



LYBROOK ELEMENTARY/MID SCHOOL

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ORIENTATION DAY BRINGS INCREASED ENROLLMENT TO LYBROOK

Orientation Day for the 2011-2012 school year brought out a good crowd of parents and students as Lybrook increased its enrollment.

Any student who attended this first day of school is eligible to go on the State Fair field trip in September.

This year's enrollment showed significant increases especially in prekindergarten and kindergarten classrooms

Teachers and staff were available to answer questions concerning students and the upcoming school year.

Parents, students and staff also enjoyed a pancake breakfast.



Leectoria Sam tries to convince her son Ethan that school will still be good even though he's not in prekindergarten anymore. Ethan was a little reluctant to give kindergarten a try. But...a month into school, he's made the adjustment and doing fine.



Parents were asked to bring their children in for registration...and to enjoy a pancake breakfast with the students and staff.



Staff members mingled with the parents and renewed acquaintances with children they'd had in past years, or were going to have for this school year.



Kindergarten teacher Alfreetta Sandoval greets one of her new students, Luciana Dennison



Racquel Lee and Naomi Peshlakai enjoy the pancake breakfast during orientation.



Sisters Skylyn and Rayann Dennison are ready for the new year

THE PARENT PAGE...AND MORE

LYBROOK IS NOW IN ITS SECOND YEAR OF IMPLEMENTING A GRANT AWARDED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO. THIS "TURNAROUND" GRANT IS DESIGNED TO HELP TURN AROUND THE SCHOOL'S POOR SHOWING IN THE STATE STANDARDS TESTS. AN EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON READING AND MATH IN PARTICULAR.

BUT, WE NEED THE HELP OF THE PARENTS AS WELL AS THE STUDENTS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE RAISE THE STUDENTS' PERFORMANCE LEVELS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

PARENTS: PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL, DO THEIR HOMEWORK, AND READ AT HOME.

STUDENTS: PLEASE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY. IT'S *YOUR* FUTURE WE'RE CONCERNED WITH.



The Lybrook Library now has over 600 books in the Community Library....available for check-out by parents and other community members. The community is also encouraged to use the school's computers.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Scholastic Book Fair — 8/25-9/6/11
 Literacy Night — 9/1/11
 Hats on Day — 9/22/11
 Arts & Crafts Show/Art Contest — 10/6/11
 Fall Festival — 10/20/11

BIRTHDAYS:

JULY:

Athena Trujillo — 7/6
 Marty Vigil — 7/6
 Cheyanne Tunnell—7/13
 Siren Garcia — 7/13
 Tristan Lopez — 7/14
 Selina Aragon — 7/15
 Maggie Chiquito — 7/19
 Shannon Harrison — 7/19
 Taneisha Brown — 7/20
 Kaylynn Martin — 7/21
 Autumn Torrez — 7/23
 Darlene Arviso — 7/23
 Darlene Chiquito — 7/25
 Carlos Ohmsatte — 7/26
 Jaismine Pinto — 7/27
 Tierra Haines — 8/2
 Leah Sampson — 8/2
 Ethaniel Johnson — 8/11
 Roxanne Tsosie — 8/12
 Brian Ohmsatte — 8/13
 Kenton Yazzie — 8/13
 Skylyn Dennison — 8/14
 Tristan Sam — 8/14
 Peter Brown — 8/15
 Raysharah Begaye — 8/16
 Sheniah Pinto — 8/17
 Nyeria Johnson — 8/23
 Aleisha Keith — 8/23
 Mariah Sam — 8/25
 Sakima Coan — 8/27
 Bertha Keetso — 8/27

**PARENT
MEETING**

Wednesday,
 August 24th in the
 Lybrook
 Library

5:00 p.m.



Please welcome our new principal, Mrs. Athena Trujillo.

Mrs. Trujillo has been teaching since 1979, including a long stint in special education. More recently she's been a high school principal in Clayton, New Mexico.

Mrs. Trujillo and her husband and son live in Cuba; her husband works at Cuba Junior High School and son Zach is in 7th grade there.

Her philosophy about students: "Regardless of a child's age or grade, they all need the same things to succeed: someone they can trust, someone who is fair, someone who is consistent and someone who truly believes in them."

CHECK OUT OUR LYBROOK WEBSITE:
www.lybrookschool.org

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — JULY



JEREMIAH BROWN,
Prekindergarten: "...polite to his classmates...listens very well..."



ZACK KEETSO,
Kindergarten: "...well-mannered boy who is very helpful in classroom...has great attendance..."



NYERIA JOHNSON,
1ST grade: "...always here...completes all her school work and homework...very neat with all her work..."



NAOMI PESHAKAI,
2ND grade: "...good student...enjoy having her in class..."



AUTUMN TORREZ,
3RD grade: "...sweet girl who does her work in class...enjoy having her in class..."



TYRON SALAS, 4TH grade: "...has matured and is doing his homework...behavior is much better...learning every day..."



TISHAI YAZZIE, 5TH grade: "...focused and well behaved..."



ADRIANA LEE, 6TH grade: "...very determined to gain knowledge every day...very helpful when working with other students..."



BRIAN OHMSATTE, 7TH grade: "...taking responsibility upon himself to clean cafeteria after lunch...has been helpful to Thomas in cafeteria and other duties..."



PAIGE SAM, 8TH grade: "...very helpful in class...has been responsible in her continuing efforts to fundraise for school..."



Tristan Sam and Noah Largo show off one of the books they've been reading in their 4th grade classroom. This year the emphasis on reading and math is even stronger.



5th graders try their luck at the game "Jeopardy."



Darlene Arviso and Paige Sam show the rest of their advanced math class how they figured out the solution to a problem. According to Mrs. Mangham, who teaches the class, this was a complex problem and not easy to solve.

7th/8th GRADER LOCKERS by Brianna Betone

Seventh and eighth graders are now trusted to use padlocks on our lockers, for the very first time in two years. I'm still adjusting to the complete surprise. Some of us don't really know how to open a padlock and to tell you the truth I've never had to open a padlock before. Thought everyone in our class knew how to open their padlock except for me. But I had a friend help open my lock to my locker. Since he helped me now I'm sort of getting the hang of it. Now we can put some of our expensive stuff in our locker without feeling worried.

School authorities do warn though: Abuse the privilege and the padlocks will be taken away. Students have been told what is acceptable and un-acceptable to be kept in the lockers.

So for now, we'd like to thank the teachers for giving us a chance.



Brianna Garcia, 7th grade, puts her lock back on her locker door.



ALEISHA KEITH LOOKS SURPRISED THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE SOME WATERMELON! IT WAS A SPECIAL SNACK FOR A HOT DAY. SELINA ARAGON AND SKYLYN DENNISON ENJOY THEIR TREAT.

CHILD FIND

Children from birth to the age of 21 were welcomed to Lybrook for Child Find, a program designed to catch early problems.

Hearing, sight and some cognizant skills were tested.

Child Find was started to help find developmental problems early on.



WELCOME BACK TO TEACHERS CRESPIN AND BETSELIE

Welcome back Mr. Marcellino Crespin and Ms. Elsie Betselie. We all missed both of you; glad to have you back. When you guys left our happiness was gone like you took it away from us, but later on, as days went on, and weeks went on fast, we started to heal and gain our strength to finish our day.

My sister Qwona Harrison told me that Mr. Crespin might come here from Cuba. I was very happy that he might, but then she said he's going to stay in Cuba instead of Lybrook. But I didn't want him to stay in Cuba. We Lybrook kids and staff wanted him here in Lybrook instead of Cuba.

Sorry, Qwona, if you're reading this, but Mr. Crespin is our teacher NOT yours. Ms. Betselie I don't know where she was, but we're happy to have her back as well. Just wanted to say thanks for coming back.

By Brianna Betone



Ms. Betselie



Mr. Crespin



And just HOW bad is the Big Bad Wolf? Ms. Tsosie's 7th/8th grade students put him (or in this case, her) on trial to find out.

Witnesses included the Three Little Pigs, Red Riding Hood and the Boy Who Cried Wolf.

Attorneys for both sides argued their cases in front of a jury; Ms. Tsosie acted as judge.

Final verdict: Guilty, although Ms. Tsosie felt more discussion on deciding a case based on impressions rather than facts was needed.



Thursday Activities...

A new feature this year... Thursday activities! Each Thursday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. students can participate in various project. There's swimming for K-3rd grades; cooking classes; line dancing classes; art classes; flag football; and even newsletter production. Three students signed up for newsletter duty: Brianna Betone, Temera Harrison and Morgan Harrison. Some of the articles and pictures on the Thursday Activities pages (and elsewhere) were contributed by these three. After four weeks, 4-8th graders are allowed to change activities.



Jamal is a very good at his class work, like math or science . But when it comes to cooking he is very mean. Whatever you do, don't go near him when he has peanut butter. Just kidding!
By Morgan Harrison



COOKING CLASS WAS RUN BY TEACHERS ROXANNE TSOSIE, MARIETTA HOODLESS AND ELSIE BETSELIE. STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT CHOOSING RECIPES, MEASURING, STIRRING AND COOKING. RICE SEEMED TO BE THE THEME IN MUCH OF THE DISHES, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE OTHER THINGS TO ENJOY...IF YOU COULD GET THE STUDENTS TO SHARE!



Cooking is not Mrs. Tsosie favorite thing to do. She says she's just trying to take a break from sports!
By Morgan Harrison



Art Class





It may look like nap time, but these are the students signed up for line dancing and singing. Breathing exercises are an important part of being able to sing correctly.



Kaylynn Martin did the story for the newsletter on line dancing and singing. Here she interviews Mrs. Peggie Murphy.

Mrs. Murphy's class is going to town with singing and dancing. Mrs. Murphy says the group will be doing one song and one dance with costumes. When asked why she was teaching this, she said, "It's so much fun! And it helps reading skills." When asked, class members said, "The music is good. I loved it the first time because it's fun. I love to sing." By Kaylynn Martin



Brianna Betone, Temera Harrison and Morgan Harrison worked on this newsletter, learning the intricacies of getting a story, writing it and illustrating it with photographs.



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sports, enrichment and tutoring will be the name of the game as the after-school program kicks in.

Each Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. students can stay, with parental consent, to join one of the activities.

Tutoring will be designed to help students who need extra work in reading and math; computers will also be available.

Enrichment will be special instruction with Mrs. Jacque Mangham, Turn-Around Leader, to give those students proficient in reading and math some extra challenges.

Sports will depend on the season...starting in August with volleyball, then football, then basketball.

MORE ABOUT COMING EVENTS:

Lybrook will be hosting an art contest for the students....winners will be announced October 6th. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

We will have an Arts & Crafts Show on October 6th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Staff, parents and community members are welcome to bring a table to show and sell their arts and crafts. Five dollar donation for the space, please. We'll set up in the lobby.

Fall Festival will be October 20th this year. The early date is because we will be on break the week of Halloween. Let's have the best Halloween costumes ever!



MARBLE CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST AT LYBROOK

THE MARBLE CHAMPIONSHIP WAS KIND OF HARD BECAUSE THE 5TH GRADERS AND 6TH GRADERS WERE PLAYING ON THE DIRT AND WITH A LOT OF SAND,

I PERSONALLY WAS VERY NERVOUS, BUT OVERALL IT WAS VERY COMPETITIVE AND A LOT OF FUN.

TISHAI YAZZIE WON THE MARBLE CHAMPIONSHIP AND JONAH CHIQUITO TOOK 2ND PLACE, WITH ASHLEE TUNNELL COMING IN AT 3RD PLACE .

IT WAS A GOOD GAME. AND WHY WE PLAYED IS BECAUSE WE READ A BOOK CALLED "THE MARBLE GAME," AND WE WANTED TO SEE HOW IT IS TO PLAY MARBLES.

BY: KIANA OHMSATTE



LEFT: FOURTH THROUGH EIGHT GRADES GOT A SPECIAL TREAT AFTER ALL THE NWEA TESTING...GOING SWIMMING IN BLOOMFIELD. IT WAS A WILD AND WET AFTERNOON FOR ALL!

RIGHT: AND A NEW FEATURE AT LYBROOK...THE WEATHER BUG! STUDENTS CAN CHECK OUT VIEWS FROM ONE OF THE CAMERAS, WEATHER PREDICTIONS FOR CUBA AND A DOPPLER MAP SHOWING ACTIVITY.



BRIANNA'S BLOG

By Brianna Betone



The day for us 8th graders to leave is almost here.

Just imagine, it was like yesterday we were in second grade and today we are almost in high school. **WOW!!!** Time does go by fast where you don't have enough time to stay and enjoy your childhood.

I don't want to leave Lybrook; I want to stay here. But I can't. There's a life waiting for me to live, but at the same time all these negatives hit me, like saying "You're going to mess up in high school" or "Everything in school is wrong." Even, "You're going to live with regrets."

By thinking of all these negatives that just pop in my head I don't know what to do. I just try to think twice and say, "Don't let your fears or negatives bring you down when you're about to do something life-changing."

Sooner or later in life, when someone asks you, "How was your childhood?", will you say, "It was boring and nothing fun about it?"

To me, I would say, "My childhood's been amazing. I enjoyed it even though it had some bad and good times in it."

I'm NEVER! going to forget all my friends. My friends are Jamal Guerito, Koby Aragon, Seth Chiquito, and Kevin Haines. Those are my guy friends. My girl friends are Temera Harrison, Morgan Harrison, Qwona Harrison, Aleisha Keith, and my sister Ashlee Tunnell. These are all of my friends I'm going to miss a lot. We've all been through the bad and good times together. Lots of memories are still going to remain in sight if I see them here and there.



Volleyball practice started last week it was a hot and sweaty time for all. Practice will continue for the next several weeks. Regular games will begin soon; keep checking the Lybrook website for information.

By Freda Salazar



SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Early Release Day Dismissal at 1:00 PM Literacy Night 5-7 PM	2 No School Energy Day	3
4	5 No School Labor Day	6 Book Fair Ends	7	8	9 No School Energy Day	10
11	12	13	14	15 Hats On Day	16 No School Energy Day	17
18	19	20	21	22 State Fair Trip End of 1st Grading Period	23 No School Energy Day	24
25	26 JMS School Board Mtg. 6:00 PM	27 New Mexico Public Education Dept. Visit	28	29	30 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-5 PM	