

Lynch Elementary Newsletter



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Mission: Elva Lynch will secure a dynamic environment for higher level learning. Together we will provide students with a quality education that will create independent, confident, and critical thinkers.

Vision: Elva Lynch inspires, supports and cultivates leading learners.



Calendar Highlights

January 4

- School Resumes

January 5

- PAC Meeting, 9am
"Coffee with the Principal"

January 9

- PTC Meeting, 3:30 PM
- Little Caesars Pizza
Fundraiser Begins

January 9-12

- Vision Screening
1st, 3rd and 5th grade

January 11

- Spirit Day
– Dress like a teacher

January 16

- No School for Students,
Teacher In-Service Day

January 20

- PTC – School Store

January 25

- Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day

January 27

- Popcorn and Spirit Wear Day

Thank You, Lapeer High School Choir!

The staff and students at Lynch Elementary would like to thank the Lapeer High School Honors Choir for their holiday performance.

Lynch Elementary Focused on STEM Education

Lynch has recently become a focus STEM school.

You might be asking yourself what does that mean?

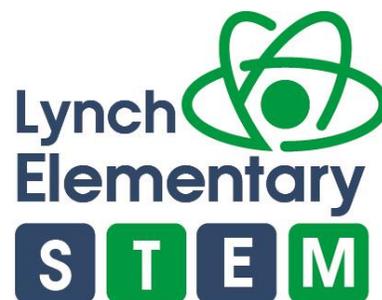
How does that help my child?

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM is important because it is in every part of our lives. **Science** is everywhere in the world around us.

Technology is continuously expanding into every aspect of our lives. **Engineering** is the basic designs of roads and bridges and so much more. **Mathematics** is in every occupation; every activity we do in our lives.

By exposing students to STEM and giving them opportunities to explore STEM-related concepts they will become the life-long learners we want them to become. A curriculum that is STEM-based has real-life situations to help the students learn and problem solve. Students are critically thinking and realizing that if one design doesn't work they can apply their new knowledge to recreate their design. There has been sufficient evidence with regard to achievement, interest, and motivation benefits associated with STEM instructional approaches. Students at Lynch have participated in STEM activities such as; designing and building the Mayflower to carry the pilgrims, designing and building a parachute to help Santa land safely, and building a tower with limited resources, and these are just a few! With providing these types of learning experiences we are promoting STEM education experiences that prioritize hands-on learning to increase student engagement and achievement.

All students K-5 has exposure to the nation's leading STEM curriculum Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Staff at Lynch is continually exploring ways to integrate STEM across the curriculum and provide students with exciting authentic learning experiences. – Cori Lomerson; Lynch Elementary



Winter Months

It is that time of year again. Parents, please be sure your child comes to school with a coat, gloves, scarves and boots. All children are expected to go outside except on rainy, severe weather days or when temperatures are zero degrees or below including the wind chill factor.

Doctor's notes should accompany a parent's request to keep their child indoors. When you do send your child or children to school with this winter gear, remind them that it's extremely important to wear this winter gear. It would be so helpful if all parents wrote their child's name on the inside of their winter clothing, we would have so much less in the lost and found. Speaking of lost and found... near the entrance at Lynch is a coat rack displayed with various lost and found items. Please feel free to stop by and check for missing items.



Volunteer Info

Wanting to volunteer in your child’s classroom, go on a field trip or help at a PTC sponsored event? All volunteers must have an approved application on file in order to volunteer. Applications are available in the school office or online at www.lapeerschools.org, click on the parent tab and volunteer program. Please allow 2 weeks for the application to be processed. All approved applications are valid for 3 years. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (810) 667-2448.

Drop-Off Procedures

As the weather continues to get colder please be advised that for security and safety reasons students are not allowed into the building until **8:10 am**. Students who arrive early will be asked to wait outside near the East doors (bus loop doors) until adult supervision is present in the hallways and cafeteria starting at 8:10 am. If you are in need of before school child care options, please consider contacting Kids & Company at (810)667-2454 to explore the options available that may fit your needs. Thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding student drop-off.

Snack Pack Program

The staff and students at Lynch would like to thank the Sunrise Kiwanis for their donations to the Snack Pack program. Since January 2016 the Sunrise Kiwanis have raised more than 10,000 pounds of food! We would also like to thank Sue Kline, Ann Imel, and Sue Lubahn for their continued weekly support in making this program a success.

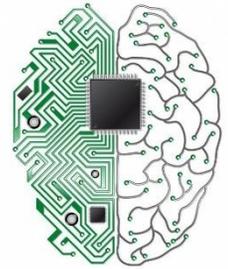
Help Teach Your Student How to Code

It’s no secret. Coding is becoming more of a necessary skill to have as every week goes by. In order to compete in a global economy, it is becoming essential. In some cases, it’s the difference between getting an opportunity and not getting it. At Lynch we recognize the importance of providing students with opportunities to learn how to code. In STEM and PLTW classes students have access to iPads where they are taught the basics of coding. Here are what some people are saying about the importance of learning to code.

“Learning to write programs stretches your mind, and helps you think better, creates a way of thinking about things that I think is helpful in all domains.”
 --- Bill Gates, Chairman Microsoft

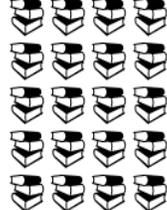
“For most people on Earth, the digital revolution hasn’t even started yet. Within the next 10 years, all that will change. Let’s get the whole world coding.”
 --- Eric Schmidt, Executive Chairman, Google

If you are looking for ways to support this at home, check out some of the following websites.
www.tynker.com
www.code.org
www.scratch.mit.edu



The Importance of Reading at Home

Reading every night is tremendously important for your child’s reading development. Reading for 20 minutes EVERY DAY will amount to approximately 3,600 minutes read over the school year. That is close to 2 million words at home alone! Coupled with the reading and close instruction that they receive at Lynch Elementary, this is a tremendous amount of information and provides an excellent opportunity for your student to grow. Every day that students read at home, they are increasing their fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and confidence.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

Lightning Leaders of the Month: December



The listed students were selected by their classroom teacher as the Lynch Lightning Leader for the month of December. These students go above and beyond every day to follow the Lynch Elementary B.O.L.T student expectations of organization, leadership and trustworthiness. Keep up the good work!

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| Ms. Woodley | Addison Walker |
| Mrs. Berry | Faith Fischer |
| Mrs. Brown | Emma Mercer |
| Mrs. Curry | Stasha Clemens |
| Mrs. Leonard | Sophia Brandt |
| Mrs. Siivola | Daphne Minard |
| Mrs. Lomerson | Addyson Young |
| Mrs. Rondy | MacKaylah VanMeter |
| Mrs. Schons | Ryanna Wilson |
| Mrs. Hayden | Isac Bolton |
| Ms. Lawrence | Tyler Maupin |
| Mr. McCaffery | Allyson Adams |
| Mrs. Nichols | Chloe Smith |
| Mrs. Callans | Mackenzie Daly |