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Skiles Test Pilots

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LOOKING AHEAD

**JAN 16/MON - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY/
NO SCHOOL**

JAN 18/WED - PACER PACKETS DUE BY 6 PM

FEB 3/FRI - PARENTS NIGHT OUT 6 - 8:30

FEB 16/THUR - SKILES NIGHT AT THE PACER GAME

FEB 20/MON - PRESIDENT'S DAY/ NO SCHOOL

MAR 1/ WED - ST NIGHT AT ROLLER CAVE

MAR 23 & 24/ POSSIBLE SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

MAR 27 - 31 - SPRING BREAK

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

Before the start of 6th grade students must have 2 immunizations. The 2 required are the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) and the Meningococcal (MCV4). Indiana state law requires all students to have an up to date immunization record. Please schedule an appointment to have these done and give a copy of your student's updated records to the school nurse before the first day of school in August.

MEDICATION INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

If a student needs to take medication during the school day, the parent or guardian must complete a request to administer medication form and provide it to the school nurse. If the medication is physician-prescribed, the medication must be in the pharmacy provided bottle with the current label on the bottle. Medication is not to be transported by a student.

Family Connection Corner:

There are numerous websites out there for parents as we search to support our growing readers. Many of the sites even have a "parents" page just for you. Whether it's looking for games to play with your children or wanting articles for supporting you in your own knowledge about HOW kids learn to read, the following sites are great resources for parents.

- Reading Rockets—blogs, booklists and more
<http://www.readingrockets.org/>
- Scholastic is not just for book orders anymore. Check out all this site has to offer!
<http://www.scholastic.com/>
- Popular children's books read by famous performers. Activities, discussion questions, and more
<http://readtomelv.com>
- Khan Academy is not just a fantastic math resource, it also has great practice for grammar as well!
<https://www.khanacademy.org>



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4th GRADE CELEBRATES INDIANA Last year was Indiana's 200th birthday. To help celebrate the special day, 4th grade held a "Wax Museum". The students researched a famous Hoosier and gave a short presentation while dressed up as their Hoosier. They completed a 5 paragraph paper, two-minute speech, and a tri-fold poster board about their Hoosier. The evening ended with the singing of several Indiana songs, including Happy Birthday to the state, and Back Home Again in Indiana, directed by Ms. Taylor. There was standing room only for the entire evening. The fourth grade team hopes to make this a new tradition here at Skiles Test!



ROBOTICS TEAM Skiles Test was represented at the City Robotics Tournament by two teams--our all girls team #10459S and our all boys team #10459T. The tournament was held on Sunday, January 8th at the University of Indianapolis. In a very competitive and very complicated challenge, our teams placed 27th and 28th respectively out of 50 elementary teams. We were only a few points out of the top ten. Both of our teams were sponsored by a generous donation from Providence Outdoor. Thanks to all of the parents for their amazing support during the robotics season. We are already looking forward to next year...We are very proud of all of the Skiles Test Robotics team members. We will be looking for a few new students next year!

PFO IN ACTION Boxtops: Thank you for sending your Boxtops in – we submitted 2,500 Boxtops on 11/1. That's \$250 for Skiles! Keep sending them in – put them in a baggie with your child's name on the baggie. We'll have a contest for our next submission which is March 1st! We'll have small prizes for everyone that turns in a baggie of Boxtops! WE WANT TO BREAK A SKILES RECORD OF 15,000 BOXTOPS SUBMITTED IN 2013!

DISTRICT NEWS

High Ability Testing Requests for students in grades 1, 3, 4 and 5

We are currently accepting parent requests for High Ability Testing for students in grades 1, 3, 4, and 5. Requests may be submitted between January 10, 2017 and January 30, 2017. The testing will take place on February 22nd, 2017 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for students in grades 1 and 3 and February 23rd from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m for students in grades 4 and 5. Testing will take place at the Lawrence Education and Community Center (LECC) located at 6501 Sunnyside Road. Visit the district website at LTschools.org to request testing for your child.

Public Forums

Lawrence Township Schools are growing again! Over the past two years, the MSD of Lawrence Township has been the fastest growing school district in the state. Enrollment has now reached the point where space is becoming an issue and the administration wishes to present a few potential solutions to members of the community.

Two public forums will be held:

Tuesday, January 24th, in the Lawrence Central High School media center, 7300 East 56th Street, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 25th, at the Lawrence Education & Community Center, 6501 Sunnyside Road, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Your input will be highly valued by the Board of Education as they determine the next steps for the MSDLT

"Light Their Future" Celebration

On **March 10, 2017**, the Lawrence Township School Foundation will host its 17th annual "**Light their Future**" **Celebration**. It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, socializing, and a fantastic silent auction. Check the Foundation's website at www.msdltf.org for more information or if you or your company is interested in donating something to be used in the silent auction.

Preschool Registration for the 2017 - 2018 school year is now open. Visit LTschools.org for more information.

Monday, January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No School.

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