

# 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

### April 1

- Read-A-Thon
- Duct Tape Student Assembly, 2pm

### April 2-10

- Spring Break – No School

### April 14

- Talent Show Rehearsal, 3:30-5pm

### April 18

- PTC Meeting, 3:30pm
- BrainStormers Assembly

### April 21

- Talent Show Rehearsal, Lapeer High School
- Pre-School Round-Up, Rolland Warner Middle School

### April 22

- Talent Show, 6pm, Lapeer High School

### April 29

- Popcorn Day/Spirit Wear Day/School Store

## Looking Ahead...

### May 30

- Memorial Day Holiday – No School



## Bus

### Reminder

As per the student code of conduct, students are not allowed to ride another bus to a friend's home, or get off at another stop.

## Mark your Calendar!



**Mark your calendar for the Brainstormers! L.L.C.**

**Writing Assembly on April 18, 2016.**

The live performance is funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA), Michigan Humanities Council (MHC), and Lynch PTC. Thank you for their support!

To learn more about the Michigan Humanities Council, please visit <http://michiganhumanities.org>.

## Tree Sales

We would like to thank our Elva Lynch families for the great tree sale turnout! Some of our 5th graders will be completing this service learning project by organizing orders. The trees will be available for pick-up on Friday, April 22nd. Please plan to pick up orders by 5pm. If you have a small order & want it sent home with your student, please arrange that with your homeroom teacher.

Thank you again, and "May the Forest Be With You!"



### Top Sellers

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| K               | Katelynn Fessler |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bill McBrayer    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Alexis Powers    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Emmit Mauk       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Elora Matty      |

## Lynch STEM Elementary

You may have noticed Lynch Elementary has been in the paper a lot recently regarding STEM education and Project Lead the Way (PLTW). I am pleased to announce that starting in the 2016-2017 school year Lynch STEM Elementary will officially have a focus on STEM education K-5.



Preparing students for the global economy

Through generous donations from our community, in conjunction with the PTC, and a grant provided by the Lapeer County Community Foundation Lynch has secured the funds necessary to expand the PLTW Launch curriculum across all grade levels. This funding will also support the addition of VEX IQ Robotics in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. PLTW Launch enhances our existing curriculum in ELA, math, social studies and science providing student with the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.

I am excited to provide this opportunity to all students through our schools of choice open enrollment option at LCS. If you are interested in more information about how STEM education and PLTW can enhance your students' educational experience, please feel free to contact the Lynch STEM Elementary office and set up a time to tour the school. We will also be hosting a Spring STEM day inviting the community and local businesses into the school to experience STEM education. Look for more details on our website and Facebook page about this event.

## Pre-School Round-Up

**Date:** April 21, 2016

**Time:** 4-7pm

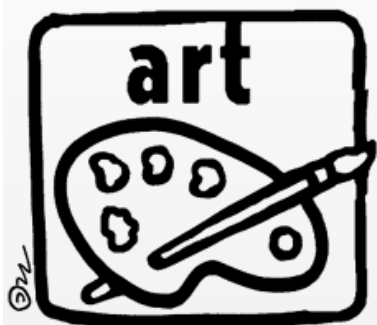
**Where:** Cafetorium @  
Rolland Warner Middle School

If you are unable to attend at this time, please stop by our office located at 3145 West Genesee Road for more information or registration.



### *Become involved in STEM education at Lynch STEM Elementary*

We are looking for your help! Starting next year Lynch STEM Elementary would like to start a robotics team at the upper elementary level. If you and your student are interested in robotics please consider volunteering to coach at team. Lapper Community School currently has a very successful secondary robotics program, be part of the excitement at the K-5 level with robotics at Lynch STEM Elementary.



## Fine Arts Night

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at Lynch Elementary Featuring a school wide Art Show and the 2nd grade musical, "Lighten Up". Be sure to mark your calendars and come support Lynch's talented students!

## After School Programs

During the month of March, students had an opportunity to participate in after school clubs (Weird Science, Lego, Walking, iPads, and Board Games). The turn-out exceeded our expectations

Thank you to all of the staff that volunteered their time to help make these programs a success!

## Lost + Found

Items found on the playground or in the building will be placed in the lost and found box (located by the recess doors). Encourage your child to check the day an item is lost.

## March is Reading Month "Mad About Reading" Book Trip

Congratulations to the following students Alexandria Walker, Jaelyn Gizinski, Carter Parker, Talen Sumner, Alex Boots, Alenzie Betker, Van Britt and Addison Fidler for winning the Barnes and Noble Luxury Book Trip!

These students enjoyed lunch and a limo ride to Barnes and Noble for a book shopping spree. We would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations to make this event a success: Lapeer Surgery Center, Buffalo Wild Wings, Wood Chips BBQ, Rochester Limousine, Barnes and Noble, Bradford and Sons Construction and the Lapeer Vision Center.



## Student Placement Request Forms

Based upon the teacher's knowledge of each student, they work as a team in the placement decisions for the coming year to ensure balanced classrooms. Our goal is for your child to receive a placement that best meets the needs of their learning style.

Factors considered when making student placement decisions include, but are not limited to the following: academic ability, special instructional support needed, peer relationships, ratio of males to females, general work habits and behavior. Therefore, a request is not a guarantee.

Student Placement Requests are available online at [www.lapeerschools.org](http://www.lapeerschools.org) or in the school office. All requests are due by **May 13, 2016**.



## Lynch Lightning Leaders of the Month

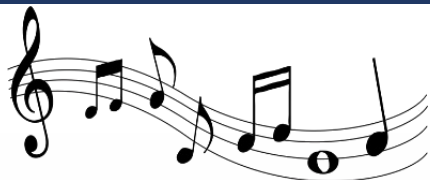
The following students were selected by their classroom teacher as the Lynch Lightning Leader for the month of March. These students go above and beyond every day to follow the Lynch Elementary B.O.L.T *student expectations of organization, leadership and trustworthiness*. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Brown  
Miss Woodley  
Mrs. Fantin  
Mrs. Jezdimir  
Mrs. Siivola  
Mrs. Curry  
Mrs. Lomerson  
Mrs. Leonard

Emma Mercer  
Kaleigh Douglas  
Jesse Ihrke  
Kendall Klein  
Grace Engle  
Beau Bradford  
Koltin Sweet  
Brandon Groom

Mr. Aquilina  
Mrs. Rondy  
Mrs. Schons  
Ms. Lawrence  
Mrs. Hayden  
Mrs. Berry  
Mrs. Nichols  
Mrs. Callans

Evan Houck  
Kiley Racknor  
Lauren Kelts  
Amelia Allen  
Randilee Stewart  
Joslynn Hartwell  
Jacob Greyerbiehl  
Aubrey Brandt



## 2nd Grade Spring Musical

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have begun working on their annual spring musical in music class! This musical will fulfill one of the Lapeer Elementary Music Classes standards and goals for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Preparing a musical takes a lot of work and time.

This year we will be performing "Lighten Up!". "Lighten Up!" is all about being silly. The original songs feature jokes, tongue twisters, instruments and silly lyrics. If you have heard your student singing songs from it, you know that it is a fun, exciting, and engaging set of songs that will be a pleasure to watch and listen to!

Below you will find all the important information regarding the musical! Please mark your calendars.

- The date of the program will be on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- The programs will be held in the Lynch Elementary gym
- The musical will begin at 6:15pm and will last for about 30 minutes.
- Parents should bring their students to school between 6-6:10pm in order for them get ready before they go on stage.
- In regards to dress for the musical, students are asked to wear a nice pair blue, a plain brightly colored t-shirt (please no writing), and gym shoes.

Additional reminders and letters will be sent home as the date approaches.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stephanie Harrington  
Lapeer Elementary Music  
[sharrington@lapeerschools.org](mailto:sharrington@lapeerschools.org)

### Assistance needed....

Our students are very involved kids. If you know any of the spring sports coaches could you please share the date and time of our musical with them or pass their email/phone number along to me. I would love to ask them if they could build a schedule that leaves this evening free of games. The hope is to avoid creating conflicts for our students in order for them to be able to participate in everything...Thanks!

## Calling all Carpenters!

### Make Lynch's Little Library Happen!

We are excited to take part in The Little Free Library movement and we are looking for volunteers that would be willing to build Lynch's very own Little Free Library. If you are interested in building The Little Free Library or donating funds towards the purchase of one, please contact the school office at (810) 667-2448. We are looking to begin this program within the next month.

The Little Free Library movement has since swept the country with the goal of **spreading free books to all**. A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. The libraries come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. For more information about The Little Free Library Movement, check out <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>



## M-STEP

Beginning April 12 and ending June 6<sup>th</sup> is the testing window for M-STEP, which replaces the former MEAP test. These new assessments, called the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), will be given online and will measure current student knowledge.

**What's New:** This year, your child will experience some exciting new test components in the M-STEP mathematics and ELA assessments that will measure deeper critical thinking skills. These new test components and items include:

**Technology:** On the online tests, some items will ask students to drag and drop, select text in a passage, select spots on a graphic, match between two lists, fill-in-the-blank, or select multiple answers to a test question.

**Constructed response:** Students will be asked to produce a grade appropriate written response to some test questions to demonstrate a clearer understanding of the content standard being assessed.

**Grade 3: ELA and Math**

**Grade 4: ELA, Math, and Science**

**Grade 5: ELA, Math and Social Studies**

### Tips for Test Day...

Help your child succeed on the M-STEP by providing the following support at home:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and eats nutritiously. (Don't forget... your student can receive free breakfast at Lynch.)
- Encourage them to do their best daily!
- Support your children and classroom teacher with homework completion.
- Be sure your children are on time to school between the during the testing window.

Throughout the past month teachers at Lynch have been exposing students to websites that enhance day to day instruction and prepare them for the type of content they will experience on the M-Step test. Below is a list of some common websites used at Lynch for students who may want to practice at home.

### ELA:

#### [Newsela](#)

Current Events, Lexile Leveled, Quizzes Included. RL: 4-12

#### [Britannica](#)

Non-fiction, Research Skills, Audio Support. Grades 3-12

### Math:

#### [Front Row](#)

Common Core Aligned, Audio/Video Support, Instant Feedback. Grades K-8

#### [Interactive Math Resources](#)

Free. Activity Based. Grades 1-12

#### [Online Virtual Manipulatives](#)

Free. Quizzes Included. Grades 1-8

### Typing Resources:

#### [Dance Mat Typing](#)

Engaging, Audio/Visual Support. Free. Grades 1-4

#### [ABCYA Typing Games](#)

Engaging. Free. Grades K-5

### Authentic Writing Experience:

#### [Kidblog](#)

Motivating, Teacher Moderated. Grades 1-12