

March 2023

Spencer Trail Times

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Assistant Principal - Mrs Jennifer Christophersen
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A Note From Your Principals:

Dear Spencer Trail Families,

Third trimester is by far the most exciting time in kindergarten! Our students have grown tremendously in all aspects of school. From learning new academic skills, to gaining the necessary social skills, our students are doing awesome! We will spend the remainder of the school year focusing on mastery of our academic skills to best prepare our students for first grade.

As we navigate through this last trimester, we continue to work hard to ensure that our students are learning and teachers are teaching them everything they need to know for first grade. This is a task we take very seriously. To do this, we also love the support from our families. We are lucky to have the support and collaboration with all of you this year to create a successful learning environment.

We will conclude March with our Fun in the Sun Musicals on March 27th and March 29th.

Deirdre Scott

Principal

Jenny Christophersen

Assistant Principal

Please check our [Virtual Backpack](#) for upcoming programs and events!

March

February 27th - March 3rd - Read Across America Week

March 1st - Cops Care Food Drive starts today! All food donations will benefit the New Lenox Township Food Pantry

March 9th - Character Counts - wear **ORANGE** for Fairness

March 14th - Family Night Art Show/Book Fair

March 17th - No School; Teacher Institute

March 21st - World Down Syndrome Day - Wear your mismatched socks!

March 27th and March 29th - Fun In the Sun Musicals



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A Note from Nurse Cami



National Poison Prevention Week March 19th – March 25th

As a reminder, in January 2007, the Illinois General Assembly passed a law that requires any Illinois residence with fossil fuel-burning appliances, such as gas-powered furnaces or water heaters, or with an attached garage, to install a carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. Carbon Monoxide is an invisible, tasteless and odorless gas that kills about 200 people in the United States every year. Please keep your family safe from this killer.

The Poison Prevention Week Council provides information about the events associated with National Poison Prevention Week, the steps that you can take to help prevent accidental poisonings and tips for promoting community involvement in poison prevention.

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the 57 poison control centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home. The majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than six years old. And, poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults.

The U.S. Congress established National Poison Prevention Week on September 16, 1961 (P.L. 87-319). Shortly thereafter, the Poison Prevention Week Council was organized to coordinate this annual event and promote poison prevention.

National Poison Prevention Week, the third week in March each year, is a week nationally designated to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. We invite you to review the information on this site and become actively involved in helping ensure the safety of children and adults in your home and your community.

Visit www.illinoispoisoncenter.org for more information on this subject.

Specialists' Spotlight



Library News from Mrs Ozbolt

In library classes, we are still working on our Illinois Monarch Award books. We are a little behind schedule, so voting will hopefully take place the last week of March. I will announce our Spencer Trail winners as soon as every class has voted and we have a winner.

The book fair is coming! The Scholastic Book Fair will be set up in the library for shopping on Friday, March 10th for the red neighborhood, Monday, March 13th for the yellow neighborhood and Wednesday, March 15th for the green neighborhood. We are still in need of a few volunteers, particularly for the afternoon time slot. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail me at sozbolt@nlsd122.org

You are invited to shop with your child during their library time. If you can't make it during that time, no worries! We will help your child shop during their library time. Be sure to send in a list and money with your child, or we strongly suggest setting up an e-wallet account. Information about e-wallet can be found on the Scholastic website and a flyer for e-wallet will also be sent home with more information.

Shopping will also be open during our Book Fair & Art Show event on Tuesday, March 14th. If you are in the AM class, your shopping time is from 6:00-6:30 pm & PM classes, your shopping time is 7:00-7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Happy Reading!

Art & Music News from Mrs Archey

Hello Spencer Trail Families! We are doing a great job as we finished up the trimester. In March we will be starting our "Artist Portraits." In Music, we will still be using our Boomwhackers to learn more musical concepts and practice working together as a group to play music!

Family Night March 14th: We will be having an art show in the gym while we have the book fair going on in the library. There will be interactive exhibits, picture opportunities, and art activities. Hope to see you all there!

Some of our Spencer Trail Students will be having their art work shown at Lincoln-Way East High School! Saturday March 18th will be the Arts Festival there from 9:00 to 3:00pm, if you are looking for something to do during the weekend. I will be teaching a print-making lesson at 2pm with the rest of the NLSD 122 ART teachers if you want to stop by and make some fun art. Congratulations to all our little artists who **will be exhibiting their artwork** in the festival.

Mrs. Samantha Archey (Schultz)

Art & Music Teacher

Email: sschultz@nlsd122.org



Specialists' Spotlight

P.E. News from Mr Lundborg (Mr L)

In February, we spent the month learning all about Hockey and Bowling. In March and April, we will be learning rolling, galloping and skipping, as well as learning to tie our shoes.

Please remember to pack gym shoes if you are dressing your child in winter boots on gym day.



*If you have any questions about what activities we will be doing, please feel free to contact me.

*Did your son or daughter complete an outstanding achievement? Send a note to me. I would love to hear about it!

Character Counts - Fairness

On Thursday, March 9th, Spencer Trail kindergarteners will learn about the character trait "fairness". The corresponding color for "fairness" is the color orange. Please have your child wear the color orange to support this character trait.



Important Information

ROCK YOUR SOCKS

on 21 MARCH for

World Down Syndrome Day



Spencer Trail Book Fair

March 10th

March 13th

March 15th



Cops Care Food Drive

March 1st - April 3rd

All donations will be delivered to
the New Lenox Food Pantry

Preschool Screenings

New Lenox School District will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive, and speech/language development. Early childhood educators will present "game like" activities to your child which assess various development skills. All preschoolers who reside in our district are eligible to attend free of charge. This is a preschool screening, **not** a kindergarten readiness screening. This year the screenings will be held at Cherry Hill Elementary and Early Childhood Center.

2023 Screening Dates

March 10th May 5th

Call Cherry Hill School at 815-462-7831 to schedule an appointment.

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Important Information

Read Across America Week

This year we are celebrating American Education Week. We will celebrate different authors throughout the week of February 27th- March 3rd

DATE	Author and Activities
Monday 	February 27th James Dean- PETE THE CAT Reading is a SUPERPOWER! Wear a SUPERHERO shirt today.
Tuesday 	February 28th Mo Willems- ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE Can't mask our LOVE for READING Wear animal print or animals on your shirt today.
Wednesday 	March 1st Dr Seuss- WACKY WEDNESDAY Wacky Wednesday Dress wacky! The wackier the better.
Thursday 	March 2nd Jan Brett-THE HAT Cozy Up with a good book Wear Pajamas today.
Friday 	March 3rd Eric Carle- BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR WHAT DO YOU SEE? You can READ ANYWHERE! Read My shirt day! Wear a shirt with words on it.

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NEW LENOX POLICE DEPARTMENT



Fifteenth Annual "Cops Care Food Drive" March 1st-April 3rd 2023

List of items the Food Pantry needs:

Canned Sloppy Joe Mix
Spam

Canned Pineapple

Jell-O & Pudding Mix

Cheese Crackers

Canned Chili W/Beans

Tomato Paste

Capri Sun

Juice

Canned Ravioli

Ramen noodles

Juice Boxes

Peanut Butter Crackers

Canned Beef Stew

Tomato Sauce

Canned Spaghetti O's

Instant Oatmeal

Saltine Crackers

Food donation drop off locations:

New Lenox Police Department
(200 Veterans Pkwy)

New Lenox Village Hall
(1 Veterans Pkwy)

New Lenox School District #122



Illinois Association For Pupil Transportation Poster Contest Student Guidelines



2023 POSTER THEME: "Safely Rolling to My Destination"

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK OCTOBER 16-20, 2023

1. **WHO MAY ENTER?** Any student enrolled must be in a public, parochial or private school.

Division 1 - Grades K-2
Division 2 - Grades 3-5

Division 3 - Grades 6-8
Division 4 - Special Service Students

2. **DEADLINE?**

April 1, 2023 is the deadline for state competition.
Completed Poster must be 11" X 17" or 12" X 18" only.

3. **HOW TO ENTER?**

Use a National School Bus Safety Poster Contest 3" X 5" entry blank form, or a reasonable facsimile, with information TYPED OR PRINTED clearly and signed by the teacher. Securely glue it on the back in the lower left hand corner. The Contact Person Form must be securely glued to the back in the lower right hand corner of the poster.

Designs may be on 12" X 18" construction paper but should be glued on quality poster illustration board, size 12" X 18".

4. ORIGINALITY?

POSTER THEME MUST BE ORIGINAL AND CORRECT IN SAFETY CONCEPT.

Drawings must be original, correct in safety concept and the exclusive work of the student entering the contest in idea, design, and execution. Instructor should supervise all work created. Completion of art should be done during the month of March. Poster slogan must harmonize with the theme:

"Safely Rolling to My Destination"

Contestants must illustrate above theme only.

Illustrations should be positive in approach and demonstrate only proper school bus safety behavior.

Illustrations must also accurately portray Illinois law, rules and regulations regarding pupil transportation.

Part of a yellow school bus must be in the poster. Cross arm and stop sign must be in correct position. Stop light colors must be in the correct order. Bus must be on the correct side of the road, not the middle. Bus must not be in or across the crosswalk. Bus driver must have a seat belt.

5. LETTERING?

Only freehand drawn letters may be used in the poster design. Stenciled, pre-printed, manufactured stick-on or press-on letters or tracings may NOT be used. Lettering should be clearly legible, even if used as part of the poster design.

There is no limitation on the use and number of colors. There is no limitation on the type of media -- such as print, crayon, felt pen, etc. -- used on the poster design; however, wood, plastic, glass or metal must not be part of the poster.

Collage materials should not be used. Poster designs may not incorporate any copyrighted characters (i.e., comic and/or television characters), photographs, and magazine or newspaper illustrations.

6. MAIL STATE CONTESTANT ENTRIES TO:

I.A.P.T. Poster Contest
c/o Angela Langley
1301 W Main St.
PO Box 190
Robinson, IL 62454-0190

7. JUDGING?

Locally: By administrators, teachers or staff in your schools.
Send only 1 winning poster for each category.

State: Transportation Directors, Secretary of State or those selected by the I.A.P.T. Board of Directors.

Nationally: Illinois posters selected for final judging will be viewed by the National Board of Judges comprised of prominent individuals in the field of transportation safety. The overall winning poster will be used to promote National School Bus Safety Week in 2023.

Judging criteria for award - winning posters:

- a) Relationship of the poster design to school bus safety practices.
- b) Originality of poster and how the idea is expressed in the poster design.
- c) Artwork and its' execution.
- d) Visual impact of the poster design.

All state/province entries become the property of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION. The right to modify any poster is reserved by the NSBSW Committee, comprised of members of the NAPT, NSTA, NSC, state directors and school bus manufacturers and suppliers.

8. PRIZES?

STATE: Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each division as follows:

1st Place	\$75
2nd Place	\$35
3rd Place	\$25

NATIONALLY:

1st Place and Overall Winner	\$500
1st Place Winners of remaining 3 divisions	\$250
2nd Place Winners of each 4 divisions	\$100
3rd Place Winners of each 4 divisions	\$ 50

Please complete and attach this form to the back of each poster in accordance with poster specifications noted in the contest rules.

POSTER LABEL

LABEL FOR ENTRY - PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____

School _____

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Email _____

School Phone Number _____

School Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Student's Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

☐ **Division #1** - Grades K-2

☐ **Division #2** - Grades 3-5

☐ **Division #3** - Grades 6-8

☐ **Division #4** - Special Education (Grades K - 12)

☐ **Division #5** - CAD (Computer Aided Drawing)

☐ **Division #6** - International Entries

Do not place this information on the front of the poster. Display on the back only!





SNAPSHOT OF NLSD 122 PTO MARCH 2023



STAY CONNECTED WITH US



CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

READ-A-THON

BOOTS & BEAUTIES Dance

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES

8TH GRADE GRADUATION YARD SIGNS

COMING SOON

Dine & Donate @ PIZZA MIA

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

8TH GRADE DANCES

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

APRIL 20TH ELECTION

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY,
CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

INTERESTED CANDIDATES SHOULD
SIGN UP ON PTO'S WEBSITE.



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SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH

10:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

Dine & Donate

@ EL BURRITO LOCO

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH

7:30 PM

PTO MEETING

WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

@ OSTER-OAKVIEW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND

ORDERS DUE FOR NOTHING BUNDT CAKES

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

4:00 PM

BOOTS & BEAUTIES Dance

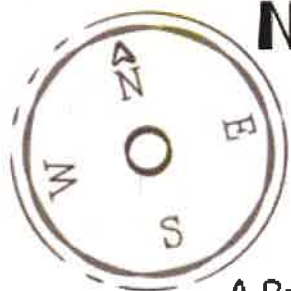
@ MARTINO JR. HIGH

READ-A-THON UPDATE

WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START WITH OUR
READ-A-THON! WE ARE SO PROUD OF NLSD
122 STUDENTS WITH ALL THE MINUTES THEY
HAVE READ AND PLEDGES THEY HAVE
RECEIVED!

KEEP SHARING YOUR STUDENT'S PAGE VIA
EMAIL, TEXT, AND SOCIAL MEDIA SO WE CAN
REACH OUR GOAL AND SLIME TEACHERS,
HAVE KONA ICE VISIT EACH SCHOOL, AND
MANY OTHER PRIZES.

WWW.NEWLENOXPTO.ORG



NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122 PTO PRESENTS

A READING ADVENTURE

A READ-A-THON IS AN EVENT THAT ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO BECOME BETTER READERS AND LEARNERS BY DEVELOPING A LOVE OF READING. IT IS ALSO A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOLS. STUDENTS WILL HAVE 20 DAYS TO READ AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND COLLECT DONATIONS FROM SPONSORS.



**SCAN TO GET
STARTED**

REGISTER TODAY

Parent Registration Link:
GETMOVINFUNDHUB.COM

School Identifier Code: 6387948dba42e

SHARE STUDENT'S PAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SEND 10-15 EMAILS/TEXT MESSAGES

WATCH 18

MYSTERY READER VIDEOS

View on Facebook, PTO Website or Get Movin'

REACH INDIVIDUAL

FUNDRAISING GOALS

Chicago Wolves Ticket
Restaurant Voucher
• Top Winners

REACH DISTRICT WIDE

FUNDRAISING GOAL

Incentives for Every \$10,000 Raised

COLLECT ALL DONATIONS

BY MARCH 7TH

QUESTIONS?

nlsd122readathon@gmail.com



\$10,000 = Theme Day Choice



\$30,000 = Board Game Day



\$50,000 = Movie Day



\$70,000 = Slime A Staff Member



\$20,000 = Hall Dance Party



\$40,000 = Dress A Staff Member



\$60,000 = Staff Choreographed Dance



\$80,000 = Kona Ice Truck Visit

Grab your partner and join us for
NLSD 122 PTO's

BOOTS AND *Beauties* DANCE

Saturday, March 25th

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Martino Jr. High

731 E. JOLIET HWY. - NEW LENOX

<https://daddy-daughter-dance-93374.cheddarup.com>

\$30 per person

INCLUDES PIZZA, DRINK & CANDY BAR



NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122 PTO
WANTS YOU TO JOIN US FOR



THURSDAY, MARCH 16th
7:30 PM

Oster-Oakview
809 N. Cedar Road

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT:
Haines & Oakview



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NEW LENOX PTO
INVITES YOU TO
DINE & DONATE AT

EL BURRITO LOCO

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH
10:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

318 Maple Avenue

PLEASE MENTION
NLSD 122 PTO
AT THE TIME OF SERVICE