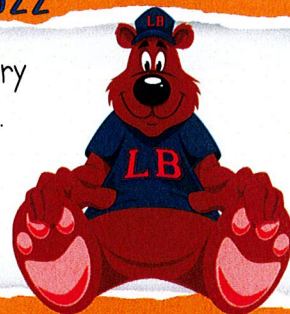


Lettie Brown News

September 2022

Lettie Brown Elementary
2550 N. Morton Ave.
Morton, Illinois
309-266-5309

24 hr. absence line
309-284-1000



- SEPTEMBER 2022 -

- 1 - Thursday Running Club
- 5 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day**
- 6 - PAW Pride Day, Tues. Running Club 2:30,
- 8 - Thurs. Running club 2:30, MEC, 1st grade Reading Night 6:30
- 12 - MEC
- 13 - Tues. Running club 2:30
- 14-16 Morton Pumpkin Festival
- 15 - Running club 2:30, MEC
- 16 - Early dismissal, Brown-11:45**, 1st qtr. midterm
- 19 - MEC
- 20 - Tues. Running club 2:30, Challenge
- 22 - Running club 2:30, MEC, 1st grade Field Trip
- 26 - PTO Meeting 7:00
- 27 - Challenge
- 29 - MEC
- 30 - PTO Walk-A-Thon (during school)

- OCTOBER 2022 -

- 3 - MEC
- 4 - Paw Pride Day, Challenge
- 5 - Early dismissal, Brown - 11:45**
- 6 - MEC
- 10 - NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day**
- 11 - Challenge
- 13 - MEC
- 14 - In-service half day, 11:45 dismissal**,
End of 1st qtr.
- 17 - MEC
- 18 - Challenge, Picture Retake day
- 19 - Report Cards
- 20-21 Parent/Teacher conferences-NO SCHOOL**
- 24 - Lettie Brown PTO 7 pm
- 25 - Challenge
- 31 - Fall/Halloween parties

Early dismissal, , , an early dismissal is scheduled so that staff members can participate in a time of professional development. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. on the following dates:

September 16th	December 7th	March 1st
October 5th	January 9th	April 5th
November 2nd	February 1st	May 3rd

Picture Day

Thursday, September 8th



To order online visit:

hrimaging.com

The PTO Walk-a-thon will be held during school on Friday, September 30th.

This is a great way to exercise and raise money for our school!



Follow us on Facebook for district information, upcoming events, classroom activities, and lots of fun things!

Lettie Brown Elementary School



Popcorn Friday

Friday, Sept. 2nd



Bring a quarter, get a bag of popcorn!



PAW PRIDE AWARDS - AUGUST 2022

Respect - Responsibility - Safe - Engaged

<u>KBu</u> Preston T. Brynn W. Logan E. Virginia R. Liam B. Rory W.	<u>IS</u> Timothy G. Eli N. Palmer P. (2) Letty M. (2) Micah K. Michael Z. Alistair G. (2) Hayes G. Jett H.	Bryson S. Landon P. Finely D. Luca E. Nora M. Charlotte S. Elyse G.	Raj P. <u>2T</u> Hayes R. (2) Nova B. Julia S. Declan O. Kingston G.	Sam G. (2) Colton F. Isaac R. <u>4B</u> Katie B. (2) Layla M. Charlie M. Lance B.	Brynn W. <u>6G</u> Abby G. Evangeline E. Ellie R. Blake B. Liam K.	Ava G. Khloe P. Simone L. Liam I. Schroeder G. (2) Ava D. Tinley S. Thatcher H. Jacob S. Bea S.
<u>KBr</u> Lola B. Vivian H. Lofton S. Anna F.	<u>IW</u> Owen G.	<u>2B</u> Bryer M. Noah M. Sophia M. Cambria S. Shiloh D.	<u>3Ki</u> Sterling V. <u>3Ki</u>	<u>5G</u> Lili G. Poppy J.	<u>6W</u> Katie E. Emily S. Wes K.	

A Note From the Library- Mrs. Zehr (laura.zehr@mcusd709.org)

It has been wonderful seeing familiar faces and welcoming new students as they come to the library. Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up as a library volunteer. If you already signed up for a few slots on Sign Up Genius, you can check back next week and sign up for additional spots. If you would like to volunteer in the library during your student's library time, but didn't sign up at Meet the Teacher, feel free to email me, I will provide you all the information you need. You don't have to volunteer on a regular basis if your schedule doesn't allow. You can access the online calendar once I send you the link and sign up for only one time if that is what works for you. There are help sheets in the library that walk you through the processes that the volunteers perform.

PS. Overall the students have been good about returning their library books, but as we get into the swing of things, I would appreciate some reminders from you to have them return their books each week.

Lettie Brown PTO News

- This year's board members – President Holly Bones, Vice President Amy Kominkiewicz, Secretary Bethany Wyss, Treasurer Stephanie Autry
- We appreciate all of our volunteers! Our hospitality committee is looking for an individual or two to assist with organizing food and treats for staff throughout the year. Please let us know if you are interested.
- Come to a meeting 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 September 26th.
- Follow us on Facebook and email us your questions or comments at lettiebrownppto@gmail.com.
- Don't forget to sign up for AmazonSmile rewards and Kroger rewards!

FROM THE OFFICE

Lunches

School lunches are \$2.80 this year.
To put money on your child's account:
-Log on to MealMagic
Or
-Send an envelope with your student's
Name and teacher with check or cash



Brown Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten - 10:50
5th & 6th - 11:15
3rd & 4th - 11:37
1st & 2nd - 12:00

Student Drop-off/Pick-up

* Please do **NOT** park in the drop-off/pick-up lane *

- **Drop-off** - Enter north lot (by pool) and use drop-off lane. Students enter front doors.
- **Pick-up** - Park in north lot and come to the front of the school to meet your child at 2:30 pm.

Thanks for your cooperation for the safety of our students.

Appointments...

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT APPOINTMENTS
BE SCHEDULE BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL IF POSSIBLE,
ESPECIALLY DURING MAP AND IAR TESTING. IF THAT
ISN'T POSSIBLE, PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE IN
ADVANCE WITH A NOTE, E-MAIL OR PHONE CALL.

THANK YOU!



DENTAL REMINDER

If your student is CURRENTLY
in Kindergarten, 2nd, or 6th grade,
please bring a copy of their current
dental exam to the office
if you haven't done so already.

Attention: Parents of New Students, Kindergarteners, & 6th graders!

Physicals & current immunizations are required for all
new students, kindergarteners, & 6th graders. If you
have not already done so, please turn these papers
into the office.

*Papers must be submitted by October 15th, or students will be excluded
from school. Appointment cards are no longer accepted.

Please send a note...

- If students are walking, or being picked up by a friend, we need a note from both sets of parents.
- We also need a note for any changes in their normal routine. This makes our after school routine operate more efficiently, and we make sure that each student gets to the correct location after school



Brown Notepads

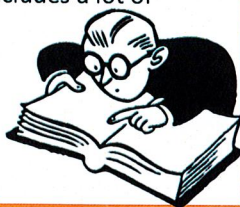
are only \$2 in the office

If you are going to send a note to school about
your student, this is the notepad you need!
They are easily recognizable by your student's
teacher to help ensure your important notes
get to the office.

Pick one up today!

BROWN SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Your Lettie Brown directory which includes a lot of
important information
will be sent home with the
youngest Lettie Brown
family member in October.



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



* **call 284-1000** *

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

PLANT SEEDS OF KINDNESS

And Watch them
Grow



Lost & Found

Please make sure to have ALL
belongings clearly marked
with your student's name.
We already have some items
in the lost & found!

*Lunch boxes *Coats *Hats *Gloves



Lettie Brown Families,

We are off to a fantastic start to the 2022-2023 school year! This year, we have added a number of new strategies to teach social/emotional skills at Lettie Brown. We are planning to highlight those strategies in the newsletter each month.

Focus 1: Essential Skills: During announcements each morning (for the first 31 days), an **essential skill** is shared with students. We discuss the importance of the skill, and students are encouraged to utilize these skills throughout the school day. We have been excited to notice that our students are embracing these skills! Clearly, they are seeing the benefit of using these essential skills in their relationships with others and in their daily functioning. You might even want to encourage these skills in your home as well!

August Essential Skills:

- Aug. 11th: Greet visitors and make them feel comfortable.
- Aug. 12th: Greet people by their name.
- Aug. 15th: Make eye contact with everyone who speaks to you.
- Aug. 16th: Respond to others when they speak to you or ask you a question.
- Aug. 17th: Track the speaker with your eyes and ears.
- Aug. 18th: Congratulate others when they are successful or when they make a contribution.
- Aug. 19th: Respect other people's comments, opinions, and ideas.
- Aug. 22nd: If you are asked a question in a conversation, ask a question in return.
- Aug. 23rd: Always say "thank you" when given something.
- Aug. 24th: If someone drops something, help them pick it up.
- Aug. 25th: Hold the door for others.
- Aug. 26th: Follow along when we read together in class.
- Aug. 29th: Transitions in class should be swift, quiet, and orderly.
- Aug. 30th: If you cause an accident, apologize, even if it wasn't intentional.
- Aug. 31st: Be organized.

Our list of Essential Skills has been adapted from Ron Clark's book, *The Essential 55: An Award-Winning Educator's Rules for Discovering the Successful Student in Every Child*.

Thank you for your support!
Mrs. Faith Waterfield, Mrs. Laura Steiner,
Lettie Brown Principal School Social Worker



It's so exciting to have all the students back to school.

As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, I would like to provide you with some quick tips that may help make the transition back to school easier at home.



1. Get into a routine
2. Create a distraction-free zone at home for kids to work.
3. Establish a bedtime routine to ensure your kids are getting enough sleep.
4. Start each morning with a healthy breakfast.

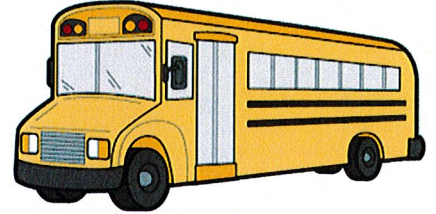
I look forward to getting to work with you and your students this school year!

Mrs. Steiner, Lettie Brown School Social Worker

Tips from Transportation—- —BUS STOPS & SAFETY STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- ◆ Supervise children to make sure they get to the stop on time, wait far away from the road and avoid rough play.
- ◆ Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.
- ◆ Teach your child to ask the driver for help if he/she drops something near the bus. If a child stoops to pick something up, the driver may not be able to see them.
- ◆ Make sure clothing has no loose drawstrings and backpack straps are short so that they don't get caught in the handrail or school bus door.
- ◆ Encourage safe school bus loading and unloading.
- ◆ Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.
- ◆ Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion divert the driver's attention and could result in a serious accident.
- ◆ Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. No eating is allowed on the bus.
- ◆ If you have concerns about a bus stop, contact the school district transportation department @ 309-263-1086, or the Lettie Brown principal @ 309-266-5309.

For more School Bus Safety Tips, visit this useful site: https://www.isbe.net/Documents/bus_safety_parents.pdf



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 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 <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.