

LARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Mission Statement

*As a school community we prepare children to be
lifelong learners and effective citizens by
setting high standards and working together to attain
this goal.*

December 4, 2009

PARENTS AND VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE!!

It is imperative that anyone entering the building report to the office. This rule is for your child's safety and will be actively enforced.

OOPS!! I DID IT AGAIN

Children at the kindergarten, first grade and second grade level sometimes have accidents at school. They become so busy and forget to take the time to use the restroom. We encourage you to pack an **extra set of clothing in your child's back pack** in the event an accident occurs. We are no longer able to provide clothing due to the lack of clothing returned last year. If your child has outgrown clothes and you would like to donate them to the school so we can start loaning clothes out again, it would be greatly appreciated. **If an accident occurs and there is not an extra set of clothing in your child's back pack, parents will be called to bring in clothing.**

TOYS AT SCHOOL – Please remind your child to keep all their toys at home. We have many students bringing toys to school and playing with them when they should be working. The toys are also a distraction to the class. Any toys that are brought to school will be given to Ms. Rosekrans. Parents can pick the toys up from Ms. Rosekrans. **Any toy like weapons that are brought to school shall result in suspension from school!**

PULL TAB COLLECTION

We have a volunteer who will be collecting the pull tabs. Please continue to send the tabs to Mrs. McNutt's room. Thank you.

WINTER IS HERE!! Parents are reminded that students will be going outside for recess unless the wind chill factor is ten degrees or below. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather. They will need snow boots, mittens, hat, snow pants and a warm winter coat. Please have your child bring in an extra pair of shoes to change into, so they do not have to wear boots all day.

HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Should young school age children make New Year's resolutions? The American Academy of Pediatrics says "yes". This group of doctors for babies, children and teens has some specific ideas to offer, too. Some of these will help your child stay healthy. They will also help her avoid spreading colds or flu at school. Others simply reinforce good habits your child should be using at home and school.

The group says students should resolve to:

- **Pick up their toys.**
- **Brush their teeth twice a day.**
- **Clean up messes they make.**
- **Wash their hands after using the bathroom.**
- **Never tease an animal, including the family dog.**
- **Keep fingers and face away from an animal's mouth.**

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**One kind word can warm
three winter months.
Japanese Proverb**

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH THAT WE CELEBRATE CARING!

1. "If you can't say something nice, don't day nothing at all." *Thumper, Bambi*
2. "Good words are worth much and cost little." *George Herbert*
3. As you approach the gift giving and receiving season, think about the effort and desire to please you by the person giving you a present. The true gift is their thoughtfulness toward you and not necessarily the gift itself. Be gracious and appreciative of their thoughtfulness, for it last far longer than any toy.
4. Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.
5. Forgive others when they wrong you.

Parents, please discuss these statements with your children.

HOLIDAY OVERLOADING CAN LIMIT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

The holidays are filled with food, fun and family. But they can also be a time when children feel stressed from too much activity, too much sugar and not enough sleep. Here are some tips on keeping your child calm and ready for learning during the holiday season:

- ❖ **Stick to routines** when you can. Make routines for bedtime and meals high priorities.
- ❖ **Follow traditions.** Whether it's serving a special food or reading a favorite story, be sure to stick to your traditions.
- ❖ **Limit sweets.** Between Grandma's fudge and Aunt Dee's cookies, your child could eat a lot of sugar over the holidays. Limit the sweets your child eats each day.
- ❖ **Build in quiet time.** The holidays can be frantic. Allow a few extra minutes before bedtime for some quiet reading and a snuggle. Turn on some soothing music before dinner.
- ❖ **Focus on giving.** Bake cookies to give to a neighbor. Buy a toy for a toy drive.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 22	Last Day before Christmas Break
Jan. 4	School Resumes
Jan. 4	Bee Wards for December
Jan. 8	Health
Jan. 15	Physical Education
Jan. 15	Crazy Hair Day
Jan. 21	Family Movie Night
Jan. 22	Health
Jan. 29	Physical Education
Jan. 29	Tied Dyed T-Shirt Day

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

PTO is sponsoring a Family Movie Night on Thursday, January 21, 2010 as a mini-fundraiser. More information will be coming home!



Happy Holidays!!

Sincerely,
Julie A. Rosekrans, Principal
Larson Elementary School