

LORRAINE GAZETTE



From the Desk of Mr. Banks...

With a little less than 12 days of instruction before the State Assessments in ELA, we as a school will be focusing our efforts on making final preparations and reinforcing the academic skills that your child has. At Lorraine, we have historically scored well above the District average as this is a result of a close partnership between your home and our school. Parents and teachers have an obligation to work together and support each other in challenging your child to be academically proficient in knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in high school and in life. Like any business organization or sports team, everyone plays an important role in making this happen. You, as parents, play the most vital role as the head coach in setting household expectations for your child. You set the tone and reinforce your child's expectations in academics and behavior. As in the past, we look forward to another great year where our students perform very well on these assessments. Our teachers have been working hard to provide precise instruction to prepare all of their students to be successful. The formula is set, now we have to work collectively in building the right confidence, the right attitude, the right behavior and the right skills into all of our students. With your help and guidance, this can be easily achieved as we look forward to showcasing our skills on these upcoming assessments.

March and April

Upcoming Events

Subject to change-more info to follow

3-3 Read Across America Day

3-7 Wellness Committee Meeting

3-10 Dress Down Day for a \$1 you may wear jeans for this day

3-13 Urban Speaker forum Series at Bennett High School more information at buffaloschools.org

3-17 Free-Dress up Day you may wear green clothes in place or uniform.

3-22 PTO Bingo Night

3-24 SBMT meeting

3-24 Tiger hut will be open for grades 1-4

3-27 3-31 NYS ELA Testing

4-4 DPCC Meeting at Stanley Makowski School #99 6pm-8pm

4-4 Early Release Day students will be released 3 hours early

4-5 No School Superintendents Conference Day

4-10-4-17 Spring Break No School

From the PTO:

Easter Candy Pickup will be on March 27 and 28 from 8 am till 3pm. If you are unable to pick up your order during this time please call the school and ask for the PTO room. All orders must be picked up by the 28th

The month of March is upon us. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their time off in February and you were able to spend some time with family. March is a busy time of year in our schools. Teachers continue to help students get ready for the NYS ELA and Math assessments which will be given in grades 3-8. We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday on Friday the 3rd with Read Across America Day including green eggs and ham for the younger grades. We are hosting a PTO Bingo Family Fun Night on March 22. More information coming home in Wednesday Folders.

We are going to be looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping out in the cafeteria 1-2 days a week. It involves helping the younger children, as needed, as well as helping to keep the cafeteria clean and making sure the kids are following the rules. Sometimes the cafeteria can be a little challenging in assisting all of our students with their needs and it never hurts to have an extra set of eyes & helping hands. Parents need to remember this is your school too and any help you can provide will enhance your child's success in school as well as their overall experience with school in general. There will be more information coming home in the purple Wednesday folders during the next few weeks. If you have any question or are interested in volunteering, please contact me at billd1008@gmail.com or call the school at 816-4809 and ask for Bill Doyle.

We also have a parent room available at the school which has internet access so that you can check your child's grades or check your email. I am in the office on Wednesdays and at least 1-2 other days a week. If you would like to use the office or are in the building please feel free to stop by room 123 across from the auditorium or contact me at the above email or phone and we will make arrangements to be here for you. Thank you for all you do! You are the first teacher of your children and play the largest roll in your children's lives.

-Bill Doyle Parent Facilitator

What is CATCH?

CATCH stands for a Coordinated Approach to Child Health. By uniting multiple players in a child's life to create a community of health, CATCH is proven to prevent childhood obesity and supported by 25 years and 120 academic papers indicating as much as 11% decrease in overweight and obesity. The program aims to impact messaging a child receives in physical education, the lunchroom, the classroom, and the home, to form an effective resource that impacts a child's choices not only in school, but lifelong.

Two of the most important ways that CATCH creates behavior change are by enabling children to identify healthy foods, and by increasing the amount of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) children engage in each day. Our terminology for identifying healthful foods—GO, SLOW and WHOA—has been adopted even colloquially nationwide as a simple means of labeling food's nutritional content. Further, CATCH is designed and proven to coordinate healthy messages throughout the community and fully integrates the Centers for Disease Control's "Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model; the expanded Coordinated School Health approach. All of the students at Lorraine attended a CATCH assembly in the auditorium where they were introduced to the GO, SLOW and WHOA vocabulary and foods. The program is being piloted in grades 2, 4 and 7. 4th grade started the program which consists of five-thirty minute sessions.

Legislator Lynn Dixon was in our building on February 3rd and had the following to say about Lorraine on her twitter account." I was in awe of the students' creativity and heartfelt messages! So many awesome cards for local veterans and active serviceman and women created by Lorraine Elementary students for my 7th annual Valentines for Veterans program." Thanks to all or students and teachers who took part in this great program.

Uniform Reminder

We would like to take a few moments to remind everyone that we do still expect our students to be in full compliance with our uniform policy. A **Navy blue collared top and tan khaki bottoms** is the only acceptable uniform. Shorts may be worn but must be knee length and absolutely NO tank tops. Please see an administrator if you have any questions.

Early Release

If your child is going home early, please provide a note to the homeroom teacher. For your child's safety, we do not accept telephone calls.