



## Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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### Parent Bulletin, March 5, 2017

Student Directories -Lexie has compiled the student directories and we're ready to email them out upon request! Please send either of us an email requesting the class(es) that you'd like ([mcmillank@msd281.org](mailto:mcmillank@msd281.org) and [lhamma@msd281.org](mailto:lhamma@msd281.org) ).

Children's Matinee Series (last week!) - The Village Cinemas at Eastside Marketplace is once again offering the winter movie series. Series tickets (8 films for \$5) are sold in our school office. Films run Saturdays & Sundays at 10:30 a.m. starting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. \$1 of each series ticket sold is kept by the school and goes towards our International Day celebration fund.

Kindergarten Registration - Hard to believe that it's already time to start thinking about kindergarten registration for this fall! If you have a child that will be 5 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, please plan to call Lexie anytime now to schedule your time to register your kiddo. Like last year, we're going to have two registration/screener days at each elementary school where parents schedule a time to come in and complete paperwork while your child rotates through stations assessing their literacy/numeracy skills, fine motor and speech skills. We will also have a hearing and vision screening station. This information helps us with class placements of our kindergarten friends in the fall. Our Lena registration/screening dates this spring will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Again, please give Lexie a call after March 1<sup>st</sup> to get your time booked! We are looking for a couple parents to help with the vision and hearing screening stations those two days. Our Nurse will train volunteers on the process. If you are able to help either the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> (or both), please email me! Many thanks!

Bookabunga Day - Many thanks to all the parents who read to their child's classroom and sent in healthy snacks for this fun-filled day! It was an awesome day of reading!

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Free/Reduced Lunch Form - Last week we sent home a free/reduced lunch form just in case you have had any changes in your income this winter. Even if you're not sure your child would eat breakfast or lunch at Lena, qualifying for the program helps our school. Our Title 1 (or ABC Club) is federally funded if our free/reduced lunch percentage is at or above the district average and we always seem to hover precariously at it! Thank you in advance for helping us out!

Book Character Day - This Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> is Book Character dress up day! Students and staff are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character. Thank you for keeping all toy weapons at home (just in case your child's character happens to carry one!). ☺

Artist in Residency - Once again our school is the lucky recipient of an Artist in Residency grant (thanks to Mrs. Weesner's hard work!)! Our guest artist, Lizette Fife, will be returning to Lena Whitmore the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>. Our students will be creating individual fused-glass squares that will be wired together and installed in our main entryway. We are looking for parent volunteers that week of March 27<sup>th</sup> to help work with classes on this amazing project! We have each class scheduled for 2 hours in the library with Lizette and would love to have as many hands on deck as possible. If you are able to volunteer that week, please email me!

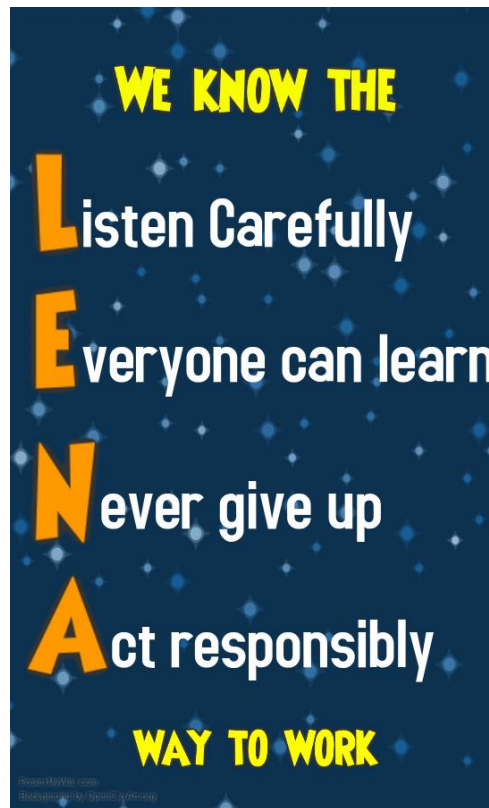
Reading is the Ticket - Don't forget to send in your "Reading is the Ticket" reading logs to the classroom teacher by Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We have extra reading logs in the office if you need one. This is the reading program where students can earn a ticket to Silverwood theme park by reading ten hours outside of school. Let us know if you have any questions!

Elementary Science Fair - The 2017 Science Fair is almost here! All Moscow students from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to participate in the Science Fair. Students should select projects that match their interests and abilities. This voluntary activity should be fun and interesting and provide a chance for parents and students to work together. Prizes will be awarded to fifth-grade students for best overall project (\$300), and for honorable mention, best display, and most original idea (\$100). Registration is open until March 6. To register your child go to: <http://media.msd281.org/sciencefair>

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Up-coming events:

- 3/6 - Registration for the Science Fair closes
- 3/9 - LENA Way luncheon
- 3/10 - Book Character Day
- 3/13 - 3/17 - No school, Spring Break ☺
- 3/20 - Reading is the Ticket log due to teacher
- 3/21 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent night at MMS, 6 p.m.
- 3/24 - PAT Family Bingo night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 3/27 - 3/31 - Artist in Residency week
- 3/27 - 3/29 - Science Fair at McDonald Elementary
- 4/7 - No school, parent/teacher conferences, end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- 4/11 - PAT meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/12 - 4/21 - Box Tops for Education drive
- 4/14 - International Day!



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