

Lyle Elementary

December 2017

Dear Lyle Families,

First of all we would like to thank you for all of your support this year. 2017 at Lyle School has been a huge success. The continued partnership of families and teachers make our students' achievements soar. We continue to strive for academic and social emotional learning success as we move into 2018.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who stopped by for a visit during American Education Week. The teachers and staff were overwhelmed by the turn out. Our parents continue to amaze me daily.

On behalf of the entire staff of Lyle School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and healthy holiday season. We hope the children have an enjoyable and restful break and we look forward to seeing them again on January 8, 2018!

Ms. Nuray Kavustuk
Principal

It's that time of year when the weather will begin to turn colder, please remind your children that they should be wearing appropriate outside winter clothing. Students are outside in the morning until 8:10 AM when the bell rings. Students do come into the building for inclement weather or if the outside temperature is below 20 degrees, but otherwise they are outside in the mornings. Please do not drop your child off at the school prior to 8:00 AM, especially on those mornings when it is cold. There is no adult supervision outside until 8:00 AM. Coats, jackets, gloves, scarves and hats are essential during the winter months. Students may leave the house wearing one type of clothing but arrive to school wearing something else. It is important to talk to your children about dressing appropriately for the winter weather. If appropriate cold weather clothing is an issue, please let us know and arrangements can be made, confidentially, to provide appropriate clothing, if necessary.

**Important
Dates**

December

4th- Holiday Shop Begins
7th- Erin's Law Presentation
12th- Winter Concert by WJH
13th- Progress Reports
14th- Picture Day re-takes
22nd- 1:30 Dismissal and PTC
Event @ Haunted Trails

**December 25th- January 5th-
Winter Break**

Classes Resume January 8th



Staying Healthy

Teaching children about hand washing early in life is important. Hand washing prevents the spread of diseases which make children sick. When kids learn early in life, hand washing is more likely to become a habit they'll practice for the rest of their lives.

Children are ready to learn about hand washing when they are still very young. Most children develop the ability to wash their hands independently by about three years of age. Before that you'll need to help them wash their hands. After age three, your children will probably still need a bit of help.

But even when they know how to do it, kids don't always take time out to wash their hands. You'll almost certainly need to give them lots of encouragement and reminders. Kids don't always enjoy washing their hands, partly because it means time out from more exciting things like playing. So the best strategy is to find ways to make hand washing part of the fun, rather than a distraction from their favorite activities.

What is Erin's Law?

Erin's Law is named after childhood sexual assault survivor, author, speaker and activist Erin Merryn, who is the founder and President of Erin's Law, which is registered with the State of Illinois and the IRS as a 501 (c)(4) non-profit social welfare organization.

After Erin introduced the legislation in her home state of Illinois, the bill was named "Erin's Law" after her by legislators and it has caught on nationwide.

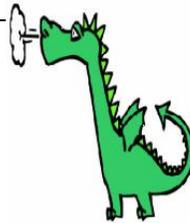
"Erin's Law" requires that all public schools in each state implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program which teaches:

1 Students in grades PreK – 12th grade, age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult

2 School personnel all about child sexual abuse

3 Parents & guardians the warning signs of child sexual abuse, plus needed assistance, referral or resource information to support sexually abused children and their families

Erin's Law Presentations will be held at Lyle Elementary on December 7th.



Things to Remember...



If you are a room parent, be sure to touch base with your child's teacher and the other room parents. We encourage our room parents to be prepared for our winter parties by planning age appropriate activities.



The Wilkins Jr. High band and orchestra will be coming to perform for our students on December 12th.

The children look forward to this performance and it gives our band/orchestra students something to strive for.



Our PTC is sponsoring the Holiday Shop again this year. Children will be able to do some shopping during their regularly scheduled library time.



Picture re-take day is on December 14th. If you were not satisfied with your child's photo and would like a re-take, you will need to send back the original photo on this date. Also, any child who was absent or not enrolled on the original picture day will have the opportunity to take a photo on this date.

