

LANDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE LION'S DEN



2018

News From The Principal

I want to take this opportunity to welcome your family back to school at Landis Elementary. I am honored and excited to be serving as the new Principal at Landis Elementary, where the students and staff are the best and come first. I was born and raised in Logansport and I am a graduate of Logansport High School. My husband and I are the proud parents of four grown men. We have one granddaughter and another grandchild due in November. As a mother of four, I am well aware of the challenges in raising children, balancing family life, school, and work. It is not easy, but please know your children are among the best, most talented and caring professionals in the field of education. Our goal is to develop fine, young, responsible citizens that will make you, as parents, very proud.

Again this year, our teachers are fortunate enough to have professional development opportunities during the school year. Our first opportunity is on September 19th. Students will NOT attend school on this day, but will have a special eLearning packet in a manila folder for this day. This eLearning packet is different from the snow/fog day blue folder. The snow/fog day eLearning packet is in the blue folder and is only used for an inclement weather or emergency day. Please don't get them mixed up. We will have the dates on the packets for the planned teacher professional development dates. We will also be having 3 other planned days, October 11 and October 12, as well as, January 23rd. Please put the manila folders (planned PD days) and blue folders (snow/fog days) in a safe place at home, with the blue folders to be completed on the above dates. All of these eLearning packets are on the Landis website should you happen to misplace yours. Your teachers are also available on these days by email or you can leave them a voice message at school, should you have a question about student work. They will respond to your email or phone message in a timely manner.

October 11th and 12th are our parent-teacher conference days. This will allow us to make sure we have enough time to talk to all parents. These are so beneficial for your students, so please get in touch with your child's teacher and set up your conference time

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe during drop-off and pick-up. It is very important to remember to be careful and drive slowly when coming in and out of Landis. Traffic can get backed up at times, but please remember we may need to practice patience when this occurs. At dismissal if you are in the pickup line, please stay in your car and as you pull up, your child will be loaded for you. Daycare busses and Cass Transit load on the curve at the south end of the drive. Please do not park there or block them in. Always remember if you are walking in the parking lot with your children, hold their hand. Be safe and help us keep all of our kids safe.

Thank you so much for an amazing start to our 2018-19 school year! We will have a wonderful and productive year, and our students will have the best school year of their life.

Mrs. Patti Wolf



Special Reminders

- ◇ 9/3- NO SCHOOL Labor Day
- ◇ 9/11- PTO Meeting in Landis Library @ 5:30pm
- ◇ 9/12- Picture Day
- ◇ 9/13- Midterms Home
- ◇ 9/14- PTO Popcorn Friday \$.25 per bag
- ◇ 9/14- United Way Day-Give Back To The Community
- ◇ 9/19- ELearning Day
- ◇ 9/24-28- Chinese Visitors at Landis

School Breakfast

Breakfast Times:
7:30am

Breakfast Prices:
\$1.25-Full Pay
\$.30-Reduced

*If you are approved for free lunch, you also receive a free breakfast.

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Kindergarten News

Welcome to Kindergarten! We have had a wonderful beginning to our school year and are busy planning for September. We have started our Saxon Phonics program. We are learning to identify letters and recognize the sounds that accompany them. We introduce a new letter each week. Please take time to go over the letters and sounds with your child in the evenings. Any extra reinforcement at home makes a big difference! Please remember to send in lunch money with your child. Simply put the money in an envelope with your child's name, and their teacher's name on the outside. You will receive a friendly reminder if your child's lunch account is low or has a negative balance on orange paper. Thank you for all that you do to make your child successful! We look forward to a great year!



Second Grade News

Second grade is off to a great start! We are learning new routines and teacher expectations. We want to welcome Maria Soriano, our new second grade DLI teacher who came to us from Barcelona, Spain. We are very lucky to have her here at Landis! Thank you to all the parents who came to Supply Night and Meet the Teacher Night. We hope you have a better understanding of the curriculum and feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. In math, students will be learning new strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will continue to learn more about communities in reading and then move on to learn what it takes to survive. Thank you for helping us make this a great school year for your child!

4th Grade News

Welcome back to school! Fourth grade students are off to a great start! We appreciate the family members that were able to attend our Meet the Teacher Night. Fourth grade teachers are always available via school phone, email, and Schoology for further explanation of details discussed at Parent Night. Students are grouped within their own classrooms for Math instruction. We use an online program for skill review, acceleration, and fact practice called ALEKS. This program can be accessed at home for additional practice. Contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about this program. Your child is now using their student planner and should have all assignments written down. Check with your child so you are aware of what should be completed each evening and of any upcoming events.



FIRST GRADE NEWS

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We have lots of fun activities planned for this year. Our reading unit focus is on what makes a family. Your child will have reading homework every night. Please check your child's folder nightly and read the weekly newsletter. Also practice math facts, spelling words, and high frequency words each night. First grade will celebrate all September birthdays on September 28. Let's make it the best year yet!

3rd Grade News

Welcome back! The third grade teachers are very excited to start another year of school. We have a new face in the Landis third grade team: Miss Meinhard. We are happy to have her at Landis! We will get right back into the swing of things by learning: proper nouns, place value, rounding, and sound. Please make sure to look through your child's newsletters, data binders, and assignment books to find out how they are doing & what we did each day!

Fifth Grade News

The Fifth Grade Team would like to welcome our newest team members, Mrs. Amy Cottrell and Mrs. Samantha Hagen. They are excited about working with our Landis fifth graders and we hope they will enjoy teaching at Landis as much as we do! Our fifth grade guided reading groups are up and going! Students will be reading chapter books with a group based on their reading levels. In their groups they will be discussing the books, making inferences and predictions, and writing responses to literature. These skills are all very important to good readers. Fifth grade students are responsible for earning 8 points each month for Accelerated reader. These points will come from guided reading books and books students choose to read for pleasure. Please encourage your children to read more because reading is a big key to learning. The more you read, the more you learn!



Specials News



News From Mr. Isenburg, Assistant Principal

Hello Everybody!

My name is Eric Isenburg and I am the new assistant principal of Landis Elementary. I spent my first seven years as an educator teaching math and PE to grades PreK-8. For the last 12 years, I taught math and PE at Peru High School. I have also coached varsity baseball for the last 20 years.

I am very excited to be at Landis. The staff and students at Landis are incredible and I feel very blessed to be a part of this community.

I want to encourage parents to talk to their children about PAWS. This means to Practice safety, Act responsibly, Work successfully, and to Show respect.

Have a Great School Year!!



News From The Art Room-Mrs. Williams

Welcome back! The Art room is off to a ROARING good start! All of the students have reviewed the rules, drills, and safety procedures necessary for making good Art! Please stop by the **Art of the Month** and see a few of our best pieces! As always, I am collecting Pringles cans. The kids know where to place them outside my classroom door. One man's trash turns into some of our best treasures! Watch for some exciting Art contests and opportunities to be held soon in the city! I am excited because I KNOW I will see some Landis prize winners! Good Luck!

News From The Nurse

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I just wanted to remind parents that a student needs to be free of a temperature of 100 F or greater for 24 hours without the use of medication before they can return to school. Also, ALL medication including cough drops MUST have a permission note for your student to be able to have them at school, otherwise I will not be able to give your student the medication. I wish everyone a healthy school year!

Mrs. Craven RN



Music Class Update:



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation! **Kindergarten** has learning about our singing voices and will learn to play all our classroom instruments! **First Grade** reviewed our 'TiTi's and 'Ta's and is reading written music. Next, we'll start learning about solfege (Mi and Sol). **Second Grade** has been learning about sixteenth notes, or 'Tika Tika's. After that, we'll start exploring the ups and downs of melody. **Third Grade** has reviewed solfege, melody, skips, and steps. Soon, we'll investigate music notation and meter. **Fourth Grade** explored how sound and science affect each other. Then we'll dive into singing by talking about different kinds of harmony! **Fifth Grade** has been working with major scales and pentatonic scales. Our next unit is recorder, where we'll earn more of our Recorder Karate belts!

Musically yours,

Mrs. Hinshaw

The Counselor's Corner

Meghan Gwin

Welcome to Landis! We are so excited to have all the smiling faces back and are looking forward to a wonderful year! Here are a few tips that can help with the beginning of the school year. A regular bedtime schedule can help with a smooth transition back! Also setting up an evening schedule that can be consistently followed helps as well! Remember that we are always here to help and assist so do not hesitate to contact us with any questions! Communicating with classroom teachers is a great way to stay informed and get answers to questions you might have. Communication is one of the most important things we can have to ensure that our students are as successful as they can be!!

In the next several weeks I will be going in to all the classrooms to discuss a topic that we all want to work together to prevent - Bullying. We will discuss what bullying is and what we should do if we are being bullied or know someone that is being bullied.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. My phone number is 574-722-5466 ext. 50206. I look forward to an amazing year!