

JANUARY LEGEND NEWSLETTER

END OF FIRST SEMESTER

Upon returning from the holiday break, we are in our last two weeks of the first semester of the school year which ends on Thursday, January 12. Students are finishing their work and teachers are testing students to be sure they are progressing in their skills since the beginning of the school year in August. Student progress reports will be sent home on Friday, January 20.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH NOTES

Newark City Schools and Legend Elementary have been focusing on “Wellness” issues for students, staff, and families. This includes healthy food choices, adequate exercise, and nutrition education. Breakfast and lunch are served daily at Legend Elementary. A pre-packaged breakfast is available for all students who need one at no cost. Lunch is available either full pay, reduced cost, or no cost, depending upon family income levels. Applications for reduced cost/free lunch are available through the school office. Lunch payments can be made daily or by putting money in the child’s account which will cover the child for a week, a month or more. If packing your child’s lunch from home, please be sure to make healthy choices. Soda/pop is not permitted to be sold to our students at school or brought from home as part of their lunch for health and safety reasons.

SKATING PARTY

Beat the January blahs by joining us at the Legend Elementary Skating Party on Tuesday, January 10 at the Roll-a-Way Skating Center! Doors open at 5:45 with skating from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Admission is \$3 and \$1 for skate rental. This is a fun opportunity for our kids to skate with their school friends! We need a couple parent volunteers to take tickets at the door. If you can help, please call Mrs. Gutridge at 670-7100. Thanks!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for Family Movie Night on Thursday, January 12 at Legend Elementary. This year's movie selection is "The Incredibles" - everyone is invited to dress up as their favorite super hero! The movie starts at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria/ gym area. Bring a blanket for family seating and everyone in the family is welcome! The movie and popcorn are free – bring sandwiches/pizza or other items if your family wants to have "dinner at the movies." In addition, Mrs. Broschak's class will be selling yummy cookies for 25 cents each!

ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL

Some of your children may have received electronics gifts during the holiday season. CD players, MP3 players, IPOD's, cell phones, hand held video game players, etc. are fun and useful at home but are not appropriate for use at school, on the school bus, or during recess. When students are not engaged in structured academic learning at school, we plan for them to utilize their time interacting with other students, learning important social skills. In addition, these items are costly and could easily be damaged, lost, or misplaced at school. Thanks for your support.

PTO MEETING SCHEDULED

The January PTO "Meet and Mingle" is scheduled in the Legend Elementary library media center on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 P.M. Meet and Mingle is an informal social opportunity for parents and teachers to meet. Our 2nd grade teaching team of Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Broschak, Mrs. Doyle, and Mrs. Epperson will be in attendance at our January Meet and Mingle so be sure to come and talk with them about what is happening in 2nd Grade.

JANUARY NO-SCHOOL DATES

There will be no school for students on the following dates:

Friday, January 13 – Teacher Evaluation and Report Day
Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King Day

LATE ARRIVAL

Thursday, January 19 is the “Late Arrival” date for January. The building opens at 9:45AM for students with classes starting at 10:15AM. **No breakfast is served on Late Arrival Days.** Students should always go directly to the gym in order to be supervised and safe before the teachers arrive at their classrooms at 10:05. Staff will meet from 8:00-10:00 for training and planning sessions on new teaching methods as well as working on student achievement data.

OPERATION FEED

Legend Elementary will begin Operation Feed at the end of January through the beginning of February. We are planning some fun activities for the students that will help us raise needed funds for the operation of our local food pantries. As in the past, we will be raising money to enable the food pantries to purchase food in bulk at reduced prices rather than collecting food items here at school. We hope to match our outstanding effort of last year. More information will be coming to you soon!

TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teacher conferences are scheduled on Thursday, January 26 and Tuesday, January 31 from 3:45-7:15. Sign-up information will be available early next week and will be sent home with your child. Many of our teachers include the students in the conferences. Please check with your child’s teacher about his/her presence at the conference.

Your child’s progress is important to us. We are partners with you in your child’s development into healthy, happy, able individuals with a strong academic foundation. We will be counting on them to lead our city, state, and country through the 21st century!

Thanks to Mrs. Redrow and her volunteers, a book fair is scheduled for the conference nights at Legend Elementary. Be sure to visit the book fair with your child before or after conferences!

BOX TOPS AND LABELS IN THE NEWS

Keep saving those box tops and Tyson A+ labels! Attached to the newsletter is a new box top collection sheet and be sure to also look for special Bonus Box Top promotions at Giant Eagle, Wal-Mart, Kroger, and Meijer stores this month. Contest winners for December are: 1st place Cooper Campbell, 2nd place Evan Hodges, and 3rd place Thaya Spain.]

Tyson A+ labels are also important to us. Check the Tyson products you purchase and clip the A+ label. Thanks to teacher Liza Carrizales for chairing the box tops and labels committee and thanks to all you for supporting Legend Elementary by saving box tops and Tyson A+ labels!

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Jan 10	Legend Elementary Skating Party, 6:00-8:00 PM, Roll-a-Way Skating Center
Thursday, Jan. 12	End of 1 st Semester Grading Period Family Movie Night “The Incredibles”, 6:30 PM, Legend Elementary cafeteria/gym
Friday, Jan. 13	Evaluation and Report Day, No School
Monday, Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day, No School
Tuesday, Jan. 17	2 nd Semester Begins
Wednesday, Jan. 18	PTO “Meet and Mingle”, 6:00, Legend library media center
Thursday, Jan. 19	Late Arrival, Students Arrive at 10:15
Friday, Jan. 20	Progress Reports Sent Home
Thursday, Jan. 26	Teacher Conferences/Book Fair, 3:45-7:15 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 31	Teacher Conferences/Book Fair, 3:45-7:15 PM