

# News from Laingsburg Elementary School & E.C.E.C.



March 1, 2019

## DATES TO REMEMBER

MAR. 13 ~ ½ DAY OF SCHOOL AM – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PM FOR TEACHERS

MAR. 22 ~ ½ DAY – RECORDS DAY

MAR. 25 – 29 ~ SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

APR. 30 & MAY 1 ~ KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

## A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL FREEMAN



Math Night was a wonderful success! Classrooms were filled with students and parents participating in different math activities throughout the night.

Students learned new games that help reinforce math skills and parents left being able to duplicate these activities at home. It was great to see so many families come out for this event. Partnership between home and school is crucial in supporting and sustaining learning. I appreciate the opportunity to encourage parents and students in this environment.

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March and we are looking forward to March's Reading Month full of exciting reading activities to promote reading at home and at school! If you have visited our buildings you might have noticed decorations going up in preparation of our month long celebration. This year ECEC's theme is "Round-Up a Good Book" taking on a Western Theme and LES is Surf's Up, "Catch a Title Wave" taking on a Summer Theme. Look for activity calendars and reading logs to be coming home in your child's folder. Literacy Night is scheduled for March 21. Be sure to come out and enjoy a night of reading fun!

I am so grateful for our school and the opportunity to partner together in these learning events.

Sheila Freeman

## LAINGSBURG SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP SCHEDULED



It's that time of year again. Laingsburg Community Schools is compiling a list of students for our annual KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, **APRIL 30 & MAY 1**. If you have a child, who will be five years of age by September 1, 2019, please contact the Early Childhood Education Center at [651-3100](tel:651-3100) or Laingsburg Elementary at [651-5067](tel:651-5067) to register. Students currently in Laingsburg's Wolf Pup's Preschool **will** need to **attend Round-up**. We have your names for registration already. **If you do not plan on your child attending Laingsburg Community Schools in the fall, please let us know as soon as possible so we can remove their name from the list.**

Families of **registered** students will be mailed a packet in late March – early April informing them of the date and time their child is scheduled to attend Round-up as well as what papers they will need to bring. Should you have any questions, please contact Sue Bates at the elementary school.

## CROCHET WITH THE COUNSELOR!



4th and 5th grade students can sign up with Mrs. Goff to learn how to crochet, and help create squares that turn into blankets for the Warm up America.

Students can learn during their lunch time recess. **We are looking for yarn and crochet hook donations!** Any kind of yarn will be accepted! Thank you so much for your support in helping students to learn a new skill while serving others in need!

## TITLE I TALES TO TELL

Hello Families,

MARCH is READING MONTH— and of course, that's one of our favorite times of the year!

This month students will bring home many different reading activities with ways to promote reading. There will be goal setting, incentives, and rewards. Please continue to encourage the importance of reading by making it a priority that is FUN and MEMORABLE.

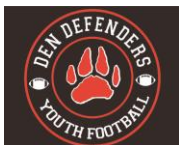
Here is a great site from MSU with '10 Tips to Keep Reading Fun' to help give you some additional ideas.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/march\\_is\\_reading\\_month\\_10\\_tips\\_to\\_keep\\_reading\\_fun](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/march_is_reading_month_10_tips_to_keep_reading_fun)

Happy Reading,  
Mrs. Green  
Title 1 Director



## DDYF FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION



All K-8 students are welcome to sign up for flag football this year. The season runs April 13 - May 18 with no additional practice dates. Practice/warm up is right

before the game. Players receive a reversible jersey and flags to keep after the season. Cost is \$60 and \$30 each additional player. Register on our Facebook page @DenDefenders. Deadline is March 3rd.

## LAINSBURG YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS


Baseball sign-ups will be Tuesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 7, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the main hallway at the elementary school. Sign-ups are for 5 – 14 year olds. If you have any questions you can call Margaret Woodbury at 517-819-5343 or email her at: [mew912@hotmail.com](mailto:mew912@hotmail.com).



Sign-ups for Girls Softball - ages 5-14 will be March 12 and Mar 14 at the Elementary School from 6-8 pm. Any girls interested in playing can get a form from the schools and return it to the school offices, or come to sign ups on these dates to register. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Langdon at 517-488-5663 or Kristin Buchin at 517-490-9477.

# Battle In The Burg 2019

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament



**Date:** April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 9:00AM Start Time (Schedules To Be Published 3 Days Prior, Not Special Schedule Requirements On Your Registration Form)

**Location:** Laingsburg High School Gym

**Cost:** \$80 Per Team (4 Players Max) – Checks Payable to [The Next Step - Charitable Group](#). Every Player Will Receive Tournament T-Shirt

**Divisions:** Boys: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>; Open  
Girls: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

**Deadline:** All Registration & Payment Due By Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Format:** 3 Pool Play Games & Single Elimination Tournament – Tournament Champs Get Championship T-Shirt

**Added Info:** Contact Canyon Walker – (989) 666-7744 or [canyondwalker@gmail.com](mailto:canyondwalker@gmail.com)  
Contact Jason Walker – (517) 203-6787 or [Jason.a.walker@qgm.com](mailto:Jason.a.walker@qgm.com)

## CYBER SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Attached to this week's newsletter is some information about social media sites and apps that your kids may have. Students attending elementary school are not old enough to manage these accounts appropriately (the age required by most apps is 13).



Fostering an atmosphere of openness and transparency about online activity ensures that children can thrive. If you do notice your kids switching screens on their devices when approached, or new numbers or email addresses on their devices, it's worth checking in with them.

Keep video games and YouTube watching, two major ways viral stories circulate, in shared family spaces. In video games, you can also set-up restrictions on friends and accessing user generate content that may include malicious content.

At school, we have had (and will again in the Spring) the Attorney General's OK2SAY and Cyber Safety Initiative come in for assemblies and focus on the "3 KEEPS":

- I Keep Safe my personal information
- I Keep Away from Internet Strangers
- I Keep Telling my parents or adults about things that make me uncomfortable

## 16 APPS & SITES KIDS ARE HEADING TO AFTER FACEBOOK

Tweens and teens now have endless options literally at their fingertips for expressing their thoughts and feelings to the world. While the latest trends continually change, it's important to know the basics about the apps and sites that are "hot" now. The list below provides the app logo and explains why it's popular. The more you know about each, the better able you are to communicate with your child about responsible online behavior.

### Texting



**Kik Messenger** - Allows users to text for free without any character or message limits.



**ooVoo** - Free video, voice, and messaging app.



**WhatsApp** - Allows users to text for free without any character or message limits.

### Micro-Blogging



**Instagram** - Allows users to share photos and videos.



**Tumblr** - Provides users with a streaming scrapbook of text, photos, videos, and audio clips.



**Twitter** - Allows users to post "tweets" or messages (limited to 140 characters) and follow other users.



**Vine** - Allows users to post and watch six-second videos.

### Live-Streaming Video



**YouNow** - Allows users to stream and watch live broadcasts.

### Self-Destructing/Secret



**Burn Note** - Erases text messages after a set period of time.



**Snapchat** - Allows users to put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they "disappear."



**Whisper** - Allows users to post whatever's on their mind, paired with an image.



**Yik Yak** - Allows users to post brief comments to the 500 geographically nearest Yik Yak users.

### Chatting/Meeting/Dating



**MeetMe** - Allows users to chat with whoever's online, including local users.



**Omegle** - Provides users with an anonymous way to chat with strangers via text or video.



**Skout** - A flirting app that allows users to post to a feed or comment on others' posts or pictures.



**Tinder** - Allows users to browse pictures of potential matches within a certain-mile radius of the user's location.

To learn why each app is popular and what problems may arise if not used properly, visit [Common Sense Media](#).

## COMMUNICATION 101

- Create clear and simple ground rules.
- Explain why you should never give out identifying information (name, address, school name, or telephone number) to people they do not know.
- Discuss with your child the importance of telling a trusted adult about anything that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused while online.
- Become comfortable online, with apps, and services your children use.
- Become familiar with blocking and monitoring programs.
- If your child uses chat or email, talk to them about never meeting in person with anyone they first "met" online.
- Tell your children to never respond to messages that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or make them feel uncomfortable.
- Report messages that present a danger to local law enforcement.
- Remind your children that people online may not (and likely are not) who they seem, and everything they say may not be true.

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