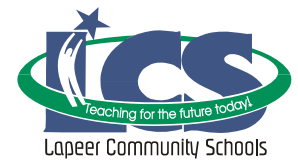


Lynch Elementary Newsletter



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Vision Statement ... Elva Lynch Elementary will maintain a secure and motivating learning environment. Together we will provide a quality education that will create independent, confident citizens. Staff, students, parents and community will have an important role in this process.

Mission Statement ... Elva Lynch inspires, supports, and cultivates life-long learning.



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 2

- 8:10am LINK Group Picture

May 7

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Safetyville – 1st Grade class trip

May 8

- 8:30am and 6:00pm PTC Mtg: Representative Nominations
- Mrs. Papke class trip to Safetyville

May 14, 15 and 16

- 4th grade Personal Safety

May 15

- Second Grade – Bat Presentation: Lynch Library
- Mrs. Papke & Mrs. Lomerson class trip to the Detroit Zoo

May 18

- 5:30-7:30pm Spring Carnival

May 21

- Mrs. Hill's 3rd Grade Stanley School class trip

May 22

- Mrs. Colpetzer's 3rd Grade Stanley School class trip
- Zemmer Counselors Visit Lynch 5th Grade Classrooms

May 23

- Kindergarten/E5 to Ed Tech Farm

May 24 and 25

- Dome Assembly on Thursday
- Science Alive on Thursday and Friday

May 28

- NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that by the time you receive this newsletter, we will be on the "final leg" of the school year. Third trimester is underway and Spring Fever will soon set in. Please take time to talk with your student about staying committed to their academic success and finishing the year strong!

Because the end of the year is drawing near, we are starting to plan for Field Day. Kindergarten and E5 students will be having field day on June 7th. First through fifth grade students will have field day on the last day of school, June 8th. Events will be set up with classes moving from station to station. We will need parent volunteers to help make Field Day a success. Volunteers will be needed for set up, clean up, distributing water, as well as running events. Please watch for a letter regarding Field Day coming home soon. If you are able to volunteer, we appreciate your support and the students absolutely count on it. They love Field Day and we look forward to working together to give them a memorable end of year event.

Our end of the year awards assembly has been scheduled to take place on the same day to accommodate our families with multiple children in the building, June 6th. A brief description of the awards being presented to students is below.

Have a wonderful May; hopefully April brought us plenty of May flowers.

Mrs. Michelle Bradford



End of the Year Field Day/ Honors Assemblies

Our End of the Year Awards Assemblies (including Kindergarten Graduation) is scheduled for June 6.

- Wed, June 6th – 9:00am Kindergarten Graduation
- Wed, June 6th – 12:30pm-1:30pm 1st and 2nd grade Awards Assembly
- Wed, June 6th – 1:30pm-2:45pm 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Awards Assembly

End of the Year Awards — 1st and 2nd grades

- ✓ All Year Perfect Attendance
- ✓ All Year Positive Behavior Support Award (no warnings on classroom cards)
- ✓ Most Improved Student Award in all content areas – to be determined by the teacher teams
- ✓ Physical Education Presidential Awards

End of the Year Awards — 3rd-5th grades

- ✓ All Year High Honors (A) in Math, Science and Social Studies
- ✓ All Year Honors Award (A/B) in Math, Science and Social Studies
- ✓ All Year Perfect Attendance
- ✓ All Year Positive Behavior Support Award (no warnings on classroom cards)
- ✓ Most Improved Student Award in each content area
- ✓ Physical Education Presidential Award
- ✓ One fifth grade student will be awarded the Principal's Award and receive a \$50 savings bond from Lynch Elementary. The staff votes on the student who receives this award and the Principal makes the final decision based on votes.

* Please understand that all other trimester certificates/awards will be handed out in the classrooms.

May 29

- Poetry Reading – Mrs. Lomerson's Class

May 30

- 2nd grade Musical at Lapeer East, 6:10pm students arrive

May 31

- Before School Donuts with Dads in the Gym
- LINK end of the year Celebration from 10:45-11:45 lunch in the gym
- Retirement Farewell Tea for: Mrs. G, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. DePree and Mrs. Abraham

Please Join Us ... Retirement Farewell Tea Open House



Honoring: Secretary, Mrs. G

Former Dean of Students, Mrs. DePree

Head Cook, Mrs. Wilson

Title I Paraprofessional, Mrs. Abraham

When: Thursday, May 31, 2012 from 4:00—6:00 PM

Where: Lynch Elementary, 2035 Roods Lake Rd, Lapeer — Cafeteria

Thank You Lynch P.T.C.!

BIG THANKS to our wonderful PTC officers! They have made our year a great success with all the time and effort they have put forth.

- ✓ Sharon Mozola- President
- ✓ Mandy Trottier- Vice President
- ✓ Amanda Wilcox- Treasurer
- ✓ Tara Suckow- Secretary

During our May 8th PTC meeting, we will be holding nominations for next year's positions. On June 5th, at 6:00pm we will be voting. This meeting was purposely scheduled on this date and time because if falls immediately after our Open House for new Lynch families. It is important to us that we include all of our stakeholders as we begin planning for next year. We look forward to more volunteers and students!



LOOKING AHEAD ...

June 5

- 4-6pm Open House for New Lynch Students/Families with LINKS & Student Council take new families on a tour of the building
- Kindergarten presentation in the cafeteria for incoming Kindergartners at 4:00 and 5:00pm
- PTC meeting at 6:00pm with Election taking place

June 5 and 6

- PTC Book Sale outdoors

June 6 (Wednesday)

- 9:00am Kindergarten Graduation
- 12:30pm-1:30pm 1st and 2nd grade Awards Assembly
- 1:30pm-2:45pm 3rd, 4th & 5th grade Awards Assembly

June 7 (Thursday)

- Kindergarten/E5 Field Day. **Kindergarten/E5 last day of school**
- 2nd Grade Field Trip to Sloan Museum & Longway Planetarium

June 8 (Friday)

- 1st – 5th grade Field Day. **Last day of school for students 1st -5th grade.**

Spring Carnival! Friday, May 18

Come one, come all to the Lynch Spring Carnival on Friday, May 18th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.!

For the first time in Lynch history, we will have inflatables at our carnival!

Ticket Reservations will be coming home soon! Here are just a few fun activities you can participate in:

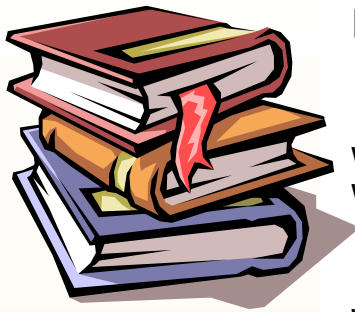
- * Test your courage on the inflatable's
- * Bounce your brains around in the bounce house
- * Show off your skills at the various games
- * Quench your thirst at the Pop Walk
- * Get messy with our cotton candy
- * Relish some fresh hot popcorn
- * Help a teacher cool off in the Dunk Tank
- * Take a chance on winning a cake at the Cake Walk.
- * You'll also be able to purchase nachos and lemonade (with tickets) during the entire evening of the carnival.

As always our fabulous "theme basket auction" will be held during the carnival. Each classroom/grade is sponsoring a basket. Teachers are collecting donations to fill these baskets. Please send any theme items you have to the classrooms. Let's get these baskets filled and lookin' good!

- ✓ K – Garden
- ✓ 1st – Camping
- ✓ 2nd – Snack foods
- ✓ 3rd – Baking items
- ✓ 4th/5th – Beach fun

Come with your friends and family and see what other attractions and silly fun will be happening at the Lynch Spring Carnival! Hope to see you there!!!!





Many Books, One Summer ... Super Summer Success Reading!

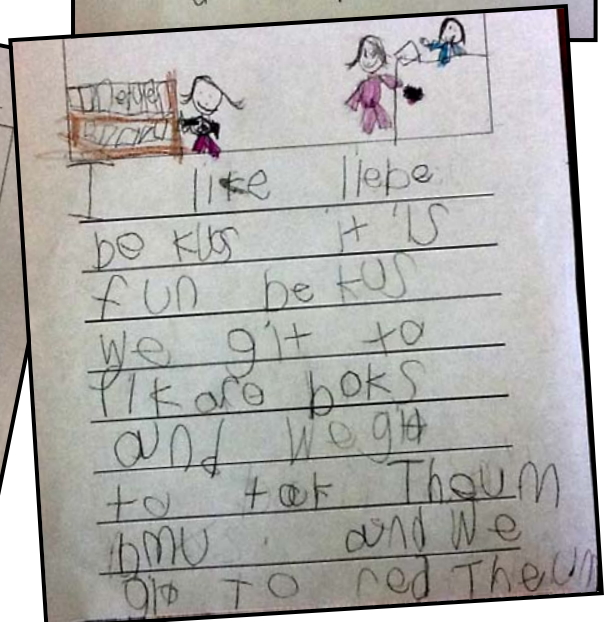
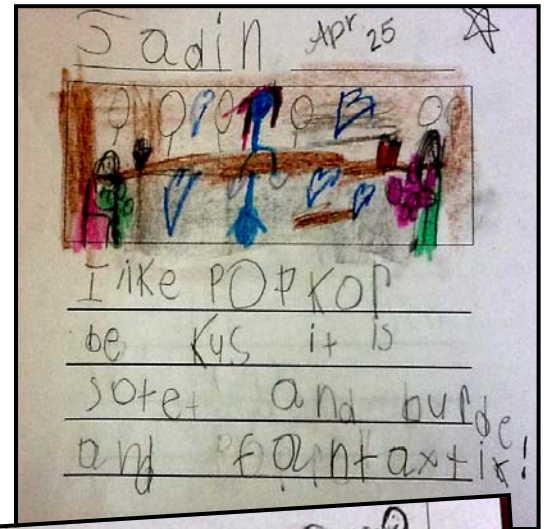
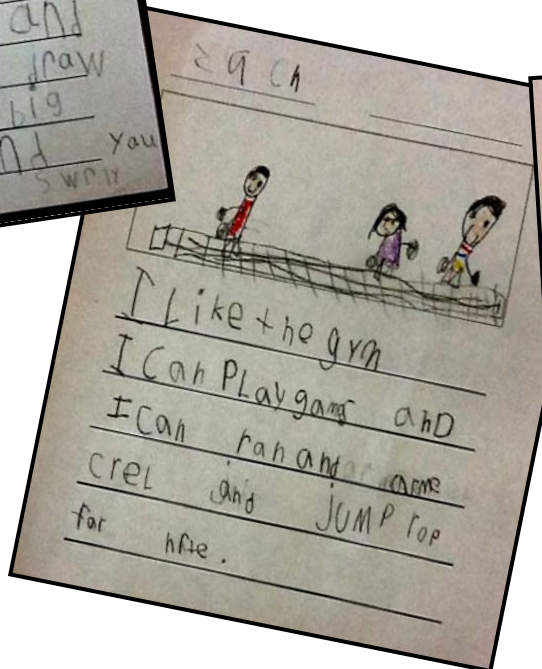
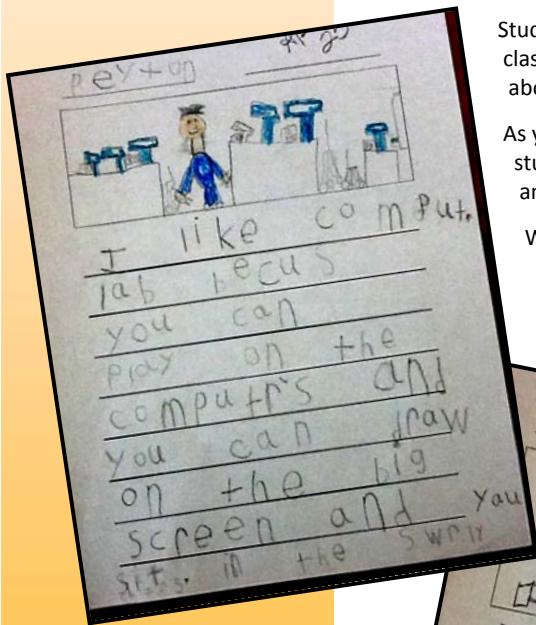
- Who?** Current K-4 Lynch Students
- What?** The Super Summer Success Reading Program puts interesting books in the hands of your child during the summer. Teachers carefully select books for students based on their reading levels and interests. These wonderful books are on loan to your child for the entire summer and were purchased from our generous PTC and Title I. Please return them in the fall.
- When?** Throughout the summer, your child should be reading. Encourage your child to read by setting up a regularly scheduled time during the day to read (and to re-read these books). Set aside at least 15 minutes every day to read.
- Where?** Any place is a great place to snuggle up with a good book.
- Why?** **Research shows that when children read 20 picture books over and over again or 6 chapter books throughout the summer, they may maintain the reading growth made during the previous school year.** As flowers need continuous care to stay vibrant and alive throughout the summer months, so do our children. Plants can't go two to three months without attention; neither can young readers! So help your child avoid losing valuable reading skills during the summer by reminding him or her to keep reading these books throughout the summer. **Keep your child's reading success growing!**
- How?** In a few weeks a flyer will be sent home, be sure to fill this out and send it back to school with your child. Books will be given out to all students who sign up. If you have any questions please contact Title I Interventionist, Tammy Berry tberry@lapeerschools.org. or 667-2448 ext 4309.

Budding Authors at Lynch

Students in Mrs. Allen's E5/Kindergarten class wrote about what they liked best about Lynch Elementary.

As you can see by the variety of topics, students express themselves using details and expressive words.

We are so proud of our young writers!



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

*May 7th – 11th is National
Teacher Appreciation Week*

Lynch PTC will be providing lunch for the teachers on Monday, May 7th, and coffee and donuts on Wednesday, May 9th.

If you are interested in providing a dessert item or a beverage for Monday, May 7th lunch, your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Our PTC Officers will not be using school funds to celebrate our teachers; they are making a homemade meal.

WAY TO GO MR. L.K.!

We would like to extend big congratulations to Mr. L.K. He is receiving a Distinguished Educator of the Year Award from Lapeer Community Schools. He will be recognized in May at this year's Employee Recognition dinner for Lapeer Community Schools.

You are the best Mr. LK!

GOING THE DISTANCE

Morgan Turk, 5th grade student at Lynch, is preparing to go the distance in the [IronKids](#) Florida competition on May 19th in Haines City, Florida where she will run a mile, swim 150 yards in Lake Eva, and bicycle 4 miles.

She'll be competing against other kids in the 9-11 year old age group. Sounds pretty grueling, but Morgan is so competitive that she is up for the challenge.

Lynch staff and students wish her great success!

Word Perfect *When School Is Out, Reading Is Still In*

By FRANCIE ALEXANDER

We know that reading is essential for success in school and in life, yet too many kids do not read enough to fully comprehend the texts in front of them. Recent studies demonstrate that our children don't read as well as many of their international peers, and this will impact our students' ability to take on the challenges of careers, college and everyday life.

So what's a parent to do? I recommend taking advantage of summer's less hectic pace to make reading a daily priority, and make it fun.

* "Book" a vacation

If you have plans to go away during the summer, encourage your children to read up on the destination and make suggestions about what to see and do.

* Get real

States are adopting new and higher academic standards that call for students to read more non-fiction. Kids tend to really love non-fiction, especially those who are more reluctant readers.

Summer is the perfect time to learn about something new by reading books, magazines and articles on topics that add to world knowledge. The more background information students have, the better they do in science, social studies, the arts and health education classes.

In school, it's necessary to dip into a lot of topics, but during the summer, kids can take a deep dive into one subject and may even develop life-long interests.

* Be tech savvy

The 2010 "Kids and Family Reading Report" by Scholastic found that 33 percent of kids would read more if they had access to e-books.

Technology is very much a part of our kids' lives; let them put it to good use by encouraging them to use tablets, smartphones or home computers to get a different type of reading experience.

* Choose your own books

The report also found that nine out of 10 kids are more likely to finish a book they picked out themselves. So don't worry about what kids read; just concentrate on having them read as much as possible, as long as the book is age and subject-matter appropriate. Summer provides an opportunity for kids to try new genres and formats — humor, horror, sci-fi, fantasy, mystery, graphic novels and other types of books that aren't read as frequently during the school year.

* Practice makes perfect

Educators want students to be reading a million words a year by the time they're in the upper elementary grades — to achieve this, kids need to read all year long.

Like any other skill, reading requires practice, and one of summer reading's positive effects is that kids are less likely to experience that dreaded summer slide: the loss of weeks or months of academic progress. Celebrate reading this summer, and keep your kids on track for success.

