

LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIKING VIEWS

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School Exclusion Day is Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Parents must provide schools with children's immunization records.

The Oregon Immunization Program wants parents to know that children will not be able to attend school starting February 19 if their records on file show missing immunizations. State law requires that all children in public schools have up-to-date documentation on their immunizations, or have a religious or medical exemption.

According to Stacy de Assis Matthews, school law coordinator in the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division, immunization is an effective way to keep schools and the entire community healthy. Children need to be fully protected against vaccine-preventable diseases such as whooping cough.

Following is information for parents about updated vaccine requirements: Parents of adolescents should be aware that one dose of Tdap vaccine is required for seventh- through 12th-graders. Tdap is a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) booster.

If school vaccination records are not up-to-date, the child will be sent home on February 19. In 2013, health departments sent 30,501 letters to parents and guardians informing them that their children needed immunizations to stay in school. A total of 4,188 children were kept out of school until the necessary immunization information was turned in to the facilities.

Parents seeking immunizations for their children should contact their health care provider, the LBMS student-based health center 541-592-6978, local health department, or call Oregon SafeNet at 1-800-SAFENET or 1-800-723-3638. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of the inability to pay for required vaccines. Pharmacists can immunize children age 11 and older. Parents should contact their neighborhood pharmacy for details.

After-school chats

"What's in your backpack?" Greet your child with this question, and you'll discover a lot about what she does in class.

- Set aside time each day to go through her papers. Try to do it first thing after school when her day is fresh in her mind.
- Look over your youngster's work together. Help her feel proud by making a specific comment about something she's done. For instance, if she shows you a picture she drew in art class, you might say, "The gray sky and big waves look just like our rainy day at the beach."
- Have her talk through math problems or science experiments to show you what she's learned. She might explain how she finds the perimeter of a triangle or why ants dig tunnels, for example.♥



**Clip BOX TOPS
and earn cash
for LBMS
Library!**

Did you know...

LBMS is a Title I school allowing us to offer free breakfast and lunch to all our students.

Through awarded grants, we are also able to offer programs and enrichment during afterschool hours.

Show Support and Interest

Work with and support the teachers and administrators at school. Like you, they want your child to have a great middle school experience.

Children's attitudes about school are, to a large extent, determined by what their parents say and do. Your child needs to know that you support the teachers and administrators at school, and that you consider education to be a top priority.

You can best convey your interest in education and your support of school by doing the following:

- Insist that your child be in school every day.
- Show an interest in what your child is studying.
- Expect your child to work up to his/her potential.
- Talk about the importance of getting a good education.
- Expect your child to follow the school rules.
- Attend all parent programs and parent-teacher conferences.
- Encourage your child to think about going to college.
- Show consistent interest in your child's academic progress.

Child Find for Special Education

Public Law 105.17, known as the Individualized Disability Education Act (IDEA), requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children and young adults from birth through 21 years of age. Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children ages birth through 21 who are not enrolled or currently being served in one of the District's schools.

If you know of any disabled children ages 0 through 21, who are not receiving educational services, please phone the Three Rivers School District Special Education Dept. at 541-862-3111 ext. 5202.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3 - Girls Basketball vs. Rogue River at 4:30pm

February 4 - Wrestling @ North, at 4:30pm

February 5 - Girls Basketball vs. Scenic, at 4:30pm

February 6 - Conferences, 4:00-6:00pm

February 7 - Conference Day, no classes

February 11 - Wrestling @ Rogue River, at 4:30pm

February 12 - Girls Basketball vs. South, at 4:30pm

February 13 - Girls Basketball @ North, at 4:30pm

February 17 - No classes

February 18 - Girls Basketball @ White Mtn., at 4:30pm

February 18 - Wrestling @ LBMS, at 4:30pm

February 19 - School Exclusion Day **

February 19 - Girls Basketball vs. Hanby, at 4:30pm

February 22 - Wrestling: District Meet, Eagle Point, time TBD

February 24 - Girls Basketball @ Lincoln Savage at 4:00pm

February 26 - Girls Basketball @ Rogue River at 4:30pm

March 4 - Band Concert, Gym at 7:00pm

March 10 - No classes

March 14 - No classes

March 24 - No classes

March 25 - No classes

March 26 - No classes

March 27 - No classes

March 28 - No classes

Over the Break:

Replenish school supplies for the 3rd trimester. Purchase more binder paper, pencils, erasers, and personal pencil sharpener.

*Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.*

~ Henry Ford

LAST MINUTE CHANGES

All bus changes and after school plans must be phoned to the LBMS office prior to 3:00p.m. In order for your students to receive notification of the change in plans, you must give the office time to prepare and distribute a note. We appreciate your consideration with this procedure.

ATTENDANCE

If your student is ill or must be absent, please **be sure to phone** the LBMS Attendance Office and let us know. **PHONE 541-592-2163**

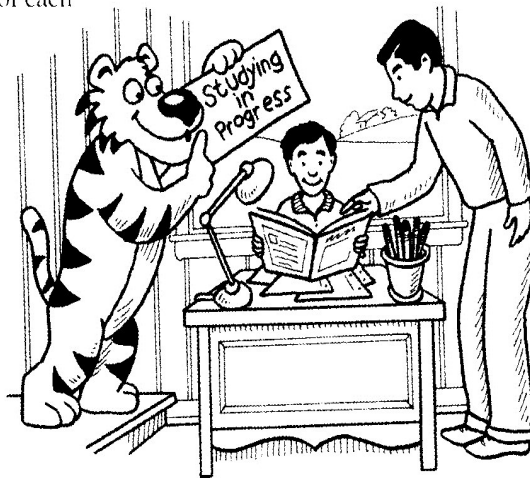


Study smarts

From a history test at the end of each month to a spelling quiz every Friday, studying is a skill youngsters will need throughout their years of school. Help your child study with these tips.

Start a habit. Encourage your youngster to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something he does the evening before a test. For example, he might study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After he finishes his regular homework, he can spend a little time reviewing his notes and handouts.

Tackle textbooks. When your child has a chapter to study, have him "preview" it to increase his understanding. He should glance over headings, graphics, and photos and go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words. *Tip:* If he finds a section hard to grasp, he could read a picture book on the topic. For a science unit on matter,



for instance, he could try *What Is the World Made Of?* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld.

Mix it up. If your youngster reviews information in several ways, he'll be more likely to remember it. He might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card. Then, he can shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that he spell each word or recite each fact aloud.♥



Cell Phones: During the school day cell phones must be turned off and kept in your locker. Students may use cell phones before the first bell and after school.



Attendance Field Trip

Starting January 27th, anyone that doesn't miss any more than one day between now and March 13th, will be invited to attend an Attendance Field Trip to Lava Lanes on March 14th.

Student Mentoring Program-

LBMS is starting a Student Mentoring Program on Monday's from 11:30am to 12:00pm. We are actively seeking mentors in the community to connect with kids and develop relationships, specifically ones with problematic attendance rates. Anyone interested in participating in our Student Mentoring Program, please pick up a volunteer packet at the front office.

Family Reward Package-

Here at Lorna Byrne, we would like to honor the entire family for those that have received perfect attendance for an entire month. Starting in February, we will track students that have had perfect attendance and their names will be entered into a drawing. At the end of each month, we will draw a family's name for the Family Reward Package. The winning family will win a basket full of goodies ranging from gift cards to household items. The contents of the donation basket will vary each month.

Just for Fun

Q: What falls but never gets hurt ?

A: Snow!

**Grants Pass Elks
Hoop Shoot**

Congratulations to
George Allen-Griffin
for taking **FIRST
PLACE** in the Grants
Pass Elks annual Hoop
Shoot. Good luck at Districts this week!

Also **GREAT JOB** Alexa Zabriski & Taylor
Inge in your participation at the event.



Sports Brief

Girls Basketball and Wrestling are in full swing. Calendar on page 2 has game schedule. Come to LBMS gym and cheer on our athletes.

We're in need of a volunteer Track Coach. If interested, contact Mr. Jelderks at 541-592-2163.

Always do your best.

What you plant now, you will harvest later.

~ Og Mandino

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