



LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Luther Families,

As quarter one comes to a close, I wanted to say THANK YOU to all of the Luther students, parents, and staff. As we continue to navigate through a Global Pandemic, we face challenges in every aspect of our lives. It is critical that we all continue to work together and support each other. The Luther students need ALL of us more than ever. It is truly a TEAM effort for all of us to take care of ourselves and our children. Let's continue to work together to support each other and our students. The Luther staff is extremely grateful to the parents that have supported us in the first quarter of this school year. THANK YOU!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 11/2 Welcome Back!
- 11/3 PTO meeting at 6:00 PM, [PTO zoom link](#)
- 11/5 Report Cards go home with students at materials pick up
- 11/5 Luther Loyalty Day
- 11/10 Family/Teacher Conferences ~ZOOM
- 11/10 and 11/11 Veterans Day Assembly - Zoom in music classes
- 11/12 Family/Teacher Conferences ~ZOOM
- 11/16 Early Release
American Education Week
- 11/19 Picture Retake Day

11/25 No School
11/26 No School
Happy Thanksgiving!
11/27 No School



Family Conferences:

The Family/Teacher Conferences this year will be virtual. On Tuesday, October 26th classroom teachers sent a google form to all parents to sign up for a conference on Tuesday, November 10th or Thursday, November 12th. Please complete this form as soon as possible. The teacher will then send a follow up email including the day, time and zoom link. Please be patient as we try this new process in holding conferences. This is a valuable time for parents and educators to connect on the progress of their child.

As you enter the zoom link, you may be placed in a waiting room as the teacher may be conferencing with another family. Please be patient! The teacher will allow you into the zoom session once they finish with the family ahead of your time slot. Just as in person, conferences can either run ahead of time, right on time or behind time.....it may be a few minutes later than scheduled but they will get to you as soon as they are able.



Luther PTO Spirit Wear:

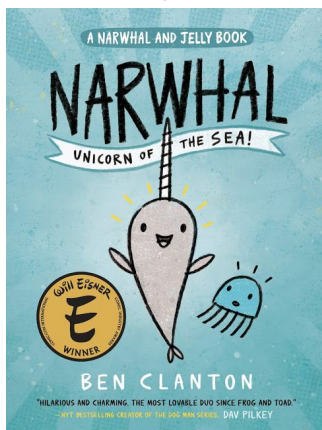
The Luther PTO has the spirit wear shop open and ready for you to browse. Please click on the link below to view the items. Orders can be placed until November 29th and will be shipped in time for the holidays. As you complete your order, you can choose to have the items shipped directly to your residence or to school.

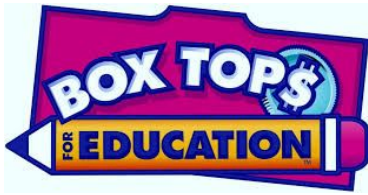
[Luther Spirit Wear](#)



Author Visit:

On Thursday, October 22nd, all Luther students enjoyed an author visit by Mr. Ben Clanton. Mrs. Westby, IMC Director, was able to set this up for our students. Mr. Clanton is a children's author of many books. He is well known of Narwhal and Jelly. Below are a few screen pics of his visit.





We still collect Box Tops! There are several ways to turn these in. You can download the app from the PTO website, send them to school with students, or drop them off at material pick up.



We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Online-Only Book Fair from October 30th - November 12th.

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters — helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives — directly from the interactive booklist.

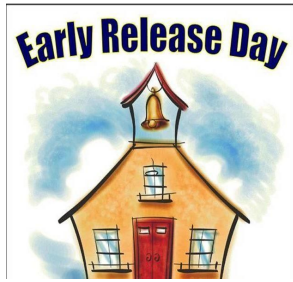
Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
- **FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25***
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lutherelementaryschool1>

Please feel free to contact us at lutherpto@fortschools.org. Thank you for supporting Luther Elementary!



Early Release Days (in person only)

The following Mondays, students are released from school at 1:30. This allows teachers to participate in professional development from 1:30-4:30 in order to continue to grow in their practice. Students will eat lunch as normal on these days. Please be sure to have a plan in place for the early pick up. [School Calendar](#). Thank you!

November 16th

January 25th

February 15th

March 15th

April 19th

May 17th



Introducing our Luther PTO!!

President:

Diana Banaszynski

Vice President:

Amanda Wollin

Secretary:

Erika Powers

Treasurer:

Stacey Fehly

Box Tops:

Beth Trieloff

Book Fair Coordinator:

Andrea McGlyn

Volunteer Coordinator:

Tanya Geiger



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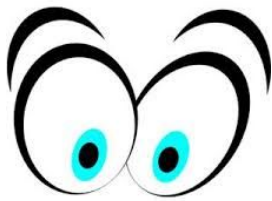
Anthology Perseverance: *We can. We will. We must.*

This year, the School District of Fort Atkinson will publish its own anthology of student writing and artwork. The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity for talented writers, artists, and cartoonists in grades K-12 to publish their original work based on the common theme of Perseverance: *We can. We will. We must.*

For more information, including submission guidelines, visit

<https://sites.google.com/fortschools.org/anthology/home>

Please send any questions to anthology@fortschools.org.



Vision in the Virtual Classroom:

As children are now spending more time in front of digital devices and screens with remote learning, it's important to recognize the impact that increased screen-time can have on children's visual system. Encourage children to follow the **20-20-20 Rule** when using screens and digital devices: every **20 minutes**, look **20 feet** away for **20 seconds**. For more information on screen time and its link to nearsightedness, please see the attached sheet.

The Health Services team will not be doing mass vision or hearing screenings this year. If you feel your student is having vision or hearing issues please reach out to your medical provider. If you need help finding a vision provider please contact our office 920-563-7805.



Band lessons are well underway! Students will start filling out and returning practice logs weekly starting next week. It is so important to be practicing at home and showing accountability for that time as we learn how to play each instrument.

***Our next Band Booster Meeting is November 16th at 6:30. We will be meeting via Zoom and you are all invited to attend! Watch your email for the link.*

I am hoping to participate in the First Performance National Day of Celebration virtually. Stay tuned for details!

If you ever have any questions, contact:

Mrs. Haffelder 563-7833 ext 7504

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This year PTO's fall fundraiser will be with Glenn's Market & Catering in Watertown again. We will be selling pizza, frozen cookie dough pucks and hot sticks (sausages). This is the same amazing pizza we successfully sold last year. Unlike other fundraisers, we are able to sell the pizza at the same price that Glenn's sells it for and receive a percentage back. Our organization's goal is "family five", meaning we are asking each family to sell a minimum of five items. PTO uses the profits to help cover the costs of field trips, all school activities, assemblies, classroom supplies, books and MUCH more!! **FORMS & MONEY DUE: October 29th PICKUP ORDERS: November 19th (watch your email for details) QUESTIONS?**

Thank you students and parents. We appreciate you being so patient as the Luther Staff continues to learn new technologies and plan to meet the needs of ALL learners in a virtual setting. Please take care of yourself and your family.

Stay well,

Mr. Geiger, Luther Principal

