

Lisbon Elementary Families,

Welcome to April! Believe it or not, the end of the school year will be here before we know it. I hope you all enjoyed your spring break! I am writing today to share upcoming events in April and pertinent information for families. Thank you for reading and partnering! As always, any questions or concerns, please reach out!

General Information

- We are once again partnering with 1st Day Supplies for you to order your school supplies for next year (2026-2027.) I understand that is really far away - I just wanted to make sure to communicate the opportunity to order for those that like to plan ahead! A few details are listed below:
 - You will notice - There is no preschool list. Recent legislative changes make it no longer acceptable to have preschool families purchase supplies. The school will be providing all school supplies to our preschool students for next school year. A separate communication will be sent to incoming preschool parents about what you will need to bring with you on the first day: Backpack, water bottle, change of clothes, etc. Thank you for spreading the word if anyone asks!
 - The website to order is listed [here](#).
 - Next year's supply list is listed [here](#).
 - A promotional flyer is attached to this email below.
 - There are a few items listed that you will need to buy separately if you choose to order a kit. For example: PE shoes, change of clothes, headphones, etc.
 - There is an option to add a backpack / water bottle / headphones to each order prior to purchasing. If you choose not to add to your kit, you will need to buy those separately.
 - This is not a fundraiser for our school - We partnered with this company to hopefully make going back to school less stressful for families if you don't want to shop in-person.
 - Kits need to be ordered prior to July 1st.
- We will begin making next year's class lists in an upcoming professional learning session. As a reminder, we discourage requesting a specific classroom teacher for the following school year. Our staff take many factors into consideration when forming class lists to ensure a successful school year for students and staff. We will host a Step-Up Day on the last day of this school year for students to meet their teacher for next school year. Though I know some will be irritated with this blurb, logistically, it is impossible to guarantee requests for 470 students. So, the most appropriate stance is, we will do our best but there are no guarantees for a certain class placement. This policy is written into our handbook listed [here](#). Thanks for your understanding!
- ISASP Testing will take place during the week of 4/13-4/17. I listed that information below in the important dates! Thank you for reading and encouraging your child to do their personal best on these assessments!
- The 6th Annual Teeling Memorial Walk will take place on Friday, May 15th. Listed below are a few details for the kickoff with much more to come:

- Apparel order is listed [here](#) with a portion donated back to the Walkathon!
- Envelopes to start collecting donations are going home in student backpacks today!
- Online donation option listed [here](#).
- **This year's competition between grades is: The class in each grade with the highest rate of participation in seeking donations will get to choose a staff member to enter the dunk tank on the day of the Walkathon! Can't wait!!**
- Kona Ice will be here in the afternoon to serve students and staff!
- 100% of the money goes back to our school with the goal of putting a pavilion on our playground! Thank you for your help with this! This will be a great shaded space during recess time and a wonderful outdoor classroom space!
- FAST Testing in the area of literacy will take place during the week of 4/27-5/1. Information in regard to that is listed below in the important dates section. Thank you for encouraging your child to do their personal best on these assessments! We use these results to gauge student progress and the effectiveness of our instruction throughout the school year.

Food Service Updates

- With the end of the school year not too far away - Please be mindful about keeping a positive balance within your student account! Thank you for your attention to this.

Important Dates

- 4/2: DARE Graduation for 6th grade in the auditorium at 2 PM.
- 4/3: Good Friday: No school for students or staff.
- 4/13-4/17: ISASP Testing for 3rd-6th grade students.
 - 4/13- AM Reading Testing for 3rd-6th grade students.
 - 4/14- AM Math Testing for 3rd-6th grade students.
 - 4/16- AM Language and Writing Testing for 3rd-6th grade students.
 - 4/17- AM Science Testing for 5th grade students only.
 - As a reminder - Scores on this assessment are a large portion of the Iowa School Performance Profile or "School Report Card." In other words, the most public information that gets shared about our school is in direct correlation to these tests.
 - Please have students get a good night sleep, eat breakfast and have a positive attitude towards giving their personal best during testing week.
- 4/20: School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting from 6-7:30 in the Pride Room.
 - Mainly I am putting this in here to make you aware that there is a group of all stakeholders: Staff, Students, Parents and Community Members that collaborate around District initiatives and give input. We meet twice per year and submit our minutes in a Desk Audit to the Iowa Department of Education.
- 4/27-5/1: Literacy FAST testing for the spring screening period. These scores will be mailed to you after the completion of the school year along with end of year progress reports.