

# Lettie Brown News

FEBRUARY  
2021

LETTIE BROWN ELEMENTARY  
2550 N. MORTON AVE.  
MORTON, ILLINOIS  
309-266-5309

24 HR. ABSENCE LINE  
309-284-1000



## FEBRUARY 2021

- 3 - Early dismissal 11:45 am
- 4 - Student Council 2:35
- 9 - MEC 2:45
- 11 - MEC 2:45, Gameball Run at your home
- 15 - President's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 16 - MEC 2:45
- 18 - MEC 2:45
- 22 - Brown PTO Meeting
- 23 - MEC 2:45
- 25 - MEC 2:45

## MARCH 2021

- 2 - MEC 2:45
- 3 - Early dismissal 11:45 am
- 4 - Student Council 2:35, MEC 2:45
- 5 - End of 3rd quarter, half day-11:45 dismissal
- 9 - MEC 2:45
- 11 - MEC 2:45
- 12 - 3rd quarter report cards go home
- 15 - PTO Meeting 7 pm
- 16 - Aide Appreciation Day, MEC 2:45
- 18 - MEC 2:45
- 23 - MEC 2:45
- 25 - MEC 2:45
- Monday, 3/29-Monday 4/5 - Easter Break

Parents... please remind your children to always use sidewalks & crosswalks when coming to & going from school.



Thank you!

The **Lettie Brown Gameball Run Coin War** will be

**Monday through Friday, February 1st-5th**

Bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, silver dollars, bills & checks!

All donations benefit The Children's Hospital of Illinois.



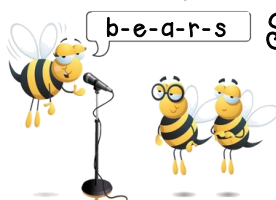
The **Lettie Brown Book Fair**

will be February 22nd - 25th

a link will be sent home to purchase books



Congratulations TO OUR 2021 LETTIE BROWN



Spelling Bee WINNERS!

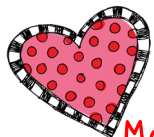
1st place - Lindsey B. - 6W

2nd place - Brianna L. - 4Z

3rd place - Jolie J. - 6W

Lindsey and Brianna will advance to the District Spelling Bee.

## Mark your calendar!



Wednesday, February 3rd - early dismissal @ 11:45

Monday, February 15th - Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL for students or staff

Wednesday, March 3rd - early dismissal @ 11:45

Friday, March 5th - half day in-service - dismissal @ 11:45

Monday, March 29th - Monday, April 5th - SPRING BREAK



# PAW PRIDE AWARDS - given out JANUARY 2021

**Respect - Responsibility - Safe - Engaged**

<b>KBu</b> Griffin G. Kinley M. Bryer M. (2) Sylvia M. Noah M. Ramsey M. Logan S.	Harper S. Paige S. Trey W. Jackson Z.	Grayson S. Wyatt S. Archer S. (2) Logan W. (2)	<b>4B</b> Brody B. Abbott B. Brooke C. Amelia D. Evangeline E. Katie E. Liam I. Liam K. Wes K. Adam L. Jessa N. Bella O. Cole R. Ellie S. Logan W.	Brayden R. Tinley S. (2) Jacob S. Emily S.	Izabelle K. Grace M. Max O. Josie P. Selah S. Luke w. Megan W.
<b>IW</b> Luke B. (3) Harper B. Alanna B. Kaitlyn G. Eden M. (2) Charlotte O. Colton S. Cameron S. (2) Luke W. (2)	<b>2B</b> Katie B. Brylie B. Hobson F. Owen H. Ace M. Jayce P. Adelyn Z. (2)	<b>3K</b> Lucy B. Elizabeth B. Isaac G. Asher M. Cruz M.	<b>5F</b> Jaxon B. Ella B. Autumn D. Kyra F. Isaiah H. Henry K. Charlie P. Adelyn R. (2) Kenley R. Ben R. Jesse S.	<b>6G</b> Riley B. Dereion C. Alex R. Mady T.	<b>6W</b> Max C. Adrian H. Adly H. (2) Jolie J. Hudson L. Logan M. Jude R.
<b>IW</b> Ava A. Troy B. (2) Quinn B. Scarlett F. Sophia G.	<b>2K</b> Jackson B. Aubrey C. Cruz E. (2) Olivia F. Collin G. Charlie G. Hudson H. (3) Mason H. Wendy L. (2) Cael M. Ellie O. (2)	<b>30</b> Landry B. Daniel G. Connor H. Poppy J. Norah M. Abe M. Camden O. Colby O. Adelaide P. Nolan S. Brynn W.	<b>4Z</b> Campbell B. (2) Lee B. Kia C. Alayna J. Jaret J. Brianna L. Brody M. Nicholas R.	<b>5G</b> Evan B. Noah C. Lucas C. Katie D. (2) Brayden H. Bella J. Simone K.	<b>Staff</b> Mr. Allen

## PAIR FICTION WITH NON-FICTION from Mrs. McDowell - Literacy Coach

Pair fiction texts with nonfiction texts (books, articles, audio books). For example, first read a story like *Goldilocks and Three Bears* and follow it with a nonfiction book such as *Bears* (Deborah Hodge). As you read look for ways that real bears are different from fictional bears. Talk about how fiction and nonfiction text topics are similar in some ways and different in others.

- What's the author's purpose?
- What did you learn from both texts?
- What was added to the text, such as illustrations, photographs, graphics, etc.?



Want to find more paired texts? Check out this link from Scholastic.

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/fiction-non-fiction-book-pairs-classroom-library/>

## from Mrs. Steiner - Lettie Brown Social Worker

Have you ever attempted to get your child to open up about his/her day or to connect with them, only to have them respond that their day was fine. Don't be discouraged by your children's responses. Most times, they're just exhausted after a full day at school, and vague questions take too much brain power to navigate. Here are some intentional and meaningful questions you can ask your child after school that will actually invoke real responses and moments of connection.

1. What made you smile today?
2. What did you play with today?
3. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
4. Teach me something you learned today.
5. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?

I hope these questions can help spark more moments of connection and conversation next time you try to learn about your child's day.



# LETTIE BROWN STUDENT COUNCIL PAGE

## DID YOU KNOW THAT MRS. CASSIDY IS RETIRING? interview by Max C.



**What will you miss most about this school?** *I will miss all the students smiling faces & their enthusiasm for PE activities. Also, I will miss the tremendous support from all the staff members I have worked with in Morton district 709!*

**What was your favorite part of the school?** *Definitely the new gym addition! I feel so lucky to be able to teach such great students in a first class facility...love the new gym, especially having air conditioning & extra space to play!!*

**How many years have you been teaching at Lettie Brown?** *Lettie Brown-16 years; in Morton 709 district 33 years.*

**How many years have you worked in schools?** *I taught a total of 35 years.*

**What was your favorite activity at school?** *Either badminton, castleball, or volleyball. With all 3 activities you have to work together with teammates, using a lot of teamwork (offense & defense) strategies. Everyone can contribute no matter what kind of level of play.*

**What did you like most about teaching?** *How the students get so excited about coming to PE & playing the most simple games such as bean bag slide or "What time is it Mr. Wolf"?*

**How many students do you think you have taught?** *I have taught over 3,500 students from when I began teaching in 1985 to present.*

**What year was your favorite at school?** *One of my favorite years was when I first started at Lettie Brown. I never knew it would be so much fun teaching elementary children (I was teaching & coaching jr. high before coming to L.B.!) I found out on the first day that elementary kids look so forward to PE & just want to have a good time with their classmates & teachers.*

**What's your favorite book?** *Charlotte's Web & The Help-in both stories the main characters depend & support each other to be successful in life- just like being a teacher or student.*

**What's your favorite movie?** *McFarland USA...I love the message it portrays to keep yourself humble, true, & never give up when times are really tough. I also love that it is based on a true story!*

**What's your favorite thing to do outside of school?** *To run & run even more! I love the feeling of breathing in clean fresh outdoor air & keeping my muscles strong. Also, I love just hanging with my family & having crazy fun conversations and adventures!*

**What's your favorite game to play?** *Volleyball & pickleball...favorite is to watch CUBS baseball, Notre Dame football & any college basketball game!*

**What do you plan to do in retirement?** *Go to more Cubs MLB games! Watch my daughter play basketball, volleyball & softball! Go on vacations with my family! Maybe keep busy with a part-time job during the school year only.*

**Do you plan to move somewhere else?** *After my daughter graduates from HS in 4 1/2 years, my family and I plan on moving to Tennessee or southern Indiana.*

**Where's your favorite place to travel?** *I love to be on the beach, such as Marco Island, Florida, or my ultimate dream vacation is visit my Irish heritage in Ireland!*

## What teacher am I? - by Henry P. (read the clues and check your answer on the last page)

- My favorite food is crab legs.
- My favorite sports team are the Cubs & Steelers.
- My favorite hobby is fishing.
- I have 1 pet.
- I have been teaching for 27 years.
- My favorite movie is *Elf*.
- My favorite book is *Where the Red Fern Grows*.
- My favorite TV show *American Pickers*.
- I commute 45 miles each way for a 90 mile round trip.

## Let's Welcome Mrs. Ginzel - by Olivia S.

I'm sure many of you know that we have several new staff members this year. I'd like to introduce you to our new sixth grade teacher, **Mrs. Ginzel**. There are many things that you probably didn't know about her. Once you read this article, I'm sure you'll be just as impressed as I was. She is excited to teach here at Lettie Brown.

While she teaches all subjects, her favorite is science. Who can blame her? She has also taught at Woodrow Wilson in East Peoria. She taught kindergarten there. Mrs. Ginzel went to ICC then Bradley University for college. She got her masters degree from Xavier University.

She believes that "all students are welcome in the classroom and are valued". Some advice she would give to all teachers, including herself, is that you should keep kids interested in learning. What she loves about teaching is seeing the light bulbs that pop up above a child's head when learning. She likes to teach her students to stay curious and to ask questions. She would like to thank everybody for giving her this wonderful opportunity.



# Lettie Brown PTO News



- We have many positions open for next years PTO, Please contact Holly Bones for more information,
  - \* President
  - \* Treasurer
  - \* Book Fair Committee - co-chair
  - \* After School Programs Committee
  - \* Spirit Wear Committee co-chair
- Come to a meeting and be entered to win \$10 for your class!
- Next meeting Monday February 22

## REMINDER: LETTIE BROWN YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH.

go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> and enter ID code 13571921



Follow our  
**Lettie Brown Elementary School** Facebook page!  
We share updated school & district information, lots  
of classroom activities, and other fun things!  
So, please search **Lettie Brown Elementary School**  
on Facebook, and "like" our page!



Answer to What Teacher Am I? Mr. Fink

You can help Lettie Brown School by participating in the

## KROGER Community Rewards Program

- Register online at <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>
- 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 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 to the link above & click on [Re-enroll Now](#).

## ANOTHER WAY YOU CAN HELP LETTIE BROWN SCHOOL IS BY ORDERING FROM **amazonSmile**

- Register at [smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1270878](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of [amazon.com](https://amazon.com)



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