

OCTOBER 2021

309-266-5309

24 hr. absence line

309-284-1000

#### - OCTOBER 2021 -

- 4 MEC 2:45
- 5 Paw Pride Day; Running club; Challenge 2:30
- 6 Early dismissal, Brown 11:45
- 7 Running club 2:30; MEC 2:45; Student Council
- II NO SCHOOL Columbus Day
- 12 Challenge 2:30
- H MFC 2:45
- 15 In-service half day; II:45 dismissal, End of 1st auarter
- 18 MEC 2:45; Taekwondo
- 19 Picture Retake day; Challenge 2:30
- 21-22 Parent/Teacher conferences-NO SCHOOL
- 25 MEC 2:45; Taekwondo; Lettie Brown PTO meeting 7 pm
- 26 Challenge 2:30
- 28 MEC 2:45
- 29 Fall/Halloween parties

#### - NOVEMBER 2021 -

- I MEC 2:45; Taekwondo
- 2 Paw Pride Day; Challenge 2:30
- 3 Early dismissal: Brown 11:45
- 4 MEC 2:45; Student Council
- 8 MEC 2:45: Taekwondo
- 9 Challenge 2:30
- II MEC 2:45
- 15 MEC 2:45; Taekwondo
- 16 Challenge 2:30
- 18 MEC 2:45
- 22 MEC 2:45; Taekwondo

#### 24-26 Thanksqiving break-NO SCHOOL

- 29 MEC 2:45; Lettie Brown PTO Meeting 7 pm
- 30 Challenge 2:30

## Pro Walk-a-thor

Thank YOU for all the walk-a-thon donations! \$34,670 was raised for Lettie Brown School!

A special THANK YOU to these area businesses who donated:

A PERFECT PROMOTION BEST WESTERN MORTON INN **BETTER BANKS BLUE JAYS LEARNING CENTER** CEFCU CHICK-FIL-A DUNKIN DONUTS ELEVATE TRAMPOLINE PARK FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON **GARBER HEATING & AIR** 

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#### Pdrent Tedcher Conferences October 21St-22nd

A yellow conference confirmation sheet will be coming home with your student. Please note your appointment time so we can stay on schedule.

#### Red Ribbon Week is October 25th-29th

Red Ribbon Week is an annual campaign dedicated to drug prevention. Beyond spreading awareness on the dangers of drug & alcohol use, Red Ribbon Week also presents an excellent opportunity to teach students about the benefits of building lifelong healthy habits, physically, mentally, & emotionally.

Our theme this year will be:

## Lettie Brown's Sea Chooses to be brug free

Be on the lookout for more information to follow!

Wednesday, October 6th monthly half-day in-service 11:45 dismissal

Monday, October IIth

Columbus Day

students and staff do not attend

Friday, October 15th

end of 1st quarter half day in-service 11:45 dismissal Thursday, October 21st & Friday, October 2nd Parent Teacher Conferences students do not attend

#### PAW PRIDE AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 2021

Respect - Responsibility - Safe - Engaged

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

## Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, October 19th



If you want retakes for your child, please return the entire original picture packet to school.

NOTE - Anytime your child is absent, you need to call the school to report the absence on our 24-hour line.

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Please give the following information: the student's name, teacher, reason for the absence, along with any homework requested.

## MOMS in PRAYER

will be meeting outside on Thursday, October 7th from 9-10 am at Julie Roth's home, 147 Maple Ridge Drive

Questions can be directed to Julie at julieroth45@gmail.com or by calling (309) 712-6396

Follow our

## Lettie Brown Elementary School



Facebook page!

Each week we share updated school & district information, lots of classroom activities, and other fun things!

#### Strategy of the Month: QUESTIONING from Mrs. Bishop - Instructional Coach

Readers ask questions about the text and the author's intentions to seek information, clarify, and extend their thinking before, during and after reading.

Simply asking your child to tell you about what they read may be too general. A few questioning strategies many help improve the conversation.

- "Right There" questions are on a literal level and have answers that can be found in a specific place in the text.
- "Think and Search" questions are on an inferential level and have answers that relate to information found in the text.
- "Author and Me" questions have answers that are not stated in the text. It requires the students to combine previous knowledge with evidence from the text.

#### Reading Challenge of the Month

October is the month where we celebrate the beginning of fall! Here are some ways to challenge yourself to read this month:

- •read books about the season or that take place during fall
- •find books about apple or pumpkin picking
- •read a spooky story about ghosts or goblins
- •put on your Halloween costume and read one of your favorite books under the covers with a flashlight

## from Mrs. Steiner - Lettie Brown School Social Worker

The SAEBRS, an emotional screener, is administered three times a year for all students. The SAEBERS is a teacher-based rating scale of student risk for social-emotional and behavioral problems for K-12 students. The SAEBRS is designed for universal screening to identify school-, class-, and individual-level social-emotional learning needs.

All kindergarten through sixth-grade students are assessed each fall, winter, and spring using data from the district-wide social-emotional screener as well as input from teacher referral. The screener helps identify students who may benefit from Tier 2 social and emotional supports. Students who demonstrate a need for increased support may receive services such as Check-In Check-Out, Small Group Skill-based Instruction, additional supports within the classroom, or peer mentoring.



#### October is National Bullying Prevention Month

At Lettie Brown this month, the students are going to focus on spreading kindness during character education.

As a parent, you can take time to talk with your child about how he/she can be kind and spread kindness throughout their schools and community.

"Kindness - it costs nothing but means everything."

Mrs. Steiner, Lettie Brown School Social Worker

## Lettie Brown PTO News

- The Walk-a-thon on September 24th was a huge success! The total income from business donations and student contributions was approximately \$34,000. Thank you to the Walk-a-thon committee for all their effort!
- The online store for Lettie Brown spirit wear is now open and you should have received an email with a link to the store. Purchases can be made until October 8<sup>th</sup>. Once the store closes it takes about 3-4 weeks for the order to come in, and your items will be sent home with your child. Please contact Stacy Keller at <a href="mailto:stacylmk22@yahoo.com">stacylmk22@yahoo.com</a> for any questions.
- We are looking for the next "Big Idea" project. If you have a suggestion for a project at Lettie Brown that the PTO could fund, please let us know.
- We appreciate all of our volunteers! If you are interested in assisting a chairperson or helping with an event, please contact us. We are still in need of a shadow for after school programs.
- Noonday Collection is a company that sells jewelry and accessories handmade by artisans around the world, and they are offering a 10% back incentive to schools for parties held in September. Be on the lookout for an invitation to a Noonday Facebook Event hosted by Karen Gardner, which will be open from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>. She has offered to personally match an additional 10% of the proceeds back to the PTO. We appreciate her bringing this opportunity to us! The Facebook event will be posted to the Lettie Brown PTO page and an online link will be emailed to families.
- Come to a meeting (in person or virtual) and your child(ren) will be entered to win a gift card for their class! Meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 7pm. Our next meeting is October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Follow us on Facebook and email us your questions or comments at <a href="mailto:lettiebrownpto@gmail.com">lettiebrownpto@gmail.com</a>.
- Don't forget to sign up for AmazonSmile rewards and Kroger rewards!

#### ANOTHER WAY YOU CAN HELP LETTIE BROWN SCHOOL IS BY ORDERING FROM CIMCLED IN SINCE

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

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases



You can help Lettie Brown School by participating in the

## KROGER Community Rewards Program

- Register online at <a href="https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards">https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards</a>
- Click on Create Account or Register (you will need your Kroger card number) & create a profile
- Select your Community Rewards to go to Lettie Brown PT0 (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 to the link above & click on Re-enroll Now.

# Together we can face challenges as deep as the ocean.