



Dates To Remember:

1/20/19 - Martin Luther King Day
- NO CLASSES

1/23/20 - End of second quarter

1/24/20 - Clerical Day NO CLASSES

Viking Voices

“What did you do over Winter Break?”

“Stayed home...then went to the snow in California.” – Matt Ellis

“Watched Vampire Diaries.” – Kayleigh Box

“Remodeled my room.” – Emilee Jones

“Went to the snow in Ashland.” – Pixie Jensen

Dear Lorna Byrne Families,

Welcome back!! We hope everyone had a restful and joyous holiday!

I would like to let you all know that with this new year, the staff and I will be focusing on attendance, what I believe is the cornerstone of a good education. Students should not be absent more than five days per year. Simply put, kids cannot learn if they are not here. The research proves this. Please take a look at these statistics:

- *A student who is five minutes late to school every day will miss 15 hours of instruction during the school year.*
- *It may take up to 5 years for a chronically absent kindergarten student to catch up to peers*
- *If a ninth grader misses only 5 days per semester, their chance of graduating is reduced by 25%*

These facts are certainly eye-opening. That is why the staff and I are renewing our resolve to improve attendance here at LBMS. We want your students to succeed, and being at school every day is the beginning of that success. Of course, we realize absences are sometimes necessary, so here are a few tips for when an absence cannot be avoided:

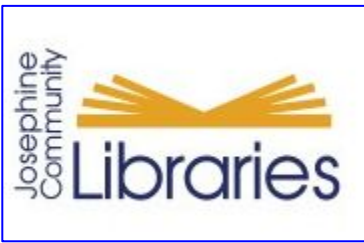
- *If your child has a doctors appointment, please request a note from the doctor...this will keep the absence from counting against the student.*
- *Bereavements and legal proceedings will not count against the student, but please notify us in these cases.*
- *If the student is going to miss school more than six days, please contact the office to make arrangements regarding your child's classwork.*

We here at LBMS look forward to continuing this journey that is the 2019-2020 school year, and I hope you will join me in making regular attendance a priority the rest of the way. As always, I thank you for letting us teach your children, and allowing us to be part of their lives.

Here's to a wonderful and productive 2020!!

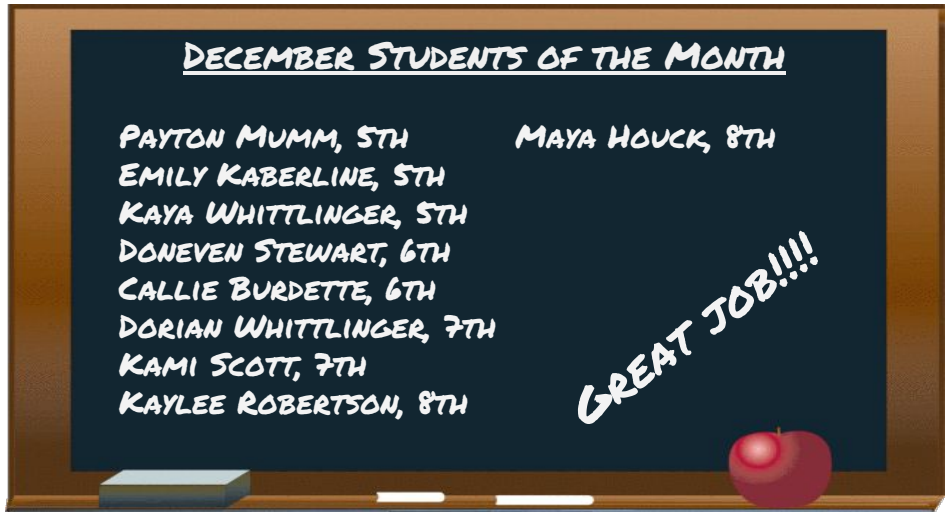
Mr. Polen

- ✓ **OFFICE HOURS: 7:45 – 3:45**
- ✓ **MORNING HOMEWORK HELP: 7:45 – 8:30**
- ✓ **AFTER SCHOOL STUDY LOUNGE: THURSDAYS**



Make sure to check the Josephine County Library website to find all sorts of fun and educational events at:

<https://josephinelibrary.org/branches/illinois-valley/>



REMINDER:

Second semester begins January 27th!!... Halfway there!!



LBMS Girls Basketball Schedule

1/22: vs St. Mary's, 4:30

1/27: @ RVA, 4:00

1/29: vs Cascade Christian, 4:30



LBMS Wrestling Schedule

1/21: @ Hendrick, 4:30

1/28: Home @ IVHS, 4:30

1/30: @ Ashland, 4:30



Viking Brain Bowl Schedule for January 2020

1/23: @ South Middle 11:00 AM, Dismissal 9:50AM

1/30: @ Scenic Middle 11:00AM Dismissal 9:20AM



FROM THE OFFICE STAFF...



Please remember that students who wish to ride a different bus to their friends house after school, must have a note from their parent or guardian **AND** the friend's parent or guardian...a one day bus pass will then be issued.

ParentVUE & StudentVUE

ParentVUE and StudentVUE are websites that offer secure, private access to school and student information, including assignments, grades, attendance, school calendar and teacher contact details. In ParentVUE, you can see information for all of your students. To create an account, navigate to:

https://pv.3rivers.sis.k12.or.us/trsd/XP2_Login.as



Three Rivers School District Science Fair

A FEW CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THIS YEARS SCIENCE FAIR, INCLUDING THEIR WEBSITE, WHICH YOU CAN VIEW

HERE:

<https://sites.google.com/a/threerivers.k12.or.us/science-fair/?scrllybrkr=16389d39>

CLICK THE LINK, AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND!



PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT OBOB ANNOUNCEMENT:

THIS YEAR, OUR OBOB PRACTICES WILL TAKE PLACE EACH FRIDAY DURING 7TH PERIOD ADVISORY TIME....THIS MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR KIDS WHO PARTICIPATE IN AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES OR SPORTS TO STILL DO BATTLE OF THE BOOKS! ALSO, OUR DISTRICT BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE AT MADRONA ELEMENTARY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH. THERE WILL BE MORE PARTICULAR INFORMATION SENT OUT SOON FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.. STAY TUNED!!!!

From the LBMS library:

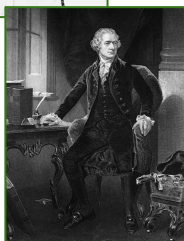
With second semester just around the corner, I'd like to let all of you know that students with books overdue more than 10 days will be receiving a notice from the library... hopefully, this proactive action will ensure books don't get lost, and fines don't pile up. Hope everyone's holiday was awesome, glad you are all back! - Mrs. Jensen



Muhammad Ali



Elvis Presley



Alexander Hamilton



Virginia Woolf



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Historical January Birthdays