

Lisbon Elementary Families,

Happy 100th day of school! It's been a great year and I am looking forward to a strong finish in the second semester! My intention with this communication is to provide you with our family update for the month of February. As always - Thank you so much for the support and please reach out with any questions and/or concerns that you may have! Stay warm!

### **General Information**

- We have concluded our reading and math FAST testing for the winter screening window. Though these scores are mostly used to guide instruction rather than reporting - I wanted to provide an update on our building proficiency percentage in reading and math. The goal is always to be at 80% as a building - However, our goal is not only proficiency but making expected or accelerated growth.
  - We improved 2% from Fall to Winter in the area of reading. We are currently at 68% proficient in the area of reading.
  - We stayed at 81% proficient in the area of math from Fall to Winter.
  - Though state averages are no longer viewable in our system (to compare) - We are consistently above the state average in both academic areas.
  - Thank you for continuing to partner with us by reading with your child at home and being involved in their schooling! It really does make a difference.
- With Valentine's Day approaching - Look for communication from your classroom teacher in regards to what that looks like in their classroom. What is common across the entire building is that we are a peanut/treenut free school. With anything that is provided as a candy or treat in the classroom, it needs to be free of those ingredients and also made in a facility that doesn't use peanuts and treenuts. I have attached this year's approved Valentine's treat list [HERE](#) for reference. We do not allow homemade items. Thank you for your help with providing a safe party in each classroom!
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on 2/19 and 2/25 from 4PM-8PM. Please look for sign-up information from your classroom teacher if you haven't already signed up.
  - To be in compliance with House File 2618 - Students that are deemed at-risk (missed proficiency once) in the area of reading will be provided with a Personalized Reading Plan at conferences. This will document the intervention that will be provided to your child to help them make growth. If your child receives special education services in reading - Their IEP qualifies as their personalized plan.
  - To be in compliance with House File 784 - Students that are deemed persistently at-risk (missed proficiency two screening periods consecutively) in the area of math will be provided with a Personalized Math Plan at conferences. This will document the intervention that will be provided to your child to help them make growth. If your child receives special education services in math - Their IEP qualifies as their personalized plan.
  - The Book Fair will be open both nights! Thank you to Jennie Zerbe and Angie Santis for your assistance with this and making it such a cool set up for kids/families. Please see the flyer listed [HERE](#).

- Please check the Lost and Found table that will be outside of the elementary office during both conference nights! Thank you!
- Please continue to send your child with a coat to school - I know this sounds foolish to mention! However, if students come without a coat to school it creates a couple of issues. **1-** We have a limited amount of gear to hand out for students if they don't come prepared to be outside. **2-** Arguing over wearing a coat is not fun for staff or students. We require students to be prepared to be outside appropriately during recess in the winter months. We consider coats to be appropriate for winter - Thank you for your help with this!
- Just a reminder of our attendance policy for semester 2: You are allowed 9.2 absences that are not considered exempt for semester 2. To have medical exemptions for your absences please make sure to get a doctor's note. The full policy is listed [HERE](#).

### **Technology Updates**

- Just a reminder that we have now transitioned to Meal Magic and RevTrack for student meal accounts. You are now allowed to deposit money into your student's account within Meal Magic. School Pay will no longer be available. You may also deposit money using cash or check to the District Office. The letter containing all information pertaining to this is listed [HERE](#).

### **Nurse's Office Updates**

- We are experiencing a high percentage of student illness within our building. Just a reminder of our school policy in regard to the following:
  - Students experiencing a fever of 100 or higher need to stay home. They need to be fever free without medication for 24 hours to return.
  - Students experiencing vomiting or diarrhea will need to stay home. They need to be free of these symptoms without medication for 24 hours to return.

### **Elementary Band Updates**

- Concert on 2/27 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium beginning with 5th grade - 6th Grade to follow.

### **Important Dates**

- 2/11- Early dismissal at 1:10 PM for teacher professional learning.
- 2/11- School Board Meeting at 6:00 PM in the Pride Room.
- 2/19- Parent Teacher Conferences from 4PM-8PM. This is also an early dismissal for students at 1:10.
- 2/25- Parent Teacher Conferences from 4PM-8PM. This is also an early dismissal for students at 1:10.
- 2/27- 5th and 6th grade band concert at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. This will begin with 5th grade and 6th grade to follow.