

DuneNews

Weekly Duneland School news for parents, students and teachers

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Liberty Elem. Recognized as School of Promising Practice

Liberty Elementary School in Chesterton has been recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as a school of Promising Practice in the area of School Closet. Liberty Elementary's Promising Practice is one of 200 education or wrap-around service programs to be recognized by the Department in honor of Indiana's bicentennial celebration.

Liberty advocates for each student and has partnered with a non-for-profit organization called Lotus Reach. This partnership allows Liberty to provide a 'school closet' that is available to all of its students.

"The school's goal is to help children not only feel good in their clothes, but more importantly in their own skin," said Kristin Bonez, school counselor. "Having the proper clothing for school has improved our students' self-esteem and confidence while allowing them to feel like they fit in. In turn, having the students' feel good about themselves makes them eager to come to school to learn."

A letter is sent home to each child in the building asking them to fill out the need, if any, sizes and hobbies of the student. The form is

returned to the school counselor in an envelope. The Lotus Reach team sorts the clothing by gender and works together to get bags of clothing to the student's home. The school also accepts donations of new and gently used clothing from families and staff in the school to keep the closet stocked.

"Our teachers and staff go above and beyond expectations," added Bonez. "We work as a team to teach leadership in all."

Identified programs, like Liberty Elementary's are student-centered and focus on positively impacting students through innovative programming and activities that provide a high-quality learning environment and experience. Liberty Elementary's School Closet Promising Practice will be shared with educators across the state of Indiana as an example of best practices that are having a positive impact on Hoosier students.

Additional information about the Promising Practices initiative can be found on the Department's website: www.doe.in.gov/outreach/promising-practices or visit <http://www.duneland.k12.in.us/Domain/11>

For Your Information

The 2017-2018 Duneland School Corporation Calendar is now available on the Duneland School Corporation website in PDF format. Please visit www.duneland.k12.in.us

FRIDAY: End of the Grading Period/Semester: The second grading period ends on Friday, January 13. Second grading period/first semester report cards will be available on your student's Portfolio Tab on your Skyward Family Access Parent Portal on Friday, January 20. Parents will have the option of printing out their student's report card. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your child's school. Please contact your child's school if you are having problems accessing your Skyward site.

SATURDAY: CHS Show Choirs Winter Showcase: The Chesterton High School Show Choirs will present the 2017 Winter Showcase on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. The groups will present their annual Winter Showcase and premier their 2017 competitive shows. In addition, the IU Singing Hoosiers will also perform at the event. Tickets are currently on sale now via www.showtix4u.com. Cost is Adults-\$15; Students/Seniors-\$10 and children 10 and under \$8. Tickets will only be sold at the door if the event has not sold out. Tickets are selling quickly so get your tickets [online](#) today!

MONDAY: No School: There will be no school on Monday, January 16 for all Duneland School students. This is a K-8 teacher workday and a CHS grading and recording day.

Just a Reminder: Now that the flu season is upon us, we would like to remind you that if

your student has a fever, persistent cough, or vomiting; or any other symptoms of a communicable illness, your student(s) should stay home to rest and help prevent the spread of germs. Students with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher and who display symptoms of illness should not return to school until at least 24 hours have passed after the student has been fever-free and without the need for fever-reducing medications.

If you have any questions, contact your school nurse or visit the Duneland Health Services webpage.

Sweetheart Swirl: The Chesterton Lions Club will host their tenth annual Father/Daughter dance (grandpa, uncle or older brother also welcome), Sweetheart Swirl, on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 from 5-8:30 p.m. at Chesterton High School, 2125 S. 11th Street in Chesterton. A fun-filled evening with dinner, dancing and memories. Tickets are \$35 a couple and \$10 for each additional child. Seating is limited. For more information or a reservation, please contact Robin Smith at 462-8285. Payment deadline for tickets is Feb. 5, 2017.

Hannah's Hope Pop Tab Wars: From January 4-Feb. 3, several Duneland Schools will be collecting pop can tabs and competing in the 2016-2017 Hannah's Hope Pop Tab Wars! This is a perfect opportunity to be involved in a project geared strictly for the purpose of serving others. Just save your pop can tabs and bring them into participating schools by Feb. 3. All proceeds from the 2016-2017 pop tab drive will benefit the families of the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis, and the school collecting the most pop tabs per student will

be awarded a trophy and the Hannah's Hope Pop Tab Wars traveling plaque! Hannah's Hope and friends were able to collect 500,000 tabs from Duneland Schools alone in last year's pop tab challenge.

Duneland Swim Club 2016-17: Duneland Swim Club on-site registration continues throughout the season from 3:15-3:45 p.m. on specified trial dates (listed below), at the CMS Pool. Use CMS Entrance #9. All NEW swimmers must bring a copy of their birth certificate. Swimming begins on these dates from 4-4:50 p.m. Monday through Friday and goes to the end of the remaining trial period.

Trial #7-Jan. 16

More information is available at duneswim.com. Please Contact Coach Christy by email at kallayfamily@comcast.net with any questions.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

LIS Students of the Month: Liberty Intermediate School "Students of the Month" for January are fifth graders Lucas Lauzon and Aislin Schaefer-Murray and sixth graders Christian Kelly and Vivienne Zamora. Congratulations!

CHESTERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Junior Parent/Student Night: The CHS Guidance Office will be hosting a Junior Parent/Student night on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the CHS Cafeteria. We will focus our evening on preparing your student for their senior year and beyond. No registration necessary.

NCAA Compliance Eligibility/Requirements Mtg.: Chesterton High School will host a meeting for all interested students and their parents regarding NCAA Compliance Eligibility and requirements on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the CHS Cafeteria. Student-athletes and their parents are invited to this session presented by the Valparaiso University director of NCAA Compliance - dealing with eligibility and requirements to participate in college.

AYCE Boys BB Spaghetti Dinner: The Chesterton High School Boys' Basketball Backers are sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Friday, Jan. 20 from 4:30-7 p.m. in the CHS Cafeteria before the Boys JV/V Basketball games against Crown Point. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door. Dinner includes spaghetti with your choice of marinara or Alfredo sauce, meatballs, breadsticks and salad. Desserts and beverages will also be served.

CHS College & Career Center:

Scholarship Info: See Mrs. Arthur in the CHS Career Center located in the Guidance Office for an application and more information.

Visiting Nurse Association Foundation Tricia's Scholarship applications are available in the College & Career Center. Due Jan. 13

Knights of Pythias Educational Assistance Scholarship applications are available in the Career Center or online at <http://www.duneland.k12.in.us/Page/351> Due Jan. 25

Calumet Athletic Officials Association Scholarship applications are available in the College & Career Center. Due Feb. 1

American's Farmer Grow AG Leaders Scholarships applications can be found online at www.FFA.org/scholarships. Due Feb. 1

Nancy Jaynes Memorial Scholarship applications are available online at www.breastcancerplate.org Due Feb. 3

Anderson Foundation Scholarship appli-

cations are available online at www.legacyfdn.org. Click on Scholarships, Apply for Scholarships, and then Legacy Common Application. Due by 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 15

Northwest District Nurses Scholarship applications are available in the College & Career Center. Due March 1

Jim & Betty Dye Scholarship applications available at www.dyescholarships.org. Due to Mrs. Arthur by March 1

Kankakee Valley R.E.M.C. Round-Up Scholarship applications are available in the College & Career Center. Due March 2.

First Trust Credit Union (2) Scholarships: (Bachelor's Degree) and (Apprenticeship, Certification, or Associates Program) applications for both of these scholarship opportunities are available in the College & Career Center. Due March 31

Duneland United Churches Resale, Inc. Volunteer Services Scholarship applications are available in the College & Career Center. Due April 7

Aspiring Nurse Scholarship applications are available online at <http://www.nursing-schoolsalmanac.com/articles/2017-aspiring-nurse-scholarship> Due June 30.

2017 Workday: Apply Now for Help from Your Community: If you or someone you know has been struggling financially and the house has suffered, get in contact with Rebuilding Together - Duneland (RTD) to see if we can assist you. The January 15 deadline approaches, so now is the time to apply.

Any homeowner who lives in the Duneland School District that is financially unable to make necessary improvements to their home may be eligible for help. Answering a few qualifying questions is all it takes to get started. Applications are available at the Duneland Chamber of Commerce, the Duneland Resale Shop, Hopkins Ace Hardware, the Town of Chesterton Building Department, Duneland YMCA, the Westchester Neighbor's Food Pantry and Westchester Public Library. Participants can also download an application from www.rtduneland.org, complete it and mail it to P.O. Box 644, Chesterton, IN 46304. If you don't have access to a computer, give us a call. All your information will be kept strictly confidential.

The 2017 workday will be April 29. For more information, please call 219-926-3233.

Duneland Family YMCA News: For more information contact the YMCA at 926-4204.

YOUTH SOCCER – Last chance to register for this segment! For kids age 3 yrs –Gr. 5. Your child will be active and engaged as they dribble, pass and shoot their way to fun and excitement as a member of a youth soccer team. In addition to teaching participants the fundamentals of the game, volunteer coaches make sure kids also learn important character values including teamwork and fair play. Members 40; Non-Members \$80. Register online at www.dunelandymca.org or at the Y.

LEGO QUEST for Ages 5-12 – Registration is now open! Kids complete concepts through weekly missions including research, applying math to science concepts, learning critical thinking and most of all having fun! The Y supplies the Legos – kids supply the imagination! All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$55 per child; space is limited. Meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. from Jan. 17-Apr. 28. For more info, contact Sally Gabric at sgabric@dunelandymca.org or 921-0183.

Parent's Night Out: Every Friday night from 6-9:30 p.m., parents can utilize the Par-

ent's Night Out program and stop worrying about finding a sitter while you are out for the evening! Trained YMCA staff have organized and fun activities planned to keep each child's attention. members - \$10 for first child; \$5 for ea. addl. Non-member- \$20 for first child; \$10 for ea. additional child. Please call the Y by noon on Thursday ensure proper staffing levels, 926-4204.

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Visit Duneland School Corporation's Home page and DuneNews online at <http://www.duneland.k12.in.us>

School Calendar

Thursday, January 12, 2017

WIS PTO Meeting
2:30 p.m. LES PTO Meeting-Media
4:30 p.m. CMS 8 Boys BB-Willowcreek
4:30 p.m. CMS 7 Boys BB-Willowcreek-H
5 p.m. LES K-4 Variety Show Auditions-Gym
5:30 p.m. CHS Girls JV BB-LaPorte
7 p.m. CHS Boys JV BB-LaPorte

Friday, January 13, 2017

End of the 2nd Grading Pd/End of Sem. 1
LIS Spirit Day
5:30 p.m. CHS Girls V BB-LaPorte
7 p.m. CHS Boys V BB-LaPorte

Saturday, January 14, 2017

9 a.m. CHS Girls V SW DAC Champ. Meet-LaPorte
9 a.m. CHS Boys V WR DAC Champ. Meet-H
10 a.m. CHS Girls Fr BB-Crown Pt.
11:15 a.m. CHS Boys Fr BB-Crown Pt.
7 p.m. CHS Show Choir Winter Showcase-CHS Aud.

Monday, January 16, 2017

NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Jr. Day/K-8 Teacher Workday & CHS Teacher Grading & Recording
6 p.m. CHS Boys Fr BB-LaPorte-H
6 p.m. CHS Girls Fr BB-Lk. Central
7:15 p.m. CHS Boys Fr "B" Team-Portage-H

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

4:30 p.m. CMS 7 Boys BB-Conf.-Ben Franklin
4:30 p.m. CMS 8 Boys BB-Conf.-Col. Wheeler
5:30/7 p.m. CHS Girls JV/V BB-Bishop Noll-H
5:30 p.m. CHS B&G V SW Portage-H
6 p.m. CHS Girls V GYM-Cr. Pt.

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

4:30 p.m. CMS 8 Boys BB-Conf.-Ben Franklin
4:30 p.m. CMS 7 Boys BB-Conf.-Col. Wheeler

4:30 p.m. CHS Boys Fr BB-Andrean-H
6 p.m. CHS Boys JV BB-Andrean-H
7:30 p.m. CHS Boys V BB-Andrean-H
7-8:45 p.m. CHS Open Swim-Pick up at 9 p.m.

Thursday, January 19, 2017

1-3 p.m. WIS Gr. 6 Rtl Mtg.
4:30 p.m. CMS 8 Boys BB-Conf.-B Franklin
4:30 p.m. CMS 7 Boys BB-Conf.-Col. Wheeler
6 p.m. CHS Girls Fr. BB-Portage
6 p.m. CHS Girls V GYM-Lowell
6 p.m. CHS Junior Student/Parent Night-Cafe
6:30 p.m. CHS Boys V WR-LaPorte-H
7 p.m. CHS NCAA Eligibility & Requirements Mtg-Cafe
7:15 p.m. CHS Boys Fr. BB-Portage

Friday, January 20, 2017

Student Report Cards available on Parent Access
8:30-11 a.m. WIS Gr. 5 Rtl Mtg
4:30 p.m. CHS Boys BB AYCE Spaghetti Dinner-CHS Cafe
5:30/7 p.m. CHS Boys JV/V BB-Crown Pt.-H

Saturday, January 21, 2017

CHS Show Choir Comp.
8:30 a.m. CHS Boys V WR Inv.-Rensselaer Central HS
11 a.m. CHS B&G JV SW DAC Meet-Lk. Central
5:30/7 p.m. CHS Girls JV/V BB-Crown Pt.-H

BB=Basketball WR=Wrestling SW=Swimming
GYM= Gymnastics WG=Winter Guard
B&G=Boys' & Girls'

School Menus*

(*School menus are subject to change without notice)

Elementary and Intermediate Menu

Monday, Jan. 16, 2017

NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017
Chicken Rounds, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Romaine Garden Salad, Mandarin Oranges or Fresh Apple Slices, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017

Totally Taco Snack Bites, Refried Beans, Salsa/Sour Cream, Corn, Diced Pears or Banana, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017

Meatballs, Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Peaches or Strawberries, Ice Cream Cup, Milk

Friday, Jan. 20, 2017

Personal Pan Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Steamed/Season Carrots, Corn, Juice or Pineapple Tidbits, Jello, Milk

Chesterton Middle School Menu

Monday, Jan. 16, 2017

NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017
Beef Tacos, Bean Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017

Barbecue Pork, Corn, Banana, Cheesz-it, Milk
Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017
Popcorn Chicken, Sweet Potato Fries, Apple-sauce, Milk

Friday, Jan. 20, 2017

Pepperoni Ripper, Salad, Sidekick, Chocolate Pudding, Milk

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