

Lettie Brown Newsletter

Lettie Brown Elementary
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Morton, Illinois
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* FEBRUARY 2019 *

- 1 - Popcorn Friday
- 4 - Valentine Gameball Fundraiser Craft 2:30-3:30, MEA Choir 2:45-3:45
- 5 - Paw Pride Day, Challenge 2:35-3:50, District 709 Spelling Bee @ Bertha Frank, 3:30
- 6 - **Early dismissal 1:00 pm**, Chess Club 1-2:00
- 7 - Student Council 2:35-3:30, MEA Choir 2:45-3:45
- 11 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45
- 12 - Challenge 2:35-3:50
- 13 - Chess Club 2:30-3:30
- 14 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45, Gameball Run 4 pm
- 15 - Gameball Run basketball game vs. E.P. @ Morton HS
- 18 - President's Day- NO SCHOOL**
- 19 - Challenge 2:35-3:50
- 21 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45
- 25 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45, PTO Meeting 7:30 pm
- 26 - Challenge 2:35-3:50, Culver's Fast Food Night
- 28 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45, Lettie Brown Open House 6-7:30 pm

* MARCH 2019 *

- 1 - Popcorn Friday
- 4 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45
- 5 - Paw Pride Day, Challenge 2:35-3:50
- 6 - **Early dismissal 1:00 pm**, 2nd Grade Muffins with Mom 8:10-9:10
- 7 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45, 5th Grade Musical 6:30 pm @ Bertha Frank
- 8 - End of 3rd Quarter, 1/2 day In-service (pm), students dismissed at 11:45**
- 11 - In-service day - No School for students**
- 12 - Challenge 2:35-3:50
- 14 - Student Council 2:35-3:30
- 15 - 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home
- 18 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45
- 19 - 2nd Grade Lego Club 2:30-3:30, Challenge 2:35-3:50
- 21-22 - Kindergarten Pre-registration & Screening 8 am-7 pm Thursday, 8 am-12 pm Friday @ the District Office
- 21 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45
- 22 - Spring Picture Day
- 25 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45
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- 28 - MEA Choir 2:45-3:45



Word of the Month-**RESPECT**-a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements



Lettie Brown BOOK Fair
February 25th-28th



Lettie Brown Open House & BOOK Fair

Thursday, February 28th
from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Congratulations TO OUR 2019 Spelling Bee WINNERS!



1st place - Sam F. - 5F
2nd place - Phillip C. - 6W
3rd place - Mahi P. - 6S



Sam F., along with the following class winners, will advance to the District Spelling Bee on February 5th @ 3:30 PM at Bertha Frank:

Max C.-4B Julia P.-5F Phillip C.-6S
Reed M.-4Z Tillie K.-5G Wes G.-6W

The Lettie Brown **GEOGRAPHY BEE** was held on January 22nd for our 4th-6th graders.

Congratulations to our Geography Bee winners!



1st place - Ryan K. - 6W
2nd place - Nolan M. - 5F
3rd place - Matthew G. - 6S

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Monday,
February 18th is
Presidents' Day
No school for
students & staff

Friday,
March 8th is a
half day In-service
No school for
students in the pm

Monday,
March 11th is an
In-service day
No school for
students

KBu

Gwen B.
Wyatt S.
Mason H.
Layla W.
Fletcher S.
Andrew B.
Hayden J.

1B

Isla B. (2)
Ezra M. (2)
Anna B.
Ethan C.
Cruz M.
Clayton M.
Haven K.
Reagan D.
Lucy B.
Bentlee C.

2B

Simone L.
Hadley L.
Caden S.

2K

Brody B., Amelia,
Luke, Zane,
Hunter, Avery, Ad-
am, Emmy M.,
Nicholas, Ellie R.,
Tinley and Quinn

Abby G. (2)
Tinley S. (2)
Ian M.

Brianna L.
Hunter J.
Adam L.
Suvasini P.
Amelia D.

Ava G.
Katie E.
Luke H.
Brody B.
Lee B.
Liam K.
Emmy M.
Ellie R.
Ellie S.

3D

Katie D. (2)

Henry P. (2)
Mallory C. (2)
Isaiah H.
Addy B.
Adelyn R.
Gabby R.
Autumn D.

3K

Kenley R. (3)
Allie H.
Braeden K.
Kyra F.
Izabelle K.
Simone K.

4B

Riley B. (2)
Andrew R. (2)
Alex R. (2)
Will D.
Jude R.
Dereion C.
Addy J.
Abby S.
Mady T.
Claire C.
Lindsey B.

Joe M.
Logan R.
Luke L.
Max C.
Hudson L.
Keira M.
Nicholas S.
Carson M.
Jolie J.
Anna C.
Owen S.

4Z

Taytum B.
Brett H.
Sylvia S.

5G

Tate S. (3)
Tristan S. (3)
Lauren M. (2)
Tyler H. (2)
Ruby B.
Brielle H.
Alex M.



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Lettie Brown
PTO on Facebook

Popcorn Friday

March 1st



send a quarter
with your
student to buy a
bag of popcorn

GAMEBALL RUN reminders

Gameball Run is an event to raise money & awareness
for the Children's Hospital of Illinois

- * **Gameball Valentine Craft Club** - Monday, February 4th
- * **Gameball Lettie Brown Coin War** - February 4th-8th
bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, silver dollars, bills, & checks!
- * **Gameball Run** - Thursday, February 14th, 4pm
at Morton High School Athletic Field (weather permitting). There will be music, fun and concessions for our guests to cheer on the runners and families ~ this is a free event so we invite you to join us!
- * **Basketball Game vs. East Peoria** - Friday, February 15th
in the Potterdome. A short program will take place prior to the game honoring our Miracle Families, Sponsors and our Schools!
Your Gameball Run t-shirt will serve as admission into the game!

Mom's in Prayer

will be meeting
Thursday, February
7th from 9-10 a.m.
at Julie Roth's
home,
147 Maple Ridge Dr.

Children are welcome.

* Contact Julie Roth with
questions at

julieroth45@gmail.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN READING WORKSHOP IN FEBRUARY?

Mrs. Bradford & Mrs. Bushman (K) - Kindergarten is doing a great job with our Reading Work Stations and Guided Reading groups! We are beginning to explore character traits in Animal Tales, as well as compare Non-fiction and Fiction texts.

Ms. Beer & Mrs. Stork (1st) - First grade is starting an author's study of one of our favorite authors, Mo Willems! We are also exploring author's message and learning how to give a book talk.

Mrs. Boecker & Mrs. Kellerstrass (2nd) - In honor of Black History month and President's Day, we will be reading about characters who had the courage to overcome obstacles. We will use the author's words, illustrations, and the character's behavior to determine traits of a courageous character.

Mrs. Davison & Mrs. Knox (3rd) - Third grade is working on identifying nonfiction and fiction text structures and is excited to start using book clubs.

Mrs. Bishop & Mrs. Zehr (4th) - In Reading workshop, the 4th graders will be working on finding the theme of a story vs. the main idea of a story. We will continue to explore words through the use of Greek and Latin roots

Mr. Finck & Mrs. Gingerich (5th) - Guided reading small groups, a read-aloud whole-class daily novel, Literature notebooks, Student-led Book Clubs, and multiple "Choice" independent reading options are all in place during 5th grade Reader's Workshop. We are reading, reading, reading!

Mrs. Scholl & Mr. Weyland (6th) - Mr. Weyland's class just completed a Book Tasting of five Holocaust novels. This month we are diving into Historical Fiction novels and book clubs as we make connections to history and understand more about the past.



from Mrs. McDowell - Literacy Coach

Literacy Tip: Look for reading materials related to your family history or culture

As kids get older and begin to think about their own identities, they often become more interested in their backgrounds. This interest contributes to a healthy sense of pride in their heritage and culture, and reading is a great way for your child to explore those interests. It's also exciting and powerful to explore cultures different from one's own!

Kindergarten Pre-Registration & Screening



Who: Children who will be five-years-old by September 1, 2019

When: Thursday, March 21st 8:00 am-7:00 pm &
Friday, March 22nd 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Where: MCUSD #709 District Office, 1050 S. Fourth St.

Please call [309-263-2581](tel:309-263-2581) to make an appointment, and please bring the following documents to your appointment: a certified birth certificate (the one from the county, not the hospital), immunization records, and most recent physical exam, dental exam, and vision exam (if you have them). Email me at faith.waterfield@mcusd709.org with any questions.

LETTIE BROWN CARNIVAL

March 29th ~ 5 - 8 p.m.

We need your help! Please sign up to volunteer.

We also need donations of cake/cookies (store bought preferred) and soda/large Gatorade.

You can sign up to volunteer at the carnival by filling out this form: [Lettie Brown Carnival](#) by February 28th. Please watch for more information on the carnival coming home with students soon!

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Robbins at robbinsnest04@gmail.com.

* Please see the PTO News section of this newsletter for more specifics.

* LETTIE BROWN PTO NEEDS YOU! *

The PTO would like to ask and encourage parents of children in the primary grades (K-3) to consider volunteering to fill our open chair positions. There is a vital need, as many of our current chairs will be heading to the junior high soon.

These committees are well established with volunteers willing to mentor and share their information with the next generation of volunteers. Please contact Angel at angel.fisher@mcusd709.org or 859-492-0354 to volunteer or for questions. **Open chairs include:** Carnival Basket Raffle, Spirit Wear, Yearbook Sales, Walkathon, and PTO President. The PTO is a big support to the school, staff and students, and we need parent volunteers to carry out these chairs to keep it moving in the right direction. Thank you for your willingness to give your time and effort!

Lettie Brown PTO News



Thank you to all the families that attended our BINGO family fun night. We had over 200 people participate!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Lettie Brown Pizza Ranch Night. We received \$1094.80 in sales and tips! Wow! Thank you for your generosity! Thank you to our sixth grade teachers, parents and students for working so hard!

Our book fair will begin Feb. 25th and end at Open House on Thursday, Feb. 28th. Look for details about "Lunch with a Loved One" for opportunities to come have lunch with your child and shop the book fair.

Save the date for our Carnival on March 29th, 5pm-8pm. We will need many volunteers to make the night a success. If you volunteer for one hour, you earn a FREE wristband (a \$5 value)!

We have many committee chair positions needing to be filled! Please contact Angel at angel.fisher@mcusd709.org to volunteer or for questions.

You can help Lettie Brown School by participating in the

KROGER Community Rewards Program

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click on **Create Account** or **Register** (you will need your Kroger Card number) & create profile
- Select your Community Rewards to go to Lettie Brown PTO (organization #70347)

Kroger sends us a check (up to 5% of our purchases)
quarterly for every time you use your card at the Morton Kroger!

** PLEASE NOTE - Your enrollment in Community Rewards needs to be renewed each year. If you have not done so recently, go the link above & click on **Re-Enroll Now**.*

Another way you can help Lettie Brown School is by ordering from **Amazon SmiLe**

- Register at smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1270878
- Check your profile to make sure **Lettie Brown Parent Teacher Org** is your charitable organization
- Shop at smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com



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