



The Griffin News

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Mark Your Calendars

2nd Quarter Begins
November 7

Report Cards Mailed
November 15

Parent Workshop
November 15

Governance Council
November 17

Holiday Parade
November 19

Fall Play
November 21, 22, 23

Thanksgiving Break
November 24, 25

Parents: Get Involved with Governance Council

Every school has a School Governance Council that enables parents, staff, students (when appropriate), and the community to work together in facilitating quality educational plans that engender continuous improvement of student achievement.

The purpose of a School Governance Council is to provide a forum for parents, teachers, community members, students and principals to work together in providing continued analysis and improvement of public school policies, curriculum, educational plan goals, and general student well being.

LCA's Governance Council meets once per month at 5:15 in room 126. **Remaining meetings are November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 7.**

ESL News

ESL students have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming ACCESS test, which is used to measure the English proficiency level of English Language Learners (ELL's) in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The student's score is used to determine their placement in ESL classes for the following school year and also indicates when students have met the criteria to exit from ESL. In general, students who score a 4.5 and above have demonstrated that their proficiency in English is sufficient to succeed in a regular English class and are no longer programmed for ESL.

PARENTS: You can help your child to do his/her best on the ACCESS test by making sure that he/she reads daily in English and keeps up with homework and assignments in ESL. The speaking component of the test will begin in December. Please contact Ms. Mulkerrins (212-3485) or Ms. Luby (212-3376) if you have questions.

Congratulations to These October Students of the Month!

Each team of teachers nominates 2 students each month. Congratulations! We are proud of you!

6th Grade

Messiah Hunter
Monee Johnson
Shania Craine
Amarye Beamon
Roberto Munoz
Edie Redwine

7th Grade

David Navarro
Juan Vazquez
Quartez Turner
Iliana Pellot
Jalen Cook-Carter
Austin Serdynski

8th Grade

Erika de los Santos
Luis Perez
Silinapha Saycocie
Timeante Smith
Ireana Jones
Loren-Lenae Tooson

Attendance

Any day your child is absent from school, it is **extremely important that you call 414-212-3300 and provide a legally accepted excuse.**

- Being out of school for a funeral or doctor's appointment is **accepted**.
- If your child misses the bus, please find an alternative way to get him/her to school. **Missing the bus is not an acceptable excuse.** If your child continually misses the bus, work on the morning routine, talk with the bus driver, or call the bus company.
- An absence here and there adds up. **Unexcused absences are truancies.**

You will get an automated phone call when your child is missing. For your child's education and safety, make sure you **update your contact information on the contact card or with the main office.**

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you are having problems with regular attendance. Have a fun and educational school year!

Ms. Loomis, Social Worker
414-212-3331
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CLC

Your child's education doesn't stop at the end of the school day. At CLC, we pick up where the school day left off.

- If a student needs tutoring, additional music, art, or dance lessons, he/she can get that at CLC.
- Boys and girls can hone their athletic skills with our basketball, volleyball, and soccer teams.
- A hot meal is provided at 4:45.

Many students registered for CLC at the end of August. If you haven't received the registration application, please request one at the main office.

Transportation is only available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:15. There is no second session transportation (6:30). Students must be **picked up by 6:30** everyday.

Questions??? Call Mrs. Bakula at 212-3434.

Did your child use a TI84 calculator in Math class today? Probably!

LCA is part of an initiative to improve math performance. We received a grant that purchased TI84 calculators for instruction in EVERY classroom with a supplemental curriculum called Math Forward. This reinforces the district curriculum and enhances our Glencoe textbooks.

The TI Math Forward technology motivates students to learn because they do warm ups, quizzes, and quick polls "live" through the calculators. It allows the teacher to send and receive questions through the calculators similar to "texting". Teachers are able to assess student understanding immediately and give feedback to students and parents.

Come visit your child's math classroom and see the technology in action!

Math Practice @ Home

Solve this together!

John had a stock of 1200 books in his bookshop. He sold 75 on Monday, 50 on Tuesday, 64 on Wednesday, 78 on Thursday and 135 on Friday. What percentage of the books were not sold?

- A. 66.20%
- B. 66.50%
- C. 65.50%
- D. 66.00%

Reading @ Home?

All LCA students are required to read **25 pages every night** and keep a Reading Log. So the next time your child says he/she has no homework, encourage him/her to **GET READING!**

Parents, it also helps if your child sees YOU reading. So get a book and make it a family activity! Discuss your books with each other. Ask each other questions. This can improve your child's interest, comprehension, vocabulary, and grades.

Parent Workshops

Parent Workshops will be held on the third Tuesdays of the month:

November 15
December 20
January 17

We have two sessions on each day to hopefully accommodate all who are interested.

Morning Session: 9 – 10 AM
Evening Session: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Topics will include information about our Reading and Math programs and tips to help students be successful in school.
Please join us!

October Homebase Attendance Competition Winners

6th Grade

1. Ms. Chipley HB 104 - 99.59%
2. Ms. Luer HB 120 - 99.23%
3. Ms. Bakula HB 122 - 98.96%

7th Grade

1. Mr. Reyes HB 322 - 98.4%
2. Ms. Doughty/Ms. Raymond HB 318 - 98.22%
3. Mr. Trotter HB 340 - 98.13%

8th Grade

1. TIE Ms. Bishop HB 406 & Ms. Travelute HB 426 - 98.07%
3. Ms. Walker HB 404 - 98.01%



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