

# **THE LION'S ROAR**

## *Long Beach Elementary School*

### *November 2014 Newsletter*

#### **School Picture Retakes**

Student will have an opportunity to have picture retakes on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. In order for a student to get a retake, they must turn in their picture packet that was purchased originally.

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to schedule a conference with their child's homeroom teacher, as well as any other staff member that plays a vital role in the development of your child. Our staff members will be available from 4:00-8:00 on November 6<sup>th</sup>. However, conferences need to be scheduled in advance. Please contact the teachers that you would like to speak to, in order to schedule a time to meet. In addition to this 4 hour window on November 6<sup>th</sup>, teachers will also work with you to find a reasonable time to schedule a conference.

#### **VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM - Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Long Beach Elementary is very excited to announce that we are having our first Veteran's Day Program. We are honored to have the opportunity to say thank you to all the military and Veterans. Our program will be filled with song, remembrance, and thanks. We are looking for photos to add to our slide show of Long Beach family members and loved ones who serve or served in the military. If you have a picture, please send it with your child. Please label your student's name and class on the back of the picture. Please see the attached Veteran's Day Letter.

#### **Pick-up and Dismissal Request**

As the weather begins to turn, more parents will be driving their students to school and picking them up after school. Please adhere to the following guidelines to help keep all students and staff safe: When dropping off in the morning, please pull forward and drop off students from the passenger side of the car, nearest the curb. When picking up after school – PLEASE do not park your car and walk through the parking lot to pick up your students. Last year a student was nearly hit when crossing over to a parked car waiting in the lot. We have a smooth system that may take you an extra minute or two, but safety should be worth more than that minute or two. Please join with the large number of parents who have been following the pick-up guidelines since they were instituted last year. We thank you for your patience!

#### **P.A.W.S.**

P.A.W.S. stands for Positive Actions While in School. As a school we have implemented a new positive behavior reinforcement system in which students are awarded with P.A.W.S. tickets when they are caught being responsible, respectful, or making the right choice. We will draw two names a week from each grade level for prizes! We also had an assembly at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to introduce this system to the students and staff, and awarded some cool prizes to several students.

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## **Dress for the Weather**

Now that we are into November, the weather has turned quite chilly, and at times down right cold. Please be sure your child brings a coat, hat and gloves as needed to be out in this weather. We will continue to go outside for recess unless we have rain. Students who are not properly dressed for the weather will not be allowed to be outside during recess. If you are in need of winter weather clothing, please be sure to contact our Social Worker, Mrs. Tynan, who will work with our resources to see if we can help you out.

## **Grandparent's Breakfast**

Please let your child's grandparents know that we are having a Grandparents Breakfast on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to share in some donuts and juice with their grandparents, along with visiting our LRC for the fall book fair. Our doors will open at 7:45 a.m. We will also have coffee for our grandparents along with donuts in the cafeteria. Please have all grandparents enter through Door #2 in the front of the building.

## **Upcoming November Events**

Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Picture Retakes
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Culver's Night
	Parent Teacher Conferences – Teacher Flex Time
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 Hour Student Attendance 8:45-1:45
	Parent Teacher Conferences – 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	No School
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Fall Book Fair begins
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day Assembly
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 Home & School Meeting – LRC
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:45-8:30 a.m. Grandparents Breakfast
	6:00 Gym Night with Dad – 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Market Day Pickup
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chick-fil-A Night
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m. 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	No School, Thanksgiving Break

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Happenings...

## Grade Level News

Thank you for sending in pumpkins. If you have not had a chance to, and would like to send one in, we are still accepting pumpkins. We will be doing a variety of fall cross curricular activities. In the past, students have always loved our math and science pumpkin activities.

If you turned in your October Book It! sheet, your child received their pizza coupon. Their November pizza sheet came home. Keep reading to earn those pizzas!

## English/Language Arts Info

Now that the first quarter is over, we are pushing forward with our reading. At this time, the district goal is for students to be at a level 7. At conferences, we look forward to sharing with you the assessment results.

The comprehension strategies we will focus on for the month of November will be summarizing and text structure.

Keep practicing reading and spelling those 103 high frequency words!

## Math Info

The focus of math is now subtraction. Please quiz your child with both subtraction and addition number stories and problems. Often students are stuck in one mind-set and don't notice when a problem is addition or subtraction. Have your child look for clues and symbols to decide what type of problem it is.

Our next unit of study will be expanding our addition skills to 20.

Rocket Math is coming along! Continue practicing math facts at home.

## Upcoming Grade Level Events / Calendar

### November

3<sup>rd</sup> - Picture retake day  
5<sup>th</sup> - Culver's night  
5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Conferences  
7<sup>th</sup> - No student attendance  
11<sup>th</sup> - Wear red, white, and blue  
26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - No school

**Happy Thanksgiving from the first grade team!**

## Other Grade Level Needs/Reminders

Grandparents Day is November 14. Be sure to visit our book fair during that week!

Send in those Box Tops to help earn our school money!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Happenings...

Thank you again to all the parents that came with us to Red Oak Nature Center. We had a great time learning about the different ways seeds can be planted and going on a seed hunt to find as many different seeds as we could. All the great hands on activities we did together really helped enrich everything we we had been talking about during our Science unit in the classroom.

### **Words Their Way Sorts**

Students should be practicing their sorts every night at home using the suggested activities that were sent home in their sort folder. Homework assigned by your students WTW teacher is to be completed at home throughout the week, as well, and returned on Friday. Please help your child to remember to bring their WTW folder and notebook back to school every day.

### **Math**

We will be finishing Chapter 2 in Math and moving on to Chapter 3 next week. Chapter 3 focuses on the tens and ones place value, re-grouping ones as tens, adding two digit numbers and adding three and four 2 digit numbers.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

We are all looking forward to conferences. Please make sure you return the conference form back to your child's teacher to set up a time to meet. All teachers are looking forward to meeting with every family during fall conferences, November 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Happenings...

### **Grade Level News**

We will be completing hands on activities for our science unit on Magnets and Electricity for this quarter. This unit allows students to explore magnets and their forces, ability to identify conductors and insulators, as well as being exposed to simple open, closed, parallel, and series circuits.

Social Studies: we will continue working on map skills in addition to beginning our Social Studies unit on Early life in Illinois. This unit focuses on the first Indian tribes in Illinois, how the tribes evolved through the decades, and their migration out of Illinois.

### **ELA Info**

In reading we are continuing to incorporate a variety of genres in all of the academic areas. Currently we are focusing on nonfiction literature, along with seasonal activities which will promote student interest.

### **Math Info**

We are finishing up our unit on addition and subtraction. The children should be practicing and learning their multiplication basic facts. This will ensure success on the multiplication and division unit. A few great websites to practice the facts are: [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) , [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com), and [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com).

### **Other Grade Level Needs/Reminders**

All third grade teachers have asked the students to have a book to read in their book bag for morning lineup. Please be sure your child has one in their book bag. Please continue to send your child with a health snack daily.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Happenings...

## Grade Level News

Closing out October and Heading into November!!

It's hard to believe that we have been in school a little over two months!

As we close out October, Fourth Grade students are finishing up a unit of study on Native Americans. They are diligently finishing up their projects, culminating with a 3D representation of the dwelling used by their tribe! These will be on display in the LRC during the month of October. We also will upload a video of the villages to YouTube for all families to view. Last year's projects can be seen by googling 'Fourth Grade Long Beach Native American Dwellings'.

As we head into our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, our math lessons will place an emphasis on the multiplication and division process. Students should be practicing their facts each night to become fluent – as this is the foundation of the process. Your help with this task is so appreciated. If flash cards are needed, please send a note and we will get a set to you.

We are all looking forward to meeting with you during our designated conference Day, November 6<sup>th</sup>. There are so many great things going on...and so many goals we can reach together as we strive for the best in each of our students!

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Happenings...

## Grade Level News

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't scheduled a conference yet, please contact your child's teacher.

Report cards will be available online through Home Access on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

We are beginning our new "Power Half-Hour" program. We will target skills to reinforce or enrich your child's specific ability. We have two new staff members who will be working with our classes.

A note will be coming home soon about our Wetlands in school field trip.

## English/Language Arts Info

We continue to work on many strategies and skills during our ELA block. Our schedules seem to be running smoothly with students coming and going to meet their level of instruction. Some of the things we are doing are making connections to what we read, citing evidence from our text when we write, finishing up figurative language, and the basics of poetry.

## Reminder



Our school Halloween party is on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:30. There will be a parade out-side the building for our ghoulish friends, weather permitting. A party will follow the parade, but please remember, treats are no longer permitted.

## Math News

We are currently working long division. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have received information on how to access our new My Math website. If you would like assistance, or a copy of the My Math signup instructions, your teacher will be happy to assist you.

Please continue to work on multiplication facts to keep this skill fresh.



Have you played Planet Turtle yet?

Give it a try!



Our Harris Woods Field Trip was a wonderful success! We had a beautiful day, and the students and staff had a great time. A huge thank you goes out to the parents that were able to join us and help us learn about our ecosystems.

# Specials Happenings...

## Long Beach Artists!

The whole school is finishing the clay projects that they started at the end of October and most grades will be working with watercolors for the rest of Nov.

5th Grade: Clipper ships and iPads

4th Grade: Seascapes, Paul Klee and watercolors

3th Grade: Superheroes, narratives and watercolors

2nd Grade: George Rodrigue, Gustav Klimt, and watercolors

1st Grade: Autumn Leaves, cool and warm colors, and watercolors

Square One art fundraiser orders will be due Nov. 7 but I will accept late orders Nov. 10

Mrs. Kearns

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## Happy Fall to the Long Beach Library Lions!

Thanks to all the families that participated in the "Story Book Pumpkin" Decorating contest! There were 45 Pumpkins brought in and they all looked amazing! Our three winners will receive gift certificates to the Long Beach Book Fair.

### Got Books?

Long Beach certainly will- at the 2014 Scholastic Fall Book Fair! Dates for the Sir Readalot's Castle book fair are: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 7:30 pm; November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to Noon; November 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 and November 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Long Beach Grandparents are invited to the Book Fair and Coffee on November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 am to 8:15 am.

Can't make it to the Book Fair? You can shop on-line at the Long Beach Scholastic Book Fair website. You will find the link on the home page of the school website.

All profits from the Book Fair go towards purchasing new books for the LRC and for Technology that benefits all of the students at Long Beach! Thanks for your support.

Diane Gallery

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# Specials Happenings...continued

## Physical Education

During the month of November, we will be doing activities such as throwing challenges (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>), dance/Just Dance (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>), battleship (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>), hula hut throwdown (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>), & a variety of cross curricular activities (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>). Please remember to send your child to school with gym shoes. Children without proper gym shoes will not be permitted to participate in PE per district policy.

We will have various after school sports offerings throughout the year for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We will begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter hockey after school sport in November. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter after school sport will be basketball.

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## Long Beach Music - October Headlines

All grades are rehearsing songs for the Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11th. They are doing a great job! 5th grade continues to practice their musical, "Get in the Game", which will be performed on November 20th. 4th grade is finishing projects in Garage Band using the iPads. They are very creative! 3rd, 2nd, and 1st grades are continuing to learn about Instruments. They have learned about Percussion and Brass instruments and will be learning about Strings and Woodwinds next.

Please email me with any questions!

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## E.L.L. Support

Hello ELL families! I have been working with your students on their reading, writing, speaking, and listening. All of the students have made some great progress throughout first quarter! You should have received a first quarter progress report from me to show your child's growth. I look forward to seeing them grow even more these next few months. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting some of you at Parent-Teacher Conferences!

~ Seema Leigh, ELL Resource Teacher

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# AT Happenings...

## AT Math - November

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - The students have been working hard on multiplication and division concepts, facts, and problem solving. They have learned about the properties of multiplication and how to represent multiplication and division problems using arrays and equal groups. Currently, they are also working on a leveled problem solving activity called "The Magic of Multiplying". We will be finishing Unit 2 this week.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - The students have been learning how to multiply whole numbers with up to 4 digits by two digits. They have also learned a multitude of new math vocabulary terms for both multiplication and division. We recently finished a logic and deduction problem which was related to Halloween.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - The students have been applying their knowledge of multiplication and division to problem solving and deductive reasoning/logic problems. In addition, they have learned many new vocabulary terms that are associated with multiplication and division. We are currently working on an astronomy-based project in which the students must create and calculate the correct equations that involved such concepts as the speed of light and the speed of sound.

## AT Reading

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - The students are almost finished reading *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner. They have learned a lot about character analysis and theme throughout this story. We have also explored new vocabulary and made many inferences about story characters and events.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - The students finished reading *Tuck Everlasting* and have begun their new novel *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Throughout this book we will be exploring the elements of a fantasy story, character relationships, motives, plot, and theme. We will also be expanding our vocabulary with new words.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - The students finished reading *The Cay* and even wrote some pretty amazing alternate endings and epilogues for the story. They have begun reading *The Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Peterson. We have started by exploring the family dynamic of the main character Jesse and how this impacts him in different ways. We have also been studying figurative language within text and how it affects the story. We will be exploring internal and external conflicts among characters, plot, theme, and making inferences using textual evidence. We will also explore a multitude of new vocabulary as we progress through this book.

*\*Please remind your child that if s/he brings a novel home for homework to bring it back the next day as copies are limited. Thank you. ☺*

## Notes/Reminders

- Parent/Teacher Conferences are November 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet scheduled a conference with me and would like to, please contact me as soon as possible.
- Don't forget to practice your facts each night!

## Contact Mrs. Gabris

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (630) 636-3300 or via email at [mgabris@sd308.org](mailto:mgabris@sd308.org).

# The Reading Corner

## Non-Fiction Text

Kids love to read about real people, places, animals, and events. Nonfiction books present real information in interesting ways. Most children read a lot more fiction than nonfiction. Teachers are spending a lot of class time helping your child learn to navigate a nonfiction book. You can help at home by discussing a book's 'text features' before and during reading.

### Taking a Nonfiction Book Walk

One great way to make predictions about an unfamiliar nonfiction text is to take a "walk" through the book before reading. Look closely at the front and back cover, the index, table of contents, the glossary, and the photographs or other images, readers can start to get a sense about the topic. This helps set the expectation for the reading.

**Table of Contents:** Located at the front of a book, the table of contents displays a list of the big ideas within the book and where to find them.

**Index:** An index is an alphabetical list of almost everything covered within the book, with page numbers.

**Glossary:** Located at the back of the book, a glossary contains key words that are related to the topic and their definitions.

**Captions:** Captions are usually right under photographs, figures, maps, and charts and give a quick summary of what information is presented in the graphic.

**Photos/Charts:** A lot of information can be found by "reading" the charts and photos found within nonfiction text.

## Asking Questions

Encourage your child to be an active reader who asks lots of questions. Parents can model these behaviors by talking or thinking out loud as you turn the pages of the book. This is a helpful way for your child to see and hear what a successful reader does.

For example, "When I looked at this photograph, I asked myself, "Where is Antarctica? Is that the same place as the South Pole?" Then talk together about how and what you would need to do to find the answer to the questions.

Use a sticky note to write out questions after previewing during your 'Book Walk'. Then you can work together to answer these questions as you read.

Reading Rockets has a wonderful list of books by theme. Use this list to find just the right books for your child's interests! I'm sure many can be found at the Oswego Public Library!

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme>

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