

# NEWS FROM LYON & PLEASANT RIDGE

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## GLENVIEW DISTRICT 34

### *Our Mission*

*To empower children to be self-directed learners and responsible decision makers.*

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## IMPORTANT LYON DATES

### **Thursday, December 20**

Winter Program 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (Two tickets per family)

### **Monday, December 24 – Friday, January 4**

Winter Break

### **Monday, January 7**

School Resumes

### **Friday, January 11**

Lyon School Spirit Day

**Monday, January 21**

No School - Martin Luther King Day

**Tuesday, January 29**

LY/PR PTA Meeting - 9:15 a..m. at Pleasant Ridge

**PLEASANT RIDGE IMPORTANT DATES**

Please be prompt when picking up your child from after school activities. Pick up time is at **3:30pm in the South Circle Drive/Lot** for all PTA and Pleasant Ridge faculty sponsored activities.



**Pleasant Ridge Important Dates**

**Friday, November 30**

After School Art 2:30-3:30pm

**Monday, December 3**

Presto Orchestra Rehearsal 7:15am

After School Gym 2:30-3:30pm

**Tuesday, December 4**

3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30pm

**Friday, December 7**

Last Day for Holiday Helper Food Drive Donations

After School Art 2:30-3:30pm

**Monday, December 10**

Presto Orchestra Rehearsal 7:15am

After School Gym 2:30-3:30pm

**Tuesday, December 11**

3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30pm

Winter Choral Concert 6:30pm in the PR Gym

**Wednesday, December 12**

Gold Band Rehearsal 7:15am

Student Council 2:30-3:30pm

Winter Band Concert 7pm in the PR Gym

**Friday, December 14**

After School Art 2:30-3:30pm

# NEED TO KNOW INFO: LYON WINTER PROGRAM NOTES

We are excited to present our 2018 Lyon Winter Program (“Something Beautiful – See it. Chase it.”) on **Thursday, December 20th at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm**. In advance of the show, there is some information that we wanted everyone to be aware of, both from a student learning perspective as well as some important logistical details. For veteran Lyon parents, some of this will hopefully sound familiar, and your spreading the word about our intentions each year is much appreciated! For parents new to Lyon, we hope this information is helpful.

Our program takes many months to come to fruition. Our Fine Arts team begins collaboratively planning for this program well in advance so that each year the final product represents a culminating event reflecting curriculum objectives and student learning in the areas of Drama, Music, Physical Education (Dance) and Visual Art. In other words, learning in these curricular areas does not take a pause to “get ready” for the Winter Program.

While it is typical for our Winter Program to carry messages and themes consistent with the spirit of the various holidays at this time of year, it is not a typical holiday-themed show. We wouldn’t want anyone’s enjoyment of this wonderful event to be lessened at all by mismatched expectations (e.g., “Where’s *Frosty the Snowman?*”). Having said that, there is always plenty that will bring a smile to your face and warmth to your heart.

Anyone who has attended our shows in previous years knows firsthand how crowded our gym gets on this day. Capacity and safety issues are always serious considerations, and that is why we issue **2 tickets per family** (individually numbered) to our program. The tickets can be used at either the morning or the afternoon performance, and **everyone attending the show must have a ticket (regardless of age)**. Depending upon the percentage of tickets used, we still may not have a chair for every audience member. While we realize this is not the ideal scenario, please know that we do not make this decision lightly. We have found that this approach successfully and equitably addresses our space challenge, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Tickets and a letter with more details will be received through the mail.

Enjoy the month ahead, in whichever ways you celebrate, especially time with loved ones. We look forward to seeing you at Lyon soon!

## MESSAGE FROM THE ERIC FRIEDMAN

Every month I think about what’s happened, what’s coming our way, and what special things I would like to share with you via this newsletter. This month it didn’t take me long to think about what I wanted to share. Over the past few months I’ve had the pleasure of starting an advisory council with the students at Pleasant Ridge. During lunchtime in the months of October and November, I met with grade level representatives for our ‘Kindness Council’ meetings. This monthly lunch allows me to connect with children and gather their perspectives on the culture and climate of our school. I’ve asked our homeroom teachers to rotate students throughout the year so there is diversity in the perspectives and thoughts that are shared.

While I do plan an agenda for our meetings, I've found that simply asking the question 'How are things going?' is a great use of our time. I've learned so much and have received important feedback on how we can improve our school climate and the interactions and relationships between students. It's clear to me that we have many students who care about our school and their role in making it a better place. It's been an important reminder to me that there is great value in asking children what they think, because they have lots to say. The students who have attended the Kindness Council meetings have been thoughtful, engaging, and compassionate to those around them. I hope you share my pride in the quality of character our students' possess. My monthly meetings have become a highlight for me, and I can't wait for my lunch commitment in December!

As we approach the holidays and winter break, I want to wish your family all the best. Here's to some wonderful winter and holiday memories for all. No matter what your winter break plans are, I hope it provides you moments to reflect on your year and all that you're appreciative of. I'd like to thank everyone for their support and all you do to prepare students for their journeys at Pleasant Ridge. I'm looking forward to our return in January and all the important work we have ahead of us in 2019. Happy New Year!

**Dressing for the Winter at PR-** During the winter months we make every effort to get outside for recess. It's an important break during the day for students and being outdoors allows children to get increased movement and fresh air. Please make sure you're sending your children to school with all the necessary outerwear for the elements. Hats, gloves, snow pants, boots...pack it all! We appreciate your support and thank you for preparing your children to enjoy outdoor recess comfortably.

## 2018 HOLIDAY HELPER FOOD DRIVE

**Monday, November 5th – Friday, December 7th**

Please remember your neighbors this Holiday Season!  
Donate non-perishable food for the Holiday Helper Program.  
The following are guidelines; however any donation is appreciated!

***Kindergarten: Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Meats***  
***First Grade: Peanut butter, Jelly, Cereal, Breakfast items***  
***Second Grade: Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Meats, Packaged Dinners***  
***Third Grade: Canned Fruit/Vegetables, Cereal, Canned/Pkg Soup***  
***Fourth Grade : Canned/Pkg Soup, Canned Fruit/Vegetables, Rice***  
***Fifth Grade : Peanut Butter, Jelly, Packaged Dinners, Rice***

\*No expired food please

\*\* Boxes located at both Lyon & Pleasant Ridge  
- Aldi and Costco are great for bulk purchases

# KEEPING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY HEALTHY

We have entered the time of year when we see influenza (flu) and other respiratory viruses at school. We want to let you know what steps we are taking to keep our school community healthy and how you can help. Click [here](#) for more information.

## NEWS FROM THE PTA

November was a fun month for the PTA. We celebrated RED Day, enjoyed hearing Dr. Matt Silverman speak on the new report cards and hosted the Lyon Book Fair.

The holidays are just around the corner and a new year upon us! The month of December promises to be a festive and very busy one for all of us, both children and adults alike. As the principals stressed at the PTA meeting, routine is more important in busy times for the children and even adults!

The **Holiday Helper Helper program** wraps up next week. Many thanks to Andrea Downing and Ramie Robbins for their hard work organizing this remarkable program. Holiday gifts are due Wednesday, December 5th. Donate non-perishable food through Friday, December 7th.

This holiday season, **register for AmazonSmile** by going to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3830580> and support Lyon Pleasant Ridge PTA. We receive 0.5% of most purchases made through Amazon.

There will be **no PTA general meeting** for the month of December. But we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 29 at Pleasant Ridge.

### Save the Date

The **Pleasant Ridge Science Fair** will take place on Saturday, January 26th. All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are welcome to participate and enter a project. Save the date and be ready for some super science fun! Registration packets and event information will be available soon.

Our **Annual Benefit** "Throwin' It Back to the 90s" will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019 @ Double Tree Hotel - Skokie.

### **Thank You**

Tara Call for coordinating our Character Counts Food Drive.

Karen Kim for amazing directory ad sales and commitment to directory execution.

Gail Weiss for continual management of the PTA membership database.

Kristin Spieldenner, Amy Starkoff and Tracy Elsasser for organizing the Lyon Book Fair.

Kristi Mariani coordinating pizza sales at the book fair to benefit the Debra Gelfand Fund.

Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season, a Happy New Year and a safe winter break with family and friends!

Cheers, Anne O'Neill (Binney)

# LYON SCHOOL WINTER PROGRAM

December 20, 2018 is the Lyon School Winter Program. Show times are at 10:00am and 1:30pm. Each family will receive two tickets. There will be more information to follow in the coming weeks.

## FOOD SERVICE MENU AND CYCLE CALENDAR FOR LYON AND PLEASANT RIDGE

Please review this important food service information which includes the [menu cycle](#) and the [cycle calendar](#).

## GENTLY USED LEARNING TOYS

Are you looking to clear out some clutter from your house? Please consider donating toys to our learning toy drive! We will be donating toys to students in our district who would benefit from some quality learning toys. We will also be collecting toys for babies and toddlers. Some toys that we are looking for are: building toys (Legos, Duplos, Magna-tiles, Lincoln Logs, etc.), craft supplies, puzzles with 100 pieces or less that have all of their pieces, board games that have all of their pieces, plastic animals, dominos, etc. While we appreciate all donations we are not looking for stuffed animals or electronic toys at this time. There is a donation bin outside of the Lyon office. Thank you for your support!

## LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing his/her gloves, backpack, lunchbox, water bottle, hat, scarf, coat, boots etc.? Lyon school's lost and found is overflowing. If your child is missing an article of clothing, please stop by Lyon to look through all the lost items.

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

**Reminder.....** State of Illinois Physical form requirement:

The State of Illinois requires all children to present evidence of having had a physical examination, including all required immunizations.

(State of Illinois Code, Chapter 122, Section 27-8)

- A physical examination (no more than one year old) including immunizations (signed by the parent/guardian and a health care provider) is required for students entering kindergarten and again in 6th grade.
- If a student is transferring into District 34 for the first time, he or she is also required to provide a copy of a State of Illinois physical exam including immunizations (signed by parent/guardian and a health care provider).

**Medication at School**

If your child needs to take any medication at school during the school day, either prescription or over-the-counter medicine, doctor approval must be on file in the Health Office at school. Forms can be found on the District 34 website on our [frequently used forms page](#). There will be no exceptions to this policy. At no time should a student be given medication to carry to school in their backpack or pocket. Further information can be obtained by calling the Health Office phone number at (847)657-2894. The parents of students who require the use of an inhaler due to an asthmatic condition must contact the school Health Office.

### **Student Absence**

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Health Office phone number at (847)657-2894. You can call this number after hours and leave a message at any time. Leave your child's name, the teacher's name, reason for the absence and expected number of days they may be out of school.

## **WINTER WEATHER**

As the weather is starting to get colder please remember to dress your kids appropriately. Children will go out for recess as much as possible (if the wind chill is above zero degrees). Please send your children in snow pants and boots if there is snow on the ground.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP AT PLEASANT RIDGE**

Thank you to all the parents and guardians for your patience and cooperation during pick up time at Pleasant Ridge. While it's always busy every afternoon, we are safely dismissing children out of school, into cars, and on their way home. Please note a few reminders:

- When you are on our school grounds, please do not use your cell phone while in our car pick up line
- When leaving our South lot, cars cannot turn left onto Sunset Ridge
- Please do not block our North lot exit when waiting on Sunset Ridge
- Please be mindful of all our neighbors and avoid blocking their driveways

I appreciate everyone's patience during this busy daily time. Thank you for your cooperation, our goal is to safely dismiss children from school and have you start your afternoons as soon as possible!

Thank you.

## **IMPORTANT FORMS**

[2018-2019 District 34 Parent Calendar](#)

[Authorization And Permission For Administration Of Medication](#)

[Before/After School Procedures at Lyon School](#)

[Cell Phone Use Agreement and Permission Form](#)

[Dental Exam Form \(completed for Kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grades\)](#)

[Dental Exam Waiver](#)

[District Policies/Handbook Info](#)

[Eye Exam Form](#)

[Eye Exam Waiver](#)

[Food Guidelines](#)

[Health Examination Form](#)