

Ledgeview Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's News

Dear Ledgeview Families,

Student achievement has always been paramount. When parents are involved in their children's education, student achievement improves. Student academic achievement starts with you helping your child succeed by providing a home that encourages learning and supports your child's physical, mental, and emotional development.

How do you encourage your children to talk to you? **Listen! Listen! Listen!** Here are a few words to show you are listening: *Tell me more. I know, Wow, That is just awful, I am here, and Go ahead, let it out.* **Be a source of encouragement.** When your children confide in you, they should feel relieved, inspired, and recharged. Here are some words of encouragement: *I know you can handle it, every problem has a solution - even this, and I am here to help you.* **Love them!** Don't just love them...tell them you love them. Show your love by showing your children that there is no better time than when spent with them. (www.pta.org)

Spring Break is a wonderful opportunity for quality family time like a backyard cookout or a walk in the woods. Have a meaningful conversation with your child, read a book together, play a game, watch a family movie and discuss it, or bake cookies. Go to church, a museum, a library, a playground, or Grandma's. These are the simple things in your child's life that build memories of a happy childhood. My own children are married now, but they still talk fondly about our backyard cookouts with neighbors, our Sunday hikes in the woods, and the California Raisins cassette we always played on route to the beach in Mentor. I wish you many happy moments with your family during our break from school!

The Ohio Achievement tests are April 19 and 20 for our third and fourth grade students. What does it take for success? Students need to give their best effort! What does effort look like? Students need to put in sufficient time to get the job done well, focus efficiently without distraction, ask for help when needed, use different strategies, use feedback, and stick with it even when it is hard! For online support, the state of Ohio offers:

<http://ohio3-8.success-odestate-oh-us.info/>

Yours for an *excellent* education,

Donna Bambic

Thanks to Kris Schroeder and our PTA for their tireless efforts to raise funds for an outdoor learning center. Through the support of three major fundraisers (Entertainment books, Winter Carnival, and Malley's chocolates), we have raised nearly \$10,000! Our next big event will be a Spaghetti Dinner on April 18 in our cafeteria, from 1-6:00 PM. Mr. and Mrs. Davies are organizing this event. Presale raffle tickets, bingo and a poster contest will heighten the excitement of this event!

The Pillars of Character

Responsibility
Caring

Trustworthiness
Fairness

Respect
Good Citizenship



Coming Attractions

March Events

- 27 Rummage Sale @ HS
- 28 Family Bowling 2:30
Roseland Lanes

April Events

- 1 Student Council 3:30
- 2-11 Spring break
- 14 PTA 9:30
- 16 Report cards mailed
- 18 Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser for Outdoor
Learning Center
1-6 PM - LV Cafeteria
\$8 for adults
\$5 for children 4-12
Free - children 3 & under
- 19 OAA Reading, 3rd & 4th
- 20 OAA Math, 3rd & 4th
- 22 Earth Day
Volunteer Breakfast 9:15
Market Day
- 29 Grade 1 Field Trip CVCC

Save these Dates!

- May 1 **Fitness Fest** @ NHS
Health & Wellness Festival
@ Macedonia Rec Center
- May 2-8 Teacher
Appreciation
- May 6 Gr 2 Music Program
- May 10 5th Grade Parent
Meeting at LE

Safety Town

- July 12-July 21 @ LV
Registration is May 25, 6-
8:30 PM @ Ledgeview

If your child is absent, please call the school 330.908.6160 before 9:00 AM!

Census 2010

Every 10 years, the citizens of the United States participate in a census. As this is an important event, the students at Ledgeview will also be participating in a variety of census activities at school. The students will collect, analyze and display data through graphs and charts. What a fun way to bring social studies and math skills together. ☺ **Please complete your census forms!** Find out more about the Census: http://www.census.gov/schools/pdf/SS_THP_ENG_508comp.pdf

The Ledgeview PTA

- Please send your *Box Tops for Education* to help our school! The goal for the 2009-2010 school year is \$1195. Box Tops are worth 10 cents each, or \$1.00 on the *Box Tops* sheet. You may download this form from: <http://www.teacherweb.com/OH/LedgeviewElementary/LedgeviewPTA/t.stm> Ledgeview has utilized the *Box Tops* program to help with: teacher's mini grants, outdoor learning center, and summer reading books, among other things!
- Please save Capri Sun and Campbell soup labels. Ledgeview earns \$.02 per Capri Sun label. Just save 10 in a ziplock bag and return to school.
- *Market Day* is a great way to support our school and an easy way to shop for food your kids will love. Please visit www.marketday.com.

PTA Volunteers

Are cordially invited to a breakfast hosted by staff on Thursday, April 22, at 9:15. We LOVE our volunteers and want to say: *Thanks for all you do to help our students learn!*



Volunteers Support Learning!

Thanks to all of the parents who volunteered at the spring book fair and to the PTA for purchasing a book for every LV student! The ice cream social added a lot of fun to this event! The proceeds purchase summer reading books for the students at Ledgeview. We need **involved parents** who sign the planner each day, support homework, reading, math facts, and a love for learning and school. At least one parent per student is our minimum need. No experience needed - daily on the job training. The pay is **extraordinary!** Your child benefits for life.



Student Council

Pennies for Patients

The Ledgeview Student Council has been collecting pennies and other loose change to help young patients diagnosed with Leukemia. Mrs. Kern's class currently has donated the most money! **Student Council** raised almost five hundred dollars for **Haiti relief**. They led a collection of needed items for the **Humane Society**. Students assisted **PTA** with bookfair preparations, designed a large mural for our Fine Arts wing, and as well as created book marks and note cards to sell during our bookfair. Students Council is community service at its best!

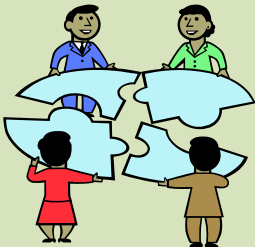
Reading Update

LV students are still the **Accelerated Reader leaders** in the district! Our students have read more books, passed more AR tests and have the highest average on tests. To encourage student effort and motivation, students are adding a paper chain link for each AR test they pass. Students are tested on books they read at home and all students are expected to read 20 minutes at home every day. The class who demonstrates incredible dedication to reading houses the *Ledgeview Spirit Stick* and the class adds a decoration to the stick. Mrs. Felker's class was the first to earn the award. Currently, Mrs. Matthews' class has the stick, but who will earn it next week?

Ledgeview students are learning from our Nordon High School students. The *Rhythm of the Knight* show choir performed for our students and staff, providing a sneak preview of their show. Students from the National Honor Society celebrated reading with us by reading to students on Dr. Seuss's birthday.

The Ledgeview Student Pledge:

*With team work
and my own
effort,
I will never stop
learning!*



Ledgeview is committed to EXCELLENCE!

Classroom Highlights

Kindergarteners discovered that things are made from parts. They did several experiments to explore various objects and their parts and learned that some materials are man-made and some are made in nature. Students experimented with the concept push and pull. Our kindergarteners are having fun while they learn reading and writing skills.

First Grade readers and writers continue to explore long vowel patterns made with magic "e" and vowel pairs. In Math, they have been building their Basic Math Fact minds to solve basic addition and subtraction facts quickly and accurately. The Geography Unit has each classroom creating a 3-D community map that will display both physical (natural) and human features. This progressive activity will allow students to understand human impact on land and the resulting change to the environment. They will also develop skills to read and make a map using symbols and keys and study two U.S. locations to compare/contrast housing, climate, recreational activities, food and clothing.

Individual student learning and achievement is our core business.

The second grade students have been working diligently on a history research project. The students are researching political leaders, social leaders, scientists, and explorers that have impacted our lives. The second graders will be memorizing a script in which they will become their historical figure in a living museum. Parents, family, and friends will attend the museum when students showcase their hard work.

Third grade students reviewed multiplication and division and learned about fractions. In language arts, each student created a story about a leprechaun. In the stories, students described physical traits and also inferred character traits through actions and thoughts. Different cultural groups are being discussed in social studies. In science students are discovering different job opportunities they could have in the future. Using the EWOW form (Exploring the World of Work) provided by the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, students answered questions to determine what type of career they may like to have in the future. These forms will then follow them throughout their educational career at Nordonia Schools.

Fourth graders are studying weather in science. They have been monitoring the weather with Ledgeview's own weather station, as well as learning how to forecast weather. In social studies, students are learning about economics, focusing on the productive resources needed to produce goods and services. Students are learning how to comprehend the realistic fiction stories they've been reading by drawing conclusions and summarizing. In math, students are learning formulas to find the perimeter and area of various shapes.

Helpful Ideas for Parents from the Counselor's Office:

The Ohio Achievement Assessments in reading and math for our third and fourth grade students will take place on April 19 and 20. We want our students to be at their peak performance on those days. Here are some ways you can help prepare your child:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest before each test.
- Serve your child a healthy breakfast on test days.
- Have your child dress comfortably.
- Make sure your child arrives to school on time.
- Send your child to school with words of praise and support.
- Remember, children who love learning are more likely to do better on the tests. Instill in them a positive attitude about school!

Student Leadership

Five delightful second grade students appeared on the *Network Nordonia* TV show on Channel 9 during the month of March. Emily Callahan, Justin Lewis, Megan McDonald, Michael Soltis-Hall, and Lily Wolf answered a variety of questions asked by our superintendent, Mr. Wayne Blankenship. They were wonderful ambassadors for Ledgeview!

The LV Clinic sponsored a bike **safety** contest and students created bike helmets on paper. One student from each grade won a bike helmet. Deputy Sue, from Summit County Sheriff's Department, visited first grade classes to talk about health and safety rules in and around the community.

Good News!

You can pay for your student's school fees online. This free service allows you to pay with your debit or credit cards. This is separate from your child's school lunch account. You can access the EZ pay system on our Ledgeview Elementary web page or go to www.spsezpaynordonia.com.

School Cafeteria...

If your children bring lunch to school from home, please also send utensils and napkins with lunch. The cafeteria only provides packets to students who purchase their lunch in the cafeteria. Thanks for your help! Don't forget that you can put money on the school lunch account online and pay with credit or debit card. The site is www.myschoolaccount.com. You can send yourself an Email reminder when the account needs additional funds.

How to Reach Us...

Attendance

330.908.6160

Mrs. Donna Bambic, Principal

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Mrs. Terry Carver, Counselor

330.908.6302

Mrs. Lynn Ciccantelli, School

Psychologist 330.908.6307

Mrs. Patti Pilato, Cafeteria

330.908.6305

Mrs. Deb Forman, Clinic

330.908.6350

Mr. Wayne Blankenship, Supt.

330.467.0586

Mr. Joe Clark, Asst. Supt.

330.467.0587

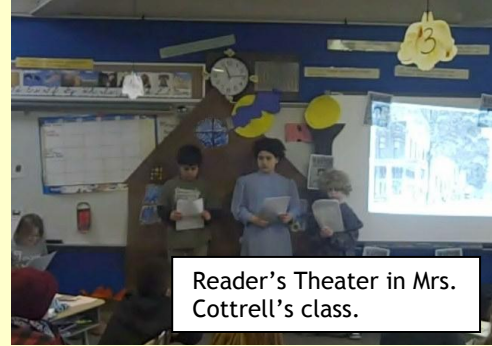
Mrs. Irene Beville, Curriculum

& Instruction 330.467.0585

Dr. Margo Costello, Pupil

Services 330.468.4600

Transportation 330.908.5156



Reader's Theater in Mrs. Cottrell's class.

Website Recommendations

Ledgeview Website Please visit our school at

http://www.nordoniaschools.org/ledgeviewelementary_home.aspx

You may access your child's **lunch account** at: www.myschoolaccount.com

Home Access to maps 101: Accessing Maps101 is easy!

Go to www.maps101.com - Click on "Subscriber Login"

Username: ledge Password: view

If your primary child needs a fun interactive learning activity, explore www.brainpopjr.com. Our district has paid for this on-line learning extension that offers videos and interactive games on many topics and content skills.

Username: n_student

Password: student

<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>

United Streaming contains videos that support the content standards which is the content your child is learning at school. To access at home:

username: LVStudent

password: Ledgeview

Other sites to try:

www.eduplace.com/kids

www.funbrain.com

www.brainpop.com

www.starfall.com

www.eduplace.com/kids.

www.mathematicsuniversity.com

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

www.kidsgeo.com

For information about the content standards, and to download practice achievement tests, please go to: www.ode.state.oh.us

