



# LUCE LANDSCAPE

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It is hard to believe that it is our last month of school. However, learning is not over yet. Please make sure to pay careful attention to our school calendar, as there are numerous activities planned over the next few weeks.

Career Day will take place on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:45 AM. We are looking for parents to volunteer their time to speak about their professions to the students in Grades 3, 4 and 5. The presentations are 10-20 minutes, with a short Q&A for the students. Please email Melanie Greitzer ([melanie\\_t\\_m@hotmail.com](mailto:melanie_t_m@hotmail.com)) if you are interested, or need additional information.

## C.A.P.T.

Our next C.A.P.T. meeting is **Monday, June 3rd**, 7pm in the Luce Library. We will be voting on the 2019-2020 budgets, and having an open forum on how C.A.P.T. should be evolving as an organization. Barry Nectow from Business Administration will start us off at 7:00 PM to go over the Shine Slide Construction Time Line. Please email specific questions you may have to [lucecapt@gmail.com](mailto:lucecapt@gmail.com).



Please join the Luce Community in saying "Good-Bye" to Mrs. Peter. We will host a social for all current and former families/staff on **Tuesday, June 18th, 6:00-7:30 PM on the Lower Playground**. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the field, or just bring the kids to enjoy a dessert from Mike & Ant's Ice Cream Truck. Please R.S.V.P. at <https://www.facebook.com/events/454742288405372/>.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers, especially the Committee Chairs and Room Parents. Without your dedication, C.A.P.T. would not be able to provide Programming, Field Trips and other funding to enhance our student's Luce experience. Volunteers are the heart of C.A.P.T. Thank you in advance for considering one of our many open positions.

## Art News:



We had a wonderful showing from the Luce community at our Annual Spring Art Show. Thank you to all who helped support the show, and your continued encouragement of our young artists. In June, art students will be making folders in grades one through five to hold the art work being returned to them from the school year.

- Fifth Grade students will use model magic and watercolors to create donuts or cupcakes. Wayne Thibaud's paintings of cakes and pastries will be their inspiration.
- Fourth Graders will learn to make cut paper "dolls". Then they will illustrate the four figures which connect to each other in a square format.
- Grade Three students will learn yarn wrapping on Popsicle sticks, and make a Mexican tradition called "Ojo de Dios".

- Second Graders will learn to weave with paper strips left over from the matting of work for the art show. It's a good way to recycle.
- First Graders will recycle colored paper scraps from the year's art projects, and make a 3D paper sculpture.
- Kindergarten classes will make projects inspired by the warm weather and upcoming summer vacation.

### Computer Lab News:

- Kindergarten will continue practicing phonics, and the building blocks of reading with Teach Your Monster to Read. They will continue becoming familiar with the keyboard.
- First grade will continue integrating digital projects into their science unit on plants.
- Second grade will be finishing their digital citizenship videos and slideshows, as well as researching animals for their end of year research projects.
- Third, fourth, and fifth grade will continue learning coding, and focusing on creating and sharing original programs.

We appreciate all the support you are giving your children, and hope you continue to encourage them to practice their typing skills over the summer.



### Gym News:

Grades K thru 2 will finish the year working on moving through personal space, dodging and fleeing, and being a good sport.

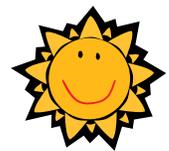
Grades 3 thru 5 will finish the year participating in team games/activities that require teamwork, communication, and good sportsmanship.



### Health News:

I would like to give a big shout out to all the **5<sup>th</sup> graders** for an awesome job on their Health Fair projects and presentations! All of your hard work really made an impression on the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!

The end of the year has come and students are getting ready to enjoy the outdoors in many different ways. With summer upon us during the month of June, students in all grades will be learning the importance of getting plenty of exercise. This includes riding their bikes, walking, and running, playing sports, swimming or just being kids and playing outdoors in the fresh air.



Summer also brings the importance of protecting ourselves from too much sun exposure. We all need some sun exposure, as it is our primary source of vitamin D, which helps us absorb calcium for stronger, healthier bones. It does not take much time in the sun for most people to get the vitamin D they need, and repeated unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can cause skin damage, eye damage, immune system suppression, and skin cancer. Students will be learning about different ways that they can enjoy having fun in the sun safely.

**Block the Sun Not the Fun!**

### Sun Safety Tips:

- Avoid sun exposure between 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM when sun rays are the strongest.
- Use sunscreen with an SPF 30 or higher and remember to reapply.
- Wear clothing to protect exposed skin.
- Wear sunglasses.
- Wear hats.
- Seek shade.
- If you would like more information on sun safety, please visit the Sun Safety Alliance website at <http://www.sunsafetyalliance.org/>.

### Library News:

As we end the school year, we still have stories to read! We are also preparing for the end of the school year in the Luce Library. All books need to be returned by June 7th. Thank you for your assistance in helping your students return books on time to our library.

Book Swap will also take place for Grades 1 thru 5. Book Swap is completely voluntary, and intended to help the students find new books for summer reading. The schedule and information for Book Swap is below.

### End-of-the-Year Schedule 2019

- **May 27 thru May 31:** Last week to check out books from the library.
- **May 27 thru June 7:** **Books for the book swap will be collected.** (Limit of 10 books per student for the book swap. Grade level books only.)  
Kindergarten will not participate in the book swap; they will have classes as usual.
- **June 3 thru June 7:** **All** books should be returned to the Luce Library. No books will be checked out. If books are lost or misplaced, please make arrangements to replace the books or pay for them, as noted in the school handbook.
- **June 10 thru June 14:** **Book Swap** in the library for Grades 1 through 5. Kindergarten will not participate in the book swap, and they will have classes as usual in the library.

### WHAT IS THE BOOK SWAP??

The Book Swap is a program for Grades 1 through 5, when your child will have the opportunity to swap used books from home that s/he has finished reading and no longer wants or needs. This is a great way to provide your child with additional books for summer reading at no cost to you. The books must be clean and appropriate for your child's age group. Each child may bring in up to 10 books from home. The number of books your child will bring home will equal the number brought in. (For example, if your child brings in 4 books, s/he may bring home 4 "swapped" books.) **Please ONLY send in books in good condition that you no longer want or need.** Please do not send in special editions or books that should remain in your family's collection. Books will be collected during the weeks of May 27th thru June 7th **ONLY**. We cannot accept books during the Book Swap week, as the books need to be sorted prior to the Book Swap.

*(Please grade level books only . . . no board books and no Little Golden books.) Thank you.*

### Math News:



Summer is almost here and we are all excited for a much needed break! It is time to enjoy the sunshine and step away from the routine that a school year brings. Exciting as this prospect is, we KNOW that during these fun filled weeks our students will lose approximately 2 months of

learning in math, and arrive back at school needing lots of review to catch them back up to where we need them to be. Interestingly enough, research has shown that it is actually easier for kids to forget what they learned in math over the summer, than it is for them to lose reading skills.

In an effort to help students avoid a summer math slump, we have created two different documents for each grade level 1 thru 5. One document focuses on previously taught skills, where students can practice these skills in isolation and the other document focuses on applying those skills in a problem solving situation. These problem solvers are multi-step problems that will challenge your student to think about how to apply a specific skill taught in a real world type situation, which is the ultimate goal of math!

In addition to these documents, we are sharing some ideas for you to help your child practice math skills over the summer and help alleviate summer math loss.

1. Highlight the math in everyday activities.
2. Play math games.
3. Read math stories.
4. 1st and 2nd graders should be practicing the basic addition facts.
5. 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders should be practicing basic multiplication facts.

#### **Music News:**

Musicians at the Luce are ready to SHINE their way towards the summer! It has been a year of incredible accomplishments for our Luce musicians. Students have developed their musical skills in the areas of creating music, performing music, responding to music, and connecting music to their lives and other subjects. This month, students will be working on:

- Kindergarten: Performing rhythmic patterns, singing new repertoire, and creating original musical ideas
- First Grade: Performing the solfege syllables so, la, and mi through singing, instruments, and hand signs. Creating movement and rhythm patterns, responding to music through folk dances and play parties.
- Second Grade: Developing musical literacy skills through notation reading, responding to music through folk dance, and performing with voices and instruments.
- Third Grade: Continuing to develop musical literacy and instrumental skills through playing the recorder, and other classroom instruments. Connecting music to other subjects through an interdisciplinary project.
- Fourth Grade: Performing with xylophones, responding to musical form.
- Fifth Grade: Practicing our song that we will sing at Promotion, responding to musical form, and performing with classroom instruments.

#### **Save the Date for upcoming performances:**

- Monday, June 10th: Band and Mallet Madness Concert 7:00 P.M. at Canton High School (band students arrive at 5:45 p.m. Mallet Madness students arrive at 6:15 p.m).
- Thursday, June 13th: Strings Concert 7:00 P.M. at Canton High School (Ms. Sharra will send arrival time information to Strings families).

### Nurse News:



If your child has medication in the Health Office, please pick it up by **Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten students and before 12 noon on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> for Grades 1-5**. Medications cannot be held in the Health Office over the summer months. Any medication left after the last day of school will be discarded.

### **Medications for the Next School Year:**

All prescriptions and most over the counter medications require a physician's medical order for a school nurse to administer them in the school setting. Please plan ahead by updating your child's prescriptions and obtaining doctor's orders prior to the first day of school in September. This will insure a safe and seamless transition back to school in the fall. All necessary forms can be found on the Canton Public Schools web site

<https://www.cantonma.org/student-services/health-services/medication-administration>.



Ticks are part of spring and it is important to check yourself, your children, and pets daily. Ticks are generally found in wooded areas near the ground, and are most active during the spring, summer, and fall. Here is where you should check: Inside and behind the ears, along the hairline, back of the neck, armpits, groin, legs, behind knees, and between toes. Ticks are tiny, and look for new "freckles".

If you find a tick attached to your skin, remove it with a pair of fine point tweezers. Grip the tick as close to the skin as possible, and pull straight out with steady pressure. You **should not** apply kerosene, petroleum jelly, nail polish, or a hot match tip to remove the tick. These measures are not effective and may result in injury. Circle the calendar date and note where on the body the tick was removed. You may want to save the tick for identification. Notify your health care provider if you have been bitten by a deer tick and/or you develop a rash or other signs of illness such as fever, headache, fatigue, or sore aching muscles following a tick bite. *This information is provided by the [Epidemiology Program](#) within the [Department of Public Health](#).*

### Reading News:

Over the summer, it will be important to maintain reading skills. Barnes and Noble have a great promotion as an incentive. Following is a link to a reading journal. When you complete the journal and bring it to B&N during the month of August, you can get a free book.

<https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/pdf/2019/summer-reading/123233A-05-bn-tear-sheet-bndotcom.pdf>

### Successful Transition:

As we end the school year, this means transitions for students to the next grade, transitions for new students entering kindergarten, and students moving on to the middle school. This can be a time of anxiety. Here are some tips to help students through this:

- Always talk positively about going to school. Be positive and excited for this new venture.
- Learn the ropes. If there are any meetings at the end of the year or during the summer, attend so that you can meet staff and learn about important dates coming up.
- Participate in orientation activities, if available, to allow your child to get to know friends and the routine.

- Set a reasonable bedtime and start a “prep” routine a few weeks before school begins, so that they can get use to the morning routine.
  - Start early in setting up homework and reading time with your child, so that it is the same time each day and in a place that is distraction free.
- Have a great summer!

**THANK YOU!!!** We are most appreciative of all the support and generosity of the parents in our school community. Without all of you, our school would be a very different place. On behalf of all of our students and staff, a huge thank you to all who support our efforts. Thanks to all the Luce families who supported our CAPT events this year.



**Mrs. Peter & Mrs. Hoff**