



## Luther Elementary School Newsletter~March

Luther Families,

Well, hopefully the below zero wind chills are behind us and better days are ahead with the weather! The students did a super job of working through the indoor recess times because of the cold weather. During inside recess some students played board games, read, completed homework or worked on math games on the chromebook.

This is the last month in quarter #3! All students have settled back into the school learning environment and are working hard. There is a lot of new academic material that will be taught and shared with students over the next few months. It is important that they get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast and come to school on time. Students that have those items met usually are ready to learn the next day at school. Thank you for your support in this area.

Now that teachers have collected academic data on students, we are able to determine where the greatest needs are for our students. We will continue to collaborate as a staff to plan and meet the needs of all learners as we are still in this academic recovery time from the global pandemic. It will take time for students to make up for this time over the last year but they will. It is all about structure, routine and making growth!

As always, thank you so much for your help and support over the last months. It is a team effort! Thank you!

Mr. Geiger



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- 3/1 Early Dismissal
- 3/5 Luther Loyalty Day
- 3/8 Early Dismissal
- 3/15 Early Dismissal
- 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 3/22 Early Dismissal
- 3/25 End of 3rd Quarter  
Last Day of Classes~ Spring Break
- 3/26 No School~Records Day



### **MAP Testing:**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, students in grades 2-5 have recently taken the MAP test. This is an acronym meaning Measurement of Academic Progress. This year students take this exam in winter and in spring in the areas of reading and math. Parents of students in grades 3-5 already received a hard copy of the test results. Students in grade 2 will bring their results home in early March. The purpose of this exam is for us to collect data on students to better plan and serve them in core academic areas. Plus, this allows us to measure growth over time as we test again in May. The picture below is of Mrs Young's second grade class taking the reading MAP exam.



# Students of the Month

## Students of the Month:

The picture below is of students that were selected as students of the month. Each classroom had one student selected for the month of January. Congratulations to the following students:

**Kindergarten** - Ella Martin and Memphis Schroedl

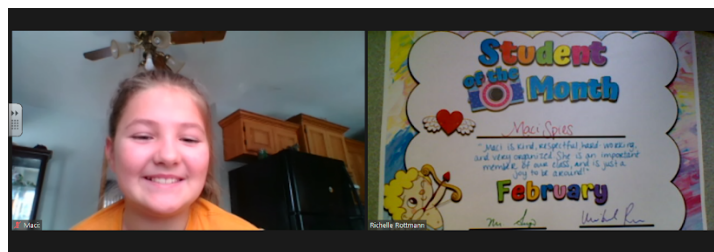
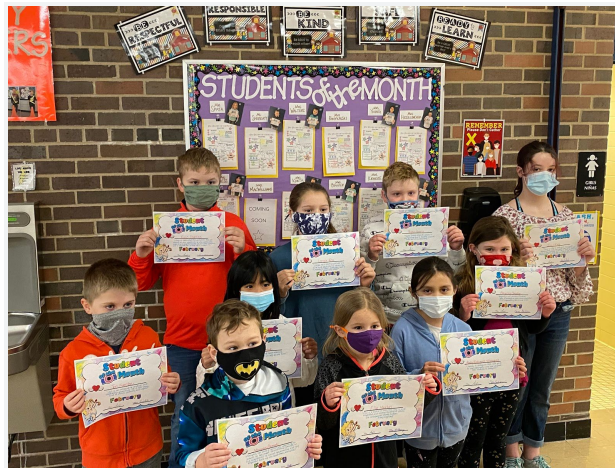
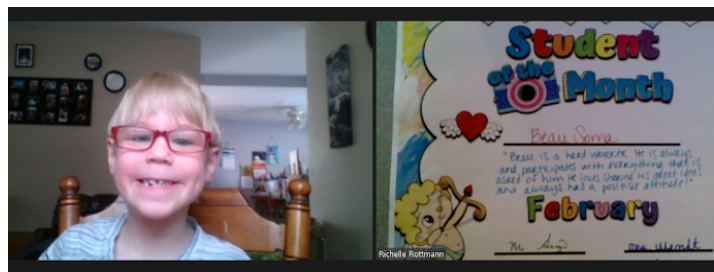
**First Grade** - Beau Soma and Joel Foerster

**Second Grade** - Ashley Rodriguez-Velazquez and Brynley Grady

**Third Grade** - Tonkhoa Daosuk and Maci Spies

**Fourth Grade** - Lerissa Reu and Peyton Henry

**Fifth Grade** - Kyle Durkee and Zoey King





**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 January were Riley Jacobson and Max Nelson. They were treated to a free lunch from Culvers!



**DARE - Drug Abuse Resistance Education:**

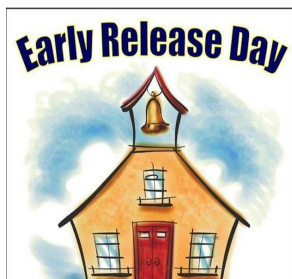
Below is a picture of Officer Enger, DARE Instructor, teaching a lesson to a 5th grade class. This is a 9 week program where students learn about the harmful effects of drugs. Once they complete the course they will participate in a DARE graduation ceremony in spring.





### **Mitigation Strategies:**

As you know, the COVID mitigation strategies at school include face coverings, frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer and proper physical distancing. In this picture below in the IMC, you can see some of the plexiglass barriers that are used as another precaution. These are used at small group tables and lunch tables.



### **Early Release Days**

Each Monday during quarter #3, 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.



### **Drop-off and Pick-up Reminders for Families**

**Before school** - Thank you for your cooperation with this new change. Again here are the options for drop-off before school starts:

- Supervision on the playground from 7:45-8:00 AM - students line up and wait to enter the school. The drop off area for this is in the back parking lot by the playground gate.
- Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 7:30-8:00 AM - students that eat breakfast can get dropped off by the doors where materials pick up takes place.
- Please **BE PATIENT, BE CAREFUL** and **SLOW DOWN** - do it for the children!

**After school** - If you are picking up your child after school please use the tips below:

- Family members should park in front of school on the street or on the side of the school on the street.
- Family members are welcome to walk up to the front of the school to greet their child and walk to the car together.
- At this time we are not allowing family members into the school building to pick up their child.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** park in the front parking lot! This is too small of a lot for this purpose and is designated for the administration staff that works in that wing of the school.



### **Winter Weather**

The weather is changing quickly! Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for colder temperatures. In order to play in the snow at recess students will need snowpants, boots, coat, hat, and gloves.



### **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.



### **Yearbooks from VIP:**

Families can place an order for yearbooks by going to [VIP](#). The yearbooks are \$8 and will be delivered to Luther School in early June. Students that order a yearbook will receive this at school in early June.



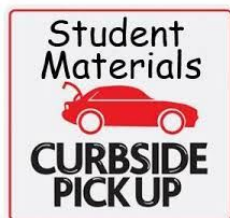
### **Forward Exam:**

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.



### **PowerSchool:**

Parents are encouraged to keep their information in PowerSchool up to date. This would include any changes in phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses. It is also important to update and keep current your child's emergency contact information. We may have to call these friends or family members that you list in the event that we are not able to reach you in an emergency situation.



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

The student materials pick-up for virtual students will continue to take place in the back parking lot on each Thursday from 3:30-5:30.





## **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)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN our LIBRARY CLASSES?

*Each class has a 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 February.

**KINDERGARTEN:** Looked at the book series *Fly Guy*, read Valentine's Day books, completed a STEAM lesson about snowflakes and began to learn about the author Kevin Henkes and his books.

**1ST GRADE:** Began to investigate fiction and nonfiction with a STEAM lesson on snow, worked in collaboration with the classroom teachers to research, and discussed parts of a book.

**2ND GRADE:** Introduced a new chapter book series called *Carlos & Carmen*, used a STEAM lesson to compliment the book series, reviewed checkout procedures, practiced keyboarding using the program Dance Mat.

**3RD GRADE:** Reviewed how to find research resources, reviewed the location of the books in the library to help with checkout, practiced keyboarding using Typing Club, introduced replacing a photo in Google Slides.

**4TH GRADE:** Completed a digital scavenger hunt to find research resources, reviewed the location of the books in the library to help with checkout, practiced keyboarding using Typing Club, worked in collaboration with teachers to review how to replace and add a photo in Google Slides.

**5TH GRADE:** Completed a digital scavenger hunt to find research resources, worked in collaboration with the classroom teachers to cite sources correctly, introduced Sora for online recreational reading, completed a digital citizenship lesson about finding media balance.



## PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Participate in screening if your child is ages 3-5 and you have concerns about his/her communication, motor, social/emotional, and/or cognitive skills

**Appointments** will be at 9:30am on each of the following days. Sign up for one of the following dates:

**March 3rd / March 10th / March 17th / March 24th**

**Sign up** on SDFa website ([www.fortschools.org](http://www.fortschools.org)) or **Call** the Pupil Service Office at (920) 563-7804

**Screening** will be held at Purdy Elementary School in the Early Childhood Classroom

**Address:** 719 S Main St, Fort Atkinson WI 53538



# 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!