



L.B. Clarke Middle School Chronicle

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The Last Week... I Can't Believe It

It is hard to believe that we are entering the last week of the school year. Nine months have come and gone, leaving us a little older and a lot wiser. I believe it's important to look back at our year together and celebrate our successes.

We began an effort to reach out to our families and invite you into the building for more fun opportunities to spend time with our kids at school. Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom were huge successes, and Grandparents Day was amazing as usual. We plan to continue building on these events as we work to involve parents and families more in school.

Our student council, NJHS, Lego League, and other co-curricular activities have made a significant impact on our school and the community this year. The student council plans events around the school like our student activity nights and Paint the Town Blue, which was an event to bring awareness to child abuse. They have a tremendously positive impact on the culture of our school. Lego League has brought a fun and new approach to doing math and science after school. They worked on a NASA project, won best product at their end of season

competition, and have grown to the point that we are looking at having two teams next year. Our NJHS pulled the community together around the loss of Hamilton's by doing a raffle to win the right to "push the button" to bring down the smokestack. They raised money that will be used to further the causes of the society and donated \$500 to the safe crossing project for the Mariner's Trail.

Our staff has worked hard this year to refine curriculum, help students meet academic standards, build after-school programs, and develop our young people into leaders. They devote countless hours of their own time outside of the school day to provide every opportunity possible for our students to be successful.

I would like to thank you, our parents, for all of the support and time you devote to making education a priority in your family. The nights and weekends working on math, science, social studies, and reading can sometimes be tough, but always know that it makes a difference. Without you, none of our success is possible.

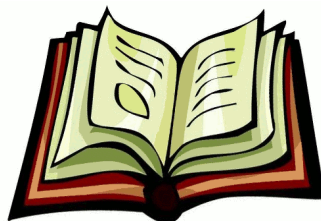
Enjoy the last week... summer is almost here!

Summer Reading Is Essential!

- Numerous studies have shown that reading over the summer prevents "summer reading loss."
- Research estimates 50-67% of the achievement gap in reading is the result of summer learning loss.
- Summer reading loss is cumulative. Children don't "catch up" in fall because the other children are moving ahead with their skills.

It is very important to have your child **READ** over summer! The Lester Public Library has a great summer program...

Check it out!



Upcoming Events

June 6th

Last Saturday School- 8-Noon

June 9th

LBC Talent Show

June 10th

5th Grade DARE Graduation 1 p.m.

June 10th

8th Grade Farewell- 6:30-7:30 p.m.

June 11th

Class Trips

June 12th

Last Day of School- Early Release 1:05

June 12th

8th Grade Dance- 6:30-9 p.m. @
Community House

June 22nd

First Day of Summer School

July 3&6

No Summer School

July 29th

Last Day of Summer School



1. Look for the Best in Others
2. Dream Big
3. Choose Positive Influences
4. Speak with Kindness
5. Start A Chain Reaction

8th Grade Events

**8th Grade Farewell—
June 10th 6:30 p.m.**

**Great America Class Trip—
June 11th**

**8th Grade Farewell Dance—
June 12th 6:30-9 p.m. @
Community House**

PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH MEDICATIONS OR SUPPLIES AT SCHOOL

*Students with medications or
medical supplies at school
should stop by the health
room to pick them on June
12th or any week day until
the end of June.*

*Any medications or supplies
left will be disposed of at
the end of June.*

*Next year, students who
have medical needs or
medications kept at school
will need to submit new
medication consent forms.*

SUMMER SCHOOL DATES

**MONDAY, JUNE 22ND
THROUGH
THURSDAY, JULY 2ND**

**NO SCHOOL
JULY 3RD OR 6TH**

**TUESDAY, JULY 7TH
THROUGH
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH**

CALL 794-1614 WITH QUESTIONS

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Let's Figure it out -- mathematically!

**Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week;
Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!**

**Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.
Student A reads 20 minutes x 5 times a week = 100 mins. / week
Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 mins. / week**

**Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.
Student A reads 400 minutes a month.
Student B reads 80 minutes a month.**

**Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year
Student A reads 3600 minutes in a school year.
Student B reads 720 minutes in a school year.**

**Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten
whole school days a year.
Student B gets the equivalent of only two
school days of reading practice.**

**By the end of the 6th grade,
if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits,
Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days
Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.**

**One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened
considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance. How do
you think Student B will feel about him/herself as a student?**

Some questions to ponder:

Which student would you expect to read better?

Which student would you expect to know more?

Which student would you expect to write better?

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

**Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...
and in life?**