## LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIKING VIEWS

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 10/2 Sports Pictures
- 10/7 10/15 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Magazine fundraising sales
- 10/9 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Progress
   Reports to go out
- 10/10 State-wide In-service Day -NO SCHOOL
- 10/16 MS/HS Parent/Teacher
   Conferences
   NO CLASSES
- Football games 10/1, 10/8, 10/15
- 10/22 Smile Family Night 6:00-8:00 PM
- 10/23 Fall Concert, 7:00 PM
- 10/30 Drama Production 7:00 PM

#### "Stage Fright"

- 11/10 Staff Development Day -NO CLASSES
- 11/11 VETERAN'S DAY (HOLIDAY) NO SCHOOL
- 11/21 Movie FT "Twilight"
- 11/25 End of 1st Trimester
- 11/26 Clerical Day NO CLASSES
- 11/27 THANKSGIVING DAY (HOLIDAY)
   NO SCHOOL
- 11/28 Vacation Day NO SCHOOL

#### A WORD FROM MR. CROWSON.....

Welcome back! We all hope you had a safe and relaxing summer. The school year is off and running and we are excited to have school back in session. August was a great month for Lorna Byrne Middle School. Our PBS committee got together several times this past month with one focus in mind: Student Success!! Not only do we want Lorna Byrne Middle School to be a fun and safe place to be, we want students to be motivated to improving their attendance and academic success. How are we going to make that happen? We have many new things at our school this year that we think will make a difference in the success of our students.

- We have added intramurals at LBMS to create a sense of teamwork and competition. We are hoping that this new and exciting atmosphere will encourage students to attend school on a more regular basis.
- 2) We have attendance incentives! Students that come to school on a regular basis will give themselves an opportunity to win one of 3 prizes: Apple Ipod Shuffle, 7.1 megapixel camera with memory card, or a bicycle.
- 3) For good behavior, attendance and grades students can be rewarded with trips throughout the year to Caveman Bowl, Southgate Cinema or a BBQ at Lake Selmac/Crescent City.

We realize we have set our academic and behavior goals extremely high at Lorna Byrne Middle School but we are confident that our students can rise to this challenge. If you have a great idea or would like to donate items to our school to promote students being Safe, Respectful and Responsible please contact the school. We would love to find additional exciting ways to let the students know we are proud of them and their accomplishments.

Go Vikings!!!!!

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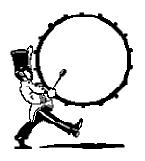


## LBMS Fall Concert

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

Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00pm in the LBMS Cafetorium Admission is free.

Come support your friends and family members!





## Lorna middle school Drama production "Stage Fright"

Performance time: Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Thank you, Mr. Talty

Sports briefing......

BOYS BASKETBALL – First practice will begin after October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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, you may write a note authorizing your student to participate in Basketball. 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.



## THANK YOU FROM THE LIBRARY!

Thank you to everyone that supported the library by shopping at the scholastic book fair. With your help, we continue to put books on the shelves of the Lorna Byrne Library!

#### LBMS 2008-2009 Honor Society

The first Honor Society Meeting was held Friday, September 19th. There are twenty-one eighth graders and twenty seventh graders this year.

Ms. Charlotte Baker is the new Advisor since Ms. Brobst retired. Ms. Vicki Shump is advisor for activities. We discussed GPA's, attendance, tardies, discipline (detentions, ed lab etc.), and community service.

Students will be required to have five (5) hours of community service a trimester. Community Service can be anything that a student does to benefit the community *without* receiving monetary payment (donation of time and labor). Several students have signed up for Harvest Festival at Evergreen Elementary School, October 30. They will bring home a permission slip with further information. Ms. Baker handed out folders for each student, and different quotes were read by different students.

Our next meeting is October 24 during fifth period. If you have any questions, feel free to call Charlotte Baker at 592-2163 ext. 3057. We look forward to a wonderful year with your student, and it is an honor to have them be part of our National Junior Honor Society.

Ms. Baker



#### Health Center News:

This school year, the Student Based Health Center expanded to include a facility at Illinois Valley High School. The SBHC facility at Evergreen Elementary has undergone major building modifications during the summer.

Because of the additional facility at IVHS, the hours of operation at LBMS will be as follows (for the time being):

Monday: 10:30 - 3:30 Tuesday: 7:00 - 3:30

Wednesday: 10:30 - 3:30

Thursday: 7:00 - 3:30 Friday: 7:00 - 3:30

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

#### 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

#### 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.



Welcome to another rewarding year of Box Tops for Education. I would like to thank everyone for sending in their Box Tops to the library to help us buy new **books** for our students and making a difference for our school!

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 support!

Joann Snook Library Manager



## 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.

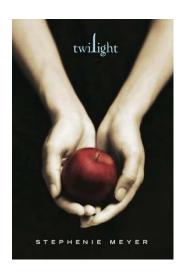
## College Dreams & the Guiding Lights Mentoring Program

We would like to thank the students at Lorna Byrne Middle School for their hard work and determination during the past school year.

Last year, Guiding Lights awarded over \$1800 in incentive money to students who showed academic improvement including increasing their GPAs, decreasing their Absences, and improving their behavior. We are very proud of all the students we worked with, and look forward to sharing their future success.

# HAS YOUR LORNA BYRNE STUDENT READ THE BOOK **TWILIGHT**BY STEPHENIE MEYER?

IF THEY HAVE, AND WOULD LIKE TO GO SEE THE NEW MOTION PICTURE COMING TO THEATRES ON **NOVEMBER 21, 2008**, MAKE SURE THEY SIGN UP WITH MRS. SNOOK IN THE LIBRARY AND START SAVING THEIR \$5.00 FOR ADMISSION, POPCORN & A DRINK!





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