

LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIKING VIEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/2 - 2nd Trimester begins
- 12/5 - Gold Card FT
- 12/13 - Del Arte' Presents -
"The Glasnost Family Holiday"
- 12/17 - Holiday Concert - 7:00 PM
- Boys BBAI games - 12/2, 12/3,
12/8, 12/10, 12/15, 12/16, 12/17
- 12/18 - Toys for Tots Collection
ends (See flyer, inside this edition)
- 12/22/2008 - 1/2/2009
Winter Break
- 1/5/2009 - Classes resume
- 1/5/2009 - Winter Sports season
begins. (Schedule TBA)
- 1/23/2009 - 2nd Trimester Progress
Reports to be mailed out
- 1/29/2009 - MS/HS Conference
Day, (NO CLASSES)

Here's what's inside:

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2. Toys For Tots Campaign
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A WORD FROM MR. CROWSON.....

Can you believe we have already begun our 2nd trimester of the school year? The school year is flying by and the students have been doing a great job so far. We completed the first round of OAKS testing and we are very optimistic that LBMS will make some good gains by the end of the school year. It seems that our attendance is up as well. The students have maintained about 94% attendance average through 3 months of school. This is an increase of about 2% from the previous year. This may not seem like a lot to you, but to us it makes a huge difference. Attendance is a huge focus for LBMS this year. We were lucky to use the remaining funds from a grant to purchase and build incentives for students to attend school more regularly. So far we feel it is a huge success! We are trying several strategies to improve attendance: Perfect monthly attendance rewards, Weekly Attendance Lottery drawings, ipod and digital camera monthly Gold Card Giveaways, and the grand prize of a bicycle being given away to one lucky student each trimester for superb attendance. As you can see, we have daily, weekly, monthly, trimester and year long goals for students to strive toward. Our first two attendance winners were Erik Householder (September) and Taya Stewart (October). Later this week we will be crowning another monthly winner for November and giving away our first bicycle of the year.

Why the big focus on attendance? The answer is quite simple. The more often students are in attendance, the more learning that takes place. The more learning that takes place, the better we perform on our classroom assignments, tests and statewide assessments. We hope the increased attendance at LBMS will help our school make greater gains toward our school improvement plans. We are striving each day to make this school the best it can be.

I would also like to share with you the district and state guidelines for attendance. The state requires students maintain a 92% attendance rate for a school year. That means students should not miss more than 14 total school days out of 176. These absences include excused, unexcused and verified absences. The only absence that would not count against a student would be one classified as "school related".

A copy of the Three Rivers School District Policy JED is included in this newsletter for your information.

Remember, we are a third of the way there! Keep up the great work and keep coming to school!

Sincerely,
Damian Crowson
Principal

Go Vikings!!!!

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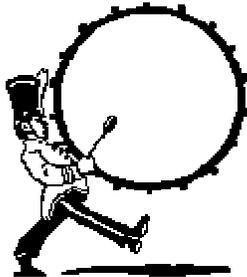


**LBMS
Winter Concert**

**Performance will be
presented by the Cadet Band,
Choir, & Concert Band**

**Wednesday, December 17th
at 7:00pm in the LBMS
Cafetorium
Admission is free.**

**Come support your friends
and family members!**



The 2008 Josephine County Toys For Tots

Collection Campaign will be gathering toys throughout the county through Thursday, December 18th.

LBMS has a collection bin in the office if you would like to make a donation.

Please look for the Toys for Tots flyer in this newsletter for specific information.

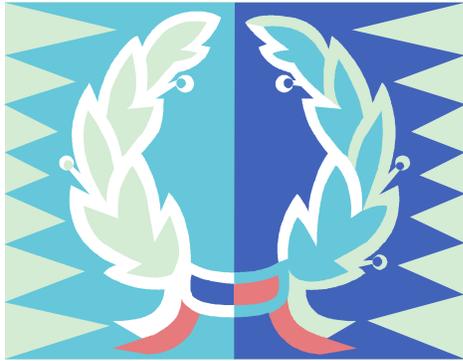
For a complete list of collection locations, or to contact someone for more information, you may go to their web site;
www.rvtoysfortots.org

**TITLE 1 PROGRAM
EXPECTATIONS AT LBMS**

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Lorna Byrne Middle School.



LBMS 2008-2009 Honor Society

Honor Society has had a busy two months. We were scheduled to clean up Lorna Byrne's property for November 1, but due to weather, we re-scheduled. We completed that project on November 18th. Twenty-two students went, and did an awesome job. The local paper took lots of pictures, and did an article.

We had our October meeting on the 24th. The students helping with Evergreen Harvest Festival were given their instructions. They did a wonderful job at the Festival, and all the adults raved about their behavior and how much they helped. Thank you students for representing our school so well!

Our meeting on November 19 was another success. A surprise for the students to eat lunch early was fun. Mrs. Bemis made two beautiful cakes for their treat. Thank you Mrs. Bemis for your generosity, and also for the candy bars you supplied the clean up crew.

I feel so blessed with our Honor Society Students this year! They are so interested, helpful, excited, and willing to help out with a positive attitude. I thank you for your support, and encouragement. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season, and New Year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 11th.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call me at 592-2163 ext. 3057.

Charlotte Baker
Advisor

Sports briefing.....



GIRLS BASKETBALL – First practice will begin Monday, January 5th. If your student is interested in participating, they must have all of their paperwork turned in to the office PRIOR to the first day of practice. All fees must be paid in full before an athlete can play in the first game.



WRESTLING – First practice will begin Monday, January 5th. If your student is interested in participating, they must have all of their paperwork turned in to the office PRIOR to the first day of practice. If they participated in Football or Boys Basketball, you may write a note authorizing your student to participate in Wrestling. The office will “roll” the participation paperwork over to that sport, provided the physical is current.

Remember, sports physicals are good for two years. If your child is in need of a physical, please contact your physician plenty of time before the sport begins. You may also contact the Student-Based Health Center to set up an appointment.

TRSD/LBMS SCHOOL - PARENT COMPACT

This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students of Lorna Byrne Middle School will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during school year 2008-2009.

School Responsibilities

Lorna Byrne Middle School will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.
 - Quality instruction and programs in reading and mathematics
 - Appropriate and effective remedial programs in basic skills
 - Individualized assessment and instruction as necessary
 - A staff committed to meeting the needs of the whole child
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed, as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:
 - October 16, 2008
 - January 23, 2009
 - April 24, 2009
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
 - Trimester Progress Reports.
 - School Newsletters
 - Periodical Classroom Progress Reports (as requested by parent or teacher)
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
 - Voice mail is accessible to all teachers, who will return your calls promptly.
 - Parent/Teacher staffings are usually held on Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:00 – 8:30 AM. Parents may call to schedule appointments at any time.
 - Class hours are 8:30AM until 3:05 PM Monday through Friday.
 - Office hours are 7:15 AM until 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:

Parents are encouraged to volunteer and be active members of the Lorna Byrne MS community. Please call your child's teacher to find out about how you may best offer your time and services.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.

Student Responsibilities

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Do our homework every day and ask for help when we need to. Give to our parents, or the adult who is responsible for our welfare, all notices and information received by us from our school every day.
- Follow PBS protocol – ***Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible***



PBS in LBMS

The 2008-2009 school year is one-third complete, and LBMS students are showing themselves to be Responsible, Respectful, and Safe.

As a staff, we focus on those students making good choices. The result is a positive climate where everyone is looking for students doing well.

Currently, over 75% of our students have Gold Cards. What does it mean to have a Gold Card? Gold Cards are the ticket to participation in special activities that occur daily, weekly, and by trimester. Students are encouraged to keep their Gold Card on their person at all times. Gold Cards are needed for admission to the gym during free time. Some of the upcoming Gold Card events include: Cocoa, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, and spontaneous treats for Gold Card students during lunch break.

Our students enjoy the Electronic Lunch, which is bringing games, phones, etc. to the library during noon break, if they have a Gold Card. Each trimester, the Gold Card students are awarded a special event, such as swimming at the YMCA, going to a movie, bowling, Family Fun Center, or a barbeque at the beach. We will choose from one of these each trimester to award those students who strive to make Lorna Byrne a positive place to get an education.

In addition, we are planning our next Lorna Byrne Idol contest. Students sign up to compete with one another during lunch break using a karaoke song of their choice. We narrow down the field to semifinals, and then finals, which are held in front of the student body. This has been a great way for our students to demonstrate their amazing musical talents. We are looking at expanding our lunch competitions to dance, talent show, or possibly a Rock Band competition. All of these activities provide our students with a variety of ways to explore their creativity.

The positive climate, which grows as a result of these activities, builds team spirit and a sense of belonging.

We are proud of the students and staff at LBMS, who work so hard to make this a great place to be.



LBMS Student-Based Health Center

Due to the Student-Based Health Center facilities at all of the Illinois Valley Schools, the hours of operation at LBMS will be as follows (for the time being):

<i>Monday:</i>	<i>10:30 - 3:30</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>7:00 - 3:30</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>10:30 - 3:30</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>7:00 - 3:30</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>7:00 - 3:30</i>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our office at:

LBMS - 592-2163 x 3030
LB SBHC DIRECT - 592-6978
LB SBHC DIRECT FAX - 592-6702

TAG

Parents of TAG students with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact Julie Barnes who will be coordinating, mentoring and supporting TAG students at Lorna Byrne.



**Book Share Program partners
LBMS & OregonBooks**

Oregon Books, Grants Pass, OR, is encouraging children to read by providing a partnership program which gives direct credit to LBMS Library, which can be used at any time.

Here's how it works: Any supporter who mentions LORNA BYRNE when purchasing books, triggers a donation of 5% of the total purchase to the Lorna Byrne account. When Lorna Byrne supporters order books online at oregonbooks.com, just add the schools name in the comments section, or mention it when picking up the books.

As an example of how all this works, if we have 50 supporters buying \$10.00 worth of books each month, our library would have \$300.00 during the year to spend.

Spread the word!!!

Thank you for your support &
HAPPY READING



Dell Arte Company will be presenting another Holiday Tour for the Illinois Valley, at LBMS, on Saturday, December 13th
Performance begins at 7:00 PM

**This year's performance will be
"The Glasnost Family Holiday"**

Be very happy to meet the Glasnosts.

Happily transplanted to their new American home from an obscure Balkan country, they make their living playing music on the street. They are a zany tribe of immigrant misfits, a thrown-together family, who argue non-stop about everything from what food to serve their holiday guests (that's you), to what songs best fit the season.

Celebrate with the Glasnost as they struggle to invent holiday traditions in their adopted homeland. They've borrowed bits of winter rituals from the Old world, the New world and Out of This World -- all to bring cheer to everyone on the cold holiday nights. Their 'most certainly up-to-date music' will transport you to the gaiety of another time, another place, while their attempts to pull together a holiday celebration, with you as their guests, will warm your heart. "The Glasnost Family Holiday" is a year-end comic treat for the whole family, with music, laughter, a group of wacky characters, and all-around good holiday cheer.

There is no admittance charge, however, donations are accepted.

In an effort to support a local food bank, donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted.

If you would like more information regarding this year's program or the Dell Arte Company, please use either of the contact methods listed below.

Phone: 707-668-5663
Email: dellarte.com



If you would like to help the Lorna Byrne library, it's easy!

Step 1: Clip Box Tops.

Step 2: Send them to school with your student.

Step 3: Each Box Top is worth 10¢ towards library books!

Where do you find Box Tops?

Hundreds of brands of items you know and trust have made a commitment to education by joining the Box Tops for Education family. And as many of you may have noticed, Box Tops are no longer limited to foods. Storage bags and containers, tissues and paper towels, disposable tableware and waste bags are just a few of the products for families that are now available.

Thank you for your continued support!

Joann Snook
Library Manager

J Students

J.JED Student Absences and Excuses

Policy: JED

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STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Daily attendance and punctuality are absolutely necessary for a student to gain maximum benefits from his/her educational experience.

Oregon school law supports the Board's view, and restricts excused absences to illness of the student, student medical or dental appointments (confirmation of appointments may be required), illness in the immediate family which requires the student's presence at home, when the tenets of the student's religion require an absence for religious observance of a holiday or emergency situations that require the student's absence. All other absences must meet the approval of the school officials or be treated as unexcused absences. An absence that does not meet the criteria of an excused absence but has been confirmed by the parent will be marked as a "verified" absence.

Absences will only be excused or verified if a phone call is received from the parent/guardian the day the student is absent or a note received in the school office not more than 3 days after the child returned to school.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 109.056
ORS 339.030
ORS 339.065
ORS 339.420

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