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Primary Education Center Newsletter

ONE PURPOSE...YOUR PATHWAY...OUR PROMISE!

Dear Lewiston-Porter Primary Education Center Families,
Come Read With Us!

Happy New Year PEC! As we turn the page of 2022, I believe it is important to reflect on lessons learned and to set new goals. I have learned that one school community can be strengthened when we work together toward a common goal. One important goal we are focusing on this year is reviewing our literacy resources. Our school mission is for our students to develop their identity as a reader and writer. In order for children to develop a reading and writing identity, they must have ample opportunity to read rich books at their reading level. Students need the time and the space to gather around books they love and talk about the books with their peers. In order to provide time and space for children in this way, our classrooms engage in the workshop model. The workshop model allows for direct, small group, and one-to-one instruction. The workshop model supports young readers and writers in developing personalized goals, as they meet in one-to-one conferring with their teachers. Above all things, our hope for students is that they develop into skillful readers and writers who can live together as caring, thoughtful human beings that find lasting joy in reading and writing.



Mark your Calendars!

The 7th year of our reading adventure continues with One District One Book. This year we will continue our One District, One Book (ODOB) initiative to ignite passion and excitement for a shared reading experience across our school community. Our elementary school community will decide on our ODOB children's novel by voting in person at our local libraries, January 6th-14th (See Seesaw flier for details).

We will have all the same great events...*family voting, reveals, dinner specials, community specials, scavenger hunts, trivia, reading events, and a family night in March. Don't forget to vote as a family at one of our local libraries - EACH family member gets a vote.* Then, every child in UPK through 6th grade will receive a copy of the book. Every family in our elementary school community will read the same book at the same time. The shared reading experience will be maximized by enriching activities at school and in the community to enable children to share and experience the characters and world of the book through the month of March, culminating in a Family Reading Celebration Night.











When schools model the habit of regularly reading together as a family, a strong foundation for literacy is created in each child's life. Reading aloud makes better readers. A volume of research explains that children who are read to hear more words and can instinctively recognize a grammatically correct sentence. As a result, comprehension and vocabulary will develop more fully.

One District One Book is not just a literacy program, it is a community building program. Our goal is to create a culture of literacy in every home.

I personally invite your family to **READ WITH US** at the Lewiston Porter Primary Education Center

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Tamara Larson
Principal, Primary Education Center

<div> <div>Primary Education Center</div> <div>  <div>JANUARY 2023</div> </div> </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 	2 New Year's Day Closed	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 
8 	9 Work session @6pm, CRC Boardroom Day 2	10 Early Release for Elementary Students 8:48-2:28 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 
15 	16 Martin Luther King Day District Closed	17 Day 1	18 One District One Book Commemorative Reveal More Info In Soccer Day 2	19 One District One Book In School Reveal More Info In Soccer Day 3	20 Day 4	21 
22 Chinese New Year	23 Regular Board Meeting @6pm, CRC Boardroom Day 5	24 Day 6	25 PTSA Meeting 5:30 pm CRC Board Room Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 
29 	30 Day 4	31 Day 5				31 



NEW OPPORTUNITIES & FACES AT THE PEC

Let's welcome our New Social Worker Jackie Smeal

Dear Families,

My name is Jackie Smeal, please allow me to introduce myself as the new School Social Worker at the Primary Education Center. I am very excited to join the Lew-Port team in supporting the students in the PEC building with their social emotional needs. I have been a school social worker for 4 years and I love what I do! I received my Masters in Social Work from the University at Buffalo in 2018 and I received my license shortly after. I've worked in various settings with different populations but I've found that working in the school environment with young children is my true passion. I'm also passionate about being a great Mom to my 9 year old son, and taking care of our 4 cats,



I'm looking forward to a great rest of the school year! Please feel free to contact me should you need anything!

Sincerely,



Kindergarten students in 2023/2024

If you have a child who is now in UPK or is going to be a newly registered Kindergarten student for the 2023-2024 school year, please be aware that they will need their vaccinations to start the school year. You do not have to wait for them to turn 5 years old.

Call the Dr. now to avoid the rush!!!!

NYS law prevents students from attending school beyond the 14th day of the school year without being up to date on their immunizations.

Students going into 1st or 3rd grade next year

Reminder- Health examinations are required in grades PreK or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. You can get a jump ahead by having the health examination completed since September 5, 2022 faxed now to 716-286-7855.

Call the Dr. now to avoid the rush!!!!

If you are taking your child to the Doctor for an annual physical examination or immunizations, remember to get a copy and send it to the school nurse. Then you won't have to worry about it in the fall!

Send it in at any time!

Or

have the Doctor's office fax it to 716-286-7855

Or

email it to Mrs. Leggett at jleggett@lew-port.com



LEADER IN ME

**AT THIS SCHOOL,
WE BELIEVE
EVERY CHILD
CAN BE A LEADER!**





Chloe Clark

Chloe, embraced and exemplifies the first two habits we have explored this year - "Proactive" and "Begin with the end in mind." She is always in control and chooses to have a sunny attitude. In addition, her ability to take initiative helps her to set goals, and make a plan. In this month of expressing thanks I am so grateful to have Chloe as a leader in my classroom.

Braedon Russell

Our PEC custodian, Mr. Mike, was in the boys bathroom changing a roll of paper towels. There was a lot of paper towels on the floor that Mr. Mike was picking up. Braedon, came in and asked what Mr. Mike was doing. Mr. Mike said "I'm picking up all these paper towels off the floor." Braedon then said, "I can help you with that." And before Mr. Mike knew it, he had picked them all up and threw them in the trash. Mr. Mike shared this and we just wanted Braedon to know how thoughtful that was and how much we appreciate his proactive attitude.





Casey Congdon

Casey is a leader who really knows how to prioritize! He is always responsible and works hard to put first things first, work then play. Casey helps others to do the same by being a Team Work Assistant and setting a wonderful example.

**So many festive and exciting things happened in December
here at the PECI**

Enjoy while we take a look...



In keeping with the season of giving to others, the students in Grade 2 at the PEC made Gingerbread Houses to donate to the Heart and Soul Pantry located in Niagara Falls, NY as part of our grade level Community Service Project. Houses were also donated to the Senior Citizen Center in Lewiston, NY. The seniors were super excited to receive these houses. They said they brought back memories of their youth and brought happy memories from the past back to life. We were all honored and humbled by the responses we received and so happy that we were able to make some one's else's day a happier one.

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is happy. You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”



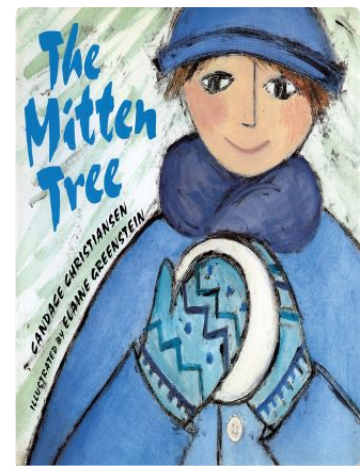


**Extra Fun was had by the Kindergarten classes while making
Gingerbread Trees!**



The Mitten Tree

Service Learning is part of our Primary curriculum. In the month of December, the P.E.C. collected hundreds of mittens, hats, scarves, gloves, and socks for families in need for the winter months. After reading **The Mitten Tree** by Candace Christiansen to kick off this project, the children earned the items they wished to donate by helping out at home. Folding laundry, drying the dishes or setting the table were some of the chores that they children wrote on their paper mittens. The trees were a beautiful display of everyone's kindness at the holidays. Below are the pictures of of our fabulous mitten trees and the generous donations given to the United Way of Niagara to distribute to various organizations to help families in need. Thank you PEC children and families for making the world a better place.





The Jingle Jog

The PEC participated in a school- wide Jingle Bell Fitness Fun Walk/Run through our school hallways.

This is our Niagara Hospice Donation tree that students were able to decorate a bell for every donation brought in. We want to say Thank you to everyone that was able to donate we always appreciate the support.



Jingle Bell Jog Live Video



In music class kindergarteners used homemade scrapers made from pool noodles to play along in a rhythmic routine to March of the Wooden soldiers.



Kindergartners in music class had tons of fun doing scarf patterns to show the steady beat and rhythms to Trepak from The Nutcracker





Holiday Performances

Mrs. Allen-Thomas, Miss Dietz, Mrs. Milleville & Mrs. VanEgmonds classes put on a Holiday Performance that made everyone smile! While enjoying songs from all Winter Holidays!



Mrs. Maggi's 2nd Grade Class, spread Christmas Cheer by Singing Loud for all to Hear while performing the Grinch



Bring your cheer,
Cheer to all Whos,
far and near.



Winter Spirit Week was oh so much fun!



We even got to walk to the High School to hear a performance by the High School band, orchestra and 7-12 chorus! And... Santa Surprised the Kindergartners to tell them how good they were this year!





It is so fun to learn about how everyone around the world celebrates!



**We even received Holiday cards from other students our ages
from all over the United States**

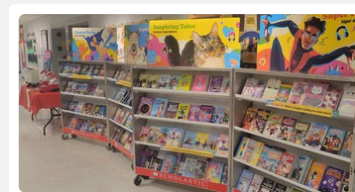
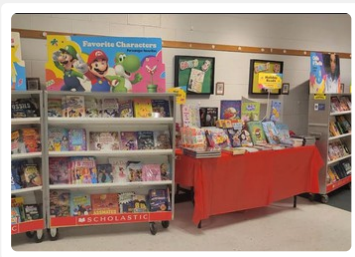


**Our 1st graders used their creativity to make Holiday School
Spirit Ornaments to raise money for DIAMONDS IN THE RUFF,
an animal rescue organization**



BOOK FAIR

**Thank you for everyone who shopped at our school book fair,
Lewport always appreciates your support! Thank you to our
PTSA volunteers!**



2023 already got off to a fun start.

We cannot wait to share all of our fun January memories!



The PEC students hope you enjoyed and look forward to the borders throughout the Newsletters, because they put in all the hard work and talent to decorate their classes and hallways!





Sometimes learning is messy!
Please make sure your child has an extra
set of weather appropriate clothing in
their locker.



A Community Clothing Closet

At the L-P Community Resource Building (Back Left Hand Side)
4061 Creek Road Youngstown

A Division of Inter-Community Services



EVERYTHING IS FREE & EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

OPEN HOURS:

SUNDAYS 11:00AM - 1:00PM

MONDAYS 11:00AM - 1:00PM

WEDNESDAYS 11:00AM - 1:00PM AND 5:00PM - 7:00PM

PLEASE CONTACT US BY EMAIL AT CARENSHARE1@GMAIL.COM

PHONE 716-791-1268

Here are some helpful phone numbers for people to reach out to:

Child Protection Services (CPS) Niagara County Department of Social Services:

[716-278-8650](tel:716-278-8650)

Mandated Reporters: [1-800-635-1522](tel:1-800-635-1522)

Public Callers: [1-800-342-3720](tel:1-800-342-3720)

Domestic Violence Hotlines

Lockport: [433-6716](tel:433-6716)

Niagara Falls: [285-6984](tel:285-6984)

North Tonawanda: [692-5643](tel:692-5643)

National: [1-800-799-7233](tel:1-800-799-7233)

Crisis Services hotline(24 Hours)

Niagara County: [285-3513](tel:285-3513)

Erie County: [834-3131](tel:834-3131)

Haven House, Ellicott Street #451 Buffalo ,
NY 14203: [884-6000](tel:884-6000)

Rape Crisis Services-YWCA of Niagara, 32 Cottage St. Lockport, NY 14094: [343-2858](tel:343-2858)

Family Justice Center: Services for Domestic Violence Victims

330 North Forest, Amherst, NY 14221 : [634-4309](tel:634-4309)





If your child has a birthday that you wish to celebrate in their classroom please contact:

Personal Touch Food Service

(716-286-7288)

72 Hour Notice Required

Menu Items Available:

Fruit Cup w/ Juice-----\$1.75/PP

Ice Cream Treat w/ Juice--- \$1.75/PP

Cookie Platter w/ Juice--- \$1.65/PP

Veggie Cups w/ Ranch & Juice--- \$1.75/PP

Assorted Snack Basket w/ Juice---\$1.65/PP

(Bag of Assorted Chips or Goldfish Cookies)

*****PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ITEMS IN EVERY ORDER*****



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