas Neighbors is taking applications through Dec. 7 for their toy or Adopt a Family programs. Please call 920-674-4499 between 9 and 4 and a volunteer will help you. You can also find more information about our program at www.christmasneighbors.org.

If you are able to help us with a donation, please send those to PO Box 177, Jefferson, WI, 53549 or donate via PayPal at our website: www.christmasneighbors.org. Due to Covid 19, we are only accepting monetary donations this year.

Last year Jefferson County Christmas Neighbors provided assistance for almost 600 families and 1700 children.



Band News - Grade 5 Only

Band students will be participating in the *First Performance National Day of Celebration* on *December 3rd at 6:30 pm!* We are working hard at learning our first few notes so we can put on a virtual concert on what would have been their Holiday concert. So, put on your fancy clothes (or your comfy clothes because you can stay home!) and join us for an evening of musical fun! Keep encouraging practice time at home and returning those logs so I can hear how they are doing individually.

