

# Meeting in the Middle

*Where Eagles Grow*

Linden Middle School

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## Principal's Ponderings

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's May! Where did the year go? It's hard to believe that in just over a month we will be saying good-bye to our eighth graders and preparing for a new class of sixth graders!

The traditional eighth grade Yearbook Signing Party is scheduled for Thursday, June 7th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the middle school cafeteria. This celebration does not happen without eighth grade parent volunteers. Please look for future meeting dates to help with the planning of the event!

The eighth grade recognition will be held Friday, June 8th and will run from 8:00-9:30 AM. Please plan on attending this special event for our eighth grade students! After the event, students may go home with families—after signing out.

Unfortunately, it is also that time of the year to consider student summer school requirements and retention. Included in this newsletter is information concerning the LMS Summer Academy. Toward the end of May, I will be making contact with parents regarding recommendations for retention and summer school.

I continue to stress the importance of helping students stay focused and on-track as the year winds down. We have much to do before June 8th. Please continue to encourage your child to stay current with school work and continue communicating with teachers.

Thanks for a great year!

Sincerely,

Julie Brown

### ***8th Grade***

### ***Yearbook Signing Party***

### ***Parent Meeting***

When: Wednesday, May 16  
@ 6:30 PM

Where: LMS Cafeteria

Why: Parents to plan the traditional Yearbook Signing Party for our eighth grade students.



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### **Used Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones**

Linden Middle School Media Center is collecting used computer inkjet and laser printer cartridges and old cell phones for recycling. We have joined The Funding Factory and will receive money to be used for new books. We need your help! Please send all of your old cartridges and cell phones to the Media Center for collection. Thank you for your help!



## *Winged Warriors*

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The 6th graders will be traveling to Flushing Rollerhaven Skating and Fun Center on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12:00. Information will be forthcoming.

In social studies, our next unit of study will be Ancient Rome. In this unit the students will learn how the government and society were organized in the Roman Republic. They will learn about the key events in Rome's expansion, and what issues caused problems for the late Roman Republic. I know the year is quickly coming to an end; however, we still have a lot of learning to do. Please continue to check your child's agenda and the Web for daily homework. Also, some students have misplaced their textbook and are using an extra book from the classroom. Please have your child clean out his/her locker and search around the house for his/her book. Students who do

not turn in their textbook will have to pay for the book.

In Language Arts, students are reading and writing several different genres of non-fiction text. Students looked for books in the non-fiction sections of the library to complete their RINGO game boards. Students will be reading five different books, magazine articles, newspaper articles, and Internet articles on topics of their choice. Students are also working on their "How-To" oral presentations which will begin the week of May 7.

Math classes are currently working on a probability unit. Probability is finding the mathematical chance of something happening like flipping a coin or rolling a die. Advanced classes have finished probability and are currently working with data and learning ways to display and organize data. We are also looking at different ways to analyze data. Students

will be taking a trimester three test at the end of the year that will cover the topics covered this trimester as well as material from the first two trimesters.

The students had a great time at Imagination Station in April 26<sup>th</sup>. Again, thank you chaperons. Without you we could not have attended. We will finish this year studying the Rock Cycle and Weathering. Students will be asked to look for and identify the three types of rocks and be able to recognize different types of weathering.

This year sure seems to have flown by. I have enjoyed these students and thank you for your support.

## *Talented Talons*

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The Talented Talons went on an amazing field trip in April! We went down to Toledo to the Imagination Station. The students were able to spend a fun-filled day enjoying different science labs and experiments, from the gravity-defying Bo-Yo to the Highwire Bicycle Ride!

### **Talented Talon's Language Arts**

In language arts, we just finished up with our nonfiction unit. Students learned different reading strategies to use when reading informational writing, and they also presented their own information in an interactive How-To speech. Next, students will be focusing on our poetry unit, and learning to use language as a means to express themselves.

### **Talented Talon's Math**

For the last few weeks, we have immersed ourselves in the study of geometry. Remember, students, if you need to raise your grade you can retake the parts of the tests that you haven't mastered yet by completing the extra practice pages and retaking the test.

### **Talented Talon's Science**

Just a reminder, it is important to practice the content by completing five practice choices per unit before taking the test. We are continuing to study the earth by delving deep into rocks and soil (Ms. Beckman calls this dirt.).

### **Talented Talon's Social Studies**

In social studies, the students just finished learning about Mexico. We studied the geography and diverse climates of Mexico, as well as the history and government of Mexico.

# Responsible Raptors

In language arts, students will be learning about a city of their choice and writing a research paper. In math, students will be starting to work on 3 dimensional shapes. In social studies, students are learning about India.

In a few weeks, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be going on a field trip to Lansing to see the Lugnuts play baseball!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Updated grades are available on StandardScore, and daily assignments are posted on ParentWeb at <https://solind.gennet.us/cgi-bin/ParentWeb/pw-login.p>. If you do not know your child's log-in information, please contact the main office at 591-0711.



# Regal Eagles

We are in the home stretch, but there is a lot more information to cover. Here's what is happening in our core classes.



In social studies classes, students are moving eastward to learn about South Asia, including India and its neighboring countries. We will begin by studying its physical geography and highlighting the importance of the Ganges River, Mt. Everest, and monsoon seasons. Then, we will begin a historical investigation of ancient civilizations and their achievements and then progress into learning about India's movement for independence led by Ghandi and modern times. Finally, we will be exploring Indian culture, including Hinduism and the caste system, India's progression into an industrialized country changing in the face of globalization and some of its major challenges ahead.

Mythology is the last unit to cover in language arts. We will learn a little about the Greek culture and why they wrote myths. Continue to look for vocabulary and a piece to read at home each Monday. We are still taking our Friday quizzes. After we finish studying the genre, students will be writing their own original myth.

Science classes just finished their unit on genetics. Current studies include habitats and animal adaptations.



Don't forget that we are headed to the Grand Slam School Day Event at Cooley Stadium in Lansing, Michigan on May 8th. Dress for the weather and bring money to cover the cost of lunch and souvenirs.

Congratulations to our students on the honor roll for trimester two! We are proud of your work ethic and commitment to success! Set your goals for our last half of trimester three, and take steps to meet them each day.

## Eighth Grade News

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The 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would like to thank you for all your support this year. The next couple of months will be an exciting time for your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student with lots of activities planned.

8<sup>th</sup> grade students went to see Eureka!! at the Masonic Theatre in Detroit on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. The play was about a middle schooler who was struggling in math and received some unexpected help the night before a major test from famous mathematicians. Fun was had by all!!

A group of students were able to participate in

water testing in the LMS Creek on April 24<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Nester and Mr. Gotham. The science experiment was part of a cooperative learning coalition with the Genesee County Water Shed Department. Five LMS students will attend a summit at Mott Community College on May 11<sup>th</sup> to report the results to Project Green Members.

On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> your student will participate in Civil War reenactments that are done by volunteers of the 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Regiment. Students will participate in a variety of activities

including camp life, dance, drills, ordinance, medical and civilian life.

8<sup>th</sup> graders will also be taking a year end field trip to Cedar Point on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars!!

As this year comes to a close, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would like to remind parents that ParentWeb is a good way to keep track of your student's progress, especially in this last trimester when students have spring fever. Thanks again for all your support throughout this year. Have a wonderful summer !!!!

### *Reviewing the Year, Middle Years—May 2012*

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As the trimester ends, encourage your middle grader to look back on his year to help him get ready for the next one. Here are some suggestions:

\*Ask your child what he liked about the school year. You might prompt him with questions, such as "Which class was the most interesting?" or "What was your favorite activity—working on the yearbook or being part of the Book Bowl team?"

\*Have him tell you something he was especially proud of (he made the track team, earned a Responsible Student award, etc).

\*Suggest that he think of something he struggled with (history) and what he might do next year if he has the same problem (ask his teacher for extra help).

## Linden Middle School

## April Writers of the Month



As part of the **Writer of the Month** program, each month students will be honored for completing an exceptional piece of writing. These selections will be on display in the Media Center. The **Writers of the Month** for April are:

Brice Tucker	Tony Mastin	Ben Heft	Kristen Stuteville
Reegan Gadany	Reilly Winn	Brett Stack	Mariah Taylor
Jimmy Nachtigal	Hannah Stacy		



# Calendar

## MAY

Tuesday, May 1	8th Grade Parent Yearbook Signing Party Meeting; 7:00 PM Cafeteria
Friday, May 4	Stand4Change Day; Wear White to Support the Fight Against Bullying Behaviors!
Tuesday, May 8	7th Grade Field Trip to Lansing Lugnuts
Wednesday, May 9	8th Grade Class Meeting; End of Year Information Passed Out Parent Koffee Klatch Meeting; 4:00 PM; Media Center
Friday, May 11	Eighth Grade Civil War Reenactment Program 6th Grade Band Concert @ LHS; 7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 16	Chasing the Dragon Drug Awareness Assembly; 9:00-11:00 AM 8th Grade Parent Meeting for Yearbook Signing Party; 6:30 PM, cafeteria
Thursday, May 17	7th Grade WEB Play Day; 1:00 PM; Cafeteria
Wednesday, May 23	7th/8th Grade Band Concert; 7:00 PM; Cafeteria
Monday, May 28	No School
Tuesday, May 29	7th/8th Grade Final Dance of the Year; 6-7:30 PM; Cafeteria
Thursday, May 31	8th Grade Field Trip to Cedar Point; All Day

## JUNE

Tuesday, June 5	Choir Concert @ 7:00 PM; Cafeteria
Thursday, June 7	8th Grade Yearbook Signing Party-Cafetorium; 6:00-8:00 PM
Friday, June 8	½ Day of School—11:40 AM Dismissal 8th Grade Recognition @ 8:00 AM; Gymnasium
Thursday, June 14	Last Day for Summer School Registration
Monday, June 18	LMS Summer Academy Begins

## LMS SUMMER ACADEMY 2012 GENERAL INFORMATION

Office HOURS: 7:00 A.M - 3:30 P.M.  
TELEPHONE: (810) 591-0710  
FAX: (810) 591-0511

### REGISTRATION and TUITION

<b>Courses:</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>
<b>Tuition:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

Registration will take place beginning May 29th and continue through June 14th.

For scheduling purposes, all registrations and fees must be returned to LMS  
by June 14th.

Meeting Times: 8:00-9:00 AM 9:10-10:10 AM 10:20-11:20 AM 11:30-12:30 PM  
*(tentative)*

Meeting Place: Linden Middle School

Summer School Dates: June 18th-July 26th, Monday-Thursday, No Classes Wednesday, July 4th

Registration: Tuesday, May 29th through Thursday, June 14th

Mail to: Linden Middle School  
Summer Academy 2012  
15425 Lobdell Road  
Linden, MI 48451

Payment: Check/money order for full amount to Linden Middle School  
Full payment due at time of registration

**COURSE CANCELLATION:** Should a course not meet the minimum enrollment requirement (10 per class), the class will be canceled and full tuition refunded unless your child is recommended for another class that is offered. Allow at least three weeks for receipt of refunds.

## SUMMER ACADEMY 2012

Linden Middle School is committed to providing an opportunity for our middle school students to reinforce, enhance, and close the gaps in their learning. The Summer Academy and staff seek to provide a caring, sensitive, and safe environment committed to learning through purposeful intervention strategies and re-teaching of required content.

Registration begins May 29th and runs through June 14th  
Registrations to be completed at Linden Middle School

Classes will meet Monday through Thursday at **Linden Middle School**, June 18<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>. Sessions will run from 8:00-12:30 PM. Students must leave campus promptly at the end of their respective sessions.

### COURSE OFFERINGS

*Language Arts Intervention*

*Mathematics Intervention*

*Science*

*Social Studies*

### POLICY FOR PROMOTION

**For those students in need of summer school in order to be promoted to the next grade level, the following requirements must be met:**

<u>Achievement</u>	A passing grade in each required session must be earned.
<u>Attendance</u>	Only <b>two absences</b> per class are permitted. Only <b>three tardies</b> per class are permitted. Absences and tardies above and beyond the allotted amount will result in the student being dropped from the Summer Academy Program. The student will be retained in the current grade level.
<u>Citizenship</u>	Appropriate behavior is mandatory. Any students disrupting the program will be dropped from the Summer Academy and will be ineligible to pass, resulting in retention in the current grade level.

**Mail – In Registration Form  
Linden Middle School Summer Academy 2012**

*Please PRINT*

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of emergency, contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2012-2013 Grade in School:    7th    8th    9th

Describe any health problems or special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition:	One Course	\$50.00
	Two Courses	\$75.00
	Three Courses	\$125.00
	Four Courses	\$150.00

Course Title

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Total Amount Enclosed    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check or money order payable to Linden Middle School and mail it with this registration form before June 14<sup>th</sup> to:**

Linden Middle School  
Summer Academy 2012  
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Linden, MI 48451