



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT!

DECEMBER 2016

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

6th...JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM @ NLES
7th...6th Gr. Band Concert @ JGHS 6 pm
8th...Swoop Family Night @ 6 PM
10th...5th Gr. Bball Tourney @ NLES 9 AM

13th...Gr. 1-3 Holiday Music Concert 7 PM
15th...KDG Holiday Concert 1:45 PM
20th...JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM
21st...End of 1st Semester

Important Parent Services/Responsibilities Pg. 18 Attendance Pg. 4 from Handbook

Visiting our School: Dropping in for a visit without an appointment does not allow for meaningful discussion and appropriate coverage of staff responsibilities. Please make an appointment in advance to allow for changes in supervision coverage.

Attendance: Parent Communication is important when children are tardy or absent from school. Please call the school and provide Dr. notes when possible. If tardy, the student must be brought in with the parent to sign excuse book. Morning routines are very important so please allow students time to enter building prior to 8:05 AM.

SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS TOO!

6th gr. Cadet Band students will perform their Christmas concert at JGHS Auditorium at 6 PM on December 7. This year we will hold two concerts in the auditorium in order to accommodate all of those who would like to attend. 7th and 8th Gr. parents are encouraged to attend the 7:30 performance with a large 6th Gr. crowd attending the 6 PM show. \$3.00 tickets may be purchased in advance to reserve a seat.

6:00 PM Performance

WES & NLES 6th Gr. Cadet Band (only performance)
UMS 7th & 8th Gr. Choirs
UMS 7th & 8th Gr. Band
Sound Sensation

7:30 PM Performance (6th Gr. Band NOT performing)

UMS 7th & 8th Gr. Choirs
UMS 7th & 8th G. Band
Sound Sensation

CHRISTMAS ON CANDY CANE LANE

This is a reminder of our upcoming Christmas Program for all students in grades 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. The program is Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the NLES gym. All students should be in their seats by 6:45 so that the teachers can take attendance.

- 1st grade students will be Green Candy Canes so please wear a green shirt.
- 2nd grade students will be Red Candy Canes so please wear a red shirt.
- 3rd grade students will be Christmas trees so please wear green.

Students with speaking parts or have other parts might be asked to wear something different. Soldiers will wear a white shirt. I have special hats and other items to help dress up the students.

The kids have been practicing in class for a couple of months now so they are getting very excited for the performance to be coming soon. There will be a second performance on Wed. Dec. 14 at 8:15 a.m. Students will need to wear their costume and colored shirts both days.

CLASSROOM GIVING TREE

Giving Trees are hung on the walls down each grade's hallway with the Teacher's name on the top of each tree. There are also trees for the Office Staff, Title 1, Resource, Music, Art, and Gym. These trees have paper ornaments attached with a Christmas gift request written on each one.

CANNED GOOD DRIVE

Thank you for all your donations toward our NLES Student Council Annual Food Drive. Your generosity helped many families have several meals on their table. Thanks for sharing and caring! 6th Gr. Student Council Members are Isabel Allsop, Hayley Arick, Will Brinkhoff, Tatum Carrasco, Matthew Ciula, Bryce Dittmar, Hayden Franklin, Mia Hooten, Nolan Klinedinst, Isabelle Matthews, Sofia May, Max Murray, Carlye Ort, Preston Richard, Ryan Shoue, Nathan Taylor, Maddy Muller and 6th Gr. teacher sponsor Mrs. Houston.

The Swoop Scoop

"Swoop" is a nickname for our Title I Program. Students in grades K–3 may qualify for extra reading support each semester thanks to a federally funded program for which JGSC qualifies.

Swoop Groups are busy Mondays through Fridays! Mrs. Weiss and our instructional aides work within K–3rd grade reading classes. Some students work in the Swoop room in the afternoons for half hour periods. The students work in consistent small groups with reading lessons led by Mrs. Weiss or an instructional aide.



Reading is Magic! Family Night – December 8 at 6pm

Please join us for a fun-filled Family Night featuring professional magician Kevin Wilson! The whole family is invited. Snacks provided. Thanks to our TI grant, there is no cost to families for this event. :) RSVPs have been sent home with your Swooper. We are looking forward to a magical evening with our students, their families, and our staff!



Letter Literacy — Spotlight on Kindergarten

Kindergarteners are working very hard on mastering all the letters, sounds, and some sight words! We hope they have all the letter names and sounds by Christmas! Mrs. Weiss and Swoop aides work within the classrooms with students during center time, and some days students join us in the Swoop room.



Marshall County Reading Council Race for Reading



Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Leodanski, and Mr. McCoige spent a lovely Saturday morning representing NLES and walking for a great cause...READING! MCRC sponsors the Young Authors' Conference which JGSC is hosting this year! Stay tuned!

Mrs. Weiss, Title I Teacher

Mrs. MacLeod, Title I Instructional Aide

Mrs. Tibbs, Title I Instructional Aide

Ms. Zoellner, Title I Instructional Aide

You are your child's most important teacher! Thank you for your support and teamwork! -Mrs. Weiss



Class Times

Monday: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Walkerton Youth Building
606 Washington St.
Walkerton, IN 46574**

Our mission at Talons Martial Arts is to create a well-rounded individual, strong both in mind and in body, through the teaching of Tae Kwon Do. At Talons Martial Arts, we challenge our student to set good examples both at home and in the community by living life by the tenants of Tae Kwon Do:

- COURTESY
- INTEGRITY
- PERSEVERANCE
- SELF-CONTROL
- INDOMITABLE SPIRIT
- VICTORY

- Monthly Fees: \$40 per student, Family Discount \$20 per each additional family member.
- Other fees will include uniform, sparring gear, and testing fees.
- ITF (International Tae Kwon Do Federation) Forms taught.
- It takes approximately 3 years to achieve your Black Belt.
- Junior Classes for ages 4 -6
- We welcome both child and adult students
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Stop in and give Talons Martial Arts a try, we think you will get a "Kick" out of our classes.

Mr. Steven Eckert,
Owner and Instructor
(574) 780-8824

Walkerton Parks & Recreation Department
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DECEMBER 2016

North Liberty Elementary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Ham & Cheese Calzone Garden Bar Sweet Peas Chilled Pineapple Tidbits	Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Spanish Rice Fiesta Corn Banana Orange Medley Juicy Juice	Chicken & Waffle Syrup Crispy Cubed Potatoes Crunchy Carrots & Celery Diced Pears	1 BBQ Pork Sandwich Curly Oven Fried Potatoes Carrot Coins Baked Cinnamon Apples	2 Crispy Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese (side) Creamy Cole Slaw Green Beans Applesauce
5 Mini Corn Dogs Tri Tater Green Beans Beets Mixed Fruit	6 Orange Chicken/rice Sweet Peas Garden Bar Pineapple/Mandarin Oranges Blueberry Muffin	7 Pepperoni Calzone Golden Corn Red Grapes Orange Medley Juicy Juice	8 Shamrock Potato Bowl Dinner Roll Lemon Zest Broccoli Carrot Coins Strawberries	9 Deli Sub Sandwich Baked Beans Sun Chips Snack Mix Crisp Veggies/dip Fruit
12 Hot Dog/bun Golden Corn Baked Beans Crunchy Apple Wedges Carnival Cookie	13 Sloppy Joe/bun Potato Crisp Chips Garden Bar Banana Juice	14 Roast Turkey Mashed Potato/gravy Rst Baby Carrots Sweet Peas Dinner Roll Diced Peaches	15 Chicken Patty/bun Potato Wedges California Blend Veg Applesauce	16 Bosco Sticks/sauce Garden Bar Green Beans Fruit
19 BBQ Rib/bun Oven Baked Fries Steamed Broccoli Orange Wedges Sugar Cookie	20 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Beets Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit	21 Cheese Pizza Slice Crunchy Baby Carrots Golden Corn Fruit Ice Cream Sundae	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL
26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL

News

**Breakfast offered daily
in the cafeteria**

Full Pay: \$1.25

Reduced: .30

Lunch

Full Pay: \$1.90

Reduced: .40

**Students must select a
fruit and or veggie
with each meal.**

**Please keep your
account current, if
assistance is needed
forms available in the
school office.**

**Enjoy your winter
break!**

**School resumes
January 4, 2017!!**

December 2016

John Glenn School Corporation

BREAKFAST



School Information:

Full Pay: \$1.25 Reduced .30
Milk included with all meals
Students must select a fruit or juice with meal.



Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods.
Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday



Cereal
Pop Tart
Fruit and Juice

5

Apple Cinn Tx Toast
Fruit and Juice

12

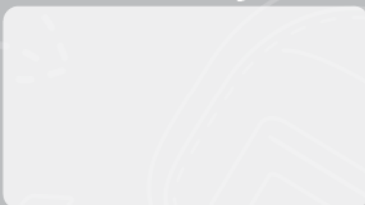
Cereal
Pop Tart
Fruit and Juice

19

NO SCHOOL

26

Tuesday



Breakfast Pizza
Fruit and Juice

6

Scrambled Eggs
Muffin
Fruit and Juice

13

Breakfast Pizza
Fruit and Juice

20

NO SCHOOL

27

Wednesday



Donuts
Fruit and Juice

7

PBJ Graham Bar
Fruit and Juice

14

Donuts
Fruit and Juice

21

NO SCHOOL

28

Thursday

PBJ Graham Bar
Fruit and Juice

1

Breakfast Burrito
Fruit and Juice

8

Pancake/saus/stick
Fruit and Juice

15

NO SCHOOL

22

NO SCHOOL

29

Friday

Mini Cinni Buns
Fruit and Juice

2

Oatmeal Round
Fruit and Juice

9

Mini Cinni Buns
Fruit and Juice

16

NO SCHOOL

23

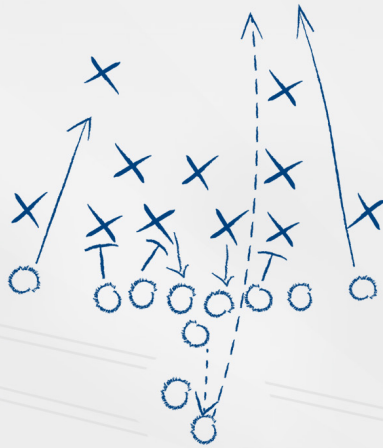
NO SCHOOL

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Play **ON OUR** Team

Join the
FUN!

BOYS AND GIRLS
AGES 4-14



LEAGUE INFO

- Flag Football Is All We Do!
 - Registration Fee includes NFL Jersey, & Flag Belts for all players to keep
 - Teams Formed by School & Grade
 - Practices & Games on Weekends Only
 - Preseason Meet & Greet will be on a week day
 - Practices an Hour Before Games
 - Coaches Screened & Trained
 - Eight Week Season
- *4% processing fee added to all transactions

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Deadline:

Friday, February 24th, 2017

Season Begins:

Wednesday, April 26th - Meet & Greet

Season Ends:

Sunday, June 18th**

** In the event of a rain date, season may be extended up to June 25th.

No Tryouts!
No Drafts!
**Everyone
makes
the team!**



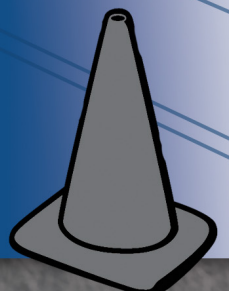
Elkhart League

Games & Practices Played on Sunday afternoons at:
Elkhart Central High School

In Partnership with Elkhart Central High School

Questions? 317-759-2691

register online at www.NationalFlagFootball.com



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North Liberty Elementary
Melanie Heiser, School Counselor



SHORT NOTES

Weather emergency kit

Let your youngster help you prepare for winter emergencies. Brainstorm what you might need if the power goes out or if you're stuck inside during a snowstorm. *Examples:* Flashlights, batteries, bottled water, canned goods, first aid kit. Together, put the items in a box and find a safe place to keep it.

Thinking games

Stretch your child's thinking skills by playing Fortunately, Unfortunately. One person states a good event ("Fortunately, all the stoplights have been green"). The next player says a silly, but related, "bad" event ("Unfortunately, the law changed, and green means Stop"). Continue until you get stuck—then start over.

Your child's digital footprint

It's tempting to post cute pictures of your youngster or tell funny parenting stories on social media—but first consider his feelings. And since his online trail will stick with him forever, think about how he'll feel when he's older. Get his permission before posting, or let him decide who will be able to see it (say, only relatives).

Worth quoting

"Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow-ripening fruit." Aristotle

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why did the girl wear one mitten and one boot?

A: Because she heard there was a 50 percent chance of snow.



Connect reading and writing

Reading will make your child a better writer—and vice versa. That's good news, because both will help her do well in every subject. Here are ways she can explore the link between reading and writing.

Try genres

Introduce your youngster to a wide variety of books, from fairy tales and science fiction to graphic novels and biographies. Reading different genres will give her more options to think about—suggest that she branch out and try writing in one of those new genres.

Collect "gems"

Have your child keep a notebook of her favorite parts of stories. She could choose interesting words or lines. She'll get in the habit of paying close attention

to the language that writers use, which will give her ideas for her own writing.

Review books

Your youngster could be a budding book critic and write reviews about what she reads. She'll practice opinion writing and deepen her reading comprehension as she summarizes the plot. Encourage her to include details and quotes from the book to back up her opinions. ("The main character showed empathy when he said, 'I know what it's like to be the new kid in school.'")♥



Volunteer success

Whether you're volunteering in your youngster's school or from home, consider these tips.

Contact the teacher. Let him know you'd like to help, tell him when you're available, and find out what he needs.

Follow the rules. Ask questions if you're not sure what's expected. For instance, are home-baked goods acceptable, or do treats have to be store-bought and sealed, with ingredients listed? Are younger siblings allowed to come along? What are the guidelines for keeping student information confidential?

Enjoy the experience! Volunteering is rewarding for parents, teachers, and students. Know that you're making a difference, and talk to your child about how you're helping out.♥



A dependable child

Kyle's parents count on him to walk his little sister home from school. And Jamal's parents know he'll remember to set the table without being asked. These parents are raising dependable youngsters—and you can, too, with these suggestions:

- Talk to your child about who depends on you. You could say, "My company relies on me to be on time, so I have to leave for work now." Your youngster will see that being dependable is a part of life.



- When you need your child to do something, let him know you're counting on him. He'll be likely to meet your expectations if you say something like "I know I can depend on you to feed the dog."

- Show your youngster how good it feels to follow through when someone is relying on him. You might have him sign up to

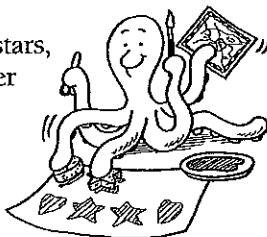
work with a student who is learning English or who needs extra help with math. Use encouraging comments such as, "I know Julian looks forward to seeing you every day," or "I bet David is learning a lot from you."♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

DIY wrapping paper

Let your child design homemade wrapping paper—and show thoughtfulness by personalizing each person's package. Try these ideas.

Sponge stamps. Help your youngster cut apart large brown paper bags. Then, she could cut sponges into stars, hearts, or other shapes, and dip them into paint. Suggest that she stamp them onto the paper in a pattern (heart, star, star, heart, star, star).



"Mapping" paper. Have an old atlas? Your child might cut out maps and tape them together to make sheets of wrapping paper. If she's sending a gift to a relative in another state or country, she could select a map of that place.

Artwork. Who wouldn't love to receive your youngster's original artwork? Ask her to wrap a few gifts in her own paintings or sketches.♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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Navigating group projects

Learning to work on assignments as a group is an important part of school. Share this advice for helping your youngster succeed with projects and presentations.

Get input

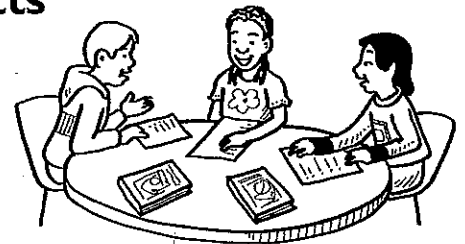
Everyone in the group should give input. Your child might get quieter members to express their opinions by asking, "Which format do you like for our presentation?"

List duties

At the first meeting, one person can write and distribute a list of responsibilities, including due dates for each task. That way, everyone will remember what they're supposed to do.

Update each other

During follow-up meetings, group members should give updates on their progress and brainstorm solutions to any problems. If anyone is falling behind, other members could offer support or ideas.♥



Be your own "CEO"

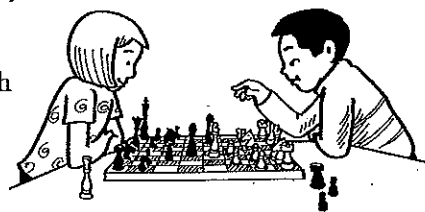
Q: I've been hearing a lot lately about executive function skills. What are they, and should I be helping my son work on them?

A: These skills let your child manage himself, like an executive overseeing the operations of a company or an air-traffic controller directing flights for landing. A student with good executive function skills is able to juggle tasks, plan

ahead, stay organized, and make decisions about his actions.

You could help your son sharpen these skills with strategy games. For example, chess is ideal because players must plan several moves in advance and consider multiple possibilities. Or try 20

Questions, since players have to keep in mind answers to all previous questions as they decide what to ask next.♥



Supporting Your CHILD'S EDUCATION

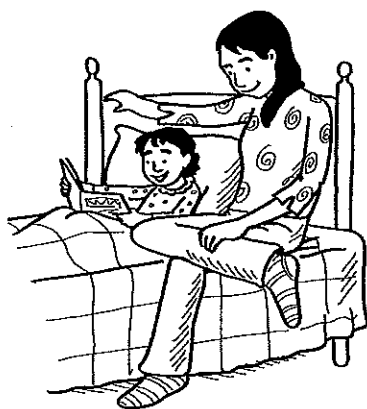
You can help your youngster succeed in school. How? By getting involved in his education. From talking to him about what he's doing in school to staying in touch with his teacher and attending school events, there are many easy ways to support your child's learning. Consider these suggestions.



EVERYDAY STRATEGIES

Encourage your youngster to do his best at school with these ideas for supporting his education at home.

COMMUNICATE EXPECTATIONS. Set high expectations for your child, and he'll be likely to try to meet them. For example, let him know you expect him to work hard in school. Talk regularly about what you expect in the short term (study for a quiz) and long term (go to college). Then, be sure to recognize his successes along the way.



MAKE TIME FOR READING. Reading regularly can help your youngster do well in all subjects. Books introduce her to new words—and new worlds. Plus, developing the reading habit now can help her enjoy reading for a lifetime. Try to read to your child at bedtime each night, and encourage her to read on her own, too.

KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING. Have him explain the steps in a science experiment or tell you about a story he's writing. Your curiosity will show him that his schooling matters to you. At the same time, going over the information will reinforce what he is learning.

SEE YOURSELF AS AN "ASSISTANT." You can support your youngster when she does homework...without doing it for her. Look through her backpack together, and find out what her assignments are. Then, help her schedule enough time so she's not rushing to do them at the last minute.

PROVIDE EXPERIENCES.

Each time your child visits a nature center, helps you grocery shop, or attends a concert, he collects new knowledge. For example, he might learn the names of frog species, use a scale to weigh vegetables, or hear classical music. Take him on errands with you, and try to plan family outings that will expose him to new ideas.



AN ACTIVE ROLE

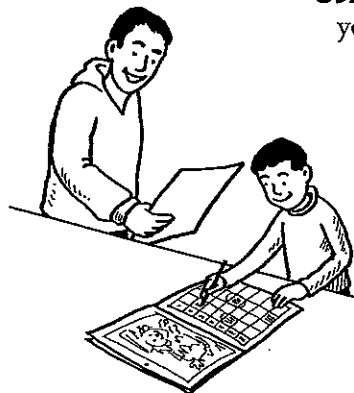
When you stay up to date on what's going on in school, your youngster feels supported. Here's how you can play an important part in her academic life.

KNOW SCHOOL POLICIES. At the start of the year, go over the school handbook together. You and your child will find everything you need to know about policies (discipline, attendance). *Tip:* Help her remember school procedures by reviewing the handbook a few times during the school year.

USE TOOLS. Together, look at the school schedule and write important dates on your family's calendar (test days, class pictures). Also, read school newsletters and websites. *Note:* If your youngster's school offers an online grade service, use it to check on his progress regularly.

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ATTEND SCHOOL EVENTS. Make time to go to book fairs, plays, and other school functions. Take siblings along to events that are open to families, such as a school carnival or family math night. When your whole family gets involved, your child will feel proud of her school.

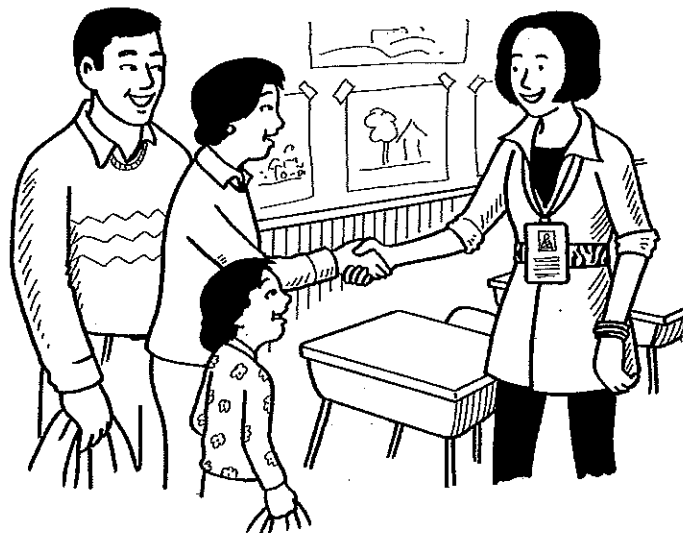


USE SPECIAL SERVICES. If your youngster gets special services (for a learning disability or because English is his second language), stay in touch with the resource teacher. Attend annual reviews of his IEP (Individualized Education Plan). Talk to your child about what he's entitled to (extra time for tests, preferential seating), and encourage him to take advantage of the services.

HELP STRIKE A BALANCE. When your youngster wants to sign up for extracurricular activities, make sure she will have enough time for schoolwork, family, and fun. You might have her concentrate on one club, after-school class, or sport at a time, for example.

PARENT-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Students are most successful when parents and teachers work together. Use these ideas for communicating with your child's school.



INTRODUCE YOURSELF. Meet teachers at open houses or back-to-school nights. Then, stay connected by saying hello at school events, volunteering when possible, and responding promptly to notes and emails.

SOLVE PROBLEMS EARLY. Contact staff members before small issues grow into large ones. If your youngster is having trouble with a subject or seems frustrated, call the teacher. Ask what you can do to help, and look for solutions together.

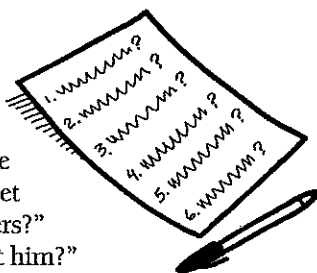
SHOW APPRECIATION. Keep in touch with your child's teacher when things are going smoothly as well as when you have a question or concern. For instance, you might email her to thank her for suggesting a good book to your youngster or providing extra help with math.

GET THE MOST OUT OF CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences give you the chance to find out how your youngster is doing in class. Try these suggestions.

BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

- Prepare a list of questions to take along. For example, you might ask: "What should my child know or be able to do by the end of the year?" "How does he get along with peers and staff members?" "Do you have any concerns about him?"
- Think about information that might help teachers understand your youngster. You can share strengths, weaknesses, hobbies, and interests. Consider letting teachers know about personal news affecting your child (divorce, a death in the family).



AT THE CONFERENCE

- Listen carefully to what the teacher says. Make notes so you can remember points to share with your child or to follow up on later.
- When it's your turn to talk, mention your most important concerns first, in case time runs out. If you need more time, you can ask the teacher to schedule another meeting or a telephone conversation. Be sure to ask for the best way to reach her (email, phone call, note) in the future.

AFTER THE CONFERENCE

- Talk to your youngster about what his teacher said. Be sure to include compliments she gave, as well as areas to improve. Together, work out an action plan, including steps your youngster will take and ways to check on his progress. Post the action plan in his room, and discuss it regularly.

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Christmas on Candy Cane Lane

A Holiday Musical for Young Voices

By John Jacobson and Alan Billingsley

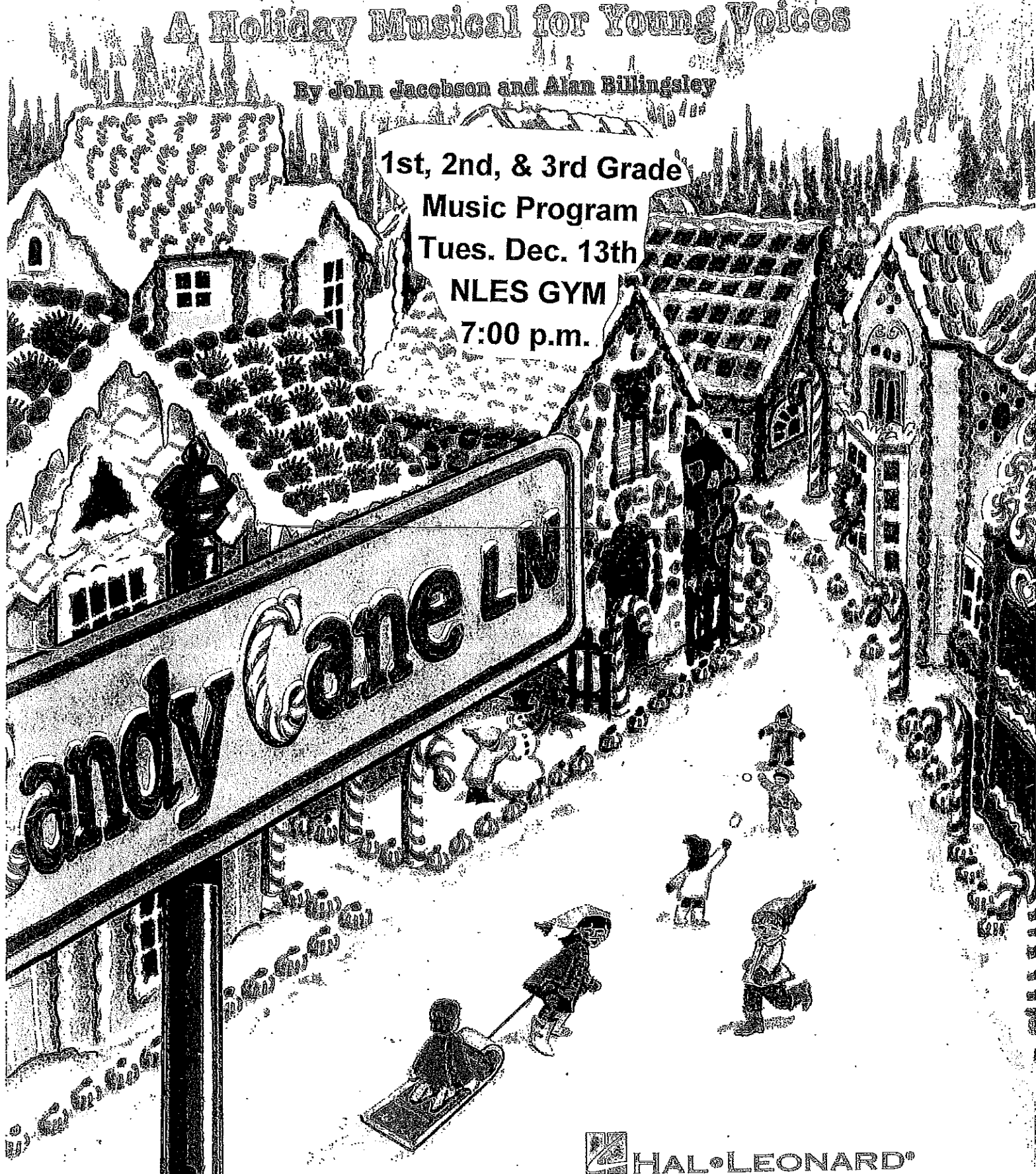
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade

Music Program

Tues. Dec. 13th

NLES GYM

7:00 p.m.



Winter Break Enrichment 2016

Dear parents,

Registration for the third winter Break Enrichment is just starting. Enrichment will be held at North Liberty Elementary on Dec 22, 27, 28, 29, 30 and Jan 2& 3. **We will be CLOSED on Friday Dec 23 and Monday Dec 26.** Our program will be open from 6:15am until 6:00pm. The cost of the program will be \$18 a day. Payments are to be made by December 12th to guarantee a spot in the enrichment. Please write in on the days you plan on using

Sincerely
Charman Dreessen

Childs' name _____

Age _____ Grade just finished _____

Parents' Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact (name) _____

(other than parent)

Emergency Phone _____

ALL Allergies _____

Dentist (name & phone) _____

Doctor (name & phone) _____

			Dec 22	Dec 23 CLOSED
Dec 26 CLOSED	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30
Jan 2	Jan 3			