

THE INDIAN INFORMER

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News from the Principals



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Hello Parents, Students, and Friends,

We are so excited that spring is here! We are hoping for some sunny, warm weather this month. This will be another busy month here at school. Please continue to encourage and help your child with all he or she is learning. We just completed Part One of the TNReady assessment before Spring Break with grades 3, 4, and 5, and we will complete Part Two with these grades as well as the SAT-10 Assessments with Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades during the first week of May. The students are learning so much every week, and we know they will "show all they know" and do a wonderful job on these state assessments. These tests are very important, as they show strengths and areas of challenge for students both individually and as grade levels. Students will need to be present EVERY day of the test and well rested in order to do the best job possible. It is also especially important for students to be on time during testing. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping our students realize the importance of giving their very best efforts each day at school. Please help by making sure they are in bed on time and have a great outlook about taking the test. With your help, the best kids ever, and a positive "can-do" attitude, we know we will see great growth on these assessments.

Individual Spring Pictures will be taken on April 14. Look for information about this in your child's folder and remind them to wear a smile!

April 15 is the date for Pre K and Kindergarten Round Up! If you have students or know others with children who will be eligible for Pre K or Kindergarten, please be here on Friday April 15, between 8:00 – 2:30 to register for school. We look forward to meeting our new students!

Please remember to write your child's name on any jackets, sweaters, or hats he or she may wear to school. We have many items in our lost and found that have no names on them. Also, please be sure to check your child periodically for lice or indications of this. We have only had a small # of reports this year, but it is always a good idea to keep a check on this. Thank you for your help.

We have made so much progress here at Loudon Elementary this school year! Thank you, parents, students, and all our staff for working together to grow and learn. Please remember to set aside 15 minutes each day to read with your child. Reading is one of the first keys to success. Thank you for all you do, parents! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, suggestions or compliments, please call or come by. Together we are working every day to help everyone at Loudon Elementary remember to do the next right thing!

Together for education,
Kim Greenway
Donna Stapleton

Loudon Elementary Expectations:

Be responsible.
Be respectful.
Be safe.



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Important Dates to Remember

April 14 – Spring Pictures
April 15 – Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up

Mrs. Rutherford's Class

New research findings show that even though technology enhanced children's toys are marketed as beneficial for language development in children, nothing can replace basic toys and verbal interaction with a child's parents. Electronic toys, such as talking farms, baby laptops, play cellphones, lessen the quality and quantity of verbal interaction parents have with children when compared with no-frills objects like blocks and books. The amount of language interaction a child has with parents heavily influences a child's development. The amount of reading aloud to a child also greatly influences reading development. So as summer approaches, heed the research that is currently being proven to be true over and over...help your child by moving away from technology and just spend good old-fashioned time talking, playing, reading, and interacting together. You are your child's first and best educational influence! (Taken from ASHA Leader, March 2016)

Pre-K News

Our year in pre-k is coming to an end. We will have Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up April 15. There will be no pre-k on this day. If your child will be attending another school for kindergarten you will need to go to that school with the required paperwork. We will send home the paper for students attending Loudon in the Friday folder. Please return the paperwork by Tuesday, April 12th. Thank you for a wonderful year.



Kindergarten News

Spring has sprung in Kindergarten! We have many important events coming up this month so be sure to check your child's weekly letter for what is going on. A few of the most important events are our field trip to the Rainforest Adventure Zoo on Thursday, April 14th. We are excited to go and learn about all the interesting animals they have to show us! Friday, April 15th, is Pre-K/Kindergarten Round Up. Your child WILL NOT come to school on this day. This is a day we will welcome all incoming Pre-K/ Kindergarten students for the upcoming school year. As usual, your child's weekly letter will give more information about all the exciting events in April :)

First Grade News

First grade had a great time on our field trip the Knoxville Zoo! It was a beautiful day to see the animals. Thank you to the parents who attended to help keep our students safe.

As the year is coming to an end, we will soon begin to prepare for our SAT- 10 test. The students will be taking this test May 2nd- May 6th. Please continue reading with your child nightly, asking questions throughout the story. We also encourage students to review math facts up to 20, as well as reviewing days of the week and months of the year. These are skills we work on daily but we greatly appreciate all your help at home to reinforce these skills. The first grade teachers are so proud of all the hard work and progress our students have made this year, and we are confident first grade will rock the SAT-10 test!

With only two short months of school left, we are cherishing every moment we have with your children. As always, thank you for your continued help and support!



Second Grade News

We cannot believe how quickly this year seems to be going by! We have learned so much, but still have many important and fun things to do! In the next couple of weeks, we will start doing some review and practice for SAT-10 which is fast approaching. We would appreciate your help in making sure that every student is prepared. As we send home graded work, it would be a great idea to review anything that your child missed and have them correct it as a learning opportunity. Also, making time to allow your child to read to you and retell what they have read for at least 15-20 minutes each night will greatly improve fluency and comprehension. We appreciate all that you have done so far this year, and look forward to ending the year on a high note! As always, let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Third Grade News

We hope that everyone had a great Spring Break and is ready to work extremely hard before our TNReady Part II testing begins. Some guidelines for helping your child be successful during this period are:

1. Keep a positive attitude and be a cheerleader for your child.
2. Make sure he/she is on time for school each morning.
3. Be sure that your child eats breakfast daily - either at home or at school.
4. Encourage him/her to pay attention during class and review sessions.
5. Talk to your child about the TNReady practice tests and the topics that were covered that day.
6. Establish a certain bedtime and morning routine that will allow your child to come to school rested and relaxed for the day ahead. You are your child's greatest fan, and we appreciate all that you do to help him/her become successful.

Sincerely,
The Third Grade Teachers

Fifth Grade News

Happy Spring from 5th grade!

We will be having our second TNREADY testing week May 2-6. We are continuing to review in all subjects.

We will be having our spring incentive field trip in May as well. More to come on specific date and information.

We will have a 5th grade end-of-year celebration toward the end of school. More to come on specific date, time & information.

Make sure to check your child's Thursday folders weekly for the class newsletter & important information for parents.



Fourth Grade News

Wow, the month of March flew by! We can't believe that we are in the fourth nine weeks. We are so excited that Part I of the TNReady testing is complete. We are working hard each day to prepare for Part II and to ensure that your child will be ready for 5th grade.

Please remind your child that each day at school is important. We are learning new information each day as well as reviewing all of the skills we have learned this year. It is important that your child is not distracted and remains focused during instructional time.

We are planning for our incentive day, which will take place in May. This is a day of "fun" that all students who have maintained an A in conduct all year and have not been in any type of school suspension may enjoy. Any student who has received any grade lower than an A in conduct, has been in any type of suspension, or has been involved in a fight may NOT participate.

With springtime conditions here, all of our classes are in need of tissues and Clorox wipes. Thank you in advance for any items that you may be able to send in.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. We are thankful to be a part of your child's life.

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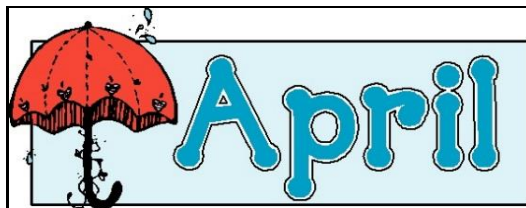
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Menu

Uncrustable Soy Jammers/String
Cheese available daily

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Turkey or Ham Sandwich/ Cheese	2
3	4 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza	5 Chicken Tenders/Roll	6 Hamburger or Chicken Patty	7 Sausage or Chicken Biscuit	8 Hotdog or Chili/Half Grilled Cheese	9
10	11 Cheese or Fiestada Pizza	12 Chicken Tenders/Roll	13 Spaghetti or Cheesy Garlic Flatbread	14 Beef Taco Scoops or Cheese Quesadilla <i>Spring Pictures</i>	15 Turkey or Ham Sandwich/ Cheese <i>Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-Up</i>	16
17	18 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza	19 Cheese Sticks or Steak/Gravy	20 Hamburger or Chicken Patty	21 Chicken Tenders/Roll	22 Hotdog or Chili/Half Grilled Cheese	23
24	25 Cheese or Fiestada Pizza	26 Mini Corndogs or Chicken Pot Bowl	27 Chicken Nuggets or Meatloaf	28 Beef Taco Scoops or Cheese Quesadilla	29 Turkey or Ham Sandwich/ Cheese	30

See the county website www.loudoncounty.org for a complete lunch menu. Look under our school then menu. The website for paying students' lunch money is up and running and is www.mealpayplus.com. You will need a seven digit state ID number; you can call the office and we will get that for you. This is a great program everyone should utilize if you have access to a computer. Also, our newsletter and menu are placed on our school website every month for parents to access from home or work. When sending in lunch money with your child, please place in an envelope with his/her name, grade, teacher name, and lunch number on it for easier submission. Thank you!