

## SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT!

## SEPTEMBER 2017

#### **Events**

4<sup>th</sup> – NO School Labor Day

5<sup>th</sup> - JG School Board Meeting 7 PM

7<sup>th</sup> – NLES Picture Day – forms in student folder

12<sup>th</sup> – NLES PTO Meeting @ 3:15 PM Library

15<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports emailed

15<sup>th</sup> – Putt Putt Trip 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (rain date 19<sup>th</sup>)

19<sup>th</sup> – JG School Board Meeting 7 PM

21<sup>st</sup> – Chippewa Bowling Trip 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Fall-O-Ween Festival

22<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Ancilla College field trip

25<sup>th</sup> – No School

27-28<sup>th</sup> 3:15-7:15 Parent Teacher Conferences

29th – KDG Ancilla College field trip

#### Office Reminders

Absence: Being at school is one of the single greatest influence on a student's ability to succeed in school. In the event that your child is sick, please contact the office 574-656-8123 prior to 8:30 AM for reason of illness. Doctor excuse notes are required with any appointment for proper documentation.

Transportation Change: Need written note with name and address for bus/car. If calling, notify office before 1:30 PM. A weekly plan is encouraged in place of daily changes that may cause confusion with school personnel.

Entering School: The main office doors are open at 7:35 to enter the building. All other students wait in the entryway for the 7:45 Breakfast and 7:53 classroom bell. We have adult supervision at 7:35 so do not come too early. I appreciate your support and cooperation.

#### AM & PM Car Riders

We ask that all vehicles enter on Mill St. This will simplify traffic patterns when busses leave and walkers cross the road. The pace of drop off depends on everybody following procedures. We ask that you pull ahead as far as possible in the drop off zone. Have your child(ren) exit the right side of the vehicle and walk along the sidewalk to the entrance. If you wish to walk your child to the door, you can park in a diagonal parking spot. This means no parking along the drop off lane by the sidewalk.

#### From Ms. Sumpter – Art

Thank you to all who donated supplies to the art room. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

#### Spell Bowl Tryouts

It is time to begin practicing for the 2017 Spell Bowl competition to be held at NLES on November 16. If you are in 4th-6th grade and interested in competing on the Spell Bowl Team, tryouts will be held on Wednesday, September 6 from 2:50-3:30 pm. Please see Mrs. Smith (5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Teacher) to sign up and receive an information packet.

#### NLES PTO Board & Mtg. 8/12

**PTO Executive Board Members** 

President: Melinda Frick Vice President: Angie Harness

Treasurer: Kelli Craft

Secretary: Alicia Whitmer

The 1st meeting will be Sept. 12 at 3:15 in the library.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. INTRAMURALS

Like last year, we are rotating 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade intramurals. September 29 will be 6<sup>th</sup> grade only then October 6 is 5<sup>th</sup> grade in that order. Permission slips will be handed out the week before and need to be returned to participate for the remainder of the year. Pickup is at 4 PM.

## 6<sup>th</sup>Grade Volleyball Schedule

9/7 Home vs. Culver 4:30 9/12 @ New Prairie 5 PM 9/14 Home vs. Riverside 5 PM 10/05 @ Bremen 5 PM 9/19 @ Knox 5:30 9/21 Home vs. NP 5 PM

9/26 Home vs. LV 4:30

10/02 Home vs. OD 5 PM 10/03 attend JGHS @ 5 PM 10/09 Home vs. Triton 5 PM 10/14 @ WES Trny 9 AM

#### Summer Reading at NL Public Library

Our school ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in St. Joseph County for minutes read during the summer. NL Branch is one of the smallest in terms of size of the building and book collection. NL Branch was 5<sup>th</sup> in the overall library standings. Amazing data to be proud of and our strong passion for reading. Congratulations!

#### Cafeteria Prices

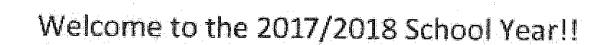
Breakfast: \$1.30, reduced \$0.30

Lunch: \$2.00, reduced \$0.40 and Adults - \$3.50

Milk: \$0.35

Send money in sealed envelope with child's name.

A great place to learn, teach, lead and succeed.



NLES PTO would like to invite you to our many meetings this year. We need volunteers for many different projects throughout the year. If you would like to be part of the NLES PTO you may contact us at <a href="mailto:nlessto@gmail.com">nlessto@gmail.com</a> or we are on Facebook at North Liberty Elementary PTO If you have signed up with us we usually call, text or we also use the Remind APP

2017/2018 PTO Dates September 12 @3:15 October 10 @3:15 November 14 @3:15 December 12@3:15

Open House is Friday August 11 and we are having a Free Kick off to School Cook Out in the Pavilion from 4:30-6 come have dinner with us!

Melinda Frick (President) Angie Harness (Vice President) Kelli Craft (Treasure) Alicia Whitmer (Secretary)











## Gym-NEW5-ium

Here is a preliminary schedule of what will be happening in PE Class at NLES this year.

2017/2018 NLES PE Class Schedule								
Day	K&1	2&3	4	5	6			
1	Day One Intro	Rock, Paper	Rock, Paper	Rock, Paper	Rock, Paper			
	Day One Intro	Scissors	Scissors	Scissors	Scissors			
2	Perceptual Motor	Tennis	Golf	Bowling	Archery			
3	Perceptual Motor	Tennis	Golf	Bowling	Archery			
4	Perceptual Motor	Tennis	Golf	Bowling	Archery			
5	Perceptual Motor	Tennis	Golf	Bowling	Archery			
6	Perceptual Assessment	Olympics	Golf	Bowling	Archery			
7	Perceptual Assessment	Olympics	Field Trip Putt Putt	Bowling	Archery			
8	Bean Bags	Throwing and Catching	Olympics	Bowling	Archery			
9	Bean Bags	Throwing and Catching	Olympics	Bowling	Archery			
10	Bean Bags	Throwing and Catching	Olympics	Field Trip Bowling Alley	Archery			
11	Bean Bags	Throwing and Catching	Tennis or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Pickle Ball or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Badminton or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)			
12	Bean Bags	Throwing and Catching	Tennis or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Pickle Ball or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Badminton or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)			
13	Bean Bags	Throwing and Catching	Tennis or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Pickle Ball or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Badminton or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)			
14	Balls	Basketball	Tennis or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Pickle Ball or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Badminton or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)			
15	Balls	Basketball	Tennis or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Pickle Ball or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Badminton or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)			
16	Balls	Basketball	Tennis or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Pickle Ball or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)	Badminton or Roller Skating (Every Third Year)			
17	Balls	Football	Square Dance	VolleyBall	Review Sports			
18	Balls	Football	Square Dance	VolleyBall	Review Sports			
19	Scooters	Soccer	Square Dance	VolleyBall	Review Sports			
20	Scooters	Soccer	Square Dance	VolleyBall	Review Sports			
21	Scooters	Soccer	Square Dance	VolleyBall	Review Sports			
22	Scooters	Frisbee	Square Dance	VolleyBall	Review Sports			

2017/2018 NLES PE Class Schedule								
Day	K&1	2&3	4	5	6			
23	Scooters	Frisbee	Square Dance	VolleyBall	Leisure Sports			
24	Scooters	Frisbee	Square Dance	VolleyBall	Leisure Sports			
25	Wall Climbing	Parachutes	Hockey	Tinkling/Bands	Leisure Sports			
26	Wall Climbing	Parachutes	Hockey	Tinkling/Bands	Leisure Sports			
27	Wall Climbing	Parachutes	Hockey	Tinkling/Bands	Leisure Sports			
28	Wall Climbing	Scooters	Hockey	Tinkling/Bands	Juggling/Reflex			
29	Wall Climbing	Scooters	Hockey	Tinkling/Bands	Juggling/Reflex			
30	Noodles	Scooters	Hockey	Tinkling/Bands	Juggling/Reflex			
31	Noodles	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing			
32	Noodles	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing			
33	Noodles	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing			
34	Parachutes	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing			
35	Parachutes	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing	Wall Climbing			
36	Parachutes	Speed Stacks	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness			
37	Speed Stacks	Speed Stacks	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness			
38	Speed Stacks	Speed Stacks	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness			
39	Jump Ropes	Speed Stacks	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness			
40	Jump Ropes	Hoops	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness	Fun Fitness			
41	Hoops	Hoops	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams			
42	Hoops	Hoops	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams			
43	Tumbling	Bowling	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams			
44	Tumbling	Bowling	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams			
45	Bowling	Bowling	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams	Fitness Grams			
46	Bowling	Bowling	Fishing	Mini Parachutes	Dance			
47	Bowling	Jump Ropes	Fishing	Mini Parachutes	Dance			
48	Bowling	Jump Ropes	Fishing	Noodles	Dance			
49	Striking	Jump Ropes	Fishing	Noodles	Dance			
50	Striking	Striking	Gymnastics	Noodles	Track			
51	Striking	Striking	Gymnastics	Frisbee	Track			
52	Dance	Striking	Gymnastics	Frisbee	Track			
53	Dance	Rythmn Sticks	Gymnastics	Frisbee	Track			
54	Dance	Rythmn Sticks	Games	Games	Games			
55	Track and Field	Noodles	Games	Games	Games			
56	Track and Field	Noodles	Games	Games	Games			
57	Field Day Games							
58	Field Day Games							
59	Field Day Games							
60	Games	Games	Games	Games	Games			
61	Games	Games	Games	Games	Games			

## The Swoop Scoop

"Swoop" is the nickname for our JGSC Title I Program. Students in grades K-3 may qualify for extra reading support each semester thanks to a federally funded program for which JGSC qualifies.

From the start of school until the end of August, our Swoop team took time to sit down with every K-2 student one on one to visit and do a little reading and/or word play. It is so nice to be able



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to get to devote some special attention to each child, even briefly, to check in on how the new year is beginning.

Students have been selected for Title I based on data gathered and teacher recommendation. These students will have letters mailed to their homes. Title I students will work one on one or in small groups on reading skills, application to text, and comprehension. Mondays through Fridays, our Title I instructional aides work within K-3rd grade reading classes. Some students work in the Swoop room in the afternoons for 30 minute sessions. The students work in consistent small groups with reading lessons and leveled materials from the their classroom teachers or Mrs. Weiss.



Mrs. Weiss is the new JGSC Title I Director. She has been at NLES in Title I for the past three years. Now, she spends a part of each day at NLES and at WES. She has a BS and an MS in Elementary Education with additional Reading and Math endorsements. She is certified in the Orton-Gillingham approach to reading instruction for struggling readers. With 22 years of teaching experience, she guides the eight highly qualified instructional aides at NLES and WES in their work with the small reading support groups and collaborates with classroom teachers to assist these students.

Along with the small groups, our Swoop Crew will host some special events this year. We will host four fun-filled Family Nights. Our first 2017-18 Swoop Family Night will be on October 17. An invitation flyer with more information will come home in October. Then RSVP as soon as possible to help us with material and refreshment preparation. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening! We know how to have fun!

DATES! Want to know more? Information about our Title I Program will be available at our **brief Parent Informational**meetings. Two times will be available both on September 14.

Parent meetings are **September 14 at NLES at 7 am or at WES 5:30**pm. Attend either.

You are invited to stop in to the Swoop Room (NLES-room 702 across from cafe) during conferences. Meet Mrs. Weiss, get more information about our program, and view our curriculum. Mrs. Weiss will have a short activity for your child if he or she is with you at conferences. Wednesday, September 27 Mrs. Weiss at NLES during conference hours and Thursday, September 28 Mrs. Weiss at WES during conference hours.

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## Our Swoop Crew!

Put a face to a name! NLES Swoop aides I to r:

> Ms. Zoellner, Mrs. MacLeod, and Mrs. Tibbs



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North Liberty Elementary School Melanie Helser, Counselor



## attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or PE class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.



Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do bet-

ter in school and avoid risky behavior. Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic lunch.

#### Celebrate progress

Suggest that your youngster create a fun reminder of all the things she has accomplished. Let her cover a box with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she can write each success ("I learned to add fractions") on a slip of paper and put it in the box. If she's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

#### **Worth quoting**

'The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!" Mark Twain

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump!

## Conversations about school

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversations starters that will help you stay mvolved.

"Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well she's doing. You could comment on her math work or social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from her teacher, and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

#### "Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do her homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure she knows what she's supposed to do by having her explain the assignments to you. After she finishes her homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

#### "Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she'd like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

#### "Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."

Use her interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If she likes geometry, you might hunt for

shapes together. If she's fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take her to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.♥

## After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful

today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?" ♥

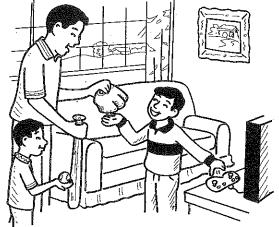


## What does respect look like?

Your youngster's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn about respect.

**Respectful replies.** Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and

play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

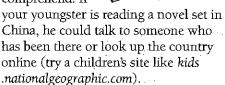
Everyday acts. When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your child about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your

neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.♥

#### A reading challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complicated plots and will grow as a reader. Share these suggestions:

• Knowing something about the topic or setting makes a tougher book easier to comprehend. If



- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your youngster better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance.
- Suggest that your child read complicated material with pencil and paper in hand. He can jot down questions, words to look up, or facts he wants to learn more about.♥

#### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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## Strong study habits

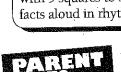
Q: My third grader has to spend more time studying this year. How can I make sure she studies effectively?

**A:** Set your daughter up for success by helping her find a distraction-free study spot. Also,

have her come up with a study routine. For instance, she could reserve time each evening to review her textbook and notes in the days leading up to a test.

Also, many students find it helpful to jot down a purpose each time they study. Your child might write: "I will learn the definitions of all the boldfaced words in chapter 7, section 1."

Finally, encourage her to experiment with study strategies to find what works best. She could close his eyes and imagine how a word is spelled or draw a grid with 9 squares to solve 3 x 3. Or she might find it helpful to spell or recite math facts aloud in rhythm or to a familiar tune.



#### Talking to kids about money

My children were always asking

to buy things like dress-up shoes or new games. They didn't seem to understand that these items weren't in our budget.

I wanted them to learn about how we spend our money—and that it is limited. So I got a

it is limited. So I got spiral notebook and labeled it "Family Spending Journal." I explained that for two weeks, everyone would keep a record of what they spent money on. I listed items like my subway fare, the electric bill, and food at the grocery store. The children wrote down expenses such as school lunch, soccer cleats, and field trip fees.

After a few days, they were surprised by how many things we needed money

for. Our kids had no idea, for example, that we paid for taxes on our income, several types of insurance, and membership in our homeowners' association. Sometimes they still ask to buy too many things at the store, but when I say no, at least they understand why.









September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> John Glenn High School Grounds, Walkerton, Indiana

RIDE MEGA WRISTBAND

Unlimited rides during the entire Falloween Fest only \$44! (First come, First served)

ADVANCE - SALE WRISTBAND VOUCHERS only \$17! Unlimited rides - one day!

Purchase in person at JGSC Schools & TCU August 28<sup>th</sup> -Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Purchase online at www.skerbeck.com until NOON September 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### A LARGER CARNIVAL MIDWAY!

No Refunds on Advance-Sale

Individual ride tickets and wristbands are also available for purchase on the grounds. Purchase ride tickets for \$1.25 each, or a sheet of 50 for only \$50. Rides require 2-6 tickets each.

For more information visit: www.falloweenfest.com

Here is a tentative list of some of the attractions provided by Skerbeck Entertainment Group.





**ALPINE BOBS** 



TWIN FLIP









**TILT-A-WHIRL** 









**SUPERNOVA** 

RAIDERS

**MIGHTY MAC** 

FLYING ELEPHANTS

LIL' SCRAMBLER









**SPIDER** 

**MERRY-GO-ROUND** 

**ORIENT EXPRESS** 

**TEACUP** 

## **Understanding the Lunch Line: A Parent's Guide**

Each day, your child is offered a lunch containing the following:

Meat or Meat Alternate, Grain,

Fruit, Vegetable and of course, Milk!

While the most nutritious lunch contains <u>all</u> of these options, we understand that sometimes our students do not like some of the items we serve. To make our student customers happy, we like to give them the option to decline items they do not want to eat.

Out of the 5 food groups your student is offered, he must choose <u>at least</u> 3 food groups for his meal. One of the food groups <u>must</u> be a fruit or vegetable. Some of the menu choices may count as two food groups such as pizza, nachos, cheeseburger, or chef salad!

#### Here's an example menu:

Cheeseburger on a Bun
1/2 cup Carrots
1/2 cup French Fries
1/2 cup Peaches
8oz of Milk

#### So, your child could choose:

Cheeseburger on a Bun and Fries Carrots, Peaches and Milk

Cheeseburger on Bun, Peaches and Milk

Of course they can take other combinations or <u>all 5 food groups!</u>
The choice is up to them!

If your child comes home and says she didn't get enough to eat at lunch, ask if she is taking all of her fruit and vegetable choices!

**Don't forget about breakfast!** Join us each morning, breakfast is a great way to kick off your child's day!

Breakfast choices are a little different.
Students must take at least 3 of the offered items at breakfast, one must be a fruit or vegetable.



# start the day with a growling stomach?

# Come to School Breakfast everyone is welcome!

School Name: North Liberty El

Breakfast Times: 7:45 - 8:00

Prices: \$1.30 Reduced .30

Location Served: Cafeteria



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Full Pay: \$1.30 Reduced .30]

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[Full Pay: \$2.00 Reduced: .40]

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