



January 2, 2024

SCHOOLS

Happy New Year to our Lutz Families!

Happy New Year! We hope you had a joyful and restful holiday season. December was full of festive fun and we want to thank all of our staff, families, and our wonderful PTO for helping us make the holidays such a special time of year at Lutz. Students enjoyed our Candy Cane Carnival, Christmas Bingo, and a STEM activity creating marshmallow snow forts. They also dressed their best for our annual Candlelight Lunch. Check out the pictures to see all of the fun that was had!

As we begin the new year, January brings new opportunities for learning and growth. Students will be taking the Winter iReady Diagnostic in reading and math to assess their progress so far this year. Teachers will be reaching out to share concerns and ways they are providing support if needed. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your partnership in your child's education.

Dr. Pierce
Mrs. Roth





Attendance Policy

- Students are allotted 5 days of excused absences without a doctor's note in one school year.
- After 5 days of excused absences a doctor's note is needed. Otherwise absences will be considered "unexcused"

Habitual Truancy

- 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse
- 42 or more hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse
- 72 or more hours in one school year without a legitimate excuse

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - School resumes

Friday, January 5, 2024 - Report Cards sent home

Monday, January 15, 2024 - NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Friday, February 16, 2024 - Winterfest

Monday, February 19, 2024 - NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day



STUDENTS



Winter Weather Gear

Please send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing for recess. If temperatures are above 20 degrees we will have outside recess so please be sure your child has a warm coat, hat, and gloves. Please label your child's items in case they get lost!

Notes From the Office:

-If a vacation is planned please remember to contact the school office at 419-332-0091. A district form needs to be filled out and approved. We appreciate everyone letting the teachers know but the office needs to be contacted as well. A friendly reminder that vacations during 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade OSTs will not be approved. Please refer to the student handbook for more information. Thank you for your understanding.

-Please remember to update Final Forms with any changes (phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, etc.)!



Pop Tab Collection

Send in your pop tabs and aluminum pull tops from cans to benefit The Ronald McDonald House, which is a charity that helps families with seriously ill children during their hospital stay. Recycling these items helps to fund the kitchen pantry and offset the annual food budget at the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio.





**NOVEMBER
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Ava Marroquin
Ronin Adams
Paisley Hull
Reagan Myers
Jordyn Heberling
Zavion Beeker
Kaladin Marroquin
Uxia Souders
Ryder Viengmany
Frankie Wallace

Hannah Wheeler
Zoey Garza
Aubryn Gabel
Abigail Schwochow
Colton Nease
Josiah Pettiford
Noah Kralovic
Matteo Alafita
Roman Medina

**WAY TO GO,
LUTZ EAGLES!**



STUDENTS

CANDLELIGHT LUNCH



DRESS LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE



CHRISTMAS BINGO



STUDENTS

STEM MARSHMALLOW FORTS



4TH AND 5TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT

CANDY CANE CARNIVAL





Word of the Month

Honesty is the word of the month for January. People who are honest are reliable and worthy of others' confidence. Here are some ways you can help your child(ren) develop honesty:

1. **Reframe honesty as an act of courage.** Let your child know that it's always best to be honest, even when it feels hard to do. Telling the truth often takes courage, but will build trust.
2. **Honor Truthfulness.** Reminding children that it's important to be honest before asking about a situation increases the chance they will be honest. When children are honest, thank them for their honesty and work to solve the problem together.
3. **Set limits as trust is built.** Having consequences when trust is broken will help your child develop the self-discipline necessary to be trustworthy with consistency. Remember, the cost attached to learning these lessons later in life is higher.

The start of a new year is a great time to help your child set some goals for the upcoming year. Setting goals gives students something to work towards and achieving goals creates motivation to continue learning and working hard. Help your child set some goals that are meaningful to him/her. Maybe they want to memorize their math facts or learn to ride a bike. Then celebrate successes when goals are achieved.

Future Chat Questions: What is your child's career goal? What steps can he/she take to achieve it?

Upcoming PTO Meetings

January 2
February 6
March 5

