

Empowering students to pursue their dreams.

Important Dates

11/27	2 nd Qtr Midterms
11/28	Hawk Huddles
11/29	Beh. Team Mtg.
11/29	1:00 Dismissal/PD
11/29	JH G BB @ H
11/29	JH B BB @ BGM
11/29	LSCEF Meeting
11/30	JH Wrest @Monte
12/1	LEGO League
12/3	JH B BB @ H
12/3	JH G BB @ NM
12/4	JH Wrest @ IV
12/5	K-5 Staff Mtg.
12/6	CPI Team Mtg
12/6	JH G BB @ H
12/6	JH B BB @ CM

Birthdays

12/25 – Jill Philby
12/26 – Joel Harthoorn

Focus Quote:

“Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, caliber, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honor for me.”

-A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



School Notes

Holiday gatherings remind me a lot of the books I have been reading about engaging families.

There are always potential barriers to bringing everyone together for a holiday gathering. Between work schedules, transportation issues, financial restrictions, and responsibilities to others who also want our time, it can be difficult to bring an entire family together under one roof. But, what draws us in, at least in my family anyway, is the promise of a warm, welcoming environment and the opportunity to spend time with people who care about us and want to support us in achieving success,

however we have defined that for ourselves. Knowing that Mom's apple pie may make an appearance also doesn't hurt. ☺

Our students' families potentially experience similar barriers to working with us. Their work schedules may make it difficult to communicate face-to-face or even via cell phone. Some of our families experience limitations with transportation and the ability to physically come to school for events. Those who struggle with finances may be working multiple jobs or simply feel inadequate in the way they can present themselves in a school environment. They also may have responsibilities

as caretakers for other family members, friends, or organizations.

Those barriers are out of our control, but we can work to ensure that our families experience a warm and welcoming environment at school. We also can consistently reach out with the message that we genuinely care about their well-being and the success of their children. Whether it is the physical environment of our school building or the tone and approach of our communication, we can send a positive message that strengthens the relationships with our students and families. Have a great week!

- Teri

Appreciations

* Colleen and April – Thank you for coaching our students in LEGO League! That task has meant a lot of after school practice times, creativity, and patience as you work with the kids to get them prepared for competition this Saturday in Ottumwa. I know the kids will represent L-S well thanks

to your guidance and support. Good luck!

*Frankie and Tori – I appreciate your willingness to take our students to various honor bands and honor choirs. Through these experiences, our students are able to feel challenged and also recognize that their talents have paved the

way for these unique opportunities to celebrate something they really enjoy.

* Ryan – Thank you for taking various students under your wing and working with them on different projects. You are teaching them many valuable lessons and reminding them that they are important.