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March 1, 2018

February 26.....ISTEP Begins

MARCH CALENDAR:

15....3rd & 4th Grade Spring Programs

19....Book Fair begins

22.....4th Grade Ag Day – Greene County Fairgrounds

26-30...SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

MARCH IS KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT MONTH: Any child who will be starting kindergarten next year in the fall needs to enroll before March 31, 2018. Children must be five years old on or before August 1, 2018 to be eligible. Enrollment packets will be available in the office beginning on March 1, 2018. Please note: If your child attends a Linton pre-school, enrollment packets have already been given to the pre-school for your child to bring home. Office hours are 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Please call the elementary office at 847-6039 if you have any questions concerning enrollment.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 3rd -5th GRADE STUDENTS:

The ISTEP test will begin February 26 and end on March 9.

DO NOT plan vacations or appointments during this time. DO NOT be LATE to school. Once the test has begun your child will not be allowed to enter late and disrupt the test.

Helpful Tips:

1. Your child needs rest. Please get them in bed by 9:30 PM. (Take away the computer, cell phone, TV after 9:30 so they can sleep)
2. Have healthy food available for breakfast. Do not send them to school hungry.
3. **This test is very IMPORTANT. Build their confidence with what you say.**
4. If your child is on **MEDICATION**, make sure they are taking it regularly. Plan accordingly so that their prescription does NOT run out during this testing window.
5. If your child's prescription has run out, please get it filled IMMEDIATELY. Remember a Doctor's visit may be required, take care of it now.
6. Poor classroom behavior will not be tolerated. Please speak with your child about respecting test time, and teacher directions. Misbehavior does NOT constitute a make-up.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

Dear Parents and Guardians: It's never too early to start saving for your child's college education. Research shows that a child who KNOWS they have a college savings account even if it only has a few dollars in it is SEVEN TIMES more likely to FINISH college. It is essential to save NOW.

A 529 College Savings Plan costs NOTHING to open. Find more information about how easy this can be at: www.CollegeChoiceDirect.com or even at www.Upromise.com

How can I save money when I don't have any?

Savings tip: Kids outgrow toys so quickly, so why continue buying the latest and greatest toy out there, only to see it possibly lost, traded, or broken? Be modest on toy purchases, and put that extra money back NOW. Does your child **really** need the latest cell phone app? Do they really need the latest video game? How about those jeans, cowboy boots, or name brand tennis shoes? ALL of this adds up. Buy some of those clothes at garage sales. Have a yard sell and put the profit in an account for college. Tell relatives not to buy all the extra stuff that ends up cluttering your floor, and put that money in their college account instead.

How do I tell my child NO? Tell your child that ALL the other kids in school DO NOT have cell phones, video games, and the latest shoes. You as a parent didn't have them when you were growing up and you survived quite nicely.

3rd & 4th Grade Spring Program: The 3rd and 4th grade classes will present Lights, Camera, Action on March 15. 3rd grade will perform at 6:00 PM, and 4th grade at 7:30 PM in the elementary multi-purpose room. If your child is wearing a costume they need to be in the elementary cafeteria 30 minutes before the program starts, if not wearing a costume have them in the cafeteria 15 minutes before the program starts. If you have any questions please contact Emily Steves at 847-6039, ext. 222 or esteves@lssc.k12.in.us.

BOOK FAIR: Mark your calendars now, so you won't miss our Scholastic Book Fair. The dates are March 19 through March 23. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the Book Fair will be opened from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM, and Friday from 8:00 am till noon. Our Family Nights will be on Tuesday and Thursday, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, which you won't want to miss! It will be in the Elementary Library. More information will be sent home with your child at a later date. Our spring theme will be "Paws for Books". Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale! Hope to see you there!

