

LINTON-STOCKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 1, 2017 Newsletter

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September Calendar

4th Labor Day (No School)

Open House

A date has been set for open for Open House for parents and students to visit. This will be held on September 13th in the Auditoria from 4-6 pm for grades 6-12.

Chromebooks

Reminder to all students, it is very important that you have your chromebook with you at school everyday.

"Cause For Applause"

The Linton-Stockton School Corporation values its many employees, as well as our students, families and community members that we help to serve each day. We would like for everyone, students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators, and community members to take a moment to help us celebrate the great work of the individuals who help make our district a better place for our students. The "Cause for Applause" Award program recognizes Linton-Stockton School Corporation employees that have gone above and beyond their daily expectations. This is a monthly honor and anyone can nominate an employee for this award. Please go online to our school's website (www.lssc.k12.in.us), and on our corporation's homepage, you will find the Cause for Applause logo. Click on the logo and you will be directed to the nomination form.

Linton Public Library

Thursdays are for Teens at the Linton Public Library. Starting in September there will be something for teens to do each Thursday, 4-5 p.m. at the Linton Public Library. Things like Board Games & pizza, gaming on the big screen, coffee & coloring, and Just Dance.

~Submitted by Ginger Anderson, Children's/Teen Library Service.

Note from the Nurse:

REMINDER: The following immunization changes will be required for the 2017-2018 school year:

- a. One meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) will be required for ALL students entering grade 6.
- b. One Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster will be required after 10 years of age for ALL students entering grade 6.
- c. Two Varicella (chickenpox) vaccines will be required for ALL students entering grade 6; unless student has had physician documented disease.

Please make arrangements with your healthcare provider or the Greene County Health Department to receive these immunizations before next school year.

WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS RECEIVED IMMUNIZATIONS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE NURSE HAS THESE DATES.

The Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Education have asked that school systems provide important information to parents and guardians of students about pertussis (whooping cough) and the vaccines available to prevent this serious illness. Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by the bacterium *Bordetella*. It is spread by infectious airborne droplets created when a person who is infected coughs or sneezes. Infants and young children are typically vaccinated against pertussis, but the vaccine loses effectiveness as children get older and vaccinated children can become infected. Pertussis causes severe coughing fits. During the fits, the affected person may be short of breath and appear distressed. The coughing fit may be followed by vomiting and exhaustion. Young infants are at highest risk for developing complications like pneumonia and seizures from the disease. Adolescents and adults who have been previously vaccinated may have milder disease, but they can still spread pertussis to others. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a routine pertussis booster for all 11-12 year old children, and for anyone older who did not have a booster at 11-12 years of age. The pertussis booster is combined with tetanus toxoid (Tdap) and takes the place of one tetanus booster shot. The Tdap vaccine can be given as soon as one year after a regular tetanus booster.

▶▶ Tdap BOOSTER IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Students sent home by the school nurse before 9:00 a.m. will not be counted as excused. Students will need a note from the doctor to get the absence excused (Middle School Handbook—Page 11-12).

If a student calls a parent to go home because they are sick and has not first been seen and approved to go home by the nurse, it will be an unexcused absence. 1st offense -

warning, 2nd offense - one day In-School Detention. Each additional offense will result in one day In-School Detention and an Extended After School Detention. Offenses accumulate throughout the school year.

VACATIONS: Parents/guardians if you will be out of town for vacation or business, please let the school know. Emergencies happen and to expedite treatment, it is necessary to know who to contact.

Thank you for your assistance.
Marlene Cooper, RNBS

Note from Food Service:

Did you know.....Breakfast is served daily at school! 7:30 am-8:00 am. School breakfast will give your child a healthy start to the day. Breakfast at school is affordable, too. If you qualify for free or reduced price school lunch, you also qualify for the breakfast program, with no additional paperwork. Help your child start the day right with school breakfast! The monthly cafe menu is always just a couple of clicks away, if you have any questions. Go to our school website, www.lssc.k12.in.us, click on your child's school building, and then the Cafe Menu link on the left side of the page.

2017-2018 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES

BREAKFAST	STUDENT- \$1.50 REDUCED-\$.30	ADULT-\$1.80
LUNCH	STUDENT-\$2.85 REDUCED-\$.40	ADULT-\$3.45

How to make a lunch payment:

1. Online- Go to the school website, www.lssc.k12.in.us, scroll down to the bottom of the page, click on the middle box, Linton-Stockton School Corp.-Online Payment Service. This will open a new screen. If you have used this system before, click on Registered User and follow the steps. If you are a new user, click on New Registration to set up an account.

2. Cash/Check can be brought to Mrs. Lux's office, which is located in the high school auditoria.

For more information contact your school's food service director!
812-847-6024 ext.406 ~submitted by Mrs. Jessica Taylor, Food Service Director~

Linton-Stockton School Corporation Wellness Policy

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 17, 2015

The Linton Stockton School Corporation has adopted a WELLNESS policy. There are several different topics covered in the Wellness Policy, which can be found on our school website. To access the policy, go to www.lssc.k12.in.us, click on "Administration" located at the top of the page, and the Wellness Policy will be on the bottom left side. The State of Indiana requires a Wellness Policy, and it applies to the Linton-Stockton Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. This policy is put into place to ensure the students' safety, health, and security.

If you have any questions about the policy, please contact Jessica Taylor, Food Service Director, at 812-847-6024, ext. 406, or jtaylor@lssc.k12.in.us.

*The following items cannot be brought in after the 7:55 bell:
Lunch Boxes, Take-out food items, or Snacks

Deliveries

*Parents/Guardians, please also note that we no longer accept lunches. Take-out food items cannot be brought in by parents/guardians at any time during the day after 7:55 A.M. due to students' safety and health. If your child forgot his or her lunch, he or she will be able to have a lunch tray from the cafeteria. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Taylor 812-847-6024 or email jtaylor@lssc.k12.in.us

*Parents/Guardians, please note that we do not accept flowers, candy, or balloon deliveries for students at the school.

Beverages

During passing times, in classroom, and before school, WATER is the only acceptable beverage, for students, in the buildings. This does not apply after school and during lunch. You will be asked to throw your drinks away, if they are not in a clear container & are not water. This Policy is School Board Approved August 17, 2015. If you have any questions please see *Mrs. Taylor* or call 812-847-6024, ext. 406

Cell Phone Policy

Students are not allowed to have cell phones in their possession during school hours (7:55 AM - 3:05 PM) If a student brings a cell phone to school it must be kept in their locker, turned off.

1st Offense: Staff who witnessed violation will confiscate cell phone and contact parent/guardian to pick up from the office.

2nd Offense: Staff who witnessed violation will confiscate cell phone. Office will

send a letter home or set up a conference with parent regarding cell phone policy. Student will have 1 day ISD

3rd Offense: Staff who witnessed violation will confiscate cell phone. Office will send a letter home or set up a conference with parent regarding cell phone policy. Parent will be advised that student may no longer have cell phone on school Property during school hours for the remainder of the school year. Student will have 2 days ISD and 1 Extended After School.

4th Offense: Student will have 2 days of Out of School Suspension.

5th Offense: Student will have 10 days of Out of School Suspension with recommendation for Expulsion

Sports

All students (6th, 7th & 8th Grade) who are planning on playing in any sport must have a completed I.S.S.A.A. physical form turned in to his or her coach or to Bette Meng in the high school office.

Educational Talent Search

ETS is a program that is funded by the U.S. Department of Education serving eligible young people in grades six through twelve. ETS identifies students who demonstrate an interest or desire to attend college and provides them with the motivation and support to enroll in a program of postsecondary education (college, university, technical or vocational school) after high school graduation.

In order to be eligible for selection as ETS participants must meet the following criterion:

- *Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident alien;
- *Be at least 11 years of age and in grades 6-12;
- *Commit to remain in the ETS Program until high school graduation;
- *Demonstrate an interest or desire to attend college.

In order for your son or daughter to participate in this program, parents/guardians must complete a Transcript Release form and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. By signing this form, you will be giving ETS permission to communicate with you and your child via U.S. Mail, telephone, computer generated correspondence, written correspondence in regards to ETS activities and services.

*If you have any questions, you may contact us at the Vincennes Office:

1019 N 4th Street, Rm 108, Vincennes, IN 47591, (812) 888-4298

Find us on Facebook: Vincennes University Educational Talent Search, www.vinu.edu/ets

Parking/Signing Students Out/Picking Students up

This is a reminder to parents/guardians please drop your middle school student off behind the school by the middle school entrance. If you need to sign your Middle School student out please park in the visitor parking area on the far end of the loop.

(You can drop your students off in the mornings in the front of the high school, the loop for the middle school or the loop for the elementary) please do not drop them off at any other place than those that are listed.

This is a reminder when you are picking up your student(s) at the end of the school day please park in the North parking lot located East of the football field and you will need to enter and exit from 4th St (Behind the Elementary)

Parents/Guardians do not park in the middle school loop, outside of the loop or parking area at the entrance of the middle school to pick your student(s) up after school, you will need to use the designated areas, which are behind the Elementary in parking lot closer to shops area NOT THE LOOP.

Phone Calls

Please remember there is absolutely no way for us to identify who might have called you if you have caller id and/or automatic callback! We have over 50 phones in this building and no way of telling where the call might have come from or who placed it. In case of an emergency, we will keep trying until we reach someone or we will leave a message.

ATTENDANCE LINE

The middle school has an attendance line for you to call and report your student absent. The number is 812-512-9053 and just follow the prompt. You may also call 847-6022, but this line is used for all other calls. Please remember you need to call your student in for illnesses or appointments before 9 a.m. Homework is listed on the school's website daily, and students can make up all work the next day they return. Please remember to send doctor excuse slips within 48 hours of absence. They can also be faxed at 812-847-6032.

Making Arrangements

The middle school office would greatly appreciate your efforts in making school arrangements before your student arrives at school. Please tell your student in the mornings how they will be going home after school or other information that they need to know. The hectic nature of the office at the end of the day makes it difficult to deliver messages to students in class. Emergency calls are always accepted and delivered when possible. Please help us out and encourage your student to make his or her plans with you before arriving at school.

School Events & Athletics

Please note that you can view the LSSC event calendar by going to www.lssc.k12.in.us and selecting "Middle School." Then on the left side of the page under "Main," select "MS Daily Schedule." It's that simple!

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