

Lisbon Elementary Families,

We have officially finished two weeks of school and are part of the way through week 3! It's been a great first few weeks together and exciting to see all of the smiling faces back in the building! I am also very proud of the growth that some of our students have shown in such a short period of time learning and following expectations!

My reasoning for communicating today is our monthly Lisbon Elementary Family Update with important dates and information. Please see the information below and as always, ask any questions you may have!

Thank you for trusting us with your child!

General Information

- We have mostly completed Reading FAST testing all students in the elementary. We will begin Math FAST testing on Thursday, September 11th and conclude on Friday, September 19th. All that you need to know is these are required assessments that we use to check progress and alter instruction throughout the school year. It will compare your child's progress to other same-aged peers in Iowa. This information is shared with you at conferences. We will test in the Fall, Winter and Spring.
 - To be compliant with HF2618 - At fall conferences, we will be sharing personalized reading plans with families of our students that are deemed at-risk from Reading FAST testing.
 - To be compliant with HF784 - At fall conferences, we will be sharing personalized math plans with families of our students that are deemed persistently at-risk from Math Fast testing. Persistently at-risk is defined as scoring below the expected level two screening periods in a row. So, we will use last spring's data and this fall's data to make that determination.
- Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Caring... That's Lion Pride! These are the expectations within our school building. All classroom teachers have talked about what this looks like inside of their classroom with students. Students also rotated around our common areas within the school to review what is expected of them. We are so blessed with great families and students that treat others with respect. Please review all of these expectations with your child so we can continue to have a safe learning environment for everyone!
 - A main area of focus for us is always the playground - Specifically, sportsmanship during football, kickball, gagaball, tetherball and basketball. We have many competitors during recess! Please make sure to talk to your child about being a good sport/teammate to their friends. Eventually, they will all be on the same team in middle school!
 - Also - As iPads are now to students and start to come home, for some grades, please remind your students to be responsible with their device. It should be used for school purposes and kept clean. Also, please ensure that it is charged and brought back to school the following day. Thank you for your help with this!

- Home football games have begun - Which is an exciting time! The practice field is not a supervised area during games and frequently a place where questionable decision-making takes place. Please talk to your child about appropriate behavior during home events and watching the game inside of the stadium as a safe/supervised choice.
- We now have a bike rack closer to our elementary entrance! The rack is located in front of our entrance by the sidewalk. Thanks for your patience as we worked through getting a closer location for student bikes.
- We will do everything we can to ensure that your child makes adequate progress throughout the school year! Please spend time reading with your child at home for just a few minutes every day - It really does add up!

Dates

- September 10th- Early Dismissal for staff professional learning. Elementary students will be dismissed at 1:10.
- September 11th- PK-6th Grade School Pictures during the school day. Listed below are answers to frequently asked questions in regards to school pictures:
 - Every student will be photographed
 - Order forms can be filled out and returned with payment on or before picture day
 - If paid online, the student does not need to bring anything else on picture day
 - Alternatively, online payments can be made with a credit card up to 48 hours after picture day (no service fee) at <https://vando.imagequix.com/g1001236054>
 - Pictures will be available to purchase throughout the year. Please note, after sale prices are a bit higher than pre-sale prices, and a fee for shipping will be charged
- September 11th- Begin Math FAST Testing for all students K-6. Please see the information listed above.
- September 24th- Early Dismissal for staff professional learning. Elementary students will be dismissed at 1:10.
- Just outside of the month of September are parent/teacher conferences, which are coming up quickly. Look for a sign up from your classroom teacher at some point this month if you haven't seen it already. Those will take place on October 7th and October 9th from 4-8 PM. Please come visit the Book Fair!

Thanks!