



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

11/3 GBB at Washington 4:15; Band/Chorus Pizza Hut Night 4-8; Market Day Pick up at MG

11/4 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-4 and 5:30-8

11/5 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30-11:30 and 12:30-3

11/6 IMEA District Festival

11/8 GBB vs Prairie Hills 4pm

11/9 Spirit Pizza Day 3:10 in Foyer; Board of Education Mtg 7:30pm

11/10 BBB vs Martino 4pm; GBB at Taft 4:15

11/12 GBB vs Homer 4pm

11/13 PTO Scrap Book Forum 9-3; IMEA District Jazz Festival

11/15 8GBB vs Monge 5:15

11/16 Fall Picture Re-Takes; GBB at Fairmont 4:15; Junior Beta Induction 7pm

11/17 GBB vs Washington 4:15

11/18 Band/Chorus Contest

11/20 & 21-D91AA Basketball Tourney

11/21 Cheer Competition at WHS; Chorus Field Trip to The Lion King 4pm

11/22 7GBB Regional Game at KG 4:30; BBB at Laraway 4:15

11/23 7GBB Regional Games 4:30 & 5:30 at KG

11/24 **NO SCHOOL**; 7GBB Regional Championship Game 1pm at KG

11/25 **Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL**

11/26 **NO SCHOOL**; D91AA Basketball Tourney

11/27 & 11/28 D91AA Basketball Tourney



Kelvin Grove School

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2010

From the Desk of Mr. Pritchard...

Can you believe it? We are already a quarter of the way through the school year. It seems like just yesterday that the students were coming into the building for the first time with shorts on and complaining about how hot it was. Now, as I look out my window, there are very few leaves on the trees, the wind is howling and I had to wear my winter jacket to school for the first time. November has gotten here so quickly. That being said, please make sure that your child is dressing for the colder weather that is coming. It amazes me when I see kids going to school when it is below freezing and they are wearing shorts. I don't know how they do it!

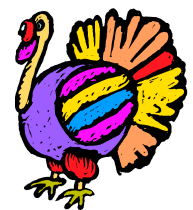
We will be starting out this month with our Parent Teacher conferences. The dates this year are November 4th and 5th. Conferences will take place on Thursday from 12:30-4:00 and from 5:30-8:00, as well

as on Friday from 8:00-11:30 and 12:30-3:30. 4th and 5th grade conferences should have already been scheduled and Middle School conferences are on a drop-in basis. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers. Communication is key to your child's success.

Just this past week, we had our first band concert of the year. They were phenomenal! It was obvious that everyone put in a lot of very hard work. The other good news was that we didn't have to tear down the gym for classes the next day. We had our first all-school assembly of the year. It was our PBIS kick-off assembly and pep assembly. The band and cheerleaders led us in the school song. It was great to hear everyone sing it at the top of their lungs. The cheerleaders led the school in some cheers and did some amazing tumbling. In addition, our

coaches introduced all of our players. We also announced that the "Hornet's Nest" was opening. One of the things that the teachers are doing is offering paper passes to be purchased. This could be anything from preferential seating in the class to lunch with the teacher. I told the students that if they raised a \$1,000 in KG cash that I would spend the morning in the display cabinet in the front of the building! They are going to have to work hard and pool their money, but I think that they can do it.

I hope that everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



Parent Teacher Conference Dates:

The dates this year are November 4th and 5th. Conferences will take place on Thursday from 12:30-4:00 and from 5:30-8:00, as well as on Friday from 8:30-11:30 and 12:30-3:00.

Fourth Grade Spotlight



The second quarter is now upon us and the month of November will be a month to look forward to. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 4 and 5. If you have not scheduled your conference, please contact your child's teacher.

On an academic note, classes are well into Theme 2 in Reading and Language. We have learned about complete and simple predicates, compound subjects and predicates, and simple and compound sentences. We have read many stories of different genres. In Social Science, we will soon begin learning

in greater detail about the regions of the United States. The first region of study is the Northeast. Our students have been working hard in Science, where we have been learning about weather and oceans. Our Math series has brought us to review graphing, place value, adding and subtracting. We will begin multiplication soon. Be sure to study those facts.

Remember, homework is an extension of the school day and is meant to help your child practice skills learned at school. It is very important to establish a good homework

routine. Please check your child's file folder and agenda each night, as well as checking each homework assignment to make sure it is done correctly. Also, please work with your child in making sure those assignments are returned when they are due.

On behalf of the fourth grade teachers, Happy Thanksgiving!

Fifth Grade Spotlight

Wow! First quarter is over already. The fifth grade students have already learned so much. In science, the students finished up their body systems unit. They learned about the functions of each system and how they are all related to each other. Next, we will be moving forward in so-

cial studies. The students will have an opportunity to learn about important explorers in history. We will learn about research skills and construct a power point during this unit.

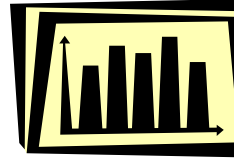
Language is becoming more complex (as in complex sentences...ha-ha)! Students are

able to differentiate between simple, compound, and complex sentences. We will continue to work on these concepts in reading, language, and writing.

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.

Sixth Grade Spotlight



Math— Mr. Lindstrom

1st Period Math-We just finished up mean, median, mode, and range along with graphing. Another key concept we mastered was the metric system and how to use inequalities. We learned how King Handy Dandy Made Delicious Cookies Monday. We prepared for the first quarter consortium test. In the upcoming months we will be covering geometry concepts, fractions operations, ratios, rates, angles, and square roots. We are moving right along and doing just fine. Keep up the hard work!

2nd and 3rd Period Math-We just covered GCF, LCM, factor trees, equivalent fractions, rates ratios, and mean, median, mode and range. We did great on these hard subjects. We will be covering geometry concepts, exponents (again), converting metric and customary units, area and perimeter. Second and third period classes are working really hard and I know I will continue to see this hard work throughout the year. Keep on moving forward

Language Arts/Reading-Ms. Freeman Students will be transitioning from fiction to nonfiction stories, reading anything and everything from newspa-

per articles to short stories, one of which will be about the discoverer of the North Pole and other famous people. Students will learn to use facts, statistics, and other persuasive strategies to support their opinions about school-related topics. As Thanksgiving draws near, students will reflect upon things they are thankful for and write about them, as well as reading and writing some tasty Thanksgiving recipes.

Science— Mr. Lindstrom

The last several weeks have been a blast in the Mr. Lindstrom's science lab. We have been working on textbook reading strategies such as a scan and run and making Venn diagrams. My goal is to have students feel comfortable reading this and other text books. We have done a number of interesting, and exciting labs. One lab that we will see is how liquids layer by their densities. The second lab we will do is to make pennies oxidize (rust) just like the Statue of Liberty. In the upcoming months we have more labs and they will make your student scratch their head. We are also going to learn how to dance in science class, so be sure to ask your student to show you the states of matter dance.

Science Club-We have a lot of students involved in science club for the 2010-2011 school year. Thank you for all of those who signed up. Seventh and eighth graders are preparing for the regional science fair and many of them have already started experimenting. Sixth graders please be patient, we have a lot of fun projects after science fair is over.

PE— Mr. MacFarlane & Ms. Anderson We will be starting our basketball unit this Monday for 4 weeks. The students are just finishing up their soccer unit this week. Everyone is showing great improvement in their running. The mile run was a big success for many of the students.

Character Ed-Ms. Anderson Getting to know my new batch of second quarter students! They seem a fun group. Starting the unit with our Social and Emotional Lessons.



We are looking for VOLUNTEERS!!

Kelvin Grove will hold a CAREER DAY on March 18th. We are looking for volunteers to talk about their career. There will be two sessions— 9-11am and 1-3pm at Kelvin Grove. If you are interested or know someone interested, please contact Mrs. Hodkowski at jhodkowski@d91.net



Seventh Grade Spotlight

Math- Mrs. Stateman and Miss Zumpf The year is going by so quickly! Math 3 students have finished their study of graphs and statistics; and then will move on to solving equations and inequalities, with a quick introduction to graphing linear equations.

Students in Math 2 will be studying decimals and fractions with no calculators allowed! Be sure to have plenty of scratch paper available at home.

Language Arts/Reading- Ms. Dickson In the month of November, we delve deep into the genres of science fiction and nonfiction. For science fiction, we will read a selection, Dark They Were and Golden-Eyed, and focus on the elements that make that piece a science fiction piece. Your child will also be presenting a book project of choice for his/her science fiction novel or biography based off of the October reading log.

For nonfiction, we will be reading about Eleanor Roosevelt's life and accomplishments and plotting these events on a timeline. We will also study the Titanic as a nonfiction piece and work with ques-

tioning as our reading strategy. Your child will learn to recognize how certain questions can be answered and where to find them. With nonfiction comes extended response format as we increase our awareness of supporting our answers and connecting to the material in a new light.

To better understand the definitions of unknown words, your child has been studying the etymologies of roots, base words, and affixes. With the help of tips on understanding the definition of unknown words and context clues, your child should be an expert on breaking words into word parts and defining the unknown word!

Finally, we are working on our last narrative of the year. I am very impressed with the group of writers I have this year. Your child is either writing about a memorable person/experience or about a time that he/she was proud. We are focusing on using figurative language in our writing, utilizing the thesaurus to help us have good word choice, incorporating a strong voice in our writing, and having effective hooks and closers. Have a look at the writing section of my web

page for amazing student samples of writing this year!

Science-Mrs. Prieboy In Mrs. Prieboy's seventh grade Life Science class students will be introduced to the diversity of cells. They will study the structures of cells along with how cells, tissues and organs form organisms. (Chapter 3) Students will learn about how cells interact with their environment, how cells get nutrients and get rid of wastes, and where cells get the energy from to carry out all the activities of life. Students will also learn about how cells produce more cells. (Chapter 4) The Incredible Cell project is due November 2. Students will be creating a 3D cell model and identifying the organelles and their functions.

PE-Mrs. Prieboy The seventh graders in Mrs. Prieboy's Physical Education class will be playing basketball during the month of November. GREAT continues every Tuesday with Officer Phelan from the Lockport Police Department. Students should be working on their community service project.

Special Education Update

Spelling Practice Ideas

- Make a crossword or word search for all the words on your spelling list.
- Search for spelling words in a magazine or newspaper. Cut them out and paste them onto a piece of paper.
- Use old magazines, catalogs, or newspapers to cut out letters and glue them down to spell your words.
- Write your words in alphabetical order. Then, write them in reverse alphabetical order.
- Write a story using 10 of your spelling words.
- Use two different colored pens or pencils to write your spelling words. Use one color to write the consonants and the other for the vowels. Close your eyes and picture the word in your mind. Now write the word with just one color.
- Write a spelling word with your pencil. Now trace around the outside with a crayon, hugging the word but not touching

Mrs. Ditter

the letters. Pick two other crayons to continue tracing outward. Do this for each spelling word.

- Write each word 3 times.
- Use each word in a sentence.
- Fourth grade spelling lists <http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/4th/Homework/spelling/spelling4.htm>
- Fifth grade spelling lists
- <http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/5th/homework/spelling/spelling.htm>

Sites to practice spelling words

- <http://www.spellingcity.com/>
- <http://www.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/Games/mag/abc.html>
- <http://www.storyit.com/magnets/wmaglonga.htm>



Eighth Grade Spotlight

Math- Mrs. Stateman and Miss Zumpf

It's hard to believe that first quarter is already over; my how the time flies. Algebra students will be moving on to graphing and writing linear equations. Bring your graph paper!

Math 3 students have finished their study of graphs and statistics; and then will move on to solving equations and inequalities, with a quick introduction to graphing linear equations.

Language Arts/Reading- Mrs. Forristall

The eighth graders are hard at work in language arts. Journal writing continues to be done on a daily basis. We have finished our study of pronouns and will be taking a look at verbs. Spelling and vocabulary test continue to be given weekly.

Reading short stories from the *Literature* text continues. In addition, the students have presented their first 120 Seconds Book Reports for

the school year. Starting the third week in November, the students will again be completing Reading Response Forms on a weekly basis.

Science- Miss Podwika

Students will learn about the rock cycle including: Metamorphism, Melting, Cooling, Solidification, Compaction and Cementation, different types of rock including: intrusive and extrusive igneous rock, the strata of sedimentary rock, contact and regional metamorphism, and foliation. During Science and Social Studies, we will continue to use the computer lab to discover more about rocks and history. Feel free to use my website to discover more about our current topics. Game sites are also included for some topics. In class, we have designed group presentations, started a "Rock Wall" of information, played games, and experimented with rocks and investigated their properties.

Social Science- Miss Podwika

We will continue to study United

States history. In October, students did a wonderful job designing crossword puzzles and playing online games to review presented information. Also, each student, working with a partner or on their own, designed an excellent a power point presentation to share information about Jane Addams. We will continue to study events and people from 1860-1914. Students will have a project due November 23rd. Please ask your child to see their directions sheet. Students are encouraged to use their creativity and include their sources. Feel free to check out our topics at www.classzone.com. The website is a great way to review the information in our text. I hope all students and their parents have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

PE- Basketball starts next Monday!



Physical Education

Need some exercise ideas to encourage your child? Why not incorporate an exercise routine into your schedule with your children? Try these simple ideas:

Walking – Walking is the simplest, and yet the best form of exercise for anyone. Walking is a good way to get conversation flowing as well.

Sports – Is your child interested in any type of sports? Why not grab the basketball and head to the court with him? Make a date every Saturday to spend a couple of hours playing basketball with your son.

Swimming – Just about every kid loves to swim. Its getting a little cold. Try looking into a public indoor pool.

Bike Riding – Next to walking, riding bikes is another easy way to get fun exercise.

Hiking – If your family loves the outdoors, get everyone a pair of hiking shoes and gear and get moving. Plan special outings once a month in addition to your regular exercise.

Kids usually love hiking because they get to explore and discover new things.

4th and 5th Grades – We are finishing our soccer unit and getting ready to start basketball. Dribbling, passing and layups will be the skills focus.

6th and 8th Grades – We are getting ready to start basketball. Learning how to play offence and defense will be our main focus. We are finishing the soccer unit with some daily soccer tournaments.

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

LASEC Multi-Needs

LASEC Multi-needs class is hard at work! Besides doing our school work, like math, reading, and writing, we've talked about the water cycle in science and tried a couple of experiments to show how it works. Cool!

Our class has also been talking about community helpers. We've had the op-

portunity to visit with a police officer to see his police car. We've had the chance to walk to the fire station too. Everyone in our class painted a pumpkin to participate in the library's food drive. We're hoping to win!

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

The new quarter begins in Computer Exploratory Classes and students are 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 discussed and computers were assigned.



District 91 Activity Calendar

The District 91 Activity Calendar is now available at www.d91.net. The District 91 Activity Calendar (in addition to the school year calendar) has been added to D91 Online for student, community and staff convenience. Look for the green "activity calendar" icon on the web site. The activity calendar will be updated on a weekly basis. Stay connected to District 91 events and visit us at www.d91.net. Contact Mrs. Bruemmer at 815-838-0737, ext 109 or email sbruemmer@d91.net with questions.



A Note from Amy Brodeur, Differentiation Consultant

Happy Fall! One emphasis for teaching this month has been to think about how to best assist our students to read the textbook and get as much information from it as possible. The KG teachers are so thorough in their teaching, that there may be little need for intense textbook reading for our students. Unfortunately this may not be the case in high school and so specific strategies for how to attack a non-fiction text or content area textbook was presented. The following strategy has been implemented in some of the classrooms so far and has been reported to be very helpful to students. The students use the following acronym, SCAN & RUN, to attack a new chapter or chapter section in their textbooks:

S – Scan the heading and turn them into questions

C – Capture the pictures, graphs, tables

A - Attack the boldface words

N- Note and Read the Lesson Questions

R- Read and adjust speed to comprehend

U – Use word identification skills

N – Notice parts you don't understand, mark them & ask about them

Every opportunity that you can, please ask your child about their classes in school and especially about the content they are learning in each one. Conversation is so

Athletics Update



The Girls' basketball teams are about midway through their seasons. Come on out and show your Hornet Pride and cheer for the girls this season.

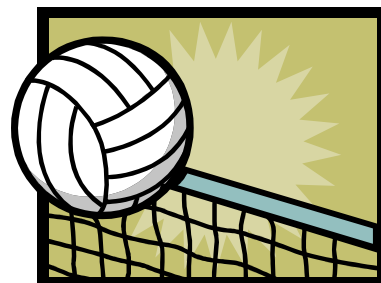
If you are coming out to watch any games this year, we are now charging admission to all our home games (for basketball and volleyball) to help offset the cost of officials and bus transportation for all our athletic programs. For regular season games admission is \$1 for K-8 students and senior citizens (62+) and \$2 for HS students and adults.

We will be hosting the 7th grade Girls Basketball 3A Regional on November 22, 23 and 24. Check the website (either www.d91.net or www.iesa.org) for teams and times. Please note that admission for all IESA tournament games is \$2 for K-8 students and senior citizens and \$4 for HS students and adults.

Boys Basketball will begin their season on Wednesday, November 10 at home.

Concessions are available at all home games.

GO HORNETS!



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 com-

pleted 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.

December orders will go home on November 11 and are due by 9am on November 17.

January orders will go home on December 2 and are due by 9am on December 8.

Our Newsletters are Electronic!

Please note that in our effort to "Go Green," our monthly newsletters will no longer be printed and sent home with each student. The newsletters are posted on our website and also emailed out if you have provided your email information on your student registration form.

If you did not receive this newsletter via email and would like to receive future ones electronically, please email Mrs. Krumlinde at lkrumlinde@d91.net

If you would still like a paper copy, you or your child can pick one up in the office.

Expected release dates of the newsletters this year are as follows:

Dec/Jan– 12/16
March– 3/3
May/June– 5/12

February– 2/3
April– 4/5

LETS KEEP CONNECTED

Please let us know if we should update any of your contact information. This would help us to be most efficient when informing you of any District information, school emergencies or cancellations. Please advise us of phone numbers that are no longer in use so we can correct these in our system.

If you have any further questions or need to speak to someone about changes, please call Mrs. O'Brien at 815-838-0737 ext. 104 or e-mail at cobrien@d91.net

PTO News

D91 PTO's Easiest Fundraiser

Do you need a gift card?
Do you want to do your gift card shopping right from your own home, no driving necessary?

Your very own D91 PTO has the answers to these questions.
The Manna Scrip program.

This is how it works:

You buy a \$100 Jewel gift card from PTO. Jewel will donate 5% of \$100 to D91 PTO. That's \$5 for our school. It doesn't cost you anything extra and the best thing is you didn't have to drive around town. If you would like to

place an order you can use the order form on the website.

Order forms are due on Mondays. Put the completed form with the exact payment amount in an envelope and write PTO-Manna on the front. Checks can be made out to D91 PTO. Your gift cards will be sent home with your child on Wednesdays.

You also have the option to order on-line. You will need to contact me and I will set-up an account for you initially. After I set-up an account you can go directly to www.mannaorder.net to place an order. I will assign you a password that you will use when ordering on-line.

Remember us when you begin your holiday shopping. There are many different cards available and you can get your gift cards without fighting the crowds.

If you have any questions please call Tricia Brasen at 836-8898.

Extra order forms are available in the school office.
<http://www.mannagroup.net/Alpha.pdf>



Holiday Jumpstart Work Day

The D91 PTO is sponsoring this event Saturday, November 13th 9am-3pm in the Kelvin Grove new gym.

It promises to be a great way to get ready for the holidays! Come alone (or even better get a group of girlfriends together) to scrapbook, make holiday cards, create other crafts, or even if you aren't crafty come address envelopes or get organized for the holidays in other ways! This event is open to outside our district, so invite family and friends to join you, but please leave children 10 and under at home. Registration is \$10 a person and reserves your workspace for the day and drinks (coffee, tea, bottled water, cocoa, & cider available) Lunch and snacks will be available in concessions. A consultant from Creative Memories will be available doing demonstrations, make and takes, and raffles! Registration closes Nov. 5th.

Contact Nicole Nelson @815.838.4630 or Nezturbo3@att.net for registration forms or questions.

We're on the web! www.d91.net

The Band Page

Mrs. Plagman

UPCOMING CONTEST INFO:

Kelvin Grove will be hosting our own Solo & Ensemble Contest on Thursday, November 18 from 5:30-8:30pm. All students who are participating should have received their times for this event last week. Please make sure to be practicing your piece! Parents will be needed to help with room monitoring, handing out medals, setting up, tearing down and other activities. Please watch for e-mails and papers coming home soon! This contest won't run without the help of the parents.

UPCOMING CONCERT INFO:

The next concert and the first concert that will feature the Beginning Band is Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the old gym. Please mark

your calendars. An updated calendar of band events and other information can be found at our website: www.d91.net/Classes-KG/Band/index.htm.

FUNDRAISING INFO:

We will be selling Poinsettias from Nov. 22-Dec. 3. The poinsettias will be used as decoration for our December concert and then can be picked up at the end of the concert. We will be having another Tag Day on Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11 at Wal-Mart. Please save two hours of your time to help support the band and chorus! I will be sending out an e-mail mid-November to get volunteers. Thank you for supporting the band through our fundraisers.

RECOGNITION:

Congratulations to Alexis S. for being selected to perform at the IMEA District I Band Festival. They will be performing at Lincoln-Way North High School on Saturday, November 6. Students from all around the surrounding area audition and only a fraction of students who audition are selected to participate in this festival. It is quite an honor to be selected. Congratulations!

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



Trustworthiness-Respect-Responsibility-Fairness-Caring-Citizenship

Trustworthiness- Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable —do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and community

Respect- Treat others with respect • Follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

Responsibility- Do what you're supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices

Fairness- Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly

Caring- Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

Citizenship- Do your part to improve your school and community • Protect the environment • Cooperate • Stay informed • Vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority



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Wednesday, December 1

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



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Music News

Mrs. Randolph

Music Lasts a Lifetime! **Music News! November 2010**

Our K-5 music students and KG Chorus are preparing for the Christmas program "Jingle Bell Jukebox" to be performed Tuesday, December 7 (9:15 am & 1:15 pm) in the Kelvin Grove old gym – enter through Door # 1. Admission is FREE.

Worksheets for 4th & 5th grade will continue until November. Check the web page for current information on homework.

6th Grade Music Exploratory Classes finished composing their own original melodies (using the software Sibelius 6), passed piano by learning to play two selections with two hands, and several students passed organ then advanced to guitar.

7th Grade Music Exploratory Classes finished studying the Romantic Period of music ending with seeing the movies "Rossini's Ghost" (about the composer Rossini who composed the William Tell Overture) and the musical "Hello Dolly!". They composed their original melodies and then harmonized them, passed piano, and passed the Musition computerized tests.

8th Grade Music Exploratory Classes passed most of their assignments including piano, with a 90% class average. I am very proud of this class as they all completed their original movies and compositions. I look forward

to many of these students entering the movie/composition contest in the spring for the spring concert.

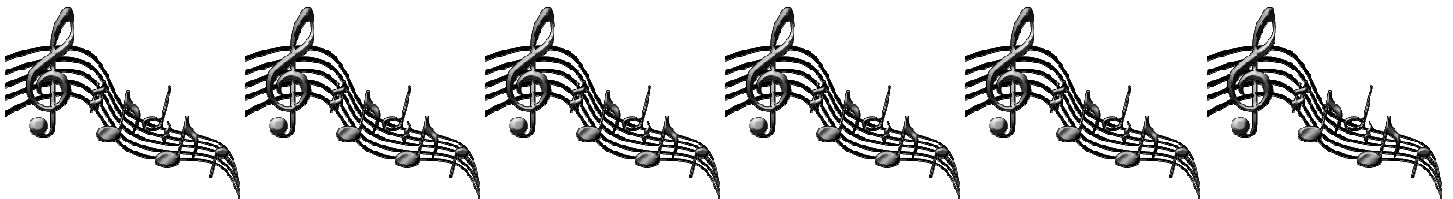
Thank you to those people who volunteered to help with the Christmas program, signed up to help with Tag Days, build sets, etc. to help music! You will be contacted in November. Your response to my last paper letter was wonderful! (Keep checking your emails and reading the electronic newsletters so we can save paper.)

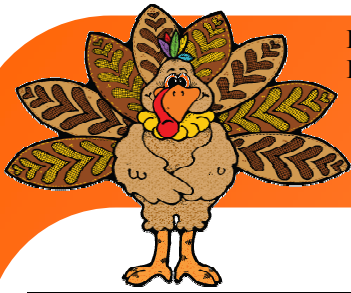
"Rise" to the Occasion D91!
MUSIC NEEDS more choral RISERS for the Christmas and spring programs. We have been borrowing 7 sets of risers from LTHS every year. The risers are expensive and VERY HEAVY to haul back and forth. We need to own more of our own risers so they can fit together with ones we currently own and have the safety of back rails. With the help of all District 91 parents, I know we can purchase at least one more set by the end of November. Each set costs \$1205. IF you know someone that would like to make a donation toward the risers – they can make the check out to D91 Music.

The Music Technology Department (ALL Lockport District 91 Milne & Kelvin Grove students) are taking orders for Carson's

Community Day coupon booklets (See enclosed form in newsletter) for \$5 each (100% profit to D91 Music Technology). The coupon book has a \$10 off coupon for merchandise of at least \$10 or more with 8 additional 20 % off coupons for other discounts. NOTE: The coupons are only good on Saturday, November 13, 2010 (6am to closing) at any Carson's, Bergner's, Boston Store, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's, Younkers, (Bon-Ton family of stores) with certain exclusions (NOT good on yellow dot, maternity, outerwear, fragrance, jewelry, and other select exclusions – read booklet for details). We need 4 monitors & electric pianos at MG for the music labs.

NOTE: Music Technology has 119 Valucards left to sell (\$10 each) good until June for discounts at over 2000 Lockport & Chicago-land locations. We NEED to sell these by November! PLEASE help sell at least one card to a friend or relative that lives here or outside Lockport. They can be used throughout the USA – check their web site. This money helps us purchase pianos and monitors for Milne and Kelvin Grove Music. Send your money in an envelope to Mrs. Randolph marked Valucards.





PAPERBACK SWAP FOR ADULTS DURING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES! Fill a bag with books—FREE! Stop by the LRC Cyber Café during confer-

KG LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

FROM: MRS. BRUEMMER, LRC

Don't Be A Turkey: R E A D !

KG students will be gobbling up some recreational reading this November in the Learning Resource Center.

The LRC is being overtaken by turkeys without feathers! It is up to KG students to add turkey feathers to our featherless paper poultry. A feather will be added for each student's favorite book, favorite author and the title of the book they are currently reading.

Students will share THUMBS UP book reviews during their weekly library times.

Students at the middle school level will be honing their research skills and enriching their web site evaluation skills. "FAKE or REAL?" will be a topic explored. Students will use the i-wall as well as student response systems to ramp up their skills. Additionally, stu-

dents will identify components needed to cite their sources accurately when creating bibliographies.

Grades 4 and 5 will be exploring reference materials and will become more familiar with the dictionary, the atlas, the almanac and the encyclopedia—both in print as well as electronic formats. We will continue working on developing search skills using the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) and the newly renovated Visual OPAC.

Students are encouraged to visit the LRC to get help with research, find books for projects, and select books for pleasure reading. It's wonderful to see kids using books for research, but we also need to remind them to read JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!

It's Your Birthday



The Kelvin Grove LRC has a Birthday Book Program that invites parents, friends or relatives to celebrate a KG student's special day by donating \$15.00 for a book purchase in your student's honor. A bookplate added to the front of the book will contain the student's name and birth date and will be permanently housed in the LRC book collection. It's a great way to say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to your student **AND** benefit **all** the Kelvin Grove students!

Gratitude Corner:

- Thanks to the amazing students at Kelvin Grove for donating canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Lockport Food Pantry - AND for the SPOOKTACULAR pumpkin creations!
- Thanks to our students who are displaying their collections and hobbies in the LRC, too!
- Thanks to the Shereck Family for book donations!
- Thanks to the 8th grade Art Class students for sharing their artwork.

OCTOBER REVIEW

Genre Review & Definitions (along with a mini-French lesson) :
 The Internet: Student Perceptions—Positives & Negatives
 The 3rd Annual Pumpkin Contest & Food Drive (see next page)
 Haunted LRC - SPOOKtacular Reading!
 Caudill 2011 Nominee & I-Scream for Caudill Kick-Off
 Internet Safety and Identifying Information / CyberBullying Prevention
 Electronic Story Time / Introduction to OPAC and Visual OPAC
 How many words per minute do you read? (Time it)
 Discovering the KG LRC CyberLibrary at www.d91.net/cyberlibrary
 Parts of a Book / Recognizing components for Citation and Introduction to The Big 6

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"Bazinga", the LRC Beta



The LRC Mascot was named by winner Kelly H.

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The LRC will recycle your used ink cartridges and used cell phones! Just send them to school with your students.

Also—send in your ULTRA FOOD cashier receipts to the KG LRC through Dec 31st and they donate a percentage to the LRC!



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Working Parents' Rights to Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences

(820 ILCS 147/15) Sec. 15. School conference and activity leave.

(a) An employer must grant an employee leave of up to a total of 8 hours during any school year, and no more than 4 hours of which may be taken on any given day, to attend school conferences or classroom activities related to the employee's child if the conference or classroom activities cannot be scheduled during nonwork hours; however, no leave may be taken by an employee of an employer that is subject to this Act unless the employee has exhausted all accrued vacation leave, personal leave, compensatory leave and any other leave that may be granted to the employee except sick leave and disability leave. Before arranging attendance at the conference or activity, the employee shall provide the employer with a written request for leave at least 7 days in advance of the time the employee is required to utilize the visitation right. In emergency situations, no more than 24 hours notice shall be required. The employee must consult with the employer to schedule the leave so as not to disrupt unduly the operations of the employer.

(b) Nothing in this Act requires that the leave be paid.

(c) For regularly scheduled, nonemergency visitations, schools shall make time available for visitation during both regular school hours and evening hours.

(Source: P.A. 87 1240.)

(820 ILCS 147/20) Sec. 20. Compensation.

An employee who utilizes or seeks to utilize the rights afforded by this Act may choose the opportunity to make up the time so taken as guaranteed by this Act on a different day or shift as directed by the employer. An employee who exercises his rights under this Act shall not be required to make up the time taken, but if such employee does not make up the time taken, such employee shall not be compensated for the time taken. An employee who does make up the time taken shall be paid at the same rate as paid for normal working time. Employers shall make a good faith effort to permit an employee to make up the time taken for the purposes of this Act. If no reasonable opportunity exists for the employee to make up the time taken, the employee shall not be paid for the time. A reasonable opportunity to make up the time taken does not include the scheduling of make up time in a manner that would require the payment of wages on an overtime basis. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, if unpaid leave under this Act conflicts with the unreduced compensation requirement for exempt employees under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, an employer may require an employee to make up the leave hours within the same pay period.

(Source: P.A. 87 1240.)

(820 ILCS 147/25) Sec. 25. Notification.

The State Superintendent of Education shall notify each public and private primary and secondary school of this Act. Each public and private school shall notify parents or guardians of the school's students of their school visitation rights. The Department of Labor shall notify employers of this Act. (Source: P.A. 87 1240.)

(820 ILCS 147/30) Sec. 30. Verification.

Upon completion of school visitation rights by a parent or guardian, the school administrator shall provide the parent or guardian documentation of the school visitation. The parent or guardian shall submit such verification to the employer. The State Superintendent and the Director of the Department of Labor shall suggest a standard form of documentation of school visitation to schools for use as required by this Section. The standard form of documentation shall include, but not be limited to, the exact time and date the visitation occurred and ended. Failure of a parent or guardian to submit the verification statement from the school to his or her employer within 2 working days of the school visitation subjects the employee to the standard disciplinary procedures imposed by the employer for unexcused absences from work. (Source: P.A. 87 1240.)

(820 ILCS 147/35) Sec. 35. Employee rights.

No employee shall lose any employee benefits, except as provided for in Section 20 of this Act, for exercising his or her rights under this Act. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect an employer's obligation to comply with any collective bargaining agreement or employee benefit plan. Nothing in this Act shall prevent an employer from providing school visitation rights in excess of the requirements of this Act. The rights afforded by this Act shall not be diminished by any collective bargaining act or by any employee benefit plan. (Source: P.A. 87 1240.)

(820 ILCS 147/40) Sec. 40. Applicability.

This Act applies solely to public and private employers that employ at least 50 or more individuals in Illinois, and to their employees. (Source: P.A. 87 1240.)

(820 ILCS 147/45) Sec. 45. Violation.

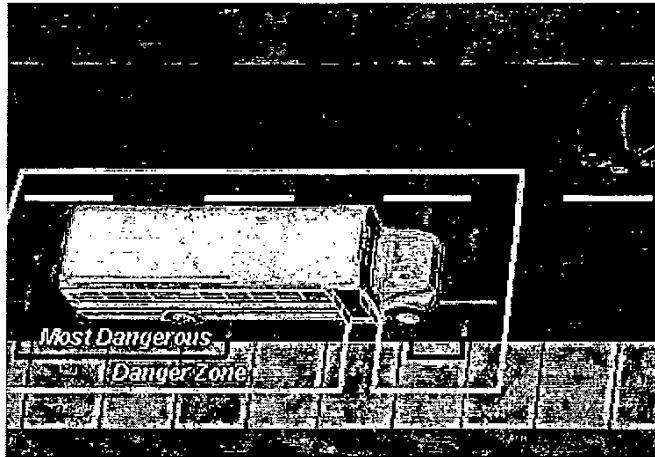
Any employer who violates this Act is guilty of a petty offense and may be fined not more than \$100 for each offense. (Source: P.A. 87 1240.)

(820 ILCS 147/49) Sec. 49. Limits on leave.

No employer that is subject to this Act is required to grant school visitation leave to an employee if granting the leave would result in more than 5% of the employer's work force or 5% of an employer's work force shift taking school conference or activity leave at the same time. (Source: P.A. 87 1240.)

Operational Services

Administrative Procedure - School Bus Safety Rules



The Building Principal shall distribute the following rules to all students. Those students not qualifying for school bus transportation to and from school should receive a copy because they may from time-to-time be transported to school activities by school bus.

1. Dress properly for the weather. Make sure all drawstrings, ties, straps, etc. on all clothing, backpacks and other items, are shortened or removed to lessen the likelihood of them getting caught in bus doors, railings or aisles.
2. Arrive on time at the bus stop and stay away from the street while waiting for the bus.
3. Stay away from the bus until it stops completely and the driver signals you to board. Enter in single file without pushing. Always use the handrail.
4. Take a seat right away and remain seated facing forward. Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.
5. Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
6. Always listen to the driver's instructions. Be courteous to the driver and other students. Sit with your hands to yourself and avoid making noises that would distract the driver or bother other passengers. Remain seated, keeping your hands, arms, and head inside the bus at all times.
7. Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.
8. Stay out of the danger zone next to the bus where the driver may have difficulty seeing you. Take five giant steps away from the bus and out of the danger zone, until you can see the driver and the driver sees you. Never crawl under a bus.
9. If you must cross the street after you get off the bus, wait for the driver's signal and then cross in front of the bus. Cross the street only after checking both ways for traffic.
10. Never run back to the bus, even if you dropped or forgot something.

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