



*We value...  
We Challenge...  
We prepare...  
Each and every  
student!*



**Change in Transportation Plans?** With all 460 students needing to get to the right bus or to the right place at the end of the day, we need your help. If your child's transportation plans change, please call the school before 3:00. That way, we can be sure to get the message to your child in plenty of time to get him/her where he/she needs to be on time. Our track record for getting kids on the right buses is good, but we always want it to be better. Thanks! And on a related note...

## Parent Newsletter #7

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### March Dates to Remember:

- 3-Mar Old Creamery Theatre – 2:00
- 8-Mar Spring Pictures
- 10-Mar No School – In-service
- 14,16-Mar Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 17-Mar No – School – Comp Day
- 22-Mar End of Third Quarter
- 24-Mar PTO Carnival
- 20-Mar Muscatine Power/Water here  
4<sup>th</sup> grade



**From the pen of the 'pal:** Spring fever? It's a part of every school year. However, with 12 weeks of school left, we have a lot to accomplish. We'll be doing the usual stuff; reading, writing, math, science, etc. AND getting in some hands on activities via field trips, contests, and special events here at school. Students will not lack for things to accomplish. So, even though Spring Fever is a real thing, we're going to do our best to help our students continue on their journey to become "the best version of themselves." Check out the rest of the newsletter for more information.



**Morning Supervision:** As per the handbook, please remember that we do not have supervision for your students before 8:00. If you need to have them come to school earlier than that, we have a great before and after school drop in daycare. For \$3.70 a session, you can drop your child off AND they will be supervised, warm and entertained. If you need to drop your students off early more than once in awhile, we are asking that you take advantage of the daycare. And, remember, we also have bus transportation available for free. Call the elementary office for more information.

**Planning for Spring:** As we get into the warmer months, there will be days where the temperature fluctuates widely from morning to afternoon. Please dress your child appropriately. We find that layers work best. In addition, as the weather gets warmer, check the handbook for our clothing policies. In short (no pun intended):



- "Student's shorts/skirts should be no higher than approximately 1/2 way between the knee and hip."
- "Undergarments cannot be revealed."

With your help, let's celebrate Spring together! Thanks!



It's that time. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, March 14 and 16. We have the best conference attendance here that I know of (97% last fall). Coming to conferences allows us to unite in our common goal of educating our students. More importantly, when you come to conferences, your kiddos notice and take school more seriously. They love to show you their progress. Looking forward to seeing you there!



**STAR Update:** The Old Creamery Theater came to Louisa-Muscatine on March 3 for a “show”. Students have “earned” the assembly that is well-loved by kids and adults alike by having 92 ODR-free days (days

without a major discipline issue). The troupe performed vignettes, songs, and poems written by elementary students throughout the state, based upon the Character Counts! Pillars of character:

- Trustworthiness*
- Respect*
- Responsibility*
- Fairness*
- Caring*
- Citizenship*

The show is mesmerizing and the writing of the students is amazing. Thanks to the students and continued STAR behavior!

### PTO Coming Events:

**The Scholastic Book Fair** is going to be cancelled this year, due to circumstances beyond PTO’s control. They need more volunteers to work. We know that the students really look forward to this. Rest assured, the book fair will be back in the fall.

The **PTO School Carnival** will be held on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm-7:30 pm in the elementary school. Please consider helping with a donation of time, items for the auction or a donation.

Please watch backpacks for more information.



### Kindergarten Roundup Dates

**Moved Up:** We are in the process of identifying the new pre-school and kindergarten students for next year. We need

your help in finding these Future Falcons. If you have a child who will be five years old by September 15, 2017, or know someone who does, please contact the elementary school. Next...

- We will be sending an information packet home with your child if he/she attends Busy Hands. If not, you can stop in and pick it up or we will mail it to you. Then...
- Call the office and reserve a day and time (AM or PM) for you and your child to attend Kindergarten Roundup on April 6 and 7. On that day...

- Bring your child, their paperwork and yourself. Your child will experience a mini-sample of a kindergarten day and you will register them and learn ways that you can help your child start their school career strong on a solid note.

Not quite ready for kindergarten?



### Busy Hands Preschool/Daycare Changes:

We are really excited about some changes at Busy Hands Pre-School and Daycare. We are expanding our 4 year old program to all day, Monday through Thursday. In addition, we are offering a half day three year old program. We know the benefits of a solid early childhood education, and now will be able to make our program even better. In addition, we are expanding our daycare hours. We can provide supervision for all students pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, from 7:00-8:05 every morning and from 3:25 to 5:30 every evening. If you are interested in more information, please contact the school and we’ll be happy to get you the information you need. If your child will be 4 years old before September 15, pre-school is free, thanks to the State Wide Voluntary Pre-School grant. Set your child up for success! Looking forward to meeting our newest Falcons! Applications are available in the elementary office and on-line ([www.lmcsd.org](http://www.lmcsd.org)).

### Coming Attractions:

The Elementary Specialists' PLC (professional learning community) has been working on a "folk arts" project in the 4th grade classes that will culminate at the **Spring Concert on Friday, April 28**. The 4th graders will all be singing American folk songs with Mrs. Carroll, will all make a class quilt in Mrs. Cooper's art class, learn a folk dance with Mrs. Gardner in PE (which some will demonstrate at the concert), and are learning folk tales from Mrs. Elliott in library. Ask them to tell you what they've learned so far about the folk arts!

### Notes from the Nurse:

With the Tdap and the new Meningococcal immunization requirements for children entering 7th grade for the 2017-2018 school year, Louisa County Public Health would like to help your son or daughter meet these requirements before going back to school in the fall. They will be conducting an immunization clinic at our school. Letters and consent forms were mailed out the week of February 13th to those students needing one or both of these vaccines. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please return the consent form back to the elementary office by April 7th, 2017. Thanks

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