

# WE BUILD LION PRIDE

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Schiesher Families,

We are in the midst of the most academically intense months of the school year! With the holidays behind us our efforts are quite focused on the swiftly approaching Illinois Standards Achievement Tests or ISAT.

Children in grades 3 - 5 will be testing March 6th - March 16th. As noted below, the schedule is quite rigorous and **your child's attendance during this period is very important.** Regular attendance is critical because when your child misses one of the school testing sessions they are removed from their class to take the test during one of our make-up sessions. Consequently, not only is your child out of their regular environment for the assessment, but they will also take the assessment with a proctor other than their regular classroom teacher. For some students, these two factors can contribute to test anxiety, ultimately

impacting performance. Unless an emergency situation arises, please have your child attend school during this very important testing period.

### March 6 - March 16, 2012 ISAT Schedule

Third Grade Reading: 3 - 45 minute sessions  
Mathematics: 3 - 45 minute sessions

Fourth Grade Reading: 3 - 45 minute sessions  
Mathematics: 3 - 45 minute sessions  
Science : 2 - 45 minute sessions

Fifth Grade Reading 3 - 45 minute sessions  
Mathematics 3 - 45 minute sessions

The ISAT tests consist of not only multiple choice questions, but sections where children are required to "show their work" in both reading and in mathematics. The students have been pro-

vided scaffolded instruction and support as they have been preparing for these assessments throughout the year. During this preparation, teachers also help students understand the structure of the test while helping them become familiar with the ISAT testing format and test taking strategies.

Each day we encourage and expect children to do their best here at school with a special emphasis on any assessment (like MAP) that allows us to better understand the achievement of our students... the ISAT assessment is no different. We want all students to do their best! Under No Child Left Behind the expectations for schools increase each year. **For the 2012 assessment period the target for our school is that 92.5% of all students meet or exceed on the ISAT.** Achieving a 92.5% meets and exceeds is a manageable target and will highlight how wonderful Schiesher School is! Thank you in advance for encouraging good attendance and your child's best effort during the ISAT, we certainly appreciate this team approach.

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February is a short month and I can't help but hope that spring is right around the corner! As always, thank you for all the support you provide to your children and to our school, together we make a great team. Please let me know if I can assist you in any way.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Dr. Linda Kotalik

## Cold Weather Recess Days



All students have a 20 minute recess after lunch every day. On days when the temperature is between 10 and 0 degrees students may choose to stay in or go outside for recess. Students that go outside must be appropriately dressed including coat, hat, gloves, and boots. Students must also have snow pants if they are to play in the snow. If the temperature is below 0 all students will stay inside. If the temperature is over 10 degrees, all students will go outside.

Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather.

## EARLY DISMISSAL NO SCHOOL

Grades 3-5 will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m., on Friday, February 3rd. There will be **No PM Kindergarten.**

There will be

## **NO SCHOOL**

on Monday, February 20th

## PAWS



*The following students are being recognized for their "good deeds" this month:*

**Trustworthy:** *Janet Ramos, Ryan Connolly, Kayla Kinney, Emma Olsen.*

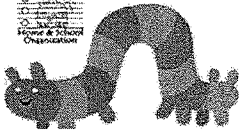
**Respectful:** *John, Madison, Emily, Bradley Hoffman, Sam, Valerie Pierce, Amber Cunningham, Jenna, Gino Pascente, Linsey.*

**Responsible:** *Anna, Alex Rodriguez, Brooklyn Hargrave, Jessica Ramos, Anna Zellak, Peter Sanchez.*

**Fair:** *Natalie Marriner, Emma Fasone, Tessa Haldeman, Bradley.*

**Caring:** *Hannah Baur, Areli, Jenna, Jonathan, Katie Martin, Emily, Carter Hicks, Valerie Pierce.*

**Good Citizenship:** *Greg Sharafinski, Emily, Jamelu, Isaiah, Zachary Toplak.*



Lisle Elementary Clothing Resale  
Brought to you by the LEHSO

## Volunteer at the LEHSO Clothing Resale – Saturday, March 10th

The LEHSO Clothing Resale is a children's clothing and toy resale that takes place in Schiesher's gym on **March 10th**. The money raised from the sale is used to provide extra enrichment programs for all of our elementary students.

If you are looking for a great way to get involved and help our schools, we have volunteer opportunities available to meet everyone's schedules. Volunteer during the day, in the evening or on the weekend.

We welcome ANY one- or two-hour shift during any of these times:

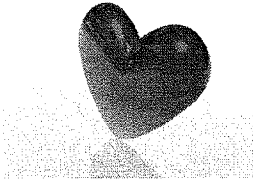
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| Thursday, March 8th              | 6:30-8:30pm (help with distributing seller's items to the sales floor)                                    |
| Friday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>    | 9am - 7pm (help with distributing seller's items to the sales floor)                                      |
| Saturday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> | 7am – Noon or 1pm—3 pm or 3 pm –5 pm. (help during the sale or during our break-down after the sale ends) |
| Sunday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 12:30 pm - 3pm (help us as sellers come back to pick up their unsold items)                               |

### Is this your first time volunteering?

We would love to spend a few minutes sharing information with you about the LEHSO, our sale, and how you can help. Then you can decide if it is the right volunteer opportunity for you!

If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Harris at  
630.493.1094, [clothingsale1@lehsso.org](mailto:clothingsale1@lehsso.org) or at [www.lehsso.org](http://www.lehsso.org).

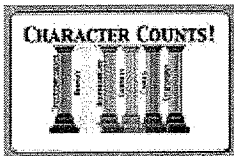
## CLASSROOM PARTIES



Classroom parties will begin at 2:00 on Tuesday, February 14th. Kindergarten classes will not have Valentines Day parties due to their celebration of 100 day on Thursday February 2nd.

## 5th Grade Science Fair

The 5th grade Learning Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM. Parents, students and siblings are invited to this event.

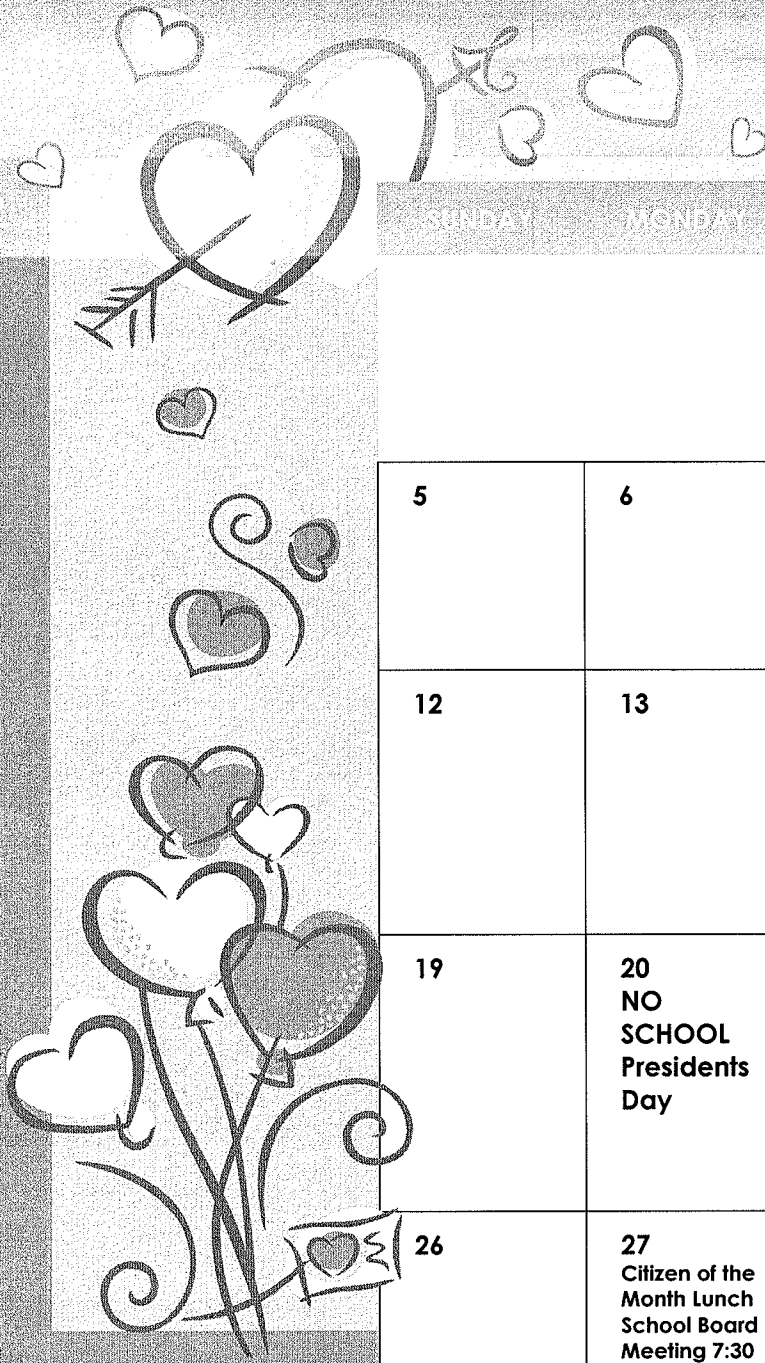


Friday, February 3rd is wear "Orange for Fairness" day. All students are encouraged to wear something orange.

## HSO Assembly

END OF SECOND TRIMESTER IS FEBRUARY 23RD. The HSO will provide an assembly from the CHILDS PLAY TOURING THEATRE. Students have submitted stories, artwork, poems etc. The touring company will turn as many of these as possible into a theatre production that will be presented to the student body. Parents are invited to attend this assembly.

# February 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Kindergarten celebrates 100 day	3 Wear Orange 11:45 Dismissal No PM Kindergarten	4
5	6	7 5 <sup>th</sup> gr Science Fair 7:00 PM	8 LEHSO Meeting 9:15	9	10	11
12	13	14 Classroom Parties 2:00	15	16	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	21	22 Otis Lennon Testing for 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	23 District Choral Festival 7:30 PM at HS End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester HSO Assembly	24	25
26	27 Citizen of the Month Lunch School Board Meeting 7:30	28	29			