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## MESSAGE FROM MR. MEIGS

Dear Families,

It is so hard to imagine that spring break is upon us! Yet, there is much to do in the next week and a half. As you know conferences are next week. If you have not had a chance to sign up yet, please do so. Here is the link to the online scheduling system: <http://www2.lps.wlvv.k12.or.us/SMStuff/> **It is important for all families to come to conferences.** Teachers and students have been working diligently to plan and prepare for these conferences. We all love conferences because it gives us the opportunity to talk about the great progress your child has made, to talk about goals for the remainder of the year and to work together to support your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you all next week! As a reminder, it can be challenging to reschedule a conference after spring break. Teachers will make efforts to reschedule a student-led conference missed due to special circumstances, when possible.

As you know we are currently working with the new common core standards. We have always taught to standards and have worked with purpose and intention to ensure that each child makes significant growth each and every year. The common core is a new set of standards that have helped to focus our work with students. What has been great about implementing these standards for our district has been the fact that the type of thinking, analyzing and justifying that are embedded within the common core are instructional practices we have been focusing on for a long time.

The common core math practices ask students to "reason abstractly and quantitatively" and "construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others." In math, we have long believed that building a strong conceptual base of understanding is critical to a student becoming a proficient and flexible mathematical thinker. Our practices are a strong match with the common core mathematical practices. In English Language Arts, students are asked to think critically about what they are reading, to pull evidence from text to support opinions and to describe their thinking in writing. Again, this exemplifies the thinking that has long been at the heart of our work in literacy. These examples are at the core of work we do each day with children. We believe that by creating learning environments that promote inquiry, thoughtfulness and life long learning that our students will be well prepared for each academic challenge they face.

As a school, we have been doing a lot of work and thinking together this year on high leverage strategies that help each child to not just learn, but to thrive. We know that meeting students where they are, creating multiple access points to connect them to the learning and building strong relationships are critical to our success as a learning community. While we are proud of the work we do, we also know that we will continue to grow and deepen our practices to meet the needs of each child each day.

We look forward to sharing this work with you not just at conferences next week, but continually throughout this year and beyond. If you ever want to talk or ask questions about our great work at Lowrie, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

With immense appreciation,

-Patrick

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# Office Notes

- **Visitors** must check in at our office
- **Volunteers** sign in on computer located inside our office
- **Late Students** must check in at office
- **Students arriving early** are permitted in the building no earlier than 7:35am

- **Students leaving early** must be checked out by parent or guardian
- **For absences**, call attendance line at (503) 673-7700 by 7:30am
- **Changes in pick-up**: send "memo to school" note with



your student

- **School begins at 7:50am!**

## March 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Festival of the Arts/ Talent Show 5:30-8:00pm	14
15	16	17 PM confer- ences	18 <b>Early Release;</b> 12:10 dis- missal	19 <b>No School—</b> conferences	20 <b>No School—</b> conferences	21
22	23 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	24 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	25 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	26 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	27 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	28
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# Lowrie News

- The Festival of the Arts is coming this Friday! Art, talent show, and baked potato bar all included at 5:30!
- Need to add money to your child's lunch account? Use **THIS** link to check your balance and add more funds.
- Saint Patrick's Day Goody Bags will be for sale at recess each day beginning on Monday,

March 9th. They will be available for purchase at recess each day from 10-11:30am, Monday and Friday before morning meetings, and Wednesday, March 11th after school. They cost \$1 each and will be delivered on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th!



- Have you checked out Lowrie's **HOMEPAGE** lately? Under the "For Students" tab there are lots of resources, new this year, for students to access from home. Check it out!

## Counselor's Corner

### THE POWER OF SELF-TALK

It's easy to forget about that little voice that we all hear in our head. The voice that reminds us that everything will work out when our minds are racing in the middle of the night. The voice that whispers encouraging words and pumps us up before a challenging task at work or home. By the time we're adults, a lot of what that inner voice says feels pretty automatic.

But for kids, primary school is the ideal time to learn that, first, that inner voice has a lot of power over our thoughts and behaviors, and second, that we can teach it what to say!

Here are some easy self talk sentence starters to practice with your student. Instead of "I'm terrible at math!" **try** "I just need to practice a little more until I get it." Instead of "I don't have any friends - nobody likes me" **try** "I can try introducing myself to someone



new today - they might be really nice!" Instead of "I always fail tests - they're just not my thing!" **try** "I'll try my best and I know it isn't the end of the world!"

Contact Ms. Emily, school counselor, via **EMAIL** or at (503)673-7704



# Community Updates

## **ICE CREAM & A GOOD CAUSE!**

Hello families of Wilsonville. Jr. Scoop Ice Cream's annual Clothing Drive is coming up. Jr. Scoop is a non-profit organization run entirely by Inza R. Wood Middle school students. They make and sell monthly flavors at [WWW.JRSCOOP.COM](http://WWW.JRSCOOP.COM). This year they are hoping to donate 3 instruments to their band program, and send five sixth grade students to outdoor school.



Although their biggest fundraiser is their Clothing Drive, which this year is going to be held on April fourth from eight to two. You can come and buy clothes in the Inza R. Wood middle school gym for one dollar an item. It is a great way to get new clothes, without spending a lot, but help out too.

Part of the profits from the Clothing Drive go to Doernbechers Children hospital. Last year Jr. Scoop donated a total of 600 dollars to the hospital. It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend.

## **AN ENGINEERING EXTRAVAGANZA!**

Attention all potential engineers! Do you love to create? Are you interested in designing and building things that work and move? Would you like to learn more about cool science stuff like potential and kinetic energy, momentum and rotational motion?

Join us for a fun "Engineering Extravaganza", taking place March 18 - 21, 2015 at Bolton Primary School in West Linn. Please see the attached registration forms for more information as well as dates as we make final decisions regarding dates and times. Engineering Extravaganzas are grade level specific and specific and spaces are limited.

[Engineering-K2-Thursday--March-19--2015.pdf](#)

[Engineering-3rd-grade---March-18-or-21--2015.pdf](#)

[Engineering-4th-5th-grade---March-19-or-20-2015.pdf](#)