



PITSCH

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar 4 - Snuggle Up With A Good Book

Bring a stuffed animal

Mar 5 - Silly Socks Rock

Wear silly socks

Rocky Rococo Field Trip

Mrs. Doerrler & Mrs. Jessica

Mar 6 - Hats off to Reading

Wear a hat - Grant Students Visit

Mar 7 - Reading Gives Me Superpowers

Dress up like a superhero

Mar 8 - Llama Llama Wear Your Pajamas

Mar 21 - Healthy Smiles

Mar 22 - Beach Day

Mar 25- Mar 29 NO SCHOOL

Spring Break

LAST DAY OF 4K MONDAY, JUNE 3

IMPORTANT NOTES

Morning

8:50-9:00 Drop Off/Bus Arrival

11:35 Pick Up/Bus Dismissal

Afternoon

12:40 – 12:50 Drop Off/Bus Arrival

3:25 Pick Up/Bus Dismissal

Please call the attendance line if your student will not be in school.

If your pick up plans change, please notify the office at least **30 minutes prior** to dismissal to ensure the message is delivered promptly.

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Press 0 - Secretary Tracy Weiss

Press 2 - Attendance Line

Bus Companies

Safeway 715.423.1117

Lamers 715.421.2400 opt. 2

Hello Pitsch Families,

At Pitsch Early Learning Center we use our "Panda Pal Guidelines" to talk with students about our behavior expectations. We will focus on a different guideline in our upcoming newsletters so that you can follow through with discussions at home.

One of our guidelines is **BE SAFE**. Being safe can include safety with our bodies (no hitting or kicking) or being safe when we are playing outside. How can your child **BE SAFE** at home? This is a good time to teach your children about how to use items in your home safely and how to interact with you and their siblings in a safe way too. You can also expand your conversation by discussing ways to be safe in your neighborhood and the community. One idea is modeling how to cross the street safely, or reinforcing safety while shopping together in a store.

Read Across America Week is a national event dedicated to celebrating reading and children's literature. The Pitsch staff planned thematic days during the first week of March in honor of this event. We encourage the students to participate in the fun! You can join in by reading books with the child at home.

Kelly Schaffer, Principal

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CREATIVE CORNER

Activities to do at home to support your child's learning.

Teen Job Fair at LHS 2-5pm, March 20th

Whether saving for college or a car, most teens need extra cash. That means getting a job—but where do you start? Who's hiring? For what jobs? How do you apply?

The Teen Job Fair at Lincoln High School will host more than 20 local employers from 2:00-5:00pm on March 22nd.

Attendees will meet employers, learn about job openings, and can apply on-site—with some additional opportunities for on-site interviews.

The Teen Job Fair is free to attend and open to all teens. Looking for part-time, full-time, seasonal work, or interested in networking? You don't want to miss out—register now using the QR code below for a chance to win a prize drawing!

Register now!
Scan here!



Move Like a Sea Animals

Do each movement for 30 seconds and two times each.

Swim like a fish.



Crawl like a crab.



Chomp like a shark.



Wiggle like an octopus.



Jump like a dolphin.



Float like a jellyfish.



Sand Slime

To make you will need:

- 1 large mixing bowl
- 1 silicon spatula
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tbsp contact solution (make sure it has boric acid)
- 1 bottle of elmer's glue (5-6 oz)
- 1/2 to 1 cup of sand, depending on how sandy you want to make your sand slime.



Add Water, baking soda, glue, and sand all together. After it is mixed well, then add the contact solution! It will be very sticky at first but play with it for a minute and then it will get more slime like



UNDER THE SEA GRAHAM CRACKERS



Ocean Sensory Bags

Depending on the size bag you have, use the amount of water you think works best. Then add food coloring, gems, and sea creatures. After you have added everything, be sure to tape the top of the bag so it doesn't leak.

- Plastic Bag (Ex: ziploc bag)
- Water
- Blue Food Coloring
- Glass gems
- Sea Creatures



What you'll need:

- ★ Graham crackers
- ★ Whole & Crushed (sand)
- ★ Goldfish crackers
- ★ Frosting
- ★ Food coloring
- ★ Variety of sprinkles



Note from the Nurse



Happy March!

March is national nutrition month. Nutrition is especially important for growing bodies and minds. Research has shown that students are able to learn better when they're well nourished. Eating healthy meals and snacks has been linked to better grades, improved memory and faster information processing. "Eat the rainbow" is a popular term that many nutritionists use to help people to incorporate more fruits and veggies in their diet. In fact, it was so popular in the field of nutrition it was adopted by a certain candy brand as part of their slogan. Eating different colors of fruits and vegetables ensures that a wide range of nutrients, vitamins and minerals are being consumed. Such as eating red fruits and vegetables will provide lots of vitamin A, C, and manganese; which reduces risks of cancer, heart disease and improves eye, skin and hair health. Green foods will provide vitamin B, K folate, potassium and antioxidants. They promote eye health, lung health, liver function, cell production and lower blood pressure. Did you know blue fruits and vegetables can improve memory and prevent aging? The old wives tale could be true, an apple a day could keep the doctor away.

I hope everyone is staying healthy during this rough cold and flu season. Did you know the average student usually gets between 5-7 colds/viruses per year? Most don't require treatment or intervention. Encouraging rest and increased water intake can help students overcome colds and viruses quicker. Cough drops are available in the nurse's office, and students are able to get some as long as Skyward medical permission is granted. Please check your student's Skyward to ensure we are able to help as much as possible. If you have any questions on logging into Skyward, please contact the school for help. Please review your student's immunizations to make sure they are compliant for next school year. If your child should not receive immunizations for any reason, a waiver will need to be filled out by a parent or guardian and returned to the school, it is at the bottom of the immunization record form. The updated student immunization record form is available here: [Student Immunization Record](#).

Required Immunizations for School

*****2 years through 4 years:

4 DTP/DTaP/DT, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 1 Var, 3 Hep B, 3 Hib, 3 PCV

*****Kindergarten through grade 6:

4 DTP/DTaP/DT, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 2 Var, 3 Hep B

A colorful graphic for 'Read Across America' featuring a girl reading a book and various daily activities. The graphic is divided into sections for each day of the week, with a central panda character. The girl is reading a book titled 'MARCH 4-8'. The text 'READ across AMERICA' is prominently displayed at the bottom left. The daily activities are: Monday: SNUGGLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK! BRING YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL; Tuesday: SILLY SOCKS ROCK! WEAR SILLY SOCKS; Wednesday: HATS OFF TO READING! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAT; Thursday: READING GIVES ME SUPER POWERS! DRESS UP LIKE A SUPER HERO; Friday: LLAMA LLAMA WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS.

Monday
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READ
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AMERICA

MARCH
4-8



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**Statement Concerning Special Accommodations to Include in Handbooks, Newsletters,
and All School or District Related Communication**

WRPS is committed to ensuring that all students and parents have access to school district information, policies, procedures, and programs. If you need assistance with interpreter or translation services, or other special accommodations that would be helpful to you, please contact either your child's school office or call the Pupil Services Department at 715-424-6724 so that we can assist you.

Spanish

WRPS está comprometido/a a garantizar que todos los estudiantes y padres tengan acceso a la información del distrito escolar, pólizas, procedimientos y programas. Si necesita ayuda con servicios de intérpretes o traducción, o cualquier otra adaptación especial que le sea útil, por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la escuela de su hijo/a o llame al Departamento de Servicios para Alumnos al 715-424-6724 para que podamos ayudarle.

Hmong

WRPS xav kom txhua tus menyuam thiab niam txiv sawsdaws tau kev pab ntawd lawv lus tsev kawm ntawv txog peb cov ntaub ntawv, kev cai, thiab lub hom phiaj. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus lossis lwm yam, thov hu rau koj tu menyuam lub tsev kawm ntawv lossis hu rau Pupil Services Department ntawd tu xov tooj 715-424-6724. Peb zoo siab pab koj.