



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT!

DECEMBER 2017

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

5 th ...JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM @ NLES	19 th ...Gr. 4-6 Holiday Music Concert 7 PM
5 th ...PTO Dance comm. Mtg. 7 PM Cafeteria	19 th ...JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM
9 th ...5 th Gr. Bball Tourney @ NLES 9 AM	20 th ...KDG Holiday Concert 1:45 PM
13 th ...6 th Gr. Band Concert @ JGHS 6 pm	22 nd ...End of 1 st Semester

Attendance: Parent Communication is important when children are tardy or absent from school. Please call the school and provide Dr. notes when available. If no communication is made, the student is marked “unexcused” and a computer call made. If tardy, the student must be brought in with parent to sign excuse book. Morning routines are very important so please allow students time to enter building prior to 8:00 AM.

College and Career Readiness Counseling Coach

John Glenn School Corporation was awarded \$188,500 grant by the Lilly Endowment under the Comprehensive Counseling Initiative for Indiana K-12 Students. This grant proposal focused on students in Grades 5-8 with an emphasis on expanding college and career counseling in grade 5-6. This initiative allows the hiring of Stephanie Reynolds, community member and highly skilled counselor/educator, to our corporation. Her role will be assisting gr. 5-8 students with the needs to guide their post-secondary paths.

NLES PTO Update

The PTO Board is looking to fill the Secretary position. If interested in helping this wonderful group or have questions about the position, please email nlespto@gmail.com. December 5 at 7 pm in the cafeteria, the PTO Dance committee will meet to work out details for this event. Anybody is welcome to attend.

SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS TOO!

6th grade Cadet Band students will perform their Holiday concert at JGHS Auditorium at 6 PM on December 13. Elementary will perform one concert. Urey Middle School band will hold two concerts in the auditorium to accommodate all of those who would like to attend. The 7th and 8th Gr. parents are encouraged to attend the 7:30 performance with a large 6th Gr. crowd attending the 6 PM show. Mrs. Burnett is selling \$3.00 tickets in advance to reserve a seat.

6:00 PM Performance

WES & NLES 6th Gr. Cadet Band (only performance)
UMS 7th & 8th Gr. Choirs
UMS 7th & 8th Gr. Band
Sound Sensation

7:30 PM Performance (6th Gr. Band NOT performing)

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UMS 7th & 8th G. Band
Sound Sensation

A Penguin Christmas Concert by Gr. 4-6 Students

This is a reminder of our upcoming Winter Holiday Program for all students in grades 4, 5, and 6. The program is Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the NLES gym. All students should be in their seats by 6:45 so that the teachers can take attendance. Prior to the performance, the NLES Club Choir group will sing three songs.

- 4th grade students will be Elves so please wear a red shirt.
- 5th grade students will be Reindeer so please wear a brown/tan shirt.
- 6th grade students will be Penguins so please a black shirt.

Students with speaking parts or have other parts might be asked to wear something different. Mrs. Burnett will have special hats and other items to help dress up the students.

The kids have been practicing in class for a couple of months now so they are getting very excited for the performance. There will be a second performance on Wed. Dec. 20 at 8:15 a.m. Students will need to wear their costume and colored shirts both days.

A Penguin Christmas

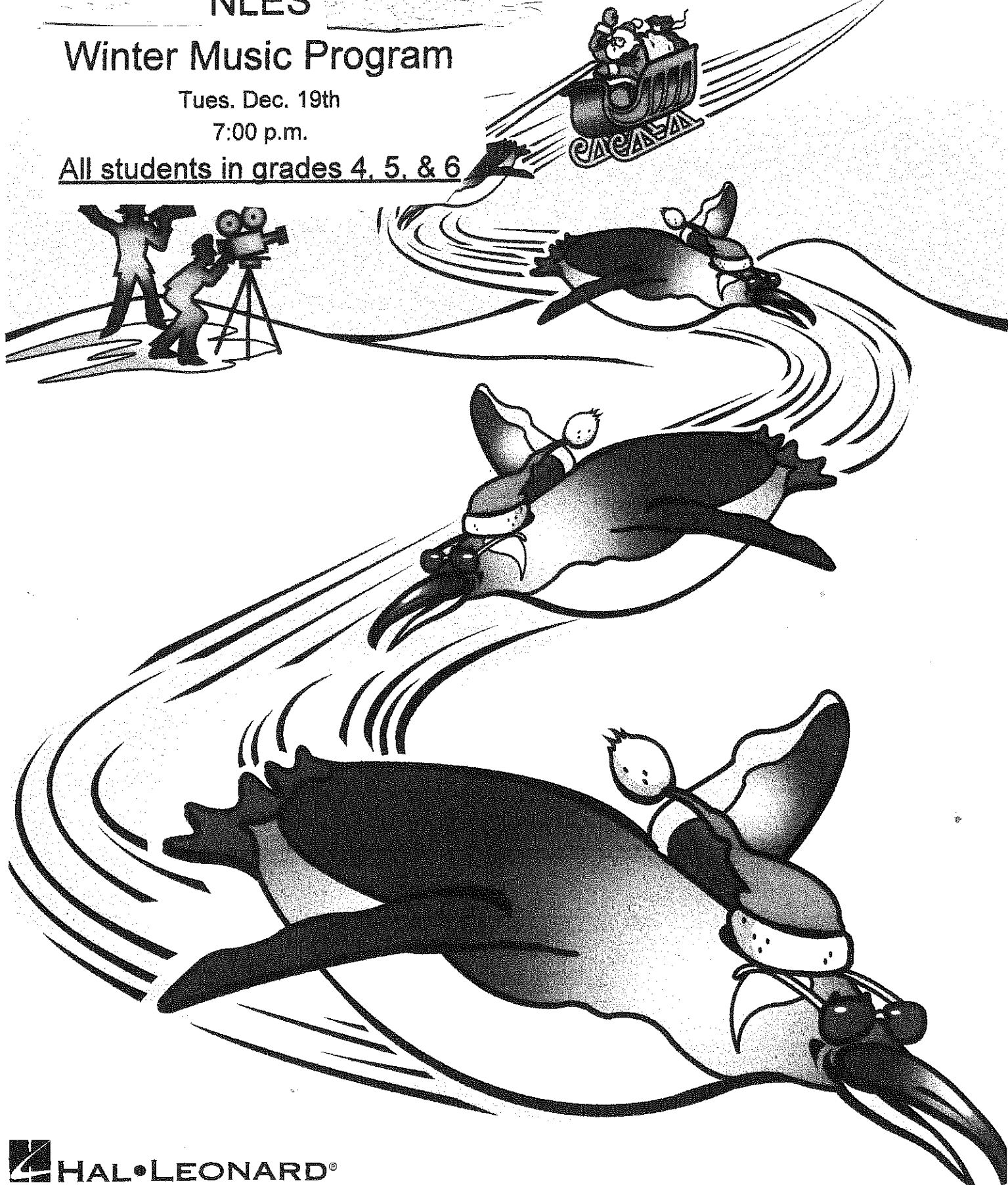
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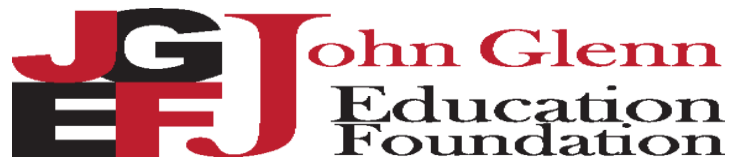
Winter Music Program

Tues. Dec. 19th

7:00 p.m.

All students in grades 4, 5, & 6





CONGRATULATIONS!

The following teachers were awarded grant monies from the John Glenn Education Foundation. The JGEF strives to provide opportunities for excellence in education.



Dawn Marks, 4th grade teacher: The iPads will help successfully implement the PLTW program by allowing the students to be fully immersed in the program and receive maximum benefit. Through use of the iPads along with the PLTW program, we will be addressing all of the eight engineering process standards in 4th grade. Students will also explore four of the five physical science standards as well as all three of the engineering standards. The PLTW program provides the following information: Research demonstrates that PLTW students outperform their peers in school, are better prepared for post-

secondary studies, and are more likely to consider careers as scientists, technology experts, engineers, mathematicians, healthcare providers, and researchers compared to their non-PLTW peers. Students and PLTW programs relevant, inspiring, engaging, and foundational to their future success.



Amy Weiss, Title One Director: This project will bring Californian author and illustrator, A.J. Cosmo to all JGSC first and second grade students via an interactive web-based visit to each classroom. We will incorporate current technology initiatives as students read Cosmo's books prior to his visit via their classroom iPads, then experience a live visit to the classroom on their classroom Smartboard.



Jennifer Traub, 5th grade teacher: PLTW is a hands on technology enhanced program that allows students to learn through problem based learning. Through PLTW, students will need to use a tablet to create KWL charts, research information through applications, and build simple machines, toys, and robots. Students will be engaged by interacting with the robotics kits as well as the tablets to help instruct and create. The use of tablets is mandatory for the PLTW curriculum of Robotics and Automation.

Please visit us online at jgedfoundation@gmail.com to make a donation or check out all the great things we are doing for the students attending school in the John Glenn School Corporation.

Daddy/Daughter Mother/Son Dance

Friday January 19

6 to 8 pm

North Liberty Elementary School PTO Would like to invite you to our Winter Wonderland Daddy/ Daughter and Mother/Son Dance for students Kdg thru 6th grade

Tickets are \$3.00 per person you may send in money with your RSVP or pay at the door the night of

A night of memories and music and dancing

Hot Chocolate and Sweet Desserts

Crafts, Candy Corsages, and Boutonnieres

Photo Booth

All included with admission

Please RSVP by December 15 so we can have a head count of number attending

Please Return to your Childs teacher by December 15 to RSVP the number attending

Adults _____
Boys _____ Grade Level _____
Girls _____ Grade Level _____

Gym-NEWS-ium

The Flight Crew Jump Rope Exhibition is ON!!!

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the K-4th graders and some upper elementary students, the entire school is invited to the Flight Crew Jump Rope Exhibition on Friday, January 19th, at 2:00 pm. This is an entertaining event featuring a demonstration of some fantastic jumping skills by a group of athletes that were on national TV as Semi-Finalists on "America's Got Talent". We also would like YOU, the parents and families of the students, to come and enjoy the show for the important part you played in their successes!

We couldn't have done it without YOU!!! This year's fundraiser was another great success thanks to the team of all the **students, parents, teachers, and everyone else who bought chocolate bars to support our PE program**. This year we exceeded our goal of 225 cases of chocolate bars, and sold 265 cases!!! This money will primarily be used to enhance the effectiveness of the PE classes and continue adding equipment to the NLES Back Gym, turning it into an NLES Stage 1 Ninja Warrior course.

The class that sold the most chocolate this year was Ms. Kaser's 3rd grade class with a total of 25 cases. They have earned a pizza party for their entire class being donated by Officer Stewart, one of NLES resource officers.

There are a few MVP students that I would like to recognize. Each of these students sold 4 or more cases of chocolate and their combined efforts allowed them to raise nearly \$1000 for the fundraiser!

Brayden Benwell, 4th Grade, 7 cases

Dulcie Finch, 6th Grade, 5 cases

Canyon King, 6th Grade, 5 cases

Takoda Dawson, 2nd Grade, 4 cases

Scarlett Franklin, 3rd Grade, 4 cases

Adrianna Lardino, 4th Grade, 4 cases

Braylee Lardino, Kindergarten, 4 cases

Each of the 193 students who participated were important in helping us reach this year's goal. I just want each of you to realize that your efforts through this fundraising program continue to build a wonderful NLES PE program for your children. Hope to see you at the Flight Crew Jump Rope Exhibition!



Winter Break Enrichment 2017

Dear parents,

Registration for the forth winter Break Enrichment is just starting. Enrichment will be at North Liberty Elementary on Dec 27, 28, 29, and Jan 2-5. **We will be CLOSED on Monday Dec 25 and Tuesday Dec 26.**Our program will be open from 6:15am until 6:00pm. The cost of the program will be \$20 a day. Payments are to be made in full by December 8, 2017 to guarantee a spot in the enrichment. Please write in on the days you plan on using. Due to rising cost, the program must have at the **minimum 12 children daily** or we will not be open that day. To assure the quota you will need to submit the days you will need by Dec 1, 2017. If there are days not filled, B&A will be forced to close that day of enrichment. Having the schedule by Dec 1 will allow B&A to let parents know ahead of time if plans need to be changed. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely
Charman Dreessen

Childs' name _____
Age _____ Grade just finished _____
Parents' Name _____
Address _____
Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact (name) _____
(other than parent)
Emergency Phone _____
ALL Allergies _____

Dentist (name & phone) _____

Doctor (name & phone) _____

Dec 25 CLOSED	Dec 26 CLOSED	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29
Jan 1 CLOSED	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5

Home & School

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December 2017



North Liberty Elementary
Melanie Heiser, School Counselor

SHORT NOTES

“I heard that!”

Good listening skills will help your child do well in every subject. Here’s an active way to practice. Choose a common word (*also*, *because*), and read a newspaper or magazine article aloud to her. She has to listen closely for the word—and do a jumping jack each time she hears it.

The importance of loyalty

It may seem easier for your youngster to stay quiet when others say unkind things about a friend. But explain that speaking up shows loyalty, and it’s the right thing to do. Help him brainstorm what to say, such as “That would really hurt his feelings” or “You’d be upset if someone said that about you.”

Let’s wash our hands

Hand washing is one of the best ways for your child to stay healthy—and to avoid spreading germs. She could make a poster by writing and illustrating the steps: 1. Wet. 2. Lather. 3. Rub 30 seconds. 4. Rinse. 5. Dry. Have her hang her poster in the bathroom to remind herself, and other family members, to wash properly.

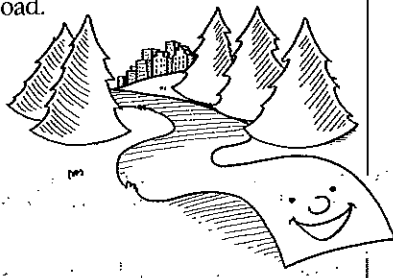
Worth quoting

“A problem is a chance for you to do your best.” *Duke Ellington*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What goes through towns and over hills but doesn’t move?

A: A road.



Winter reading

Does your youngster prefer to read alone, with family members, or in the company of friends? With these ideas, he can do all three this winter.

Choose themes

Encourage your child to read more by coming up with wintry themes for choosing books. For example, he might name “ice-skating” or “penguins” and pick out a biography of an Olympic skater or an adventure tale set in Antarctica. After he finishes each book, he can write the title on a paper snowflake and tape it to a wall. How many snowflakes can he hang up?

Discuss poetry

On a snowy day—or any day—read winter poetry together. Get a volume like *It’s Snowing! It’s Snowing!* (Jack Prelutsky) or *Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold* (Joyce Sidman). Boost your youngster’s reading comprehension by talking about the poets’ word choices.



Why did Prelutsky write “the air is a silvery blur”? What did Sidman mean by “the sun’s pale wafer”?

Read with friends

Your child can see friends over winter break and practice reading at the same time by forming a book club. They might pick a chapter book to read, then meet to discuss it and enjoy a related snack, craft, or game. Or they could each bring a different picture book and take turns reading aloud. *Idea:* Suggest that they keep their club going all year long!♥

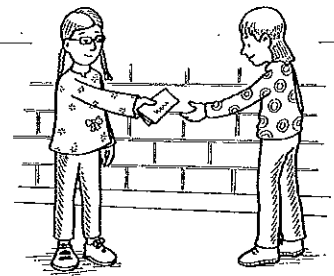
Coping with stress

Whether your child is stressed about a test or worried about a disagreement with a friend, try these strategies for helping her cope.

• **Name it.** Have her say what, specifically, is making her feel stressed. Maybe she’s afraid she’ll forget everything she studied or she doesn’t know what to say to her friend.

• **Focus on solutions.** Help your youngster think of ways she could relieve some pressure. She might review her study guide one last time the morning of the test or write a note to her friend saying she misses her and wants to play.

• **Think positive.** Remind your child of tests she did well on or ways she resolved problems with friends in the past. Suggest inspiring phrases she could say to herself, such as, “I know I can do it!”♥



Independent me

The end goal of parenting is to work your way out of a job. You want to teach your youngster to spread her wings and eventually take care of herself. Consider this advice.

Let her try. Out of habit, you might do tasks that your child could do for herself. If you've always done her laundry, for instance, you may not realize she's able to do it on her own. Show her the steps, and see how she does with it for a week. If she isn't quite



ready, work alongside her a few more times until she can handle it herself.

Resist "fixing" it. Your youngster probably won't make her sandwich or pack her overnight bag exactly the way you would. But she will feel more independent if she does it her way. If she struggles, offer gentle support. Say she's trying to put a big batch

of leftovers into a small container. You could set out a bigger one, and suggest that she try again. ♥

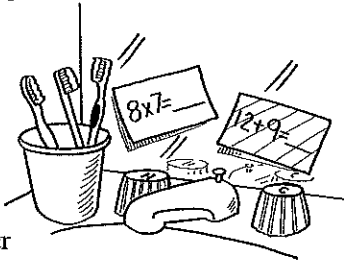
PARENT TO PARENT



Sticky-note math

My sons love games, but it's hard to find ones they can play together that aren't too easy for my older one or too hard for his little brother. At a recent school math night, I discovered a game that's just right for both boys.

First, I wrote 10 addition problems on yellow sticky notes for my younger son and 10 multiplication problems on green sticky notes for my older one. Then, I stuck the notes around the house.



To play, the boys race around to grab one sticky note at a time, show it to me, and say the answer. If they answer correctly, they keep the note. If not, I hold onto it for more practice later. The player with the most notes at the end wins.

My little one was happy that having different problems gave him a fair chance to win—and both boys got a chance to work on the math they're learning. ♥

Q & A

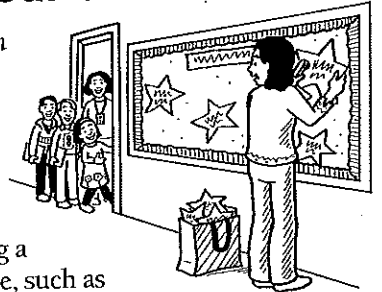
Fit volunteering into your schedule

Q: I work odd hours, but I still want to pitch in at my daughter's school. What are some options?

A: Any time you spend volunteering will help the school and show your child that her education counts.

Get in touch with her teacher about becoming a volunteer. She may have jobs you can do at home, such as stapling together student-made books, or tasks that could be done during the school day like decorating bulletin boards. Don't forget to check with her "specials" teachers, too. A PE teacher may appreciate a hand organizing equipment after school, while a music teacher may love assistance making props for the school musical.

Finally, touch base with the school office and the PTA for other possibilities. They're sure to have ways you can help when your schedule permits. ♥



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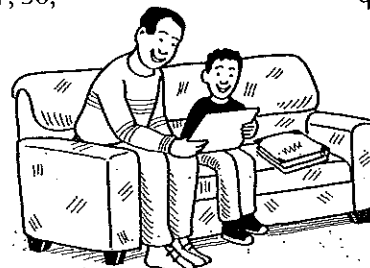
What a memory!

Your child's memory is like a muscle—the more he uses it, the stronger it will be! Here are two fun ways to strengthen his memory of what he hears and sees.

1. Recall numbers. Randomly name four numbers, such as 17, 36, 54, and 98. Can your youngster repeat the numbers back to you? Try again with five numbers, then six, and then seven. Talk about what strategies he uses to remember. Maybe he

recites them in his head or relates them to numbers in his life—perhaps your house number is 54 or your phone number ends in 98.

2. Remember details. Together, look at a photograph for one minute. Put it away, and take turns asking each other questions about it. *Examples:* "How many trees are there?" or "Who is wearing a striped shirt?" Try again with a new photo—your child is likely to look more closely this time and recall more specifics. ♥



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

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Breakfast Pizza
Fruit
Juice **4**

Cereal
Nutri Grain Bar
Syrup
Fruit
Juice **5**

Pancake/saus/stick
Syrup
Fruit
Juice **6**

Cheese Omelet
Blueberry Muffin
Fruit
Juice **7**

Dutch Waffle
Fruit
Juice **1**

Cinnamon Bagel
Fruit
Juice **8**

Egg & Bacon Brk Pizza
Fruit
Juice **11**

Yogurt
Banana Bread
Fruit
Juice **12**

Apple Cinnamon Tx Tst
Fruit
Juice **13**

Sausage & Cheese Biscuit
Fruit
Juice **14**

PBJ Graham
Fruit
Juice **15**

Breakfast Pizza
Fruit
Juice **18**

Cereal
Nutri Grain Bar
Fruit
Juice **19**

Pancake/saus/stick
Syrup
Fruit
Juice **20**

Egg & Cheese Biscuit
Fruit
Juice **21**

Cook's Choice Breakfast
Fruit
Juice **22**

NO SCHOOL **25**

NO SCHOOL **26**

NO SCHOOL **27**

NO SCHOOL **28**

NO SCHOOL **29**

Students must select three items for a reimbursable meal
Milk included with all meals
Menu Subject to change
This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Hamburger/bar
Oven Baked Fries
California Blend Vegetable
Banana
Johnny Pop Fruit Bar **4**

Chicken & Noodles
Carrot Coins
Sweet Peas
Warm Dinner Roll
Strawberry Cup **5**

Mini Corn Dogs
Baked Beans
Fresh Garden Bar
Grapes
Chocolate Chip Cookie **6**

Brunch for Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Eggo Waffles/syrup
Crispy Cubed Potatoes
Crunchy Carrot & Celery Sticks
Fruit Choice **7**

Cheese Pizza
Fresh Garden Bar
Fruit Choice
Juice **1**

Fish Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese (side)
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Fruit Choice **8**

Chicken Smackers
Sweet Potato Nuggets
Cheesy Broccoli
Warm Dinner Roll
Fresh Fruit **11**

Soft Shell Taco/toppings
Golden Corn
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Celery Sticks
Fruit Choice **12**

Chicken Patty/Sandwich
Green Beans
Crisp Broccoli & Cauliflower Bites
Apple Wedges
Carnival Cookie **13**

Lasagna Roll
Garlic Bread
Fresh Garden Bar
Sweet Peas
Fruit Choice **14**

Deli Ham Sub
Tri Tater
Baby Carrots
Fruit Choice
Juice **15**

Pepperoni Calzone
Golden Corn
Side Salad w/ Grape Tomato
Banana
Pudding Cup **18**

Orange Chicken/rice
Steamed Broccoli
Roast Baby Carrots
Mandarin Oranges/Pineapple
Fortune Cookie **19**

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich
Potato Smiles
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Baked Cinnamon Apples **20**

Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes/gravy
Warm Dinner Roll, Cranberry Sauce
California Blend Vegetable
Fruit Choice
Holiday Sugar Cookie **21**

Hot Dog/bun
Sun Chip Snack Mix
Baked Beans
Fresh Veggies
Raisins **22**

NO SCHOOL **25**

NO SCHOOL **26**

NO SCHOOL **27**

NO SCHOOL **28**

NO SCHOOL **29**

Enjoy your winter break!!

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Please keep your child's lunch account current
Menu subject to change
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