



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

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- 7-Kindergarten Round-Up at MG
- Jr. High PE Skating
- GREAT Graduation 9am
- Track Meet at LTHS 4:15
- 8-Band/Chorus Tag Day
- Jr. High PE Skating
- 11-Track Meet at JCA 4:15
- 12-Finance Meeting 1pm
- Dist. 91 Academy Mtg 6:30pm
- Board of Education Mtg 7:30
- 13-Track Meet at LTHS 4:15
- Market Day at MG 4:30
- 14-11:30 Dismissal-
- School Improvement Day
- Parent Night at Taft 6pm
- 15-Early Bird Registration Begins
- PTO Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 18-Track Meet at JCA 4:15
- 20-PTO Executive Board 6:30
- Student Council Dance 7-9
- 22-Midterm
- NO SCHOOL
- 25-NO SCHOOL
- 26-Track Meet at Lewis Univ.
- 4:15
- 28-Drama Dinner and a Play 5:30
- PTO Field Day T-shirt orders go home
- 29-Drama Performance 6:30
- Progress Reports
- 30-IGSMA State Band/Chorus

MAY

- 2-Track Meet at JCA 4:15
- 3-PTO General Mtg 7pm
- Building & Grounds Mtg 6:30
- SpEd Parent Mtg 6pm
- Board of Ed Mtg 7:30
- 4-Band/Chorus Pizza Hut Night
- 4-8pm
- 5-Field Day T-shirt orders due!
- LLS Conference Track Meet at LTHS 3:30
- Spring Concert
- 6-Band Super State-TBA
- 11-7th grade ELC Field Trip
- Market Day at MG 4:30
- PTO Executive Board Mtg at MG 6:30
- Band Recognition Concert and ColdStone Social 7pm
- 12-Kindergarten Visitation MG
- 13-Early Bird Registration Ends
- Music Technology Tag Day
- PTO School Supply Order pick up at MG 5-8pm
- PTO Book Fair and Art Show
- 14-Music Technology Tag Day



Kelvin Grove School

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011

From the Desk of Mr. Pritchard, Principal

Can you believe it? It looks like we are out of the winter doldrums and spring is finally here. It sure is great to have the warm weather starting. It also means that the school year is starting to wind down a little bit. Three-fourths of the school year is now over.

Last month was a really good one at Kelvin Grove. The 7th grade girls volleyball team had an awesome season. They won their regional and advanced to the sectional round. Unfortunately, they lost to a team that ended up in the Final Four. The 8th grade girls also finished their season last month. They played their best volleyball of the season at that tournament. The last match was the best before going down in defeat in three hard fought, exciting, and gut wrenching games. Congratulations to both teams on a great season.

Our music programs shined last month as well. The choir went to Hufford Junior High in Joliet and got a I rating. Not to be outdone, the Concert Band went to Central Junior High in Tinley Park and also received a I rating. This quali-

fies them to go on to the state competition on April 30. Both groups did a phenomenal job and we are very proud of them.

Kelvin Grove also participated in the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Regional Science Fair at Unity Junior High in Cicero. Seven of our students participated and brought home three II ratings and four I ratings. Two students qualified for the state competition in Champaign during the month of May.

We had Career Day on March 18th. It was fantastic! We had about 20 individuals come in to talk to the students about their profession. We had a musician, former FBI agent, Marine, EMTs, flight instructors, just to name a few. We would like to thank all of you that graciously donated your time to providing our students a wonderful experience. The kids couldn't stop talking about it as they left the building.

As the weather starts to turn, please keep in mind that more children will be walking home and hanging out around the school. We ask

that you be mindful of this especially during student pick-up and drop-off. Make sure to drive slowly around the school grounds and keep a look out for the kids. They may not always be looking out for you!

We also wanted to let you know of a couple improvements that will be taking place or have taken place. First, you may have noticed that we had some improvements done to the baseball field. The work and materials were all donated by the Illinois Flames baseball team. In return for the upgrades to the field, the Flames will be using the field for their practices and games. We would like to extend our gratitude to this group for thinking of the district and how we can partner together to have something that the entire community can utilize and be proud of.

I hope that everyone is able to get out and enjoy the spring weather. I look forward to letting everyone know how we are winding up the school year next month.

Fourth Grade Spotlight



The fourth quarter is now upon us and the month of April will be very busy and exciting. We have completed ISAT testing and are eager to begin our journey through this last quarter.

On an academic note, classes have begun Theme 5 in our reading/language series. We have read many different genres of stories from the beginning of the year including, but not limited to, realistic fiction, biography, play, folktale,

nonfiction, fantasy, and historical fiction. Students have also been exposed to language skills such as, verbs (linking, helping, main, action, irregular and present, past and future tenses), articles, and adjectives. In Social Science, we are continuing to learn about the regions of the United States. We have discussed the northeast, southeast, and midwest regions. Our students have been working hard in Science where we have been focusing on matter and energy. In math

we have learned about fractions, decimals, polygons, U.S. and metric measurements and we have been reviewing, probability, perimeter, area, input/output tables, multiplication, and division. Even though we are nearing the end of the school year, we still have quite a bit of time left. Please help your child to continue good study habits and help them to return homework when it is due. Also, check with your child to see if he/she is in need of school supplies.

Fifth Grade Spotlight

We can't believe that ISAT is behind us, and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. The children have been very busy learning about the Revolutionary War, and all the events that led up to the war. Students have really enjoyed this topic and all the various activities that we have done in class. Our next unit of study will focus on landforms.

In Language students have studied reflexive pronouns, adjectives and helping verbs. We will start working on action and linking verbs, present, past and future tense verbs.

The children have been participating in the GREAT program. This is a wonderful program sponsored by the Lockport Police Department. Officer S. comes in once a week

and educates the students on bullies and gangs. Students have even had the opportunity to do a little role playing. GREAT graduation is right around the corner, watch for more details.

Mrs. Farina
Mrs. Hodkowski
Ms. Mackey

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Sixth Grade Spotlight

Math- Lindstrom

Math 1st Period

Welcome to the fourth quarter and the wonderful world of geometry. I really enjoy this quarter and I hope the students do to. We will be learning area, perimeter, surface area, volume, circumference, and more. Third quarter went well; we aced percents and tackled integers with ease. I know that the students will work really hard this quarter and geometry will be a breeze. We are getting prepared for seventh grade math.

Math 2nd and 3rd Periods-We are done with fractions and decimals. The class did excellent on both of these subjects. We have been working really hard in second and third periods and we are not afraid to conquer any mathematical problem. We are now ready to embark on a new journey. This journey will take us into geometry. We will be studying two and three-dimensional shapes, area, perimeter, surface area, volume, circumference and much more. This is going to help us prepare for next year. Keep up the great work!

Language Arts- Freeman

Having just finished up a unit on poetry and in honor of spring season rolling around, students acted out their rendition of the poem "Casey at the Bat."

The sixth grade students will dive back into both fiction and nonfiction stories. Students will soon follow the adventures of a wealthy, 13-year-old girl who finds herself in the middle of a murder mystery in the year 1832, in the novel *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi. Novels will be available in the classroom, but please feel free to purchase this novel for your child to use during our reading of it. There will also be an emphasis on both persuasive and expository writing as 6th graders transform into expert speech writers and presenters!

Science- Lindstrom

WOW!!! I am so amazed with the roller coaster projects. All of the projects are on display in front of the LRC. The students really enjoyed this project and I know that there was a lot of hard work put into these projects. They all looked like real roller coasters! Our bridges were amazing too! We had bridges that held over fifty, sixty and seventy pounds. We have our 6th grade fourth quarter science project coming up. This is similar to a science fair project, only smaller and less extensive. My goal for this is to get the students excited about a science project that they choose. This also gives the students the opportunity to do their own experiment and their own lab write up. We

will also be making a power point presentation in class a few weeks after we get back from spring break. Each group will research a section from the textbook and present it to the class

Social Science- Soulian

Students are continuing to learn about Greece. We just finished sections on Sparta and Athens. The students will hold a debate on the differences between the two city states at the end of this chapter. The Persian Wars are always interesting for the students as they learn about the famed 300 Spartans!

Students should also be working continuously on their book project due April 5. Please see my webpage for details on this assignment.

PE-Anderson 4th quarter activities in track and field, roller skating, 16" softball. Please be sure to bring a heavy pair of socks for the roller skating unit to prevent blisters.

Character Education – Anderson

Starting the 4th quarter with our friends and family units, by midterm we will be starting our first project, a poster all about themselves. Instructions to follow in class.

Spring Pictures

Some students received their Spring Picture Packages on Thursday, March 24. Due to a processing error, the remaining Spring Picture packages were not delivered to us until Monday, April 4. If you are going to purchase any of the pictures, your payment is due by April 8. If you are not purchasing any or all of the pictures, you need to return what you are not purchasing by April 8.



City of Lockport Water Main Work

Please be advised that the City of Lockport has notified us of work to be done on the water main near Kelvin Grove. This work is scheduled to start in March or April. The city has advised that they will make every effort to not interfere with heavy traffic times (drop off and dismissal) and the normal operation of the school.



Seventh Grade Spotlight



Math- Stateman

Students in Mrs. Stateman's Math 3 classes will begin the month of April by working on transformations within the coordinate plane. We will be flipping, rotating, translating, and dilating shapes. We will then be moving on to counting principles and calculating permutations and combinations.

Students in Mrs. Stateman's Math 2 classes will begin working on geometry by calculating perimeter, area, circumference, surface area, and volume. We will be completing a formula sheet that can be used on all tests and quizzes (Students need to keep them in a safe place though). Keep calculators and pencils on hand!

The Math-a-thon donations will also be due on Monday, April 4th. Students who have raised at least \$35 will receive a t-shirt and a ticket to Six Flags Great America that can be used at any time during the summer.

The end is almost near...

Language Arts- Dickson

"Research is to see what everybody else has seen,
and to think what nobody else has thought."
– Albert Szent-Gyorgyi –

The month of April brings showers of research. Your child will choose a topic to write his/her research report on. He/she will be working on taking notes on colored-coded note cards, creating an outline, writing a rough draft, and peer revising and editing in order to create a final draft during this month.

Seventh grade reading will consist of a novel study with literature circle activities. Your child will be reinforcing the reading strategies discussed and practiced all year including predicting, questioning, connecting, summarizing, inferencing, etc. We will also dig deep into elements of character and integrate reading, language arts, and vocabulary with other content areas. Your child will complete mini projects as well as a large project for the novel study and present it to the class.

Science- Prieboy

During the month of April, we will continue our study of the Plant Kingdom. We will explore the structures of flowering plants. Plant processes such as photosynthesis, reproduction of flowering plants, and plant responses to the environment will be introduced. Be on the look out for a permission slip for our May field trip to the Environmental Learning Center. Our study of life science will be enhanced by

this trip to the local forest preserve.

Social Science- Soulian

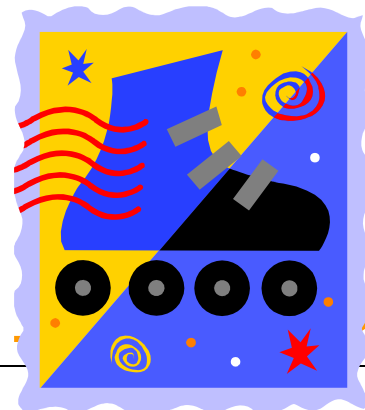
Students are completing a chapter on Washington's presidency. They have been introduced to Alexander Hamilton and have learned how banks are supposed to work. We have also discussed the difference in opinion of interpreting the Constitution and how it leads into the forming of political parties. We will continue to discuss the early presidencies as well as the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from Napoleon.

PE-Prieboy

The annual roller skating unit will be the week of April 4-8. A racket sport unit will follow with the students playing pickle ball, badminton, and ping pong.

Character Education- Miss Anderson

4th quarter we will start with the mental health unit and start our board game project right after the midterm exam. After midterms we will work on a nutrition unit.



Physical Education

Spring weather makes it easy to get outdoors and get the physical activity your body needs. The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* call for 30 to 90 minutes of physical activity every day, depending on your body's needs.

4th and 5th Grades – We just finished up volleyball and will be playing a wide variety of games in the new gym when we come back. Look for information regarding JUMP FOR HEART coming home soon.

6th and 8th Grades – We have just finished our volleyball unit and will begin roller skating when we come back from break.

Students keep up the good work and parents feel free to contact me @ mmacfarlane@d91.net with any questions.

Mr. MacFarlane

Eighth Grade Spotlight

Math– Mrs. Stateman

Math- Stateman

Students in Mrs. Stateman's Algebra classes will be beginning our final quarter material. But don't rest just yet; this material is just as challenging as ever. We will be working on simplifying radical expressions with numbers and variables in chapter 11 then moving on to simplifying rational expressions. Keep those pencils sharpened!

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The end is almost near...

Language Arts– Mrs. Forristall

The students have finished reading *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Reading the play version that is in our text has inspired many students to seek out other books that deal with the Holocaust. Weekly spelling tests and vocabulary tests con-

tinue to be given. The focus of our grammar study has been subject and verb agreement.

Science- Miss Podwika

Students had fun and learned about nuclear fission and fusion by experimenting using bubbles to practice "fusion" and "fission". We also conducted experiments related to sedimentary rocks and erosion. Circle activities, experiments, website discussions, poster making, online games and videos have helped us to learn about energy sources. We are now studying weather and our atmosphere. Our new studies will include topics such as The Coriolis Effect, the doldrums, the layers of our atmosphere, the polar easterlies, trade winds, thermal conduction, the jet stream, the pressure belt and the horse latitudes. Today we developed a vocabulary list after our bellringer that asked students to look for new and interesting words in their Science chapter. We discussed these words and discussed a dvd that presented many ideas related to our current area of study as well as other Earth Science topics. We are finding that these topics are very much inter-related. Students should continue to study for quizzes and tests.

Social Science- Miss Podwika

Students researched, wrote and performed a short skit with a group to prepare for our study of American Im-

perialism. Students decided their roles and what new information they would share with their class. We have studied the history of Hawaii and Alaska and how Guam and Puerto Rico become territories of the United States. The Spanish American War also had a very large impact on world affairs. We will continue to study American History. Women's History and African American History were our two latest topics in RTI. Students also learned many things about Casimir Pulaski by completing a web quest and during ISAT we took a break from our current studies to learn about more current history. Please take advantage of the activities on www.classzone.com to review Social Studies material. Thank you.

Physical Education– Miss Anderson

This quarter's activities include a track and field unit as well as 16" softball and roller skating. Please be sure to bring a heavier pair of socks during the skating unit to prevent blistering.

Character Ed.- Miss Anderson

4th quarter brings a wide range of projects including an advertisement during our consumer education unit and a "box" project during our self esteem unit. Instructions will follow in class. Slogans will be required for our drugs and alcohol unit as well.

Free Pre-school Screenings!

District 91 and the Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative will be conducting a free pre-school screening on Wednesday, April 27th, 2011 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. The screening is open to children ages 3-5. Children must be 3 years old by April 27th and will have not turned 6 years old by April 27th. The screening will be held at the Kelvin Grove School, 808 Adams, Lockport, IL. The screening is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please contact Karen Ward at 815-838-8080.

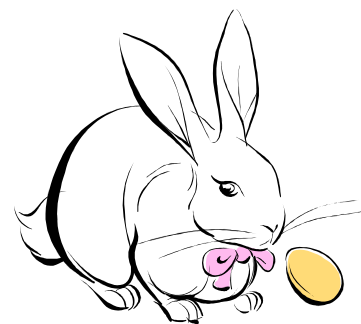
ParentConnect Access Information

Parents/Guardians of Kelvin Grove students have the ability to keep up to date on their child's academic progress thru our Parent Connect System online. Parents/Guardians of all fourth grade and new students must pick up the user name and password in person at the office and sign that you've received it. Once you have the user/password, it is valid until the child either graduates or no longer attends Kelvin Grove. If you have any questions regarding ParentConnect, please email Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@d91.net.

Computer Exploratory News for 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

Fourth Quarter Computer Exploratory Classes are working on Microsoft Word, Keyboarding Connection and Type to Learn 3 and 4. Students will be increasing their knowledge in components of Word which includes working with headers, footers, inserting page numbers, clipart, copying and pasting pictures and using the draw toolbar.

Our next unit of study in Microsoft Office is Excel.



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District 91 Activity Calendar

The District 91 Activity Calendar is now available at www.d91.net.

Art News

Mrs. Cravens

Happy Spring! The Kelvin Grove art students have been working hard, and anticipate the warm weather to sketch outdoors. Currently, we are working on the following projects:

The fourth grades students have finished their O'Keefe inspired abstracted flower paintings, using only warm colors or cool colors with shaded outlines and the addition of white to create a range of tints. Soon, we will switch our focus from painting to sculpture as we begin researching an interesting animal to use as inspiration for our own micro-world ceramic animal sculpture. The

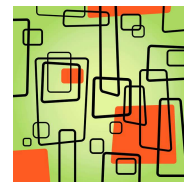
fifth grade classes will also be moving into the art of sculpture, using Claes Oldenburg to motivate our efforts by creating a fake food sculpture to "fool the eye" of those who view it.

As the beginning of 4th quarter is upon us, the last group of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will begin their first projects of the quarter. Our first two projects are functional, both the place card and portfolio, and will be used all quarter. Following this, students will progress into the art of drawing, design, painting, and sculpture.

REMAINING ART CLUB MEETINGS IN 2011:

April 7th - ALL GRADES
 April 21st - ALL GRADES
 May 5th - ALL GRADES
 May 12th - ALL GRADES

Thank you for your continuous support of the arts within Kelvin Grove and enjoy the warm weather in the days to come!



Mrs. Cravens



LUNCH ROOM INFORMATION



A reminder to parents and students: Lunches cannot be purchased daily. Lunches are only provided on a pre-order basis.

It is the students' responsibility to turn in a lunch order by the due date and time each and every month. Because of allergies Mrs. Shew **will not** place

an order for anyone without a form. You must turn in a completed form each month even if you have been approved for the free or reduced lunch program.

Lunch orders and menus are also posted on our website in case your child forgets to bring them home.

Children who bring a cold lunch must remember to bring their own plastic utensils. The lunch room does not have these items available.

The order forms for May/June will go home with students on April 7 and are due back in by April 13!!

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS!!

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 12 from 3:15-3:30 in the mini-computer lab in the pod for anyone currently in 5th, 6th or 7th grade interested in trying out for cheerleading for next school year. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested, just see Mrs. Krumlinde by April 15 for an informational packet!! You can also email any questions to: lkrumlinde@d91.net

The Band Page

Congratulations to the Kelvin Grove Bands for an outstanding Music in our Schools month in March!!! The Beginning Band and Intermediate Band had an excellent concert on Thursday, March 3. The improvement that has been made since December is amazing! Concert Band had a great month of festivals and contests. They participated at the LTHS Junior High Band Festival and the IGSMa District Contest. At District Contest the Concert Band received a Division I rating. Congratulations to the Concert Band! They will be participating at the IGSMa State Festival on Saturday, April 30. Please mark this date on your calendar. More information will be forthcoming when it becomes available. Thanks for a great National Music in Our Schools Month!!!

The final concert of the year is the Band Recognition Concert on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00pm. This date is a change

from the beginning of the year calendar, so please make sure that you have marked this date on your calendar. At this concert, each band (beginning, intermediate, concert and jazz) will be performing and will receive band awards. Please join us to recognize the hard work and dedication that all the band students have put in all year.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:

The Band and Chorus Tag Day is Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9. If you are able to give an hour of your time that would be greatly appreciated. Times are still available, so if you can help, please contact me by phone or e-mail to sign up for a time and location! Thanks for your continued support of the band program.

We will be having Pizza Hut Night on Wednesday, April 6. Please dine in, carry out or have pizza delivered between 4-8pm and Pizza Hut will donate

Mrs. Plagman

20% of your purchases to the Kelvin Grove Band and Chorus. Make sure to take the form in this newsletter and give to a Pizza Hut employee.

We also will be having "Dinner Out" Nights at Nicky's Gyros on Monday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 3. Please dine in, carry out or drive thru between 3-9pm and Nicky's will donate 10% of your purchases to the Kelvin Grove Band and Chorus. Make sure to take the form in this newsletter and give to a Nicky's employee. **AS ALWAYS...**

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Plagman if you have any questions or concerns at (815)838-0737 x139 or nhenn@d91.net. Also, check the band website at <http://www.d91.net/Classes-KG/Band/index.htm> for updated information.

LASEC Academy News

The students (and staff members) in the LASEC Academy are anxiously awaiting spring and its warmer weather. In the meantime, we are busying ourselves with multitudes of studies. Having completed *The Giver*, we are now working our way through *Holes*. Additionally, we continue to hone our reading skills by working through several selections of nonfiction writing. In math, we are manipulating fractions and mixed numbers and delving into the realm of algebraic theories. We studied the rainforest extensively, looking both at its structure as an ecosystem and its plant and animal inhabitants. We continue our life studies as we examine microbiology basics. In social studies, after some detours to study the American Revolution and some history of Chicagoland, we are concluding our unit on Ancient Greece. In group we are looking at the complexities of peer pressures and the importance of pursuing the sometimes more difficult but worthwhile decisions.

Music News

Mrs. Randolph

March was National Music In Our Schools Month with the theme "Music Lasts A Lifetime". Students viewed the World's Largest Concert in celebration of National Music Month. Students in grades 6,7, and 8th music classes finished their original songs they wrote with the 8th Grade Music Exploratory class from the 3rd nine weeks presenting their original movies and music. We have a lot of talented students. Music Exploratory classes in grades 6-8 should check the music web site for music assignments and homework help.

Th. May 5 (6:30 pm) – All students in Grades 4,5 KG Chorus, and a few selected students in grades 6-8 will present the spring concert "Music Lasts A Lifetime" in the KG old gym. Admission is FREE and open to the

public. We will have student organists, composers, and special guests performing. Ask your students to tell you some of the music they will be singing.

Grades 4-8 Students are welcome to use the music lab before school on Friday mornings from 8 am – 8:25 to work on any music software, piano, organ, etc. They do not need to make an appointment – just come to door 4, sign-in and then come to music room. Any student that would like to use the lab or have help in music, may make an appointment with Mrs. Randolph to come before or after school for extra help.

Music/Chorus/Band Fund-raisers:
Mon. March 28 & Tues. March 29 Nicky's Gyros fund-raiser 3-

9 pm for Chorus/Band bring flier
Mon. April 4 & Tues. April 5 Nicky's Gyros fund-raiser 3-9 pm for Chorus/Band bring flier
W. April 6 – Chorus/Band Pizza Hut Fund-raiser 4-8 pm
F. April 15 – Valucards go on sale for Music Technology Fund-Raiser

PARENT HELP NEEDED: Friday, April 15 ALL District 91 students will be selling Valucards to raise money for the music technology labs. Valucards are discount cards that can be used every day– good for a year at over 2000 Chicagoland and other locations across the United States. Contact Mrs. Randolph if you can help staple the fliers and help fill orders.

PARENTS and STUDENTS NEEDED: Friday, May 13 or Saturday, May 14 to work Music Technology Tag Days to earn money to purchase pianos, computers, monitors, and other equipment for our music technology labs. Please return the form below if you can help. Return to Mrs. Randolph by Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

I can work the Music Technology Tag Days on the following days/times (Someone will contact you the week before):

Check as many as you can do:
_____ Friday, May 13 - Time _____
_____ Saturday, May 14 – Time _____

Student's Name _____ Grade ____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

We will not give or sell your email to anyone. Just use it to notify you concerning music work times or things related to music.

School Nurse News

Here are a few details that still need to be addressed in the health office:

1. **Current Sixth grade students are required by the State of Illinois to have a dental exam form completed and turned in by May 15, 2011.** Most students have complied, but there are still a few students who do not have a current dental form in their health file. According to the law, report cards can be withheld if the dental form is not on file.
2. Please also be aware that students trying out for a 6/7/8th grade team sport must have a **current sports physical on file to tryout!** This especially affects cheerleading (May tryouts), softball (Jul) and baseball (Aug) tryouts as these teams hold tryouts before school starts for the year.
3. **Current Eighth grade students** need to have the physical exam for Lockport High School completed and turned in by **June 1, 2011.** Please contact your doctor and make an appointment to have this done before the end of the year.
4. The State of Illinois has mandated that all schools have action plans in place for children with allergies. This year, we will be sending out surveys to the students that have indicated they have an allergy to obtain more information. Everyone will be required to fill out the survey with the registration for next school year.
5. Please remember to update the health office with any changes in your child's health status.
6. While this is the **SPRING** newsletter, remember to have students dress appropriately with the changing weather. They are outside in the morning, the temperatures are in the 40's, and students are in shorts and sweatshirts. There are still a LOT of germs and colds going around the school. Please reinforce the importance of hygiene and hand washing, especially when coming in from playing outside.

As always, please feel free to call me with any questions and concerns.
Mrs. Maida, RN, BSN

LASEC Multi-Needs Classroom

Finishing up 3rd quarter, we've finished reviewing pictographs, bar graphs and tally graphs in math. Some students are reviewing their multiplication facts and will be moving into 2 digit multiplication soon. In current events, we've read about the new movie Rango and how it was made, along with the Cherry Blossom Festival being held in Washington,

D. C. Did you know there is a Grocery Bagger Contest held each year in Las Vegas? We heard all about that too. Each week we read a new story, along with spelling and DOL. We're looking forward to warmer weather so we can resume our community walking trips.

METRA HERITAGE CORRIDOR SURVEY

Pace Bus is working with the city of Lockport to explore the possibility of providing service to supplement Metra's Heritage Corridor service.

Please complete the survey at <http://www.pacebus.com/survey>

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Nicky's is proud to sponsor a "Dinner Out" by donating 10% of your total food order back to Kelvin Grove Band and Choir.

Valid Only from 3-9 pm (Eat In, Carry-Out or Drive-Thru)on:

Monday, March 28 & Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Monday, April 4 & Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Monday May 2 & Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Monday, May 16 & Tuesday, May 17, 2011

Monday, May 30 & Tuesday May 31, 2011

Please present this slip (copies are accepted) with your order at Nicky's.

Thank you for supporting the Kelvin Grove Band and Chorus!

(You can view the full menu online: Nicky's Gyros-Lockport)

Sub-total of food order: \$ _____

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Nicky's Gyros - A Family Tradition Since 1893

Featuring - Red Hot Chicago

903 East 9th Street - Lockport, IL (815)838-0600

Nicky's is proud to sponsor a "Dinner Out" by donating 10% of your total food order back to Kelvin Grove Band and Choir.

Valid Only from 3-9 pm (Eat In, Carry-Out or Drive-Thru)on:

Monday, March 28 & Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Monday, April 4 & Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Monday May 2 & Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Monday, May 16 & Tuesday, May 17, 2011

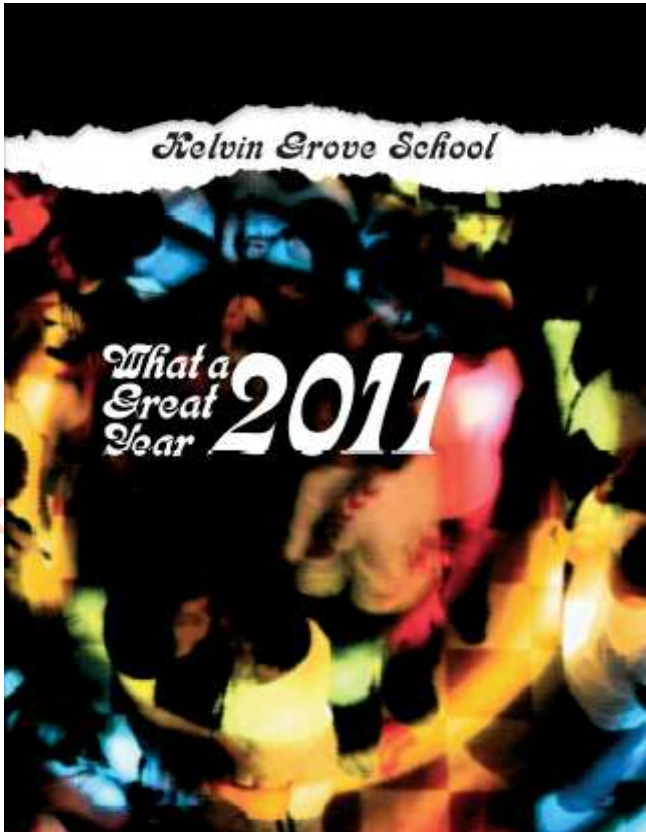
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Last chance to pre- order a yearbook!

Time is running out if you haven't ordered a yearbook yet for your son or daughter.

Kelvin Grove yearbooks are still on sale online at www.jostensyearbooks.com. Pre-order one for \$20 today for your child so that they may have their piece of the 2010-2011 school year.

Yearbooks will be distributed on the last day of school to those that ordered. Any extras will be sold at the end of the day on a first come, first served basis.

If you are not sure of your order status please contact Mrs. Stateman at mstateman@d91.net or call 815-838-0737 x127



Pizza Hut[®]

“FUN”DRAISER”

Night

Wednesday, May 4

and the first Wednesday of every month throughout the school year!

4-8pm

Dine-in, carryout or delivery
at our Lockport Pizza Hut[®] – (815)838-2294

Pizza Hut[®] will donate 20% of your purchases* on the “Fun”draiser
Night to the Kelvin Grove Band and Chorus Programs!

Just give them the ticket below when you pay!

*Excluding alcoholic beverages. The Pizza Hut logo is a trademark of Pizza Hut, Inc. © and ™ designate registered trademark and trademark of Pizza Hut, Inc. ©2000 Pizza Hut, Inc.

Please complete and return to a Pizza Hut[®] employee at the time of purchase



My Name is _____

I support the Kelvin Grove Band And Chorus

Total Spent \$ _____ (to be filled out by Pizza Hut[®] employee and attached to the receipt)

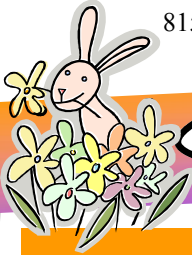
Give this one to family or friends or participate again
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MRS. BRUEMMER, LRC COORDINATOR

Mrs. DeMasi,
LRC Clerk Assistant

LEARNING RESOURCE

SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 11-15

Among the many incentives and programs provided throughout the year in the LRC, District 91 will celebrate the upcoming National School Library Week (April 11 through April 15) with the following dress-up days at KG:

- April 11: Crazy Hat Day: Hats Off to Reading
 - April 12: Crazy Sock Day: Put Your Feet Up and Read
 - April 13: Red, White, Blue Day: America Reads
 - April 14: PJ Day: Roll Out of Bed & Read Day
 - April 15: Spirit Wear Day: Hornets Read!
- All students are encouraged to participate in Spirit Days!

BOOKMARK CONTEST & PHOTO CONTEST DURING SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK.

There will be a school-wide bookmark contest, a student photo contest, raffles, relax and read days—and much more!

A copy of the KG School Library Week Bookmark template is on the next page. The winning entries will be reproduced and distributed throughout April.

The photo contest theme is **COOL PLACES TO READ!** Rules will be given to students and posted on the CyberLibrary web site at www.d91.net/

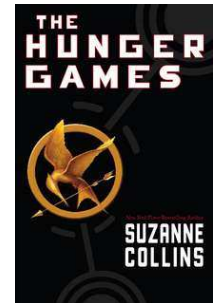
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ON A BUDGET?

The LRC will help you save \$\$:) At www.d91.net/cyberlibrary, there is a wealth of information at your fingertips: **FOR FREE!** Point. Click. Save. Online **newspapers** and **magazines** . . . Online databases and encyclopedias — **FREE!** Britannica Online School Edition username is: dist91. The password is: hornet. Online research help, video resources, tutorials and online software.

EVERYBODY READS @KG!

Announcing the 2011 winner of the Rebecca Caudill Award: “The Hunger Games”



by Suzanne Collins
KG students agreed with students in Illinois and selected this book as their top Caudill nominee, too!

LRC HAPPENINGS

Students in grades 4 and 5 were honing their Atlas skills and gaining some familiarity with Google Earth, as well as other electronic and print resources. Students in the middle school were able to use their discernment skills to decide what web sites are “real” and what web sites are “fake”.

Students viewed a guided tour of planet Earth at night (courtesy of Goddard Space Flight Center / NASA and software from Microsoft’s World Wide Telescope). The LRC provided print materials on tsunamis, earthquakes, Japan, and a wide variety of books about recycling, endangered species, global warming and ecology.

GAME ON! TIPS TO KEEP YOUR GAMER SAFER

D91 kids are tech-smart and tech-active. Let’s keep them tech-safe, too! Here are some gaming safety tips from NetSmartz.org:

- “View game ratings and prescreen games online before purchasing.
 - Check if the console comes with parental control features.
 - Set the parental controls before children start playing.
- (Consult the user guide.)
- Set up consoles in a common area for easy supervision.
 - Decide if you want to use the console’s Internet capabilities.
 - Set gaming rules with your children, such as how long and with whom they can play.
 - Choose gender-neutral, appropriate screennames.
 - Decide if you want to allow voice chat. (If so, use voice-masking features.)
 - Children should not reveal personal information online.
 - Encourage them not to respond to cyberbullies and to block unwanted contact.”

815-838-0737, ext 109



Mrs. Bruemmer, LRC Coordinator

Mrs. DeMasi,
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Learning Resource Center

2012 CAUDILLS

2012 Caudill nominees have been announced and KG students are already reading them! Special programs and incentives will be provided for Caudill reading students in the 2011-2012 school. If you would like to encourage your student to begin reading the Caudills now, the next page contains the authors, titles and interest levels for the 2012 nominee selections. If you have any questions, please contact the LRC at 815-838-0737, ext 109 or email sbruemmer@d91.net.

It's **YOUR** School

Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club Update:

Many Kelvin Grove students will be receiving FREE tickets to Six Flags Great America in May, just because they READ!

Students can now earn FREE tickets to Joliet Slammers professional baseball home games—just because they read! Details in this newsletter!

THANK YOU

District 91
PTO

Many, many thanks to District 91 PTO volunteers for their generous donation to the Learning Resource Centers due to the March Book Fair profits. Because of this wonderful donation, Kelvin Grove students already have NEW LIBRARY BOOKS in their hands! The Milne Grove LRC has also received Book Fair profit to enhance the collection for our kindergarten through third graders. Sincere gratitude is extended to all the many volunteers who helped in numerous ways throughout the school year. Kelvin Grove and Milne Grove students have received the direct benefit as the result of these volunteers' efforts. Thank you for helping us keep kids reading!

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Bruemmer, LRC Coordinator

On behalf of myself, Mrs. Tumino - MG LRC, Mrs. DeMasi - KG LRC Clerk Assistant and the fabulous, amazing KG and MG student readers!



2012 Rebecca Caudill Nominees from the KG LRC

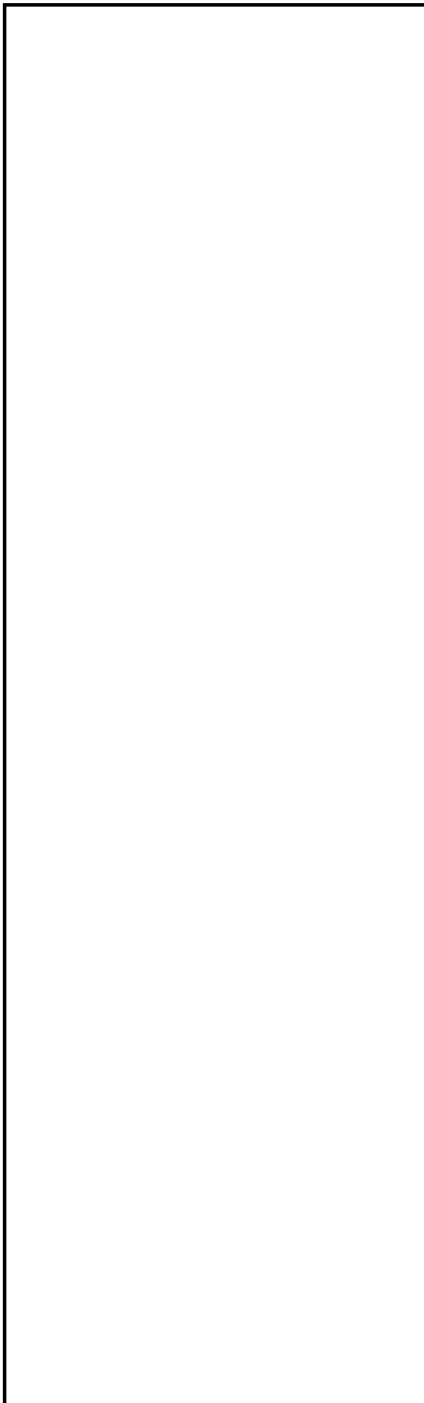
AUTHOR	BOOK TITLE	INTEREST LEVELS
Auch, M J	One-Handed Catch	4-8
Broach, Elise	Masterpiece	4-6
Burg, Ann E.	All the Broken Pieces	6-8
Carmichael, Clay	Wild Things	5-8
Clements, Andrew	Extra Credit	4-6
Cochrane, Mick	The Girl Who Threw Butterflies	5-8
Cody, Matthew	Powerless	5-8
Kelly, Jacqueline	The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate	6-8
Lin, Grace	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	4-8
Magoon, Kekla	The Rock and the River	7-8
Mass, Wendy	Every Soul a Star	5-8
O'Connor, Barbara	Greetings from Nowhere	4-7
Parry, Rosanne	Heart of a Shepherd	5-8
Paulsen, Gary	Woods Runner	5-8
Philbrick, Rodman	The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg	5-8
Prineas, Sarah	The Magic Thief	4-8
Scieszka, Jon	Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka	4-8
Smith, Roland	Peak	6-8
Smith, Sherri L.	Flygirl	7-8
Westerfeld, Scott	Leviathan	6-8

National School Library Week 2011
KG LRC Bookmark Contest!

Design a bookmark!
Turn it in to the LRC!

Winners will be chosen at each grade level!
Winning entries will be reproduced and distributed to KG!

Create your own story @ your library ®



R U L E S

- Design a bookmark with the "Create your own story @ your library" theme.
- Turn in the bookmark to Kelvin Grove Middle School Learning Resource Center the week of April 11. Judging will take place on April 15.
- Bookmarks **must be created on this template.** *Submissions made on other paper will not be judged.*
- Design may be created with crayons, colored pencils, markers and/or watercolors. Remember, winning bookmarks must be reproducible!
- The winning bookmark in each category will be made into bookmarks and distributed throughout April.
- Winners will be judged on originality, creativity, neatness and printability.

**RETURN THE BOOKMARK AND COMPLETED
FORM TO THE KG LRC**

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade Level: (circle one)

4 5 6 7 8

Kelvin Grove Learning Resource Center
808 Adams Street Lockport, IL 60441
815-838-0737, extension 109

"Students who reported having all four types of reading materials (books, magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias) in their home scored, on average, higher than those who reported having fewer reading materials." (Statistic from The Nation's Report Card: Fourth-Grade Reading 2000, April 2001, The National Center for Education Statistics)

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE @ KG



Won't you please join with us and help provide an exciting new program designed to increase student reading and performance?

The Kelvin Grove Learning Resource Center is looking for families and community members who are interested in sponsoring a magazine subscription for students who visit the LRC. One of our goals is to increase recreational reading by providing magazines for students who visit the LRC weekly.

The LRC is seeking tax-deductible magazine subscription donations for the following periodicals:

American Girl Magazine
Sports Illustrated for Kids
National Geographic for Kids
Time Magazine

Please email sbruemmer@d91.net or call 815-838-0737, extension 109 if you are interested in sponsoring a magazine from the **ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE @ KG** program.



Kelvin Grove Learning Resource Center and the NEW



JOLIET SLAMMERS™ PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM

ARE REWARDING STUDENTS FOR READING!

KELVIN GROVE STUDENTS CAN EARN FREE TICKETS TO SLAMMERS GAMES!

District 91 is joining the NEW Joliet SLAMMERS to offer all KG students FREE TICKETS to home games this summer! Students simply read, fill out a **SLAMMERS READING LOG**, and turn it in to Kelvin Grove's Learning Resource Center.

IT'S EASY!

- Grab a SLAMMERS READING LOG form! Each hour a student reads = one base.
- When a student finishes an hour of reading, a parent/guardian/teacher/librarian signs a base on the SLAMMERS READING LOG.
- Every fourth base = a Home Run. Each Home Run = one free ticket! Return your completed SLAMMER READING LOG as you finish them to the KG LRC.
- Each ticket earned is for a general admission lawn seating. (Upgrades available at the Joliet Slammers box office).
- Each student is able to earn up to eight tickets (students can use for themselves or share tickets with friends/family). SLAMMERS READING LOGS-reverse side of flyer.
- Turn in all your SLAMMERS READING LOGS to the LRC by **Thursday, May 12th**. Tickets will be delivered to students by the end of May.

Contact the KG LRC for more info at 815-838-0737, extension 109,
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Additional READING LOGS are posted at
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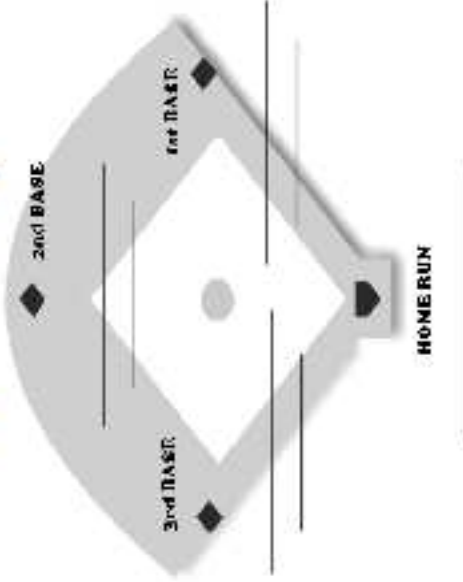


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"Hit a Slammer" with the Joliet Slammers' Book Buddies Reading Program!! Read four books and advance around the bases to "Hit a Home Run" and receive a FREE general admission/lawn ticket voucher to a Joliet Slammers baseball game!



After advancing a base (by finishing a book), have a parent/guardian sign that base. When you "Hit a Home Run," turn in your slip to your teacher to earn a ticket voucher that is good to any Tuesday or Wednesday 2011 Joliet Slammers home game!!

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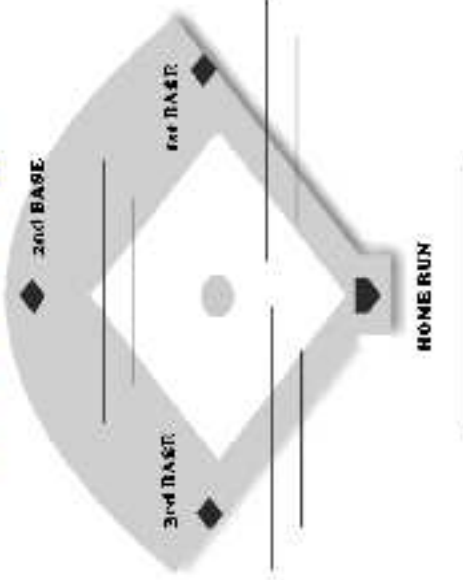
If you "Hit a Home Run," keep reading until you hit another! You can receive up to 3 ticket vouchers that can be used for yourself and any guest(s) for any of the Joliet Slammers' Book Buddies Nights listed above. You can also UPGRADE to a reserved seat for JUST \$5!!

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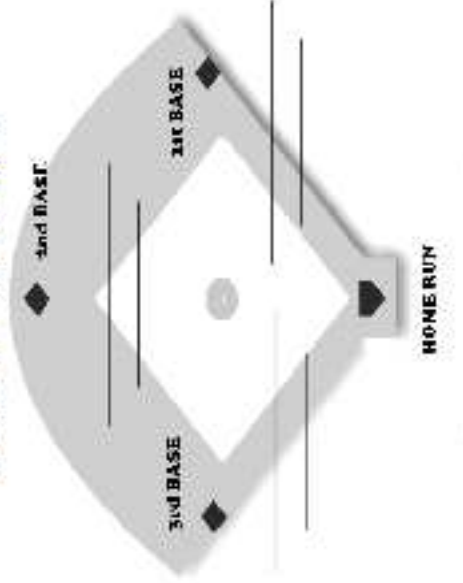
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