

LEOPARD TALES

FEBRUARY 8-19, 2010



Dates to remember:

February 9 & 11—2nd grade field trip

February 9/10—Benchmark testing, 3rd & 4th grade

February 11—3rd grade Family Night (Hearts n' Hugs)

February 12—Valentine parties

February 15—Student holiday

February 18—Mobile dentist

February 26—Burgers & Bingo Night

March 2—4th grade Writing TAKS



Lunch Schedules

Life Skills - 11:15 -11:35

2nd Grade Lunch

Jeffrey - 11:30 - 11:50
Sanders - 11:33 - 11:53
Broach - 11:36 - 11:56
Roskos - 11:39 - 11:59
Miller - 11:42 - 12:02
Tucker - 11:45 - 12:05

3rd Grade Lunch

Frank - 11:49 - 12:09
Johnson - 11:52 - 12:12
Holliefield - 11:55 - 12:15
Snodgrass - 11:58 - 12:18
Linnstaedter - 12:01 - 12:21
Cresson - 12:04 - 12:24
Virnau - 12:07 - 12:27

4th Grade Lunch

Marberry - 12:12 - 12:32
Pitts - 12:15 - 12:35
Douglas - 12:18 - 12:38
Bell - 12:21 - 12:41
McKamie - 12:24 - 12:44
Maze - 12:27 - 12:47
Kelley - 12:30 - 12:50

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Making Positives out of Negatives

We've all grown up hearing the adage, "If you get lemons, make lemonade." It makes sense. We need to see the positive in things every day. I am an avid Minnesota Vikings' fan. I grew up in Minneapolis and lived and breathed Minnesota sports - Twins, Vikings, and North Stars. As a Twins fan, I have experienced success, with them winning two World Series championships. But, as a Viking fan, I have gone through much heartache.

This past Sunday had to be the most frustrating ending to a game since they lost to Atlanta in January of 1999. Our world measures success by the final score. Effort usually isn't something that we look at in judging success. It was evident that the Vikings tried really hard. But the final score left us 3 points short, thus measuring up to another defeat.

Viking fans have had to live with the "What ifs....." What if Gary Anderson would've made that field goal in 1999? What if Brett would've ran the ball instead of pass on that last play? What if the Vikings would've had 11 men in the huddle instead of 12? What if they would've fumbled four times instead of five? What if? What if? What if?

When I watched the press conference after the game, Brett Favre didn't blame the referee, the ones who fumbled, or his age for their loss. He didn't blame anyone - except himself. He shouldered the blame. He was the leader. Did it help in stomaching the loss? Maybe not. But it sure made me appreciate his leadership style and abilities as the quarterback for the Vikings.

I've challenged our students and teachers to take the same approach. "NO EXCUSES" is our new motto. If everyone does their part, we will reach our goal. Students will be encouraged daily to make their best efforts in their school work. Teachers are expected to continue their diligent efforts to put forth the best education for all our students.

I challenge each of you that are reading this article/newsletter to do the same. Make no excuses for things that go wrong. Perform as parents, brothers, sisters, and citizens of our great nation. Be responsible!! Work with your child. Take quality time for them every day. Shower them with encouragement and discipline them with love. Set high standards for your family - showing consistency in the way you live. Being a positive example for your children is probably the best way to influence them.

Even though the Vikings have yet to win a Super Bowl, they are still my team of choice. 15-1 or 1-15, they are still the ones I cheer for. Despite my love for the Vikings, the bigger concern is how I influence the students here at Lorena Elementary School. In the movie, "The Rookie," Dennis Quaid positively reflects with a smile, "I get to play baseball." Well, "I get to be with children." Their success is what is important to me.

---Lowell Anderson

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MENU:

Monday 2.8.10:

Grilled cheese sandwich, baby carrots, pickle spear, mandarin oranges

Tuesday 2.9.10:

Soft taco, charro beans, lettuce & tomato cup, Spanish rice, diced pears

Wednesday 2.10.10:

BBQ on bun, baked beans, cole slaw, fresh apple

Thursday 2.11.10:

Crispy chicken wrap, ro-maine tomato cup, green beans, pineapple

Friday 2.12.10:

Pizza, seasoned corn, popeye salad, mixed fruit, ice cream cup

Monday 2.15.10:

No school

Tuesday 2.16.10:

Chili cheese burrito, broccoli, pinto beans, cutie pie

Wednesday 2.17.10:

Popcorn shrimp, peas, ro-maine salad, pineapple, whole grain graham cracker

Thursday 2.18.10:

Chili w/ beans, cheese cube, baby carrots, salad, crackers, mandarin orange

Friday 2.19.10:

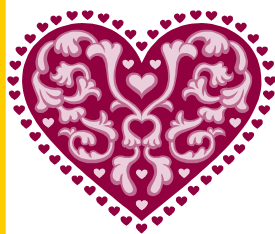
Cheeseburger or hamburger lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, banana, whole grain graham cracker

HALLWAY HAPPENINGS

3RD GRADE HEARTS N' HUGS NIGHT

Thursday, February 11th

6-7:30 pm



Third grade will be hosting its "Hearts and Hugs" night on Thursday February 11th from 6-7:30 in the cafeteria. There will be seven stations for parents and their child to enjoy, including Valentine crafts, Valentine jingo, a "cupcake" walk, candy heart graphing,

heart cookie decorating, a heart healthy station, a Valentine picture station, and a raffle for a bag of stones from Inner Space Cavern. Come and join us for this fun filled evening!

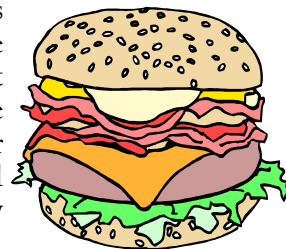
The Third Grade Teachers

BURGERS & BINGO

Friday February 26th 6-7 Dinner Bingo 7-9

Child Care available for 3 years to 7 years in the gym (pre-registration required).

Prices for bingo games and dinner have not yet been determined. We are looking for anyone who would like to donate prizes or supplies for dinner. We would like to keep the cost down as much as possible so that all can attend! For questions call or e-mail Amy Marberry or Wendy Campbell at 254-857-4613.



OUT IN THE GYM

In PE, the kids have finished their Hoops for Heart campaign and we want to say thank you to all those students who worked to raise money for the American Heart Association. Congrats go out to Ethan Rodriguez, a 2nd grader, who was the LES top raiser! He and other top raisers from schools around McLennan county will be recognized at halftime of the Baylor Lady Bears game on Sunday, February 28th. The "Next Big Thing" will be field day, which will take place on Thursday, May 27, at the high school football stadium. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 8:30 a.m. More info will follow, as well as t-shirt orders! Thanks—Coach K and Miss Dora!

FROM THE LIBRARY SHELVES

I am so proud of how much reading most of our students are doing! This last 9 weeks I awarded personalized bookmarks to the students who earned the highest number of AR points in their grade level. What impressed me even more was seeing how many students' points were right up close to this level also!

2nd grade – James Dickson earned 24 pts

3rd grade – Madelyn Treat earned 65 pts

4th grade – Collin Bennett earned 192 pts

Second graders had 3 special library sessions last week designed to introduce them to a broader range of good books. I showed a really cute animated presentation that 4th grader Sophie Brenner helped me create; we played a classroom game covering the "Nate the Great" series; and Amelia Bedelia made a visit to the library to read one of her books. This week we had two days of "preview sessions" over our new books that featured many great book trailers available over the internet.

Let's keep the students reading every day!

Mrs. Swenson & Mrs. Seiler



COMPUTER TABS

All grade levels completed a lesson and activity on Internet Safety. The students learned that there are strangers and bullies on line as well as on the playground. They also learned that they should tell their parents, teacher, or other trusted adult if they are confronted with these situations. They studied the effect of viruses and the importance of passwords. The students know they should reveal their password only to their parents or teacher, but not to friends or acquaintances. There is a link to an internet safety website on my Lorena ISD web page. Second Grade has begun Type to Learn 4, and Third Grade is continuing to concentrate on keyboarding skills and Tech-knowledge. Fourth Grade will begin a unit on research in Techknowledge in conjunction with a research lesson in the library. Always encourage your child to use the computer skills they have learned at home.



Debra Recindus, Elementary Computers