

Congratulations to the new PTC Board elected at the last PTC meeting; President, Kristen Creson, Vice-President, Krissy Rohloff, Secretary, Donna Porter and Treasurer, Denise Hogan. We are looking forward to another great year at Violet. The last PTC meeting will be Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria.

As more students are walking, roller blading and riding bikes to and from school please emphasize **safety in walking/riding and dealing with strangers**. Please remind them not to rollerblade on school grounds and to walk their bikes on school grounds for safety of all. We recommend that only 3rd thru 5th grade students ride bikes to school and that you **lock** them at the bike rack.

With the arrival of spring and warmer weather, please check the handbook for particulars for shorts (beyond arm length) and shirts (no halter tops, tank tops, muscle shirts or bare midriff, three finger width rule is good to follow.). We are asking you to speak to your children about good taste and **appropriate dress for school**. If students wear sandals or other open toed shoes, they will need a pair of closed -toed shoes to go outdoors for recess and P.E. **Flip –flops are not allowed** and if you choose to wear crocs, you must wear socks with them. Please check the weather for the day and send your child in appropriate attire dressed for the weather.

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school property for the sake of the animal as well as our students.

Summertime would be a wonderful time to encourage all of our students to write, read and make practical applications with math. Encourage your children to keep a journal of family trips, neighborhood barbecues, pool parties and all the fun activities during the lazy, hazy days of summer. Practice applying math in all activities you do. How about just reading a great book? One you can enjoy together. All of these activities will help keep your students skills practiced and the loss of skills over the break minimal.

To our families of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students, you may be interested in hosting an elementary Chinese student in your home and participating in the Foreign Culture Camp. Your Chinese guest and your son/daughter would attend the camp during the day from 8:30 to 4:30. The camp is free for Lake Shore students. The camp runs from Monday, August 16th thru Friday, August 3rd. The Chinese student would stay with your family from Friday, July 20th, after a district family dinner, thru Saturday afternoon, August 4th. Students will be in school in the morning and participate in various cultural and fun activities in the afternoon. Please call if you would like more information.

Report cards will be mailed Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Please make sure that any library or text book fines are paid so that we can mail report cards to you. Please see the calendar in this newsletter and the website for all upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Netschke
Principal



Music class has been busy these past months. Here are just a few activities that we have been involved with in class:

Kindergarten students have singing and playing games like “Tisket Tasket” and “One Green Jelly Bean”. Super Singer Awards have been coming home a little at a time. As each student sings a solo in front of the class, they are rewarded with a special certificate. All students are very excited about this!

First and Fourth graders have been practicing for the concert on **Thursday, May 10th at the Lake Shore High School Auditorium at 7pm.** We are going to share music containing “Lifeskills.” Look for a note to come home at the beginning of May about the concert.

Third graders are working hard on creating and performing different rhythms. Students are learning quarter notes, quarter rests, half notes, dotted half notes, and whole notes.

Fifth grades are working hard on their new recorders. They have learned the correct hand position and how to blow correctly and care for the recorder. We have mastered the BAG notes and are now beginning our new note, C.

Violet Voices Choir will also be performing in the concert on **Thursday, May 10th at Lake Shore High School Auditorium at 7pm.** The choir will dazzle you with their selections! Look for a note to come home at the beginning of May about the concert.

May and June Physical Education News!

Happy Spring Everyone! Wow, the year is flying!

In P.E. class, we have just completed a tumbling unit where the children had to demonstrate knowledge of the following components: 1. Roll; 2. Transfer of Weight; and 3. Balance in a creative way in front of the entire class (1st - 5th grade). The presentations turned out amazing! Ask your child about it!

The rest of the year in P.E. all students will participate in the following units: Hockey, working with long-handled objects (hockey sticks and tennis rackets); preparation for the Spring Mile Jog will be taking place next, so look for us running outside again; spring fitness testing which correlates with the Mile Jog; a bowling unit, as well as some kickball games, focusing on the rules of baseball/softball; and preparation for Field Day (Look for information and parent volunteer packet to come home in May for that). In the social objective of my lessons, we will continue with the LIFESKILLS.

The Talent Show was a wonderful success, the best show of my career! J Congratulations to all of the children involved. It is very difficult getting in front of so many people and you all did it! Way to go!

Even though we are a little short on funds for our Walking/Running Track (Thank you for ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!), administration is going forward with this wonderful project and construction will be done over summer, ready for our next school year! I will pay back any money that I was not able to provide when I get it! Very exciting! We will be having a Chicken Shack dinner fundraiser for the track on Thursday, May 3rd from 5:00pm-8:00pm at 30926 Harper (corner of Hoffman and Harper). Please eat dinner there that night with ME and 20% will come back to us. Chicken Shack already donated \$500.00 to us for the track, so let's go support them! See you there! J

Upcoming Dates that Student Council would like to remind you of:

Friday, April 27th Red, White, and Blue Day (Patriotic Day!)

Wednesday, May 2nd Last Student Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 2nd Spirit Day (Wear purple or Violet stuff!)

Thursday, May 17th Dress as Favorite TV Commercial Character!

Tuesday, June 5th Field Day and Spirit Day!

Enjoy the weather as it gets warmer. Get outside and exercise with your kids!

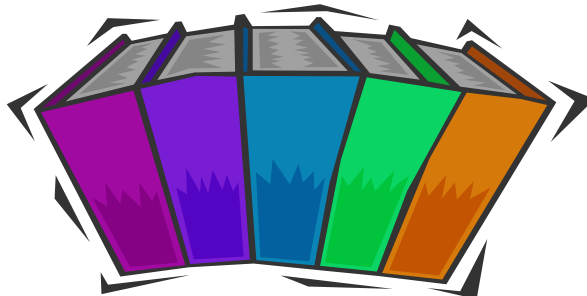
Happily Exercising - Lisa Pecoraro J

Media Center News

Book Fair at the Ice Cream Social

Friday, May 11th 6:30- 8:00

Don't miss the buy one get one free book fair happening in the gymnasium during the ice cream social. This is your chance to restock your home library for the summer at bargain prices. Teachers may also have wish lists posted if you would like to help build their classroom libraries.





Lake Shore is having the first
Foreign Culture Camp
for 4th and 5th Graders
July 16th through August 4th

The Foreign Culture Camp is in partnership with our sister school in China. They are sending 44 4th & 5th grade students to stay with host families for two of the three weeks.



All the students will attend camp during the day, 8:30am-4pm. The camp is **FREE** for Lake Shore students to attend. Costs for the activities, field trips and lunch are covered.

American students will have morning enrichment classes while the Chinese students work on their English speaking skills. In the afternoon, the schedule is full of fun activities and field trips for all the students to enjoy together!

Chinese students will go home every night for 2 weeks with their host families for a continued family cultural experience (July 20-August 4).

Please contact Chelsey Kuester or Pat Gordon at 285-8480 if you are interested in becoming a host family and providing this opportunity to your child.

Highlights

- ◆ Family cultural experience
- ◆ Field Trips to Greenfield Village
- ◆ Field Day with Bounce House
- ◆ Trip to Lake Side Mall
- ◆ Picnic at Metro Beach
- ◆ Lunch provided each day
- ◆ Farewell dinner for host families and their students on August 4th from 4:30-6:30pm

Availability is limited. A lottery will take place if there are more host families than Chinese students.

Mrs. LeCouffe & Miss Santangelo-4th Grade

In our classroom, we are exploring many exciting new concepts. Students have just completed their fiction stories and will begin to write their very own poetry, as part of our ELA unit. In math, we have been working with factor trees and now we are about to learn about decimals and how they relate to money. In science, energy will be the topic of study. Students will be learning about different types of energy and discovering circuits.

I hope you enjoy the wonderful spring weather!

Mrs. Deckert – 4th Grade

The fourth grade students have begun the third component of the theme, “On the Road Again”. The conceptual concept for this component is “Cause and Effect”. In Math, the students will continue working with fractions and mixed numbers as well as begin working with decimals. We will continue to review multiplication and division as these are skill that will be used throughout their lives.

In Science, we will be learning about the transfer of energy, with a focus on electricity, magnets, and heat.

In Social Studies, we will focus on Economics and the branches of the United States government. Throughout May we will also be working on project focusing on the regions of the United States.

Our current focus for Reading and Writing is poetry. In May we will explore Functional Writing which includes writing directions.

Mrs. Bonett, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Husek- 5th Grade

Happy Spring! Things are moving along really quickly in 5th grade. Please continue to check your email and our website

www.violet5thgrade.weebly.com for all of the latest news and updates from the 5th grade team.

Important Dates to Remember

May 2: Spirit Day

May 9: Half day of school (KMS visit was rescheduled to May 18)

May 11: Greenfield Village permission slips and money due

May 15: Gadget Works Virtual Field Trip (we are not leaving Violet and no funds are required to participate)

May 18: Violet Elementary trip to

KMS from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
May 22: KMS Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
May 23: Half day of school
May 25: Half day of school
May 28: No school
May 31: Field trip to Greenfield Village (permission slips sent home 4/20/2012)