



## Litwin School Newsletter September, 2017

Issue 1

### Upcoming Dates:

- Aug. 31 First day of school grades 1-5
- Sept. 4 No School Labor Day
- Sept. 6 Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 AM
- Sept. 7 PTO Meeting 4:00 PM
- Sept. 7 First Day of School Kindergarten
- Sept. 13 Bus Evacuation Drill
- Sept. 17 Constitution Day
- Sept. 19 Picture Day
- Sept. 25-29 Book Fair
- Sept. 27 5th grade field trip Big E
- Sept. 28 1/2 day of School Dismissal @ 11:30
- Sept. 28 Open House & Family Book Fair Night 6:00-7:30

### Principal's Message

Dear Litwin Families,

**Welcome back to another wonderful year here at Litwin School!** The staff and I are thrilled to share another meaningful year of learning together. We would like to welcome new families who are joining us at Litwin for the first time.

Over the summer we have been very busy preparing for a successful 2017-2018 school year. New technology was purchased as well as school supplies. Litwin Lane was repaved. The hallways were all painted and the Litwin garden is growing beautifully with crops ready to be harvested this fall.

Please note that a monthly calendar and newsletter is sent home every month. Upcoming events and activities can all be found in the newsletter. It is very important to read the newsletter and the included calendar for important information.

We have a school Facebook page. Please like our official Sgt. Robert R. Litwin School Facebook page.

We update our school webpage regularly to include all school activities and events. Please visit our web page at [www.chicopeeps.org/Litwin/](http://www.chicopeeps.org/Litwin/)

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school at 594-3545 or via e-mail at [emasse@chicopeeps.org](mailto:emasse@chicopeeps.org)

Sincerely~

Mrs. Masse, Principal



# PTO Litwin School PTO



PARENT TEACHER  
ORGANIZATION

## PTO Meetings

*PTO meetings will be held in  
the library on the first Thurs-  
day of the month from*

*4:00 pm —5:00 pm*

Our first meeting is  
September 7, 2017

**2017- 2018**

### **Litwin PTO Officers**

President: Jennifer Price

Vice President: Pamela Nadeau

Treasurer: Lori Camerlin

Secretary: TBD

Join the PTO for only \$5 and help your child go on field trips, plan Fun Day, or assist with bake sales. Your support is important to the school and your child. Come get involved and make your child's education fun and exciting!

**November 7, 2017**

**Election Day BAKE SALE**

**BAKERS NEEDED!!!!!!**

Please consider baking or buying food items to sell at our annual bake sale. All proceeds benefit Litwin PTO.

**PTO  
ROCKS**



Parent Teacher Organization

## Help Make Great Things Happen at Litwin School!!!

### Box Tops for Education

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week -- or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios<sup>®</sup>, Hamburger Helper<sup>®</sup> and Kleenex<sup>®</sup>, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to school with your child - each one is worth 10¢ for Litwin School!!!



### Labels for Education

Labels for education can be found on many products, including Dannon, Campbells, and Post products! Clip them and send them into school with your child. Your support helps our school to get new and exciting supplies.



Here are some more ways you can help Litwin School

Join the PTO \$5 membership

Participate in Fundraisers such as Braided Breads & Pies

Purchase a Litwin T-shirt

Bake or buy baked goods for our annual bake sales



## **Chicopee SEAL: FREE Oral Health Program**

Did you know that tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood?

Did you know that tooth decay is almost entirely preventable?

Most children get tooth decay on the top or chewing surface of their molar or back teeth. Dental sealants and fluoride are essential to prevent tooth decay (cavities). Dental sealants are painted on the tooth and prevent tooth decay by creating a barrier between the tooth and cavity-causing bacteria. Fluoride varnish works by strengthening the tooth's enamel (outer surface) and also creates a barrier for the cavity-causing bacteria.

Again this year, in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health the Chicopee School Department will be offering dental screenings, as well as dental sealants and fluoride to prevent tooth decay. All dental services are provided by a licensed dental hygienist in your child's school. There is no direct cost to families to participate, but a signed consent form is needed.

Chicopee SEAL enrollment packages will be sent home with students, so watch those backpacks. To have your child participate, simply sign the consent form and return it the following day to your child's teacher.. For more information about Chicopee-SEAL, dental sealants and oral health go to [www.mass.gov/dph/oralhealth](http://www.mass.gov/dph/oralhealth) or contact your child's school nurse Amena Assaf at 413-594-3545.

## **ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION**

This notification is required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, 40 CFR Part 763 of the Toxic Substances Control Act). An asbestos plan has been developed for each of the Chicopee Public School buildings. This plan is available and accessible to the public at the Chicopee Public Schools, Maintenance Department, 816 James Street, Chicopee, MA 01022. To View this plan please call Ron Simard at 594-3417 to make an appointment.

## **School Bus Camera Notification**

**"Video and audio recordings may be made of all persons riding this vehicle."**

**"Grabaciones de audio y video pueden ser hechas de todas las personas usando este vehículo."**



**All Chicopee Public Schools recycle materials that would otherwise become waste, including paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, throughout school buildings and grounds in support of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's waste ban. Success of our recycling program is based on the cooperation of all individuals in our school community.**



# Notes from the Nurse

Dear Parents/Guardians:

## Welcome to a new school year! 2017-2018!

I hope that everyone had a safe, relaxing and fun summer. I am very excited to be working with you and your children at Litwin Elementary School. I look forward to a fantastic school year.

To ensure your child's health and safety, I would like to share a few items with you:

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Please inform the school nurse of any severe allergies, surgeries, accidents or new health problems that occurred during the summer months or which may occur during the school year.

**MEDICATIONS:** If your child needs medication at school, a written order from the physician must be obtained. A medication permission form must be completed and signed by both physician and the parent. This form along with the prescribed medication in its original container must be brought to school by the parent/guardian. The use of cough drops must be accompanied by a written, signed, and dated request from a parent/guardian and/or a physician.

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** All students are required to have an updated immunization record on file in order to stay in school. Updates include Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP), Polio, Hepatitis B and the chicken pox vaccine (Varicella).

**ILLNESS/ABSENCES:** Please contact the school office in the morning if your child is to be absent and inform them why he/she will not be attending. If your child has been ill, he/she should be free of a temperature for 24 hours without anti-fever medication before returning to school. If your child has missed school due to an appointment with their health a health care provider please send in any documentation.

PLEASE have a current and working phone number in the school office daily in the event your child needs your attention.

Visit the Health section under Departments on the Chicopee Public Schools webpage ([www.chicopeeps.org](http://www.chicopeeps.org)) for more information on student health, school forms, and other helpful links.

Feel free to call me @ 413-594-3545 if you have any questions with any of the above.

Let's have a great year!

Amena Assaf MSN RN

School Nurse

You can't educate a student  
who isn't healthy . . .



and you can't keep children healthy  
who aren't educated!

## Notes from the Library

Welcome Back Students!!

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and read great books! Book Fair flyers will be coming home this month. Please look for them in your child's back pack. The book fair will run the week of September 25-29. We will have our family book fair night during

Open House on September 28. I hope to see you all there!!!

Mrs. Gallacher

Litwin School Librarian



## Notes from the Guidance Counselor

Welcome to a new school year Litwin Families! I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. While it may be difficult for some students to resume a school schedule, I am readily available to assist students with this transition. In addition, I will be working with students during the school year, such as through individual counseling, Lunch Bunch groups, Peer Mediation, and classroom support.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic/social/behavioral progress, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or via e-mail . [tlang@cpsge.org](mailto:tlang@cpsge.org) I look forward to meeting many of you at Open House and working together to create a successful school year.

Mrs. Lang  
Litwin School Guidance Counselor

