

Luff Times



Character Trait of the Month
"PERSEVERANCE"
To continue trying in spite
of difficulties

John W. Luff Elementary ~ (816) 521-5415

Luff Hosts Summer School

June 2nd – June 26th

To enroll, please go to the Independence School District Website

(www.isdschools.org), click on the Summer School tab located at the top of the page.

You will need your child's Student ID# (which is same as his/her lunch #) and your child's date of birth. The Summer School form will populate; please make any corrections and submit. Early bird enrollment must be completed by April 11th in order to get the \$50.00 gift card for perfect attendance.

Early Education Openings

We offer fully certified teachers and a year round program. Hours are 6:30 am to 6:00 pm, and designed for ages 3 ~ 5. For questions, please contact Jana Parker at 521-5417.

Week of March 31st ~ April 4th, 2014

Monday, March 31

NO SCHOOL – last day of Spring Break

Tuesday, April 1 (C Day)

Wednesday, April 2 (D Day)

Walking Club – 7:45 am

Thursday, April 3 (A Day)

Walking Club – 7:45 am

Friday, April 4 (B Day)

Yearbook orders are due, so don't forget to place your order (\$14.00).

Important Upcoming Dates!

- Apr. 8 4th Grade Field Trip to Jefferson City – Students should arrive to school at 6:45 am and bus will be leaving at 7:00 am.
- Apr. 8 **Cookie Dough Pickup**
- Apr. 10 Kindergarten Celebration – 7:00 pm
- Apr. 11 Early Bird Enrollment ends for Summer School
- Apr. 12 "PTA Decades Dance" - 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- Apr. 18 **NO SCHOOL**
- Apr. 24 5th Grade Field Trip to the Nelson Art Gallery

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Please extend an invitation to your child's Grandparents to attend

"GRANDPARENT'S DAY"

April 22, 2014

PTA will be taking pictures again this year with Grandparents and Students. You can get two 4X6 pictures for \$10.00. Our Book Fair will also be open on this day.

Grades K, 1, 3 – 10:00 to 10:45 am / Grades 2, 4, 5 – 10:45 to 11:30 am

- Apr. 23 5th Grade Graduation Pictures
- May 16 Kindergarten Field Trip to Red Barn – 9:15 am to 2:30 pm
- May 20 3rd Grade Field Trip to Powell Gardens – 9:15 am to 1:45 pm
- May 21 5th Grade Graduation & Celebration – 5:30 PM
(May 22nd will be make-up date, if needed)
- May 23 Last Day of School

Please see the back for Open Enrollment/Proof of Residency information and a note from our IMPACT department!

How Damaging is Failure to My Child's Self-Esteem?

Here's What concerned Parents Can Do

From the Winter 2013 GAMbit - By Dennis O'Brien, MA, LCSW

Start by assessing your priorities. Are you as aware as you should be of the importance of helping your child grow emotionally and socially? Do you sometimes get too caught up in what your child can learn or accomplish at the expense of his development as a well-rounded person?

Next, assess your child's situation. Does your child take risk? How involved is your child with activities where he may not be the best? Does he enjoy them for the fun, challenge, and companionship they offer, or does he withdraw, brood, or get critical of others? How well does your child interact with peers? What kind of coaching or support does he need from you in order to take more risks or expand his scope of activities and relationships with peers?

Arrange for your child to become involved in activities in which he may not be "the best" so that he learns he is okay as a person, valued and valuable for whom he is. Be sure to include group activities that teach cooperation with others – and where success is not measured by academic prowess.

Team Sports provide wonderful opportunities for gifted children to both experience the frustration that most of us feel at being just good enough at something, not great, and to learn about working together with others. In addition to giving your child opportunities to learn to cope with adversity by participating in activities where he may not be the best, activities like these also help your child become better-rounded.

Should you force your child to participate? Yes, if you must. Obviously it is better if your child participates in activities that interest him, but sometimes a child who fears "not-being-the-best-at-everything" must be compelled to participate in activities that are healthy for him. "I want you to try soccer now. If you really don't like it at the end of the season, you can try swimming, dance or theater."

Praise and encourage your child for participating, **always keeping the focus on the process of making the effort rather than the results.**

Enroll your child in classes where he will be challenged by chronological peers who are his intellectual equals and nurtured by master teachers specially prepared to make it a safe environment for children who may be facing this situation for the first time in their lives.

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OPEN ENROLLMENT / PROOF OF RESIDENCY

School Year 2014 – 2015

Week of July 28, 2014

You will be receiving complete enrollment information through the mail this summer. It will list all the items needed to enroll including dates and times. We do plan to offer a late night on Tuesday, July 29th, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. **Please remember that this process must be completed every school year.**