

# January 2024 Newsletter

# **Principal's Notes**

# Character Trait of the Month PERSEVERANCE

### What is Perseverance?

Perseverance is staying on task and not giving up. Perseverance is when you show commitment, pride, and a positive attitude when completing tasks. Perseverance is the ability to stick to something and complete a task even though difficult circumstances may try to prohibit you from finishing.

# Morning Car Rider Drop Off:

Car riders drop off (in the circle) begins at 7:10 AM and ends at 8:00 AM sharp. Staff members and patrols will come inside at 8:00 AM. Students are tardy if they are not in their classrooms at 8:00 AM when the school day starts. Parents will need to walk inside the building with their students and sign their students in the front office after 8:00 AM. Homeroom begins at 7:45 AM.

# Friendly Reminders:

Buses Arrive at Livsey: 7:05-7:10 AM

Car Riders: 7:10- 8:00 AM

Breakfast served: 7:15-7:45 AM Homeroom begins: 7:45 AM

Students are marked tardy at 8:00 AM

Early checkout ends: 2:00 PM

# Dressing Your Child for School and Recess:

Please remember that your child will be playing outside every day, weather permitting. Please take the weather into consideration when you dress your child for the day. As the weather gets cooler, jackets and coats will be necessary for your child to bring to school. Please write your student's

name on their items.

# Lost and Found:

If your child is missing a coat, jacket, shirt, lunchbox, or other items, please remind them to visit and check the lost and found (located near the Media Center). Parents may also visit the lost and found.

# **Co-Presidents' Notes**

Happy New Year, Livsey Leopards!

Welcome to the second semester! We hope you had a wonderful and restful holiday, with plenty of quality time with friends and family. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brother, sisters, and Livsey faculty and staff who volunteered time last year to make Livsey the great community it is! We couldn't do it without all your help.

As we jump back into the swing of things, there will be many more opportunities to support your child and Livsey, starting with next Friday's Bingo, Books & Bake Sale! We're thrilled about the return of this popular, fun-filled night of thrilling games and tasty treats. There's even an exciting raffle for a brand new Amazon Echo Show! We hope you'll consider volunteering at the event or donating a baked good.

Thanks to our successful fall fundraisers, we are accepting applications for Appropriations. This is a time when the PTO seeks ideas to use funds to provide needed technology, supplies, instructional materials, furniture, etc. for our school. Any Livsey teacher, staff, parent, guardian, administrator and/or volunteer may make a request for the use of the funds during this process. The requests will be considered by the Appropriations Committee and the PTO Board. If you are interested in submitting a request, please download the application HERE and turn it in to the Livsey PTO mailbox in the front office by Friday, January 24.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### BINGO, BOOKS & BAKE SALE - NEXT FRIDAY! January 12, 6-8 p.m.

Bring the whole family for an exciting night of fun and awesome prizes! Pick up your pre-ordered pizza, purchase some delicious baked goods, play some fun games, and watch Principal Pickett get sprayed with silly string! There's even an opportunity to win an Amazon Echo Show. <u>Purchase</u> tickets HERE or download order form (English or Spanish).

### FAMILY NIGHT OUT - Wednesday, January 17

Gather with fellow Livsey families and let Tucker Brewing Company prepare dinner. Full bellies and happy family is a win-win. A percentage of all proceeds go back to support Livsey. Win-Win-Win!

### SCHOOL DANCE - Friday, February 23

Save the date for this year's 80s-themed school dance. Just remember..."nobody puts Baby in a corner." Stay tuned for details!

## Traci Rothwell & Nicola Williams

Livsey PTO Co-Presidents 2023-2024

# Livsey Family Spotlight: The Dongol Family

Hi! My name is Raksha and we're the Dongol family. My husband Krishna is an auto technician and we have three amazing kids. Krisha is in 4th grade and Kritisha is in Kindergarten. My son Hrigbed is 3 years old. We became a part of Livsey since 2017.

I'm a stay-at-home mother and it's the best decision I could have made! Being able to stay at home with my kids is a blessing for me. And though it's often exhausting, it's even more rewarding to watch them grow into intelligent and wise. We travel to Nepal almost every other year to meet our family and friends.

As a family we enjoy to read books, travel new places, hiking, listening music and dancing. Krisha and Kritisha both volunteers at Nepalies community center where they learn culture and language.

Livsey is special place for us, it's truly feels like a family. We couldn't find better place for our kids. Teachers and staff are wonderful with great parents and awesome students. And we can't wait for all the good memories still to be made!



# Livsey Staff Spotlight: Barbara Garrison (2nd Grade)

I'm Barbara Garrison and I have been teaching in Dekalb for 26 years and at Livsey for 23 years. My husband, Chad, and I both grew up attending Dekalb County Schools. We have been married for 35 years. Chad is the Head of the Physical Education Department and Head Football Coach at St. Pius X. We have three wonderful adult children and four crazy dogs.

I enjoy reading, swimming, trying different restaurants, hanging out with all my pups, attending concerts, and traveling. We recently went on a cruise to Alaska and have another trip planned to Jamaica for this summer. This summer we also saw Garth Brooks, Adele, and Rod Stewart. We also love to attend Cirque Soleil.

Since a very young age, I knew that I was going to be a teacher. I think a classroom should feel like a second home. One of my favorite books to start off the school year is Our Class is a Family. This book is built around the fact that your classroom should be a safe place that kids can be themselves and that mistakes are okay. My main goals of teaching are to encourage lifelong readers, to build confidence in my students, and for my students to know that being a good person who has a kind heart is most important. Livsey is such a hidden gem. I have been very lucky to teach here for so many years and I plan to be here for many more!











BOOKS & BAKG SALG

January 12th in Livsey's Cafeteria

Doors open 5:30pm / 1st game @ 6:10pm

Event ends at 8:00pm









- · 30 games per packet
- Packets are played in order & cannot be broken up

# PRE-SALE

January 2nd-11th

DINNER

Pizza Drinks



Included!!

# Concessions

- Pizza
- Snacks
- Drinks





Don't miss Principal Pickett getting silly

Silly String Fun

stringed!



Spirit Wear Get restocked!





Bake Sale
Delicious baked
goods for sale!



Raffle

One winner will get a special prize!





Use the buttons below to place your orders online for Bingo, Books & Bake Sale family or individual dinner + game packs, or download the form to return to school.

**Please note, pizza is pre-order only!** Buy additional tickets now for popcorn, baked goods, drinks and additional bingo books, available at the event.

Don't forget, stay until the end of the night for Mrs. Pickett getting silly stringed for

Place a Pre-Order

**Download Pre-Order Form (EN)** 

**Download Pre-Order Form (SP)** 













**Buy Raffle Tickets** 



JAN 12TH AT BINGO, BOOKS & BAKE SALE EVENT

# **DONATIONS NEEDED**

help raise money for our school by donating your individually wrapped homemade or store-bought baked goods

DROP OFF TO LIVSEY'S FRONT OFFICE BY JAN 11TH (UNREFRIGERATED GOODS) OR JAN 12TH BY NOON (REFRIGERATED GOODS)





# VENTA DE REPOSTERÍA

12 DE ENERO EN EL EVENTO DE BINGO, LIBROS Y VENTA DE REPOSTERÍA

# SE NECESITA DONACIONES

Ayuda a recaudar fondos para nuestra escuela donando productos horneados caseros o comprados en la tienda por favor, envuélvalos individualmente.

ENTREGUE EN LA OFICINA PRINCIPAL DE LIVSEY ANTES DEL 11 DE ENERO (PRODUCTOS NO REFRIGERADOS) O ANTES DEL MEDIODÍA DEL 12 DE ENERO (PRODUCTOS REFRIGERADOS).



Family Night Out: Tucker Brewing Company





# HAPPY HOUR Livsey's Family night out

5:00 - 9:00PM

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 17TH** 

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20% OF ALL SALES, INCLUDING TO-GO ORDERS, WILL COME BACK TO THE SCHOOL SO MAKE SURE TO COME OUT, HAVE SOME DRINKS AND GOOD FOOD WITH GOOD PEOPLE.

SEE Y'ALL SOON!!

DONT FORGET TO TELL THEM YOU'RE FROM LIVSEY!!



# **Mark Your Calendars**

(sign up for text reminders by texting @livseypto to the number 81010)

# Friday, January 12

• Bingo, Books & Bake Sale

# Monday, January 15

• MLK Jr. Day — No school

# Wednesday, January 17

• FNO: Tucker Brewing Company



PTO Emails: Click here to join PTO email list to receive PTO newsletters and emails.

**PTO Text Messages (REMIND)**: Text @livseypto to 81010 to sign up for PTO reminders on your phone.

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