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**JANUARY CALENDAR:**

3 - School Resumes – WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
17 – Spelling Bee – Start time 4:30 PM in the Elementary Gym  
23- Activity Picture Day

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:**

I hope this New Year will be good to you and your family. Everyone looks forward to a fresh start with resolutions for making changes that will lead to improvements. I hope that you will make a resolution to be an active team member in the education of your child. Every student requires the combined efforts of school staff and parents to be successful in school. Please keep daily contact with your child by checking assignments on your Harmony Family Access which is located on our school website [www.lssc.k12.in.us](http://www.lssc.k12.in.us) . Ballgames may be found on our Elementary homepage under the Event calendar. Open communication with school staff is essential for student success. Have a safe and successful new year!

**YEARBOOK SALES:**

Yearbook sales begin this month and prices will start at \$15.00. Order forms will be sent home with students when we return from Christmas break.

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

If your child is going to be absent from school please call the attendance line. The phone number is 847-8651. Please call the attendance line by 9:00 AM.

**OUTDOOR RECESS:**

Please make sure you send your child to school in proper winter attire. Students do go outside for recess in the winter months and need to wear winter coats and gloves or mittens. If the temperature or wind-chill is below 20 degrees students will stay inside for recess.

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ATHLETIC INFORMATION:**

Our elementary basketball schedule for boys & girls for the 17/18 season is posted on our website [www.lssc.k12.in.us](http://www.lssc.k12.in.us). The schedule also lists departure times for away ballgames. Go to our Elementary Home Page and click on the Event calendar.

**BOOK FAIR:**

I want to thank all who attended the Holiday Book fair! You have all been very supportive and I have been able to add to our school library! Thank you all again! Mrs. Brown.

### **SPELLING BEE:**

Congratulations to all our Classroom Spelling Bee winners! Now, winners...Save the Date...January 17th! LSE Spelling Bee will be held after school, at 4:30 PM, in the elementary gym. Good luck to one and all!

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS:**

Linton-Stockton School Corporation is currently using the SchoolReach Communication System. The system is used to notify all households and parents by phone of an emergency or unplanned event when they arise. Linton-Stockton School Corporation will continue to report school closings due to snow or weather on WTWO, WTHI, and local radio stations. Please continue to check with the local media on any emergencies or unplanned events. The SchoolReach system is only one part of our emergency notification system and you should not rely solely on being notified by this system.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION:**

It is very important that we have current information on file for your child. Please make sure that we have your correct address, phone number, and employer information. You may contact the elementary office at 847-6039 or use our Harmony school management system to make changes and updates.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS – ISTEP INFORMATION:**

ISTEP+ is given two times each year. Our first round begins February 26 and lasts until March 9th. Please **do not schedule appointments or vacations during this time. If you want your child to do well, contact their teacher today and find out where they need more practice. Commit to practicing NIGHTLY with your child.**

Children LOSE points EVERY YEAR on ISTEP for these simple mistakes:

1. Leaving out a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and a period at the end.
2. Sloppy handwriting that can't be read by those grading the ISTEP.
3. Not writing about the topic they are asked to write about. (If the ISTEP asks you to write about winter, don't write about owning a hamster.)
4. Not showing their work on math questions when the question clearly asks for all work to be shown.
5. Not carrying when doing addition.
6. Skipping questions and leaving them blank.
7. Answering questions without reading the passage.
8. Answering reading questions after only skimming the passage.
9. Answering reading questions quickly instead of going back and finding the answer in the passage.
10. Leaving out steps in a multi-step math problem.

