



Primarily Speaking
Lima Primary School
Hand in hand we make a difference!

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Fall Happenings

FALL FESTIVAL
October 31, 2008

On Friday October 31st the PTA will be hosting the Fall Festival. This year the Fall Festival will have an Olympic theme including an opening and closing ceremony. There will be nine activities for the children to rotate through. All classes will participate in the opening and closing ceremonies and then **Kindergarten** will participate in the Olympic Games and crafts in the morning while **First grade** will in the afternoon. Our event is being sponsored by the Honeoye Falls Family Eye Care (Linn Goetz). It was very gracious of Lynn Getz to support the day's activities. We are looking forward to a day of fun and learning! Thank you to our amazing event coordinators: Leanne Martin and Kerry Dolan.

DAFFODIL PLANTING
October 20, 2008

Almost 400 daffodil bulbs were planted in front of the playground

Wellness Update

The Birthday Treat Policy has changed this year. If you were wondering why, please read our rationale below. Thank you so much for honoring this policy!

Our decision to choose inedible treats is based on several reasons, all focused on providing an educationally sound, fair, safe and productive environment. Many

fence thanks to the coordination of Tina Bradley and help from Kelly Polfleit and Jen Bhaskaran. Thank you ladies for helping our students learn from hands on experiences and for improving the appearance of our grounds.

JERRY BENNETT
October 24, 2008



In support of Red Ribbon Week, Jerry will present a puppet show with his buddy Vince the Puppet to first graders. As the kids follow "a day in the life of Vince", they'll need to help him solve some friendship issues, poison and medicine issues, and generally make some good choices. He does bring along other puppets for the children to see showing how much fun and imagination one can have with puppets. We hope to schedule Jerry for our Kindergartners in the near future.

of the children are enjoying the change and celebrations more than ever.

- 1) An increase in obesity
- 2) An increase in diabetes and other life threatening diseases, including the continual increase of children with food allergies
- 3) Brain research on foods that fuel the brain and foods that

RED RIBBON WEEK
October 27-31

We focus our Drug and Alcohol Awareness by having fun with our choice of clothing, being comfortable with who we are, and making good choices. Representatives from the Wellness Team developed the following schedule:

- Mon. 10/27 -Wear red
- Tues. 10/28 -Bandana Day
- Wed. 10/29 Wear green
- Thurs.10/30 Backwards day .
- Fri. 10/31 Wear colors of the country your class represents.

PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT WEAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES TO SCHOOL. The children have an opportunity to dress up in March.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
October 29, 2008

Making T-totes, bags made from T-shirts to use as shopping bags rather than plastic or paper bags, will be a District Wide Project next week. Students will visit the art room to sew their bag or bags together and then decorate them in their classroom. Each child can take one home and/or donate one to the local grocery stores for others to use. We'll "GREEN" up our community together. **PLEASE SEND IN GENTLY USED, CLEAN T-SHIRTS. A collection box is in the main office. SEWING MACHINES AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Call the Main Office if interested.**

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A B C D E Schedule

- 10/27-10/31 = B, C, D, E, A
- 11/3-11/7 = B, C, D, E, A
- 11/10,11/12-14 = B,C, D, E
- 11/17-11/21 = A, B,C, D, E



VOLUNTEER TRAINING
 October 28
 2:30 p.m.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
AT LIMA PRIMARY
NOVEMBER 21
10:00-1:00

Parent University	10/28
SIT Meeting 12:00-3:00 12:00-	10/29
Fall Festival at Lima	10/31
PTA Meeting at 1:30 at Lima	11/3
School Picture Make up Day	11/5
Veteran's Day	11/11
Parent Conferences	11/21

(Wellness update continued)

fuel the brain and foods that distract students from learning and focusing on instruction

4) Alternate ideas such as using a birthday book or having a special guest provide long lasting memories, build genuine self esteem and provide ongoing learning experiences beyond the birthday. Your child continues to feel special when the books or learning from the guest are revisited throughout the year.

5) Families share a variety of perspectives on food choices. It is the prerogative of the family to choose what his/her child eats. It is important to include all of our students in a birthday celebration, leaving no one out.

We include balanced choices at our seasonal parties (including some sweet treats) using this time as a teaching opportunity as well. In this respect children can make selections that honor each family’s wishes and learn about balance at the same time.

Safety

Safety is a priority at Lima Primary School! We have been practicing fire drills all month and have had our evacuation and lockdown drills as well. This month we also practiced our high wind drill which required all students to sit in the hall quietly for a few minutes. Please help us reinforce safety at Lima Primary by supporting our rules at school. Here are a few reminders:

- **Turn right out of the parking lot at the end of the day.** It is illegal to pass the buses when children are boarding them.
- **Be sure children are wearing safe shoes to school.** Flip flops present hazards.



Parent University

Every other month the Lima Primary School features a Parent University. These workshops are based on interests shared by parents. Five Star Bank provides pizza for parents and children at 6:00. Workshop sessions begin at 6:30 usually lasting about an hour. A local girl scout troop provides child care across the hall. Preregistration is required in an effort to plan effectively for our evening. Our Parent University is conducted at no cost to the District and is based on volunteerism from all involved in the presentations and planning. Please contact Mrs. Lupisella if you are interested in a specific topic for a Parent U or if you would like to conduct a presentation.

Character Counts

Trustworthiness

Be honest • Don’t deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you’ll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country

Respect

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don’t threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act —

consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices

Fairness

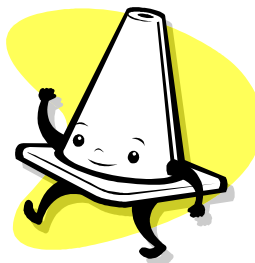
Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don’t take advantage of others • Don’t blame others carelessly

Caring

Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment



- Be sure to sign in at the door as a visitor or volunteer every time you come to school for an event. It is imperative that we account for all adults.
- All children, students and siblings, need to **walk through the hallways quietly** and enter the main office or classrooms in the same fashion.

- Talk to your child about **quiet, safe activities on the bus.** Quiet word games, coloring, reading, and small stuffed animals are good ideas.
- Have a safe Halloween! Check your child’s candy and be sure they can be seen in the dark!
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Thank you for caring and supporting our learning community!

Reading at home with your child can be challenging. Do you ever wonder how you can help your child as he/she is reading with you?

How to Help Support Reading at Home presented by: Christine Green, Nance Fisher, and Amy Sinopoli – Reading Specialists

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 Pizza Dinner at 6:00, workshop—6:30
Sponsored by Five Star Bank and PTA

- In this workshop, you will choose from three different presentations based on your child’s areas of strengths and needs. Each workshop will present you with specific strategies to help you support your child’s reading development at home.