

# Leighton Elementary Circular

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To keep our school safe, any adult entering the building must provide a government issued ID to the secretary. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and staff safe!

## Principals' Piece

The Leighton Area Elementary Center hopes all the students are settling back into school and are ready to take on the second half of the school year! This is the time to work to our fullest potential as we enter the third and fourth marking period of the 2023 school year. This month we will be sharing results from the Acadience benchmark (grades K-2) and CDTs (grades 3-5) which will share with parents their child's progress and areas to work on. These assessments provide data to help us focus our attention on state standards to best prepare students for the upcoming PSSA tests.

Kindness Week is February 12-17 so please go out of your way to do something kind to a family member, friend, and stranger. Please don't forget that students will have no school on February 13th because it is a teacher in-service day. Lastly, February 17th the LASD will be having a Virtual/FID (Flexible Instructional Day) to make up for the snow day we had on January 25, 2023.

Mr. Sebelin and Dr. McGalla

## FID Day Reminders

- FID stands for "Flexible Instructional Day" and are completed virtually
- Teachers in Grades K-2 will post assignments on SeeSaw by 8:30 am
- Teachers in Grades 3-5 & Encore will post assignments on Canvas by 8:30 am
- Students are expected to submit completed assignments by the end of the school day: 3:10 pm
- Teachers will provide office hours to be available to meet virtually and help with any questions

**Next FID day is Friday, February 17th**

# Staff Shout Out



Say hello to our 4th grade team! Pictured are:  
Back row: Mr. Schoener, Mrs. Orsulak, Mrs. Helmer, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Rehrig, Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Boyer  
Front row: Mrs. Neeb, Mrs. Rankovich, Mrs. Haupt

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## Counselors Corner

In K-2, Ms. Boaz has been focusing on kindness, boundaries, and creating a peaceful place we can escape in our minds when we need a little break. During the month of February, we are planning to focus on expanding out kindness to random acts while keeping appropriate space from one another with our hands to ourselves.

This month on the 3-5 side, we have been working on kindness, accepting each other's differences, and resolving conflict. We are learning the technique of active listening. We also celebrated college and career day by discussing jobs and also communication skills.

The PSSA tests will be done on the mornings of April 24,25,26, and May 1,2,3,4. Parents- please try to avoid trips and appointments on these mornings.

## Health Room News

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!!

- Cold and flu season is upon us. Please practice proper hand washing with your child to help reduce the spread of germs.
- Also, please remember, a fever of 100.0 or more, vomit or diarrhea requires a child to be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Please do not forget to fill out an electronic excuse blank if your child is absent: <https://www.lehighton.org/domain/634>

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## Celebrate Heart Health!



Jump Rope for Heart will be in the gym beginning the week of February 20th. More information to come soon!

# LEC Monthly Calendar

Lehighton Area School District [www.lehighton.org](http://www.lehighton.org) Click for [Parent Portal](#) or enter <https://powerschool.lehighton.org/public/home.html>  
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| Lehighton Area Elementary Center  |  |  | February 2023   |   | 4 Day Schedule  |  |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
| PTO Meeting: March 14<br>Book Fair Family Night: March 22<br>PTO Mother/Son Event: March 31                     |  |  | 1 - Day 1   | 2 - Day 2   | 3 - Day 3   | 4  |
| 5<br><i>Fly Eagles Fly</i><br> | 6 Day 4<br><b>Motivational Monday</b><br>PTO Event Plan Mtg. 6-8 PM              | 7 - Day 1<br>Good News Club<br>Wear Green<br>PTO Race Mtg. 6-8 PM  | 8 - Day 2<br>Wear something with a bird   | 9 - Day 3<br>Wear Eagles attire<br>PTO Race Mtg. 6-8 PM                     | 10 - Day 4<br>Wear your favorite team shirt to get ready for the Super Bowl | 11   |
| 12<br>                         | 13<br><b>In-Service Day No School for Students</b><br>School Board Workshop 7 PM | 14 - Day 1<br>Kindness Week-wear Valentine's colors<br>Good News Club<br>PTO Mtg. 6:30 PM<br>PTO Race Mtg. 5:30 PM | 15 - Day 2<br>Kindness Week - wear flannel or fleece  | 16 - Day 3<br>Kindness Week - wear something patriotic<br>Science Explorers | 17 - Day 4<br>Flexible Instruction day (FID = Virtual Day)                  | 18   |
| 19<br>                         | 20<br>President's Holiday<br>School Closed                                       | 21 - Day 1<br>Good News Club<br>PTO Race Mtg. 6-8 PM   | 22 - Day 2<br><b>SOM</b>  | 23 - Day 3<br>Science Explorers<br>PTO Race Mtg. 6-8 PM                     | 24 - Day 4  | 25<br>Jump Rope for Heart<br><br>Feb. 20 - 28 |
| 26<br>                       | 27 - Day 1<br>PTO Event Plan Mtg. 6-8 PM<br>School Board Mtg. 7 PM               | 28 - Day 2<br>Good News Club<br>PTO Race Mailers 6-8 PM  | PSSA Dates: ELA (3rd, 4th, 5th): April 24-26<br>Math (3rd, 4th, 5th): May 1-2<br>Science (4th): May 3-4<br>Kindergarten Registration/Assessment: March 27 - April 4, 2023 |   |   |  |

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

Be on the lookout for information from classroom teachers for Valentine's Day celebrations!



100th day of school is February 8th!

## Nutrition News

Please continue to check your child's lunch account for an updated balance. If you have any questions or concerns about breakfast or lunch, please contact our lunch staff at [kkoebler@lehighton.org](mailto:kkoebler@lehighton.org).



MENU UPDATES:

- Lunch:
- Feb 7: Alternate is Corn Dog Nuggets
- Feb 9: The Main lunch is Pepperoni & Cheese Calzone Stuffer

# PTO News



Congratulations to KINDERGARTEN for bringing in the most addresses for race labels! Students were invited to an after school "Kindergarten Bash" including a snack and drink, bounce house, giant Twister, scooters and a marvelous magic show. Thank you to all of the volunteers for helping to make this a fun success!



The Race for Brilliance process is in full swing! Here is some helpful information:

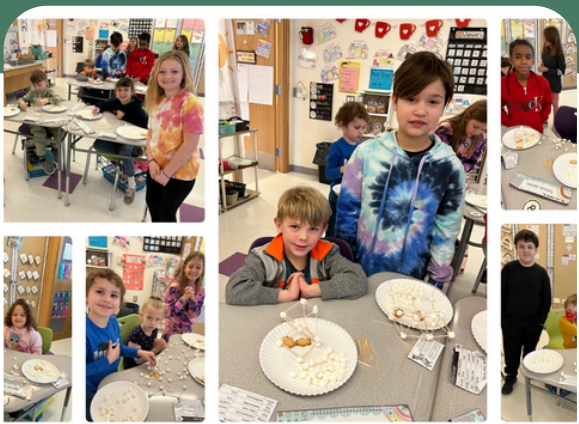
- Donations for postage are welcomed!
  - <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/postage-donation-for-race-for-brilliance?cart>

Interested in volunteering? Come to the EC Cafeteria on the following dates and times:

- General Membership: 2/14 @ 6:30pm
- Race for Brilliance: 2/7, 2/9, 2/21, 2/23 and 2/28 @ 6pm  
2/14 @ 5:30pm
- My Guy and I: 2/6 and 2/27 @ 6pm

**IMPORTANT**

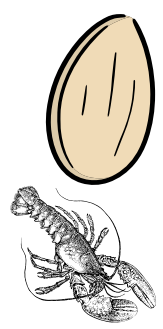
Clearances must be updated at central admin. All volunteers must bring a valid driver's license to every event.



(Left)  
Kindergarten and third grade combined their learning and did STEM activity building polar bear dens.



(Right)  
Third grade is getting hands-on in science with crayfish and seeds, learning about animal adaptations and the life cycle and parts of a seed.



## Important Links

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