

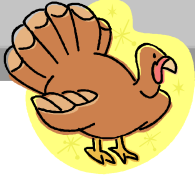


Lance Lightning Newsletter

November 2009



Thanksgiving Recess – November 26-27
No School



END OF 1ST QUARTER

November 6th – Students released at 11:57am

H1N1 and Seasonal Flu

We are working closely with the Kenosha County Division of Health to monitor and deal with H1N1 and the seasonal flu. Here are a few things you can do to help.

- Keep sick children at home – for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or do not show signs of a fever, without using fever-reducing drugs.
- Do not send children to school if they are sick – All students who are determined to be sick will be sent home.
- Wash hands – often with soap and water.
- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu – symptoms include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, and feeling very tired.

If you call your child in sick, the office staff will ask if your child has a fever or any flu like symptoms.

Thank you for your help.

*American Education
 Week is
 November 16 – 20*

Next school “**Social**” – November 13th
 (sponsored by the 6th Grade Trip to Dells)
4:00pm – 6:00pm

LANCE PTO

The next meeting is November 17th @ 7pm in the Lance Library.

Please do your part to help out our PTO. Lance can earn money to support our school with your help! Please look over the ways in which YOU can contribute...

- **Market Day** - This month, help us reach our goal of 500 desserts! There are a wonderful variety of pies and desserts from which to choose. **Anyone buying 1 dessert will be entered into a raffle to win 1 of 5 \$5 Market Day Gift Certificates.** Go to www.marketday.com to place an order. Order by 10/29 at 11 p.m. online to take advantage of this. Just choose Lance as your location and order online.
- **Market Day, Target & Pick n' Save** - When making purchases at these locations, a percentage of all items bought will go toward Lance's PTO. At Pick n' Save, go to the service desk and fill out a form to have Lance as your location. Our code number is **451690** and needs to be written on the form.
- **Box Tops for Education** - Keep saving these! A special contest will be coming in the future and every Box Top counts. These box tops are an easy way to give money to our school and PTO!
- **SuperValu** - SuperValu will give Lance 1% cash back on most purchases made at their store. In order to receive this, please follow these guidelines:
 1. Have your receipt stamped by the cashier when you checkout.
 2. Turn in all receipts in a timely manner to Lance (in the office) as SuperValu requires schools to turn in receipts every three (3) months in order to be eligible for the 1% cash back.

Remember, a little effort goes a LONG way for our PTO and the students and staff here at Lance!

WKCE – Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (State Standardized Test)
Lance will be testing on **November 9, 10, 12, 17, 18th**. Testing will begin first thing in the morning and be done by lunchtime. Please ensure your child is attendance on these days and that they arrive on time ready for the school day.

Parent Guide

<http://dpi.wi.gov/oea/pdf/parentguide.pdf>

Parent/Student Test Brochure

<http://dpi.wi.gov/oea/pdf/stprntbrochure.pdf>

General test preparations for your child:

- Encourage students to answer all test questions
- Remind students to listen to and read all directions and to tackle the test one question at a time instead of thinking about the entire test
- When possible it is beneficial to establish a daily routine for meals, homework, chores, bedtime, and family time
- Encourage students to participate in practice sessions
- Ensure students get a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before taking a test
- Provide students with a study area
- Offer praise and encouragement for achievement and improvement
- Encourage students to practice good study habits and set aside time every day for homework



STUDENT COUNCIL

There will be no Student Council meetings in November, due to WKCE testing.

Next general membership meeting will be on December 9th.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Flox or Mrs. Shuppert at 359-2806.

Musical Auditions

Auditions will be held after school on the following days in the Auditorium for this year musical.

Friday, November 20, 4-6pm

Monday, November 23, 4-6pm

See Mr. Frieman or Mrs. Kirby for more details.

High School Choice Principals will be visiting Lance on December 3rd to discuss the various options for our 8th grade students for their 9th grade year.

(Indian Trail Academy, Lakeview Tech Academy, Harborview, and Reuther)

Parent Informational Meeting

Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00pm in the Lance Auditorium.

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY



School documents created on home computers
If your student creates a document at home using Microsoft Office 2007 and you plan to send that document to school via flash drive, CD, or as an email attachment, please save that document as Office 2004 (.doc rather than .docx) in order for us to open that document.

Emailing the Lance Staff

If you wish to email one of our staff members, a list of email addresses is maintained in the "Contact Us" section of our school's website at <http://lance.kusd.edu>.

CONNECTING SCHOOL TO HOME

Online Subscription Resources for Parents and Students

Subscription of the Month

Web Location: www.kusd.edu

The online subscriptions tab is located on the KUSD website in the upper right corner and is called "Library Online." Click on this tab and drop down to "Middle."

Log-in needed to access this online subscription:

Username: Kenosha

Password: WI

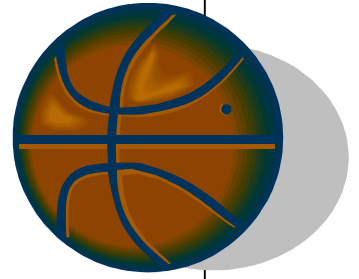
CultureGrams includes world edition where you can learn, research, and experience the world through detailed cultural information on more than 200 countries. This subscription also includes state edition, which explores all the U.S. states in colorful, kid-friendly reports. The kid's edition gives a child's eye view of daily life in countries around the world. Finally, the provinces edition allows you to tour all the Canadian provinces and territories in 13 image-filled reports. Click on one of the four editions to learn more about different cultures.

Please take the opportunity to explore this free online resource with your student.

BOYS BASKETBALL

(7th grade games start at 4:30pm with 8th grade to follow)

Nov. 5 – Lance @ McKinley
Nov. 10 – Washington @ Lance
Nov. 12 – Mahone @ Lance
Nov. 17 – Lance @ Lincoln
Nov. 19 – Lance @ Bullen
Nov. 23 – McKinley @ Lance
Nov. 24 – Lance @ Washington



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education classes (1st quarter) are wrapping up the quarter with the basketball unit. Please remember to have all students prepared for the class with appropriate clothes and shoes. For the upcoming second quarter students, a separate gym shirt and shorts are required. The shirts must cover the mid section and armpit area. The shorts must reach mid thigh and be athletic in style. The shoes must be non-marking and completely tied. This information will be given out to the second quarter students at the beginning of the quarter.

Health classes (1st quarter) are wrapping up the physical fitness unit. The second quarter health classes must bring a pen or pencil, a folder, and paper to each class. Classes will meet every Monday for the quarter. More information will come on the first day of the second quarter.

French

Bonjour de Monsieur Frieman!

6th Grade: We have begun speaking French! So far your child should be able to say the alphabet, numbers through 50, basic colors, their name, how they are doing, their age, their birthday and where they are from.

7th Grade: We have completed our unit on different French-speaking countries. The quarter will end with a heavy grammar focus on how to use adjectives correctly in French with vocabulary we have already learned

French 101: We have finished Unit 1 in the textbook and have moved on to Unit 2. Unit 2 covers French cafés, movies, time and making plans.

National French Week: National French Week is November 4-10. We will be celebrating it at Lance Middle School from November 2nd to the 13th. We will be looking at French cuisine, science, history, art, music and traditions.

EXTREME TEAM

Thank you to all families that participated in the Puffins fundraiser! Students raised over \$5,000 to be used towards their accounts. Please make sure that all forms and "Hold my Spot" fees for the 6th grade trip are in by October 28th.

In addition, please be advised that the end of the quarter is fast approaching. Keep checking Zangle and Wednesday folders for grade reports. All missing work will need to be turned in by October 28th. Students with no missing work will qualify for the first quarter incentive field trip to Skatetown. Permission slips for those that qualify will be sent home soon.

Lastly, WKCE testing is beginning in November. Please watch parent newsletter for exact dates.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

When students are absent for any reason, please do not call the office for missed work. Our philosophy is that anything that we assign in class will need explanation. We would rather give that explanation and work to the student upon their return. However, all assignments are posted on newschoolnotes.com each evening by 5:00 pm.

Spanish

Languages have become very important nowadays for a global communication, Science, Education and technology developments. This fact is the result of the fastest growth of digital communications and computer technologies. This is why languages are now called World Languages!

PARENTS :

If you would like "special" homework or instructions for your children that already have an exposure on target language, please feel free to contact me; and homework will be sent home according with your child's speaking ability.

We are currently working on.....

6th Grade: Your child should be able to count, name colors, and carry a small conversation using target language.

7th Grade: We are about to start a new chapter "Food". Your child should be able to name at least 50 words in Spanish. They can also describe people using different adjectives.

8th Grade Semester: We are currently working on "Verb to be" Students are learning how to make sentences using target language.

8th Grade 101: I will have this class for a full year so just wait to see the results by the end of the school year. This class is currently working on a "County report."

Students will have to create a poster providing relevant information about this country. They will use different resources (library and computer lab)

Please feel free to e-mail me with any concerns or comments that you might have.

Have a great day,

Señora Lepley

SYNERGY HOUSE

The first quarter has gone by fast! The Synergy House has been very busy. In **Math** the students have finished Chapter 2. Students will be taking the first District Common Assessment that covers Chapters 1 and 2. We will start the second quarter learning about decimals. Students will be able to represent, compare, order, and compute with decimals after studying Chapter 3. All of the students have been working hard practicing for the WKCE test that will be given in November. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast in order to be successful on the WKCE tests.

In **English** the students have been working on sentence structure, sentence fluency, and sentence variety. The students will put all this sentence practice to good use this school year when they are writing their paragraphs and essays. Please remind your child that the five books they are required to read this quarter must be finished by November fourth.

In **Science** we are finishing Chapter 2 Section 4 Measurement and safety and will be taking the chapter test soon. Science notebooks will be collected prior to the end of the quarter and we will begin second quarter with our next textbook "Inside the Restless Earth."

In **Social Studies**, we have finished our first theme of geography, Location, and we will be starting our second theme of geography – Place. Students will be studying the human and physical characteristics of place. We will begin this theme with the human characteristics, which will be covered in Chapter 4, Sections 1-4 in their Social Studies book, "Geography Tools and Concepts." With this new theme, students will be receiving a new yellow study guide, for Place, which we will be filling out as we learn new key terms and concepts. It is important that students hold on to and bring these study guides to school every day we have social studies. By doing this, students will be less likely to fall behind on important information that they will need when it comes time for the unit test on Place. It also is important to remember to be studying about 5-10 minutes each night on new terms and concepts learned.

Thank you to all of the parents that attended the parent meeting regarding the end of the year **Wisconsin Dells/Cave of the Mounds field trip**. The students seem excited about the opportunity to participate in the field trip. **All of the forms and the first payment was due on October 28th**, so if your child has not turned them in, please do so as soon as possible. **The next scheduled payment dates are: January 22nd and March 26th.**

Washington DC Trip

We will be hosting a SOCIAL on December 11th from 6:8pm. Any donations for concessions would be greatly appreciated.

8th Grade T-Shirts – order forms will be sent home soon. We anticipate the price being around \$12

ADVENTURE HOUSE

Science- Mr. Cetera

It's hard to believe that a full quarter of the school year has just about passed. Since the beginning of the school year, our science classes here have been using the new Holt Science & Technology materials that were introduced last year, whereas on-line passwords have been issued for students to access the Holt website to further their learning experiences and opportunities. The on-line textbook ancillaries are excellent and I encourage all interested parties to investigate the many wonderful features that can be found and utilized there.

Currently in science class we are focusing our attention on Environmental Science and we are about half way through this endeavor. Moreover, of the many topics that we will be discussing and experimenting within this area of science are interactions of living things, cycles in nature, the Earth's ecosystem, environmental problems/solutions, and energy resources. Additionally, with adaptation of the new science curriculum and materials, unit vocabulary is a primary objective to help students understand the contextual importance of each unit being discussed and covered. To help students master the unit vocabulary, I will make vocabulary flash cards available on www.schoolnotes.com for students to use during each unit we are covering.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great month,

Social Studies- Mrs. Valeri

We've had a great start to the year in Social Studies!

We are currently finishing our study of Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent. In this unit your child has learned about the beginnings of civilization in the Fertile Crescent. We have also learned about the contributions of the Babylonians, Hittites, Kassites, Assyrians, and the Phoenicians.

Since the beginning of the year our Social Studies classes have been using the New Holt book, World History. As a reminder, the entire book is available online to your child. If your child has lost or misplaced his/her login and password, please contact me. The students seem to be enjoying the new format of the books and we are looking forward to start studying our next unit, Ancient Egypt, followed by Ancient Greece and Rome. Please check Zangle Parent Connect to check on your child's progress in Social Studies. Also, assignments and flashcards are available on schoolnotes.com

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning your child's progress.

Math- Mrs. Gosse

We will begin the 2nd quarter soon. Please check with your child to see if they need some supplies. (i.e. pencils, pens, binder, paper, and book cover)

Pre-Algebra: We will end 1st quarter with a test on section 3.4-3.7 on Nov. 3, quarter test on Nov. 5, and a Pre-Test on the fundamentals of fractions on the 6th.

2nd quarter they will study fractions and decimals, scientific notation, powers, proportions, similarity, ratios, and rates.

It has been a wonderful year teaching your children. Always remember to keep in touch and change your child's progress by using Zangle.

Math 7: The quarter will end soon with a test on 2.6-2.10 around the 3rd of Nov. and a quarter test around the 5th. They will then begin to study fractions and decimals, the coordinate plane, functions, ratios, and rates, and similarity.

I have enjoyed working with your children during the first quarter. Keep in touch and check your child's progress by using Zangle.

Renaissance House

We'd like to begin by thanking all the families that came to see us for parent/teacher conferences. We appreciate the support! Secondly, thank you to all who are using Zangle as a tool to monitor your student's progress and please know that we are available if there are questions that arise.

In celebration of students who earned C's or better in their academic classes, we are taking a walking field trip to McDonalds on Wednesday, October 28. Please send your child with money for breakfast. We are happy that over 70 students will be attending, and we hope that this number increases for our next incentive during the second quarter.

English: We are reading *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick and beginning a 5- paragraph book report next week.

Math: During math class, we have been working on prime factorization, greatest common factor and least common multiple. We will apply these skills to fractions. We will soon be taking the quarter 1 common assessment and the WKCE tests. After that, we will continue with fractions and decimals. Please check your child's math supplies since some are already running low. Students are in need of a math book with a cover, red spiral, and red folder with loose-leaf paper, assignment notebook, calculator, red pen and a pencil.

Our pre algebra students have been working hard on solving algebraic equations and will continue soon with solving inequalities. They also will be taking the WKCE test soon along with their chapter 1 common assessment. Please check your child's math supplies as listed above.

Science: We are well into the second half of our Environmental Book. For the remainder of the quarter and the beginning of second, we will be learning about land biomes, aquatic ecosystems, and energy resources.

The official end of First Quarter is Friday, November 6. Please remind students to submit assignments in a timely manner to assure their best grade.

TITANIUM HOUSE

As we end the first Quarter for this school year and begin the second one, we have news of several exciting events. First of all, we would like you to be aware of some interventions we, as your student's House teachers have put into place recently to actively promote academic success.

We have spent a great deal of time identifying those students who need some form of additional help. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we have supplied several of our students with peer tutors, and have found this to be rewarding to the tutor as well as beneficial to those who have received the help. On these same days, we have assigned those students in the House who are lagging behind in assignments the opportunity to have a special place to go to get help so that missing work can be completed. Students seem to genuinely appreciate this chance to get caught up.

As an additional service, MASH, an after school program available to all students who could use some additional help on work is up and running on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Please feel free to take advantage of this program.

The WKCE Standardized Tests are scheduled to take place in early November. As a staff, much effort has been put forth to offer our students the most supportive testing environment possible to promote growth on these tests. Students will be testing in the morning shortly after they arrive, so we ask that students arrive on time each morning, well rested and ready to go.

Our students will be attending the play, "1776" at Reuther on November 24. The permission slip for this has previously been sent home. Since the students will be soon studying the various aspects of the American Revolution, this should serve as a powerful extension of these important historical concepts.

Parents and students should also be aware that the introduction of the Science Emporium is in the near future. Every student in Titanium House will be expected to complete his/her own project, which must be an experiment and valid example of the Scientific Method rather than a report on a science topic. Students should begin to consider possible topics for their project. More information and details on this school wide event will be coming later.

Thanks for all your support!

Titanium House Teachers

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Light House

Mr. Soden/ English

Light House English has just finished writing our Persuasive essays. We will now be reading and working with Daniel Keyes' Flowers for Algernon.

Mrs. Weitzel and Mrs. Carpenter/ Math

Algebra: As the first quarter winds down, the Algebra students are finishing Chapter 3: Solving Equations. We will continue to move forward in the book during quarter 2 covering Chapters 4 (Graphing Linear Equations and Functions), Chapter 5 (Writing Linear Equations), and Chapter 13 (Probability and Data Analysis). Students are reminded that homework is assigned almost daily so it is very important not to fall behind.

Pre-Algebra classes: We will be wrapping up Chapter 3 by November 6 (end of Quarter 1). During Quarter 2 we will cover Chapters 4, 5, and 6. In Chapter 4 we will work on exponents and their properties, in Chapter 5 we will work on ratios, proportions and similar figures, and in Chapter 6 we will cover the relationship between decimals, percents, and fractions, and also work with simple interest. Students are reminded to always have their math notebook with the as well as pencils to use in class on a daily basis. Homework is assigned on a daily basis so it is very important not to fall behind. Please keep checking Zangle to make sure your student is up to date on his or her work

Ms. Harmon/ Social Studies

In social studies, we will be completing Chapters 4 and part of 5. Also, the field trip to see the play will be on Tuesday, November 24. Permission slips and money are due November 6.

Mr. Walton / Science

Students have made excellent progress in their study of cells and organisms. I would like to thank them for their hard work and you for support at home. This month students will learn about heredity, the theory of evolution and the history of life on earth.

I endeavor to provide parents and students' resources and information pertaining to future homework deadlines via e-mail. If you would like to be added to our contact list please send a blank e-mail message with your child's name on to subject line to twalton@kUSD.edu.

I strongly encourage parents and caretakers to access 'Zangle Parent-Connect' on a regular basis to determine student progress in all subjects. The username and password is available from the school office and is the same for all siblings. Parent-connect can be found at the KUSD homepage or Lance Middle School homepage. Also, students have a username and password that enables online access to their science textbook. If you do not have this information please contact me at the above e-mail address.

Finally please feel free to contact me at the above e-mail

MUSIC

TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE LANCE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Here is some information the music teachers would like to remind you of.

IMPORTANT MUSIC DEPARTMENT DATES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, FUNDRAISER PICKUP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:30 P.M. CHOIR CONCERT*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, KUSD JAZZ FESTIVAL at Tremper High School

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, AUDITIONS FOR THE ALL SCHOOL MUSICAL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AUDITIONS FOR THE ALL SCHOOL MUSICAL

DATES AND TIMES FOR ALL SCHOOL MUSICAL TBA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, BAND CONCERT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, ORCHESTRA CONCERT

TIMBER-LEE ORCHESTRA RETREAT

The annual KUSD Orchestra Retreat will be held on Sunday, January 10 through Tuesday, January 12, 2010. All 7th and 8th grade orchestra students are invited to attend as well as the 6th grade chamber orchestra students. A blue information packet has been sent home with further information. A \$35.00 deposit for those planning to attend is due by Wednesday, October 28.

ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS AFTERNOON TEA DATE CHANGE

The Orchestra Boosters Tea held at Mahone Middle School has been moved to Sunday, February 14. Please mark your calendars.

UNIFORMS

Our band, choir and orchestra have uniforms. Most of you sent order forms and checks for the shirts the sixth and seventh graders will be wearing. By now the sixth and seventh graders should have brought their shirt home. If you have any questions about uniforms, please call 359-2251.

FUND RAISER: The Fundraiser was held to defray the operating costs of the Music Department.

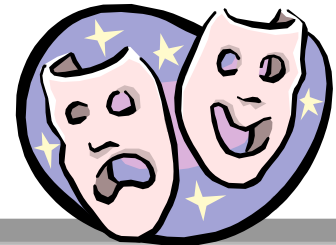
SMART MUSIC: Smart Music is an interactive computer program that helps students practice their instruments. We have recently purchased it for the computers in the music department. If you would like it for home, you can purchase a year subscription for \$30. Simply visit the website www.smartmusic.com for more information.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!!



DREAM TEAM

The Dream Team continues to have a great school year. October was a fun month the students participated in a costume bowling party and our annual Fun Fall Festival. November brings WAA-SwD testing making it a busy month. We always appreciate classroom donations, snacks, Kleenex and markers are always needed. Thank you for your continued support.



THEATRE ARTS

7th and 8th Grade: We have completed two scenes from different plays and will finish out the quarter with a focus on theatrical design.

Theatre Arts Trip: We are currently looking into taking a trip to Chicago on December 8th to see the Pre-Broadway Premiere of the new The Addams Family musical. A letter will be sent home when the trip has been approved.

Winter Musical: For our winter musical, we will be doing Annie, Jr. Auditions will be held November 20th and 23rd. With Performances the last full weekend in January 2010.

FCE: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

The end of the quarter is almost here. Both the 6th and 7th grade have done two rotations on the Paxton modules. They have done CAD drawings, made brochures, tested fabric samples, analyzed advertising, cared for babies, repaired drywall, run cash registers and the list goes on. The modules incorporate math, reading and science into lessons that apply to everyday life and career skills.

The 8th grade has finished a big unit on nutrition and we are starting a unit on childcare. This week we learned about how babies develop, caring for an infant and Shaken Baby Syndrome. We will continue to learn about the stages of development that children go through and how to care for them. We have baby Think It Overs going out now that actually give the students a realistic experience of what it is like to care for a newborn. Be sure and enjoy the experience when your student brings one home.

Mrs. Dana

POWER HOUSE

English News from Mrs. Schripsema: For the remainder of the 1st quarter, students will be working on two things: writing a persuasive essay and preparing for the WKCE test. Writing a coherent and organized essay answer will be part of that preparation. On the afternoons of the testing days students will be "reading" their persuasive essays to the class. Parents are encouraged to help their sons and daughters formulate logical reasons backed by evidence for their persuasive essays.

Science News from Mrs. Owens: Students are working on producing Alien Babies to complete the unit on Heredity. We will begin Evolution and the History of our Earth to end first quarter. Students are allowed to turn in 4 extra credit mini reports each quarter. The second quarter due date is January 15th. The topics of the mini reports can be anything in the area of physics: light, sound, electricity, magnetisms, or waves.

Algebra News from Ms. Ridolfi: For the remainder of 1st quarter, students will be working on equations and preparing for the WKCE tests. We will be starting 2nd quarter with linear equations. After school help is offered on Thursdays from 3:55-4:45 in Room 111. Assignments are available on schoolnotes.com at the site www.new.schoolnotes.com/POWERHOUSE/. Parents, please also check Zangle for any missing work. Send questions to hridolfi@kUSD.edu.

Pre-Algebra News from Ms. Ridolfi: For the remainder of 1st quarter, students will be working on functions and slope and preparing for the WKCE tests. We will be starting 2nd quarter with exponents and square roots. After school help is offered on Thursdays from 3:55-4:45 in Room 111. Assignments are available on schoolnotes.com at the site www.new.schoolnotes.com/POWERHOUSE/. Parents, please also check Zangle for any missing work. Send questions to hridolfi@kUSD.edu.

Social Studies News from Mr. Krey: If you have any questions regarding what your child is learning in Social Studies, please ask your child. If you have any further questions, please e-mail ckrey@kUSD.edu.

Legacy House

The upcoming month will be busy with WKCE testing. Please remind your child to get a good nights rest.

In **Math** students will begin studying chapter three about decimals. Students are encouraged to access the online textbook and support materials. They have had the opportunity at school to log in and use the online quizzes.

In **Language Arts** we are reading a new novel and engaged in writing activities, projects and vocabulary words that relate to our literature unit.

Science class is moving forward and we will begin using our exciting new textbook, "Water on Earth".

In **Social Studies**, students will continue their study of the Five Themes of Geography. During the month of November, we will spend time conducting research in the library.

We continue to update the schoolnotes web page and our Zangle grade book. Please take advantage of this opportunity to ensure that your child has all assignments turned in and everything is up to date.

Reminder: On Tuesday, October 27 the Legacy House will be walking to the Public Library and stopping at Subway for lunch. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this walking trip. We appreciate all of your continued support. An important part of your child's success is keeping the lines of communication between school and home. If you would like to contact us, our e-mail addresses are: jlegrang@kUSD.edu and reschbac@kUSD.edu.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

The quarter is winding down and the students are very busy. In sixth grade we are starting our third and final technology module. They are very excited to get begin their third unit of technology. Seventh grade has just begun designing and constructing their model towers made from balsa wood. We will have a competition towards the end of the quarter to determine which group developed a tower with the most structural efficiency. Eighth grade students are currently constructing mousetrap cars designated to perform certain tasks. There have been many great designs and ideas, and the students have impressed me with their creativity and originality. Parents, if you have any old cd's that you don't use anymore we would love to take them off of your hands for some of our future projects. If you have any questions or concerns, email or call: kwilliam@kUSD.edu, 359-2246

VOYAGER HOUSE

A Big Thank You!

We had a great turn out at Parent Teacher conferences October 6th and 8th. It was nice to talk with so many supportive families. The year is off to a great beginning. Many exciting things will happen this year for your child if we keep the lines of communication open between home and school. Working together = SUCCESS!!! The Voyager House teachers would like to thank all the families for their continued support.

Did You Know?

We understand that transitioning to middle school can be difficult because your child now has up to 7 or 8 different teachers in one school day. To help you keep informed daily on what happened at school we have two tools in place.

1. The assignment notebook. The teachers are checking these daily and your child is receiving a consequence at school for not coming to class with his/her assignment notebook each day. Please set the expectation at home that this tool is used and brought home daily. It should be fully completed for all classes each and everyday. Class time in EVERY class is given for it to be filled out. In addition, missing work is stapled in this assignment notebook. Monday: Math, Tuesday: English and Thursday: Science and Social Studies

2. new.schoolnotes.com is our house website. We update this site daily with our homework assignments. Please log in each day to see what your child should be studying. Spelling lists are posted each Monday and other important events and reminders are posted here. This is an invaluable tool and the teachers in the Voyager House are dedicated to updating this daily. Please use this tool to keep informed about your child's classes.

[Hold My Spot! End of the Year Trip! Deadline for Forms and \\$60.00 was October 28th.](#)

Butter Braid Fundraiser

Forms have been turned in and the order has been placed. The delivery date and time will be sent out in the Wednesday folder as soon as we know from the vendor. We had a great sale this year!! Great Job!!

We Need Your Help!

We are asking each advisory student to bring in one box of Kleenex to his/her advisory teacher during the month of November. The cold and flu season has hit us especially hard already this school year and nearly all of our supply that was turned in at open house has been used up. Keeping kids healthy is a team effort. Thanks to everyone that sends an extra donation this month! We appreciate it.

1st Quarter Incentive Is Here!

Students who have no missing work and have not fallen to inferior status on their behavior log will enjoy a day out at Racine's Skate Town this month. Information will be passed out the first week in November. Check those Wednesday folders to see more detailed information. Congratulations to all the students who qualified. You earned the day fun!! Keep up the hard work.

Service Project: Bowl a Thon

The students are getting ready this month for our first service project of the school year. Kenosha Unified believes that every student K-12 grade should participate in one service project a year. Keeping this in mind Lance enjoys the tradition of penny wars each November-December. To raise pennies our students will be planning a bowl-a-thon. Many of our students are currently on bowling leagues around Kenosha so this service project should bring about a lot of competitive enthusiasm. Please expect more detailed information to be sent home in your child's Wednesday folder.

The Voyager House Teachers would like to wish all the families a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Memories Last a LIFETIME – GO YEARBOOK – Limited Supply available

Order your copy TODAY. Don't miss out on your son or daughters school memories. Order forms are available in the main office. Payment must be made at the time of order to reserve your copy. Checks may be written out to Lance Middle School. Limited copies of the yearbook are ordered based on sales, so make sure you reserve a copy TODAY! The staff has been busy taking photos and learning the new software. The yearbook staff just returned from their conference with great ideas. Stay tuned to hear about the 2009/2010 theme. Personalization is still available if you order early. Books are \$28.

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Social Science Students have completed Chapter 2 The Fertile Crescent and taken a test on the material. This chapter gave us some specific insights into the lifestyles of earlier civilizations and the contributions they have made to future civilizations including our society today. Students are continuing to make entries in their social studies journals, which make good tools for reviewing before a test.

*** Students need a separate notebook, folder and red pen for this class.

Science:

We are beginning our review for Chapter 3 The Earth's Ecosystem. The test on this material is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2009. Students learned about various land and water ecosystems and their characteristics. We also learned about the importance of biological diversity as a natural resource. Again, we are working on learning how to summarize, take notes and in general be prepared for an exam. This seems to be helping students understand the material much better.

Math News:

Seventh Grade (Holt) students have been working on prime numbers, greatest common factors, and least common multiples. All of this is in preparation for working with fractions. After our work with fractions we will continue with decimals. Website (www.my.hrw.com)

Pre-Algebra students are solving multi-step equations that contain variables. There are many concepts and steps involved with accurately solving these types of problems. Please make sure that your child is showing his/her work. Website (classzone.com)

All groups are reviewing strategies for the upcoming WKCE tests (second week in November). We take these tests very seriously. Make sure your child has breakfast and plenty of rest.

Need to know the assignment? Please check out new.schoolnotes.com to find your child's assignment. I update the website daily. Remember that both textbooks can be accessed on-line using your child's password.

Any student needing extra help with Math may attend MASH on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 in Room 216. This is for extra help or to complete absence work.

English: This month we are working on Collection 1 in Holt Collection of Literature. Literary responses, reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing are reading strategies we are concentrating on. The English class is involved in writing descriptive pieces of work, which includes similes, metaphors, sensory language and precise words. Please continue to encourage your child to participate in English Fest. Parent Connect on

FBLA – Leaders wanted

Lance has established its first full year of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). Students can register to join a nationally recognized organization. We just returned from our first Leadership conference in Madison. It was a great experience for the kids. We meet every Tuesday from 4 – 5 in room 17. We are currently working on various community service project ideas. We will be electing officers to serve for this year and hold another election at the end of the year for next year. Students must be a registered FBLA member to vote or run for office. We have many exciting things planned for this year. We are currently working towards our first competition. Anyone interested in competing must be registered with FBLA and have paperwork turned in the first week in November. There are limited spots open for state competition. Registration forms are in the office. Please contact Mrs. Gallo (bgallo@kusd.edu) or Mrs. Gosse (dgosse@kusd.edu) for questions.

Business Education

Business:

We have finished our management unit on Virtual Business. We discussed various business terms and what is needed to manage a business. Students did various lessons on resumes, employee selection, surveys, supervision, strikes/unions, productivity, sales/logistics, risk management and insurance. Please ask your student what they learned from the program. We watched the Apprentice to gain an understanding of positives and negatives in business in sales, marketing and management. We then ran a program called Lemonade Stand. Students had to decide how many lemons, sugar, ice, etc to create the best flavor to sell, purchase supplies, and then establish a price. They ran the game and tried to make the most profit. They did very well and even wanted to sell lemonade for real. They really thought they could do a better job than in the movie. Unfortunately, it would be hard to sell it at school, but the enthusiasm was awesome. We will be ending the quarter starting our business with a career project, discussing various job opportunities and finally applying for jobs.

Keyboarding/Intro to Computers:

We have completed our Word unit and our final project was a Boggle game board. Students learned to create tables, edit them, add color, fonts and even borders. They also learned about WordArt and we have been using e-mail to send assignments and questions. Students have created proper e-mails, attached files, replied to other students and myself regarding assignments and/or questions. They have taken a survey using links through e-mail. We will complete our e-mail unit and start learning about computer hardware and software.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires all school districts to publish a yearly School Performance Report Card, reflecting student achievement and adequate yearly progress toward meeting annual measurable objectives. The 2007-08 report will be available on the KUSD website in February 2009. Parents may also request a paper copy of this report. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the Lance Main Office.

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