

Kelvin Grove Middle School

Kelvin Grove Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

- Jan**
- 26 7BBB Regional Date—TBA
 - 27 GVB vs Rockdale 4:15
 - 28 8BBB Regional Date-TBA
 - 30 8BBB Regional Date-TBA; Intramurals; GVB vs Oak Prairie 4:15
 - 31 8BBB Regional Date- TBA; GVB at Martino 4:15
- Feb**
- 1 Intramurals; 7BBB Sectionals 6pm; GVB at Laraway 4:15; Pizza Hut Night 4-8pm
 - 2 **11:30 Dismissal Day**; 8BBB Regional Date-TBA
 - 3 GVB at Homer 4:15; Band Lock In
 - 4 7BBB State Date- TBA
 - 6 Intramurals; BVB Tryouts Begin; GVB at Beecher 4:30
 - 7 GVB vs Taft 4:15
 - 8 Intramurals; 8BBB Sectionals 6pm; PTO EBM Mtg 6:30
 - 9 GVB at Richland 4:15; 7BBB State Date-TBA
 - 10 Midterm; Valentine Dance 7-9
 - 11 8BBB State Date-TBA
 - 13 Intramurals; BVB at Elwood; GVB vs Manhattan 4:15; BBB AllStar Game-TBA
 - 14 GVB vs Laraway 4:15; Board of Ed Meeting 7:30
 - 15 Intramurals; GVB at Oak Prairie 4pm
 - 16 8BBB State Date-TBA; BVB at Union 4:15; GVB vs Hickory Creek 4pm
 - 17 Progress Reports
 - 20 **No School; Nicky's Dinner Out 3-9pm**
 - 21 BVB at Richland 4:15; Nicky's Dinner Out 3-9pm
 - 22 Spring Pictures; Intramurals; GVB at Rockdale 4:15
 - 23 BVB vs Fairmont 4:15; LTHS Band Festival 7pm
 - 25 7GVB Regional Date- TBA
 - 27 Intramurals; 7GVB Regional Date-TBA
 - 28 7GVB Regional Date- TBA; BVB vs Oak Prairie 4:15
 - 29 7GVB Regional Date- TBA
- Mar**
- 1 Kindergarten Round Up at MG; 7GVB Regional Date-TBA; BVB vs Laraway 4:15; Spring Band Concert 7pm
 - 2 **No School- Teachers Institute Day**
 - 3 8GVB Regional Date-TBA; District Chorus Contest-TBA; PTO Jr. High Swim Party 12-4pm

From the Desk of Principal Pritchard

I hope that all of the families in District 91 had a wonderful time during their break from school. It sure is hard to believe that over half of the school year is now over. The time sure seems to be flying by.

With the weather now getting colder, I would ask that parents make sure that students are coming to school dressed properly. I understand that as kids get older they want to wear what they want to wear and don't necessarily take into consideration what the temperature is. This is very important for our 4th and 5th graders as they will continue to go outside for their recess. We want to make sure that the kids can go outside whenever possible. They need to have the time each day to work off some excess energy, but we also want to make sure that they are safe when they are outside.

I have always found that the amount of discipline increases during these months. The kids are cooped up inside most of the time and they are ready to crawl out of their skin. Please try to reinforce with your kids that, while they may

be going a little stir crazy, they still need to follow the school rules. Remember to take some time to spend with your family. It's a great time to go downtown to a museum, or try to get out to go cross-country skiing or ice skating. The kids (and the adults) need the outlet. It will make the time pass more quickly and the entire family will have a great time doing something together.

Finally, we encourage all of our parents to find a way to be involved. The PTO, Band and Choir Parents, as well as the Parent Athletic Association are always looking for volunteers. I know that they would appreciate any assistance that you may be able to provide. We also feel that it is important for the school to know how the community perceives how we are doing. For those of you that visit our website on a regular basis, you may have noticed a satisfaction survey. If you have a few minutes, we would encourage you to take it. It has questions about how we are progressing on both of our goals. Your opinion matters to us. Please let us know how we are doing.

■ ISAT Testing Dates March 5-March 16 ■

All students in third grade through 8th grade are required to participate in mandatory ISAT testing which will take place the

week of March 5-March 9. Please be sure your child is in attendance all day and on time to school during testing days.

Make-up testing will take place the week of March 12-March 16.

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March 5-March 16**





Fourth Grade Spotlight

We would like to welcome everyone back from winter vacation. We hope you had an opportunity to get some rest and relaxation. We also hope parents and children enjoyed each other with a good book or two.

We finished Theme 3 in reading and language. We have discussed singular, plural, common, proper and possessive nouns, abbreviations, pronouns and antecedents in language, and have read stories with historical and realistic fiction, fantasy, nonfiction and informational

narrative genres. We will now focus on subject and object pronouns, possessive pronouns, and adjectives in language. We have finished the northeast region in social studies. We are now focusing on the southeast region.

We have been busy learning about matter and energy in science. Our next unit of study will be Sound. As you have seen, our students have been tested on each chapter in science. Science notes are taken in order for your child to have something to study from. Please encour-

age good study habits as the science tests will soon no longer be open note or open book.

Please continue to look over your child's agenda and double check assignments. It is important to catch errors and review proper procedures.

On behalf of the fourth grade teachers, we wish you joy, health and happiness in the new year.



Fifth Grade Spotlight

We can't believe we are already well into the 3rd quarter. It has been great to see a lot of parental involvement this year. In theme we finished up our study on energy and have now moved on to our study of cells, including plant and animal. In math we have taken the 2nd quarter consortium test and are now moving onto the following concepts: simplifying frac-

tions, least and common multiples, comparing fractions, probability and many more. ISAT is right around the corner, and will take place during the first week of March. Students have been working diligently preparing for the ISAT's. We have been practicing: comprehension, inference, extended writing and math responses, math concepts and writing strategies. We

can't emphasize the importance of practicing basic multiplication and division facts with your child. Also, please make sure you are checking your child's agenda on a daily basis.

Thank you,
Fifth grade teachers

Sixth Grade Spotlight

Math- Mr. Lindstrom

Math 1st period- ISAT, ISAT, ISAT, ISAT!!! We will be doing a lot of ISAT practice tests and worksheets. It is that time of year again and the students know what is coming. We will also cover percents, sales tax, tipping, discounts and probability. I know that all the students will be prepared for the ISAT test. The students have been working hard all year and have been turning in homework on a regular basis. I know that this hard work will continue until the end of the year. Let's knock this ISAT test out!!!

Math 2nd and 3rd period-Just like 1st period we will be covering the ISAT. There will be tests and practice worksheets. I know that 2nd and 3rd periods will be ready for the ISAT test. We will be covering fractions for a few weeks and we will move into the wonderful world of ratios. I feel that teaching fractions and ratios in row is beneficial to the students because it is a similar concept. Lets rock-and-roll the ISAT!!!

Language Arts- Ms. Freeman

Students are moving from a novel study to the

oral tradition: Folk Tales, Fairy Tales, Fables, Legends, and Myths, or "FFFLM" for short. Working together in groups, students will perform a readers theatre depiction of their story and teach the class a lesson on their assigned type of oral tradition. At the end of the month, students will move from oral tradition to science fiction. It will be out of this world!!! (in Venus, to be exact). After that, we begin our novel study on *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi. You may want to purchase this novel in advance for your child to have his/her own copy to work from in class. Students will begin writing a persuasive paper as well.

Science- Mr. Lindstrom

Science 6th, 7th, and 8th Periods-We just finished elements compounds and mixtures, let me tell you the element projects were great! Now, it is my favorite time for science, we are going to be building our toothpick bridges. We are going to make our blue prints and start constructing our bridges. We are going to learn that "patience" is our key word. After bridges we will be building our roller coasters in class and working as a group to build the

roller coasters. Both of the projects tie in with the concept of forces in our world.

Social Science- Mrs. Soulian

The students are continuing to learn about ancient Egypt, this ancient culture includes many interesting and mysterious stories; the students have read through some plays together and have begun to look at the role of the pharaoh in Egypt. The students will be involved in many different activities including making a mummy. Please ask your child to share some of their new knowledge with you!

PE-Miss Anderson - The students are currently working on their volleyball unit. Learning fundamental skills and getting ready to play an organized game/ tournament soon.

Character Education – Our class is currently working on the body systems unit and getting ready for the exam. After this unit we will begin our poster project.

Seventh Grade Spotlight

Math- Mrs. Stateman

In February, students in Mrs. Stateman's Math 3 class will be starting to work on geometry concepts such as area, perimeter, circumference, volume, and surface area. This will keep us busy for the remainder of the quarter, so keep those pencils sharpened.

Students in Mrs. Stateman's Math 2 class will be working on percents such as discounts and markups. These concepts can be frequently applied to real life situations, so ask them to help you with the grocery shopping this month and watch them apply what they have learned. We will also continue to prepare for the ISAT exam, which will be coming up the first week of March. Don't let the winter blahs get your down.

Language Arts- Mrs. Dickson

Third quarter starts with the continuation of our perseverance unit. Your child will be presenting his/her Photo Story about

a person in history that has persevered. We will also be starting a novel study, *Flygirl*, to demonstrate perseverance through historical fiction. We will use information presented from the novel to compare and contrast the time period and similar issues to a biography about Amelia Earhart. Your child will use examples from the novel to create a figurative language book and to journal about real-life situations.

Science- Mrs. Prieboy

In Mrs. Prieboy's seventh grade Life Science class, students will discover how living things are organized. Methods of classification and the six kingdoms of organisms will be covered in Chapter 9. Students will then cover Chapters 10-11 and study the simple organisms of bacteria, viruses, protists and fungi. We will learn how some of these organisms cause disease while others provide food and medicines.

Social Science- Mrs. Soulian

Students have moved into the Constitution era, we are discussing the forming of the Articles of Confederation and comparing it to the Constitution. The students will break the Constitution into parts and delve deeper into the workings of our government. George Washington's presidency sets the stage for future presidents and the students will look at how his decisions created the office we know today.

PE- Mrs. Prieboy

During the month of January the seventh graders in Mrs. Prieboy's class will be playing floor hockey and during the month of February they will be playing the game of volleyball.

Character Education- Miss Anderson

The students are currently working on their nutrition unit and learning how to manage their caloric intake. After this we will start our group project in class.

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Eighth Grade Spotlight

Math- Mrs. Stateman

Students in Mrs. Stateman's Algebra classes have just finished up their study of systems of equations and we are now moving on to exponential expressions and polynomials. Both of these concepts are totally new to the students, so it is important that they continue to complete their homework on a daily basis. Remember there is always extra practice on www.classzone.com if students need help preparing for a test or quiz. Plus, I am available most days before for study sessions.

In February, students in Mrs. Stateman's Math 3 class will be starting to work on geometry concepts such as area, perimeter, circumference, volume, and surface area. This will keep us busy for the remainder of the quarter, so keep those pencils sharpened.

Language Arts- Mrs. Forristall

Journal writing continues to be done on a daily basis. We have finished our study of verbs and will be taking a look at adjectives. Spelling and vocabulary test continue to be given weekly.

Reading short stories from the *Literature* text continues. We just finished reading and discussing a play written by Mark Twain. In addition, the students will be presenting another 120 Seconds Book Report in February. Please be sure that your child is reading at home.

Science- Mrs. Lawrence (Mrs. Campbell) Students are studying the agents of erosion and deposition by water, wind, ice, and gravity. Remember, you can always check Mrs. Lawrence's webpage for homework assignments and upcoming quizzes and tests.

Social Science- Mrs. Lawrence (Mrs. Campbell) I will be with the 8th graders as they enter Unit 3 – Depression, War, and Recovery (1929-1960). Mrs. Lawrence will return Thursday, February 9th.

Physical Education- Miss Anderson

The students are currently in their volleyball unit, working on fundamentals and getting ready to start their round robin tournament soon.

Character Ed.- Consumer Education is the current topic in our character education class thus far. The students will be presenting an advertisement as part of their consumer education unit. After this unit we will begin the drugs and alcohol unit.

Train Your Brain 2 By Dr. Swayne

This is another in a series of articles dedicated to all of you –the District 91 community. These articles are written to help each of you become more efficient in your learning and memory, as well as some ideas to help make your life easier and more enjoyable. There will be a variety of topics, including memory helps, learning strategies, stress & relaxation, and promoting a healthier and more efficient and productive life-style. **This month’s topic is Discover Your Learning Style.**

What are learning styles?

These are simply different ways or approaches to learning.

What kinds of styles are there?

Generally, there are three major ways of learning, or types of learners:

- Visual Learner- Learns best through seeing – reading, observing models, graphic organizers, charts, may organize by color [file folders, etc.]
- Auditory Learner- Learns best through listening – spoken directions, verbal information, reading texts aloud.
- Tactile/Kinesthetic Learner- Learns best through moving, doing, arranging, acting and experimenting with various physical approaches.

What type of learner are you?

If you prefer

You are probably a[n]

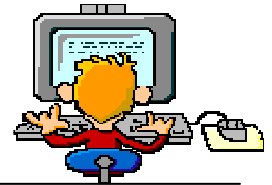
Using charts, pictures, maps and graphs To take notes, use handouts Use multi-media [computers, videos, filmstrips] Study in a quiet place away from distractions	Visual Learner
Make speeches, presentations, participate in debates Read text aloud and discuss your ideas verbally Enjoy using verbal analogies, stories to help with recall	Auditory Learner
To take frequent study breaks Move around to learn new concepts Enjoy projects – building things, developing posters Use of bright colors to highlight reading material	Tactile/Kinesthetic Learner
A combination of the above	A Multi-Modal Learner

By knowing what your strengths [learning styles] are, you can help increase your learning. One of the best ways to improve learning is to use both your personal learning style, AND some of these other styles of learning. By increasing the use of these styles or modalities, you will become more efficient in learning new concepts/ideas and it will be easier for you to remember what you have learned.

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Computer Exploratory Class

Third Quarter Computer Exploratory students are now working on Microsoft Word, Keyboarding Connection, Type to Learn 3 for 6th grade and Type to Learn 4 for 7th and 8th grade. Expectations and Rules of Computer Exploratory Class were also discussed and computers were assigned to individual students.



Hornet Window Decals are Still Available!

The Kelvin Grove Girls Softball Team still has Hornet window decals for sale! Please contact Coach Anderson at KG (ext 130 or saanderson@d91.net) to make your purchase. There are two styles available— black and white Hornet is \$10 and the black, white and gold Hornet is \$15. The actual size if the decal is 5"x5.5".

Show your school spirit!

LASEC Academy News

The LASEC Academy is welcoming 2012 with a plethora of new units. In math, all students are continuing algebra studies and now beginning to apply these concepts to geometry. The class continues individual reading strategy studies focusing on main idea, vocabulary, sequencing, and comprehension. Additionally, our grammar studies have progressed to begin looking at the different manners in which sentences are punctuated. By studying the different forms of sentences, students can then incorporate various sentence structures in their written documents. The onset of the new quarter also brought the beginning of a new novel: *Tuck Everlasting*. Although we are just starting the book, several class discussions regarding immortality have already taken place. In science, we are beginning a unit on technology. We have

explored the way technology was first developed by primitive human beings, and we anticipate studying various forms of technology we use today and the scientific concepts and theories that drive them. Finally, we are spending second semester learning about many of the major wars in which America has fought during social studies. So far, we have learned about North American explorers and settlers; now we are discovering how the colonists established their independence from Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. In group, the students continue to work on teamwork skills and practice those skills necessary to master before successful inclusion in the general education setting.

Mr. MacFarlane's PE Class

4th and 5th Grades – We are improving our bumping, setting and serving in volleyball and getting ready to start playing some volleyball games.

6th and 8th Grades – We are into our volleyball unit, tournaments will be starting soon. We have

been learning the names of the equipment in the fitness center and what muscles the machines are designed to concentrate on. 8th graders will be developing their own workouts and 6th graders will soon be put through several different types of workouts.

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

Mr. MacFarlane

LASEC Multi-Needs Classroom

We are getting back into the groove from winter break. In math, we are reviewing double digit multiplication, along with coins and money. The students have practiced reading scripts,

taking turns reading, reading in front of the class and following along for their next line. We read a newspaper article weekly for current events and complete a geography lesson that coincides

with our story. Cooking class will resume in January.

Art News

Happy New Year and congratulations to Mrs. Cravens on the birth of her new baby boy! My name is Amy Siefken, and I am happy to return to KG while Mrs. Cravens is home. Last year, I had the privilege of teaching for Mrs. Cravens when she was home with her daughter - so most of the faces at KG are not new to me, and I am excited to be back!

I have a BA in Art Education from Wheaton College, and have taught art for 12 years. I live with my husband and our 2 sons (an 8th grader and a sophomore

in high school) in Naperville. During the summer, I teach art at the Avery Coonley School in Downers Grove.

I believe strongly in art in a child's education. Art helps to strengthen the right side of the brain and to develop problem solving skills and creativity as well as allowing for self expression.

Fourth grade students are working on a piece called "shoefish" which is really stretching their imaginations by turning a simple shoeprint into a unique

and imaginary fish.

Fifth grade students have looked at William Steig's book Sylvester and the Magic Pebble and are acting as illustrator's drawing a picture that answers the question "If I had a magic pebble I would wish....."

Middle school students will be working with a name project to begin the new quarter, and will be working with clay before Mrs. Cravens returns.

If you have any questions or need to speak with me, please contact me at jcravens@d91.net.



Lunch Room Information

Please be advised that the lunch menu and order forms are available online through the school website. Just go to website: www.d91.net and click on lunch menu and from there you can print the order

form and menu. All due dates are also posted on this page.

All students must submit a lunch order by the due date in order to receive hot lunch. The order form must

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include child's name, first period teacher, A or B choice circled and payment.

All Free/Reduced lunch students must also submit a lunch order each month!

Lunch Order Dates:

Month of:	Date to Go Home	Due back
MAR	2/9	2/15
APR	3/8	3/14
MAY	4/12	4/18

KG Nurse Notes

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT UPDATE

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reporting an increase in pertussis cases this winter. In an effort to minimize the spread of pertussis among older children, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education is **requiring all students in grades 6-12 to present proof of receiving a dose of Tdap in order to attend classes** for the 2012-2013 school year. I am reviewing health records and will send notices to those students in 6th and 7th grade who will require an additional vaccine for next year.

Winter continues on..... If your child has a cold with symptoms that can be controlled with minimal medication, please send medication in the original package with the student to the office. The office is unable to give out any medication without permission from a parent/guardian, including Tylenol, cough drops, cough syrup, etc. Any medication needs a medication authorization form on file in the nurse's office. These are available in the office and online.

Reminder #1— I am still waiting for some sixth grade dental forms to be turned in. If they are not received by May 15th, the school can hold the end of the year report card.

Reminder #2— It is not too early to start thinking about next year's sixth grade physicals!!! If you have a fifth grade student and get a physical done, have the doctor complete the Illinois health exam now!! The same goes for a visit to the dentist.

Please contact me with any changes in your student's medications or the development of any health concerns during the school year. It is important that the health record is kept current.

Thank you,
Mrs. Maida 815-838-0737, ext. 102 gmaida@d91.net



STATE CHAMPION CHEERLEADERS!

Free Dental Exams Available in February

The Will County Dental Society is sponsoring the "Give Kids a Smile" Campaign which will provide free dental services to local children from low-income families. The exams will take place on Saturday, February 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at locations in Joliet, Romeoville, Crest Hill and Wilmington. Other locations in Plainfield, Romeoville and LOCKPORT will schedule exams throughout the month of February. Children ages kindergarten

through fifth grade are eligible and must be accompanied by a legal guardian. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, you may pick up a form in either school office (or downloaded from our website at www.d91.net) which needs to be completed and sent to the Will County Dental Society.



Music — Band and Chorus News



All 4-8 Music Classes are working on Music Maestro and other music software while Mrs. Randolph is checking each student's vocal range, helping students match pitch and find their correct singing voices. Students will continue to sing and work on composing, and learning piano. Students who have passed organ should continue to practice in preparation of playing the Rialto organ this spring in our private recital. 4th & 5th Grade students will have music worksheets to do each week.

Check music web site for current music information each week.

KG Chorus is preparing for District Choir Contest on Saturday, March 3 in Rockdale. They will be having a choir sing-in on Friday, February 24 with guest choral clinicians working sectionals. (Time is Tentatively set for 6pm-11pm check your emails for details).

A GIANT THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the "Toyland" Christmas Program! Especially all the parents who helped clean up after the program! It was the FIRST time in all my years of teaching I have ever had a gym cleared after a major program in 30 minutes!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP TO: The D91 School Board, Administration, Teachers, Staff, Custodians, Athletic Dept. & Coaches, KG Band Dept., D91 Drama Dept., CHORAL RISERS - 14 sets purchased by KG Chorus Parents; NEW FOLDING CHAIRS & CANDY VILLAGE DECORATIONS: PTO & Officers RISER SET-UP & DECORATORS: Mr. Carberry (putting new risers together & decorating); Mr. Ferrazzi (Unloading risers), Mrs. Otis, Mrs. Bobek, Mrs. Dorion,

Mrs. Jerrick, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Bruemmer, Mrs. Plagman, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Cravens, Mrs. Woodworth, Ms. Allen, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Tracy, LOCKPORT POLICE DEPT & Chief Kendziora
AD BOOK COMMITTEE: Mrs. Cronin, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Latham, Mrs. Bersch, SANTA SUIT – Donated in Memory of Frank Brozek by Mrs. Elaine Brozek & Austin, Tyler & Savannah Johnson

I hope I haven't missed anyone. (If I did – please let me know!) And Most of Thank you to my wonderful students!

REMINDER: All year- SAVE metal tabs off soda and other cans to help purchase gym sound system & equipment. Tell friends and family to save, too. Send to school.

Another year is already here! It is amazing how fast time flies. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and the year is off to a great start. The bands are busily preparing for their upcoming performances. The Intermediate Band and Beginning Band have a concert on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the old gym. Upcoming festivals and contests for Concert Band include: the LTHS Band Festival on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm at LTHS and the IGSM District Band Contest on Saturday, March 10 at Colin Powell Middle School in Matteson (time to be announced). Continue to encourage your child to practice at least 30 minutes four to six times a week. It is guaranteed the more your child practices, the better they will become on their instrument.

On Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, Concert Band will be having a Concert Band rehearsal and lock-in. The rehearsal will be from 6:00pm-9:00pm. This year, our guest clinician will be Mr. Chip DeStefano, the band director at McCracken Middle School in Skokie. The McCracken Middle School has an outstanding band program as they were selected as the 2011 Honor Band at Superstate. Also, other music teachers will be here to help with sectionals and smaller groups. ***This rehearsal is required.*** The fun night will be from 9:00pm-7:00am. The students will have the opportunity to hang out in the

gym, play on scooters, watch movies, play games, etc. ***The lock-in portion of the night is not required, so if your child would like to leave at 9:00pm they can, but please let me know in writing.*** Students need to be picked up promptly at 7:00am on Saturday from Door 1. Also, ***there will not be morning rehearsal*** on Friday, February 3.

Jazz Band will resume on Wednesday, February 22 from 3:15-4:00pm.

We will be doing another Avon Fundraiser from Monday, February 13 through Thursday, March 1. The Kelvin Grove Band and Chorus will earn up to 40% on your purchases. We were able to raise \$575.10 in the fall! Keep in mind that Easter and Mother's Day will be coming soon and this would be a great way to shop while supporting the Band and Chorus!

A reminder that the first Wednesday of every month is Pizza Hut Night and the third Monday and Tuesday of every month is Nicky's "Dinner Out". Pizza Hut Night will be Wednesday, February 1. Nicky's "Dinner Out" will be Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21. Forms are available through hard copies handed out during rehearsals (if requested), e-mail or on the band webpage.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel to contact me at (815)838-0737x139 or nplagman@d91.net.

Learning Resource Center

Mrs. Bruemmer, LRC Coordinator
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I-SCREAM FOR CAUDILLS

The February deadline is fast approaching for KG students to read (or hear) a minimum of three 2012 Rebecca Caudill book award nominees. Be sure to stop by www.d91.net/cyberlibrary for details. Students who read three or more will be eligible to attend the LRC I-SCREAM for Caudills' Ice Cream Sundae Party. Congratulations to 6th grader Bruce R. for being the first KG student to read ALL twenty nominees. Way to go, Bruce! I hear there are several students who are right behind you, and are only one or two books short of finishing all twenty.



SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED – GRADES K THROUGH 6

Student Reading Logs must be turned in to the LRC by February 20th in order for students in grades K through 6 to earn a FREE TICKET to Six Flags. Each participating student must read and track at least six hours (360 minutes) in order to qualify. Check www.d91.net

HAPPY TRAILS

The Learning Resource Center is compiling student data from TRAILS (an online knowledge assessment targeting a variety of information literacy skills based on grade-appropriate standards). This Web-based system "was developed to provide an easily accessible and flexible tool for school librarians and teachers to identify strengths and weaknesses in the information-seeking skills of their students." Thanks to students in grades 3 through 8 for completing this online exercise.

WILL COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION'S WINTER READING PROGRAM

Hosted by Regional Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, this program ends March 15th. Dr. Bertino-Tarrant said, "Participating in the program will not only be fun for the students, but will continue to sharpen their reading skills. As the students complete the book review form, they will be entered into the monthly drawing for free prizes. At the end of the program we will have a final drawing to win a Barnes and Noble Nook." Additional information and book reviews can be found at www.willroe.org and www.d91.net.

FEBRUARY IS LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH & BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The LRC will feature print, audiovisual and online interactive material that celebrates Black History Month and the contributions of notable African Americans throughout the month of February. Additionally, students will celebrate Library Lovers Month by creating original auto bio-poems. Watch for details about SLAM POETRY coming soon!

GRATITUDE CORNER

Thanks to Mrs. Beavers, Mrs. Gende and Mrs. Rigoni for volunteering in the LRC. Your help has been greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the PTO for their continued support of all things LRC. Thank you to the Purviance Family, Ms. Sharp & Dr. Swayne for donated books and items.

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