



# Lester Life



MARCH 2010

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## AUTHOR'S FEST 2010

We had a LOT of fun and learned quite a bit from our authors on February 17th and 19th. Craig Pierce, who writes about rescued dogs and brings his rescued greyhound, Honey, to his presentation, spoke to all of our Kindergarten classes and 4th grade as well. It was nice to learn about all the different 'dog jobs' that are out in the world. We also all enjoyed meeting and petting Honey! Phil Bildner, who is a historical fiction writer, has many chapter books for kids in grades 3-8. Phil spoke to our 5th and 6th graders about writing and working with his illustrator and editor. It was also nice to hear that we aren't the ONLY ones that groan when it is time for editing; Phil does too, but

he also explained how much BETTER his books are because of the editing process. Annie Crawley, who is an underwater photographer, author, and illustrator, spoke to Grades 1-3. She shared amazing photos and video footage with the children, and we all used our imaginations to go exploring in the deep seas. The event finished off with a book sale and signing at the Downers Grove Library.

TOP: Author Annie Crawley with Mrs. Z's class in front of the mural they painted.  
RIGHT: Author Phil Bildner spoke to 5th & 6th graders.  
BOTTOM: Craig Pierce discusses his books about rescued dogs.

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### SCHOOL SECURITY

Please be aware that all school doors are locked around the perimeter of the school once the bell rings at 8:25 am. The exception is the front door of the school. All visitors should report to the office to check in and receive a Visitor's Pass. Please do not shout at children to open doors or bang on the doors of the school in an effort to gain attention. Students have been instructed not to open the doors during the course of the school day. This will assist us in making sure our students are in a safe environment here at Lester.

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# Principal's Message



Dear Lester Parents ,

Spring is fast approaching! We are all waiting for the snow to melt, the mud to dry, the birds to sing to us, and the sun to shine a little more each day. Some of us are anxiously awaiting basketball's March Madness and the first pitch to be thrown at the ball parks – Go Cubs and White Sox! Along with spring comes .... Spring Fever. Student attention spans drift, minds wander and school work slips from being a priority. Please help us reinforce with

your student that school work still must be done. Our assignment notebooks are the key to successful organization and parent-school communication about daily work. Help your child understand that the choices that they make today are to help them prepare for the rest of their lives.

I need to extend a huge "thank you" out to our Lester School families and friends for your participation in the "Trivia Night" fundraiser! What a fabulous evening - my husband and I had so much fun! There was obviously a great deal of work that went into coordinating and carrying out this event, but everyone pitched in and worked together to make this happen. (Thank you Mrs. Marino, Mrs. Roberts & Mrs. Crosson for

Chairing and Mr. Marino - our enthusiastic MC, etc, etc.) Whether you coordinated, worked, judged, donated, attended, or purchased raffle tickets, etc. - you were a part of this wonderful event. As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." All of you did just that for the children of Lester School - Congratulations!

I encourage everyone to support and solicit business from those who donated items for us - they are obviously committed to doing good things for children.

Mrs. Novak

**Save The Date:** Family night at the *Kane County Cougars* game is Friday, May 28 th at 7 pm vs Clinton. Tickets are \$8.50 and limited preferred parking is available for \$5.00. More information to come....

## Music Students Shine at Solo Day

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These students spent two months working hard to prepare their solo pieces! Each student performed for a professional adjudicator and received feedback on their playing. We are very proud of their accomplishments! - Mrs. Martin (orchestra) and Mrs. Kaminski (band)

- Grace Carlson - clarinet
- Jaclyn DuBois - clarinet
- Bryan Eckmann - percussion
- Nathan Hallberg - trumpet
- Tanner Howland - trombone

- Bobby Gannon - tuba
- Madi Johnson - clarinet
- Hannah Kantner - clarinet
- Courtney Kraus - clarinet
- Colin O'Connell - trumpet
- A. J. Pearson - clarinet
- Sam Reiselt - trumpet
- Zach Rendek - tuba
- Jon Slobidsky - clarinet
- Rachel Staron - clarinet
- Will Stefanisin - horn
- Madison Sturm - alto sax
- Emily Wilson - percussion
- Amber Wood - trumpet
- Jacob Wychocki - trumpet
- Mathew Zlaczewski - trumpet

- Tatiana Jordan- violin
- Spencer Casey- violin
- Grace Lohrmann- violin
- Luc Collo- violin
- Abigail Pfeiffer- viola
- Katrina Miller- viola
- Dylan Blanchard- cello
- Xanthe Huspen- cello
- Kaleb Pfothenauer- violin
- Jaclyn Pasakarnis- violin
- Emily Heppner- violin
- Tim Edwards- cello
- Andrew Witt- cello

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Lester band and orchestra students, who recently performed at Herrick's Solo and Ensemble Day on Saturday, February 6.

### Family Reading Night Rhyme Time: Tuesday April 13th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The night will start in the gym with introductions and then break-up into small groups in the classrooms to listen to poetry read by the Downers Grove North Speech Team. The evening ends in the gym with some refreshments.

## Calling all Girl Scout Troops at Lester School!

March 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Lester School Gym, \$2 at the door

Please join 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop 789 for a fun-filled end of the year Dance of the Decades party! Come in your best-dressed disco outfit, 80's rock outfit, poodle skirt, or whatever you can dance in. We will provide the fun with music and a craft. All you need to do is come with a good attitude and your dancing shoes on!

## ISAT TESTING

ISAT Testing will take place for students in grades 3 - 6 beginning Monday, March 2nd and continuing through Friday, March 12th. Students will be taking the tests on varying days during this time period depending upon the subject areas that will require assessment at the different grade levels. The ISAT tests are tied in with NCLB legislation at the federal level. Regular attendance during this time period is extremely important! Please make sure that your child has had a good breakfast and plenty of sleep. Having "fuel in their tank" and being well-rested will assist students in doing their best.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Mark your calendars so you don't forget to - "spring ahead" one hour at midnight between Saturday, March 13th and Sunday, March 14th.

# Trivia Night A Winner!

Well the score cards have been tallied and the prizes handed out and by all accounts Trivia Night was a huge success! There were lots of laughs and okay maybe a little bit of competitiveness but all for the benefit of Lester School.

We raised over \$25,000 to help keep Lester on the cutting edge of technology! This is a huge increase over last year and we couldn't have done it without the generosity of our Lester families. Much thanks to our host Gene Marino (pictured here with Mrs. Novak) for keeping the trivia flowing and the audience in stitches! A huge thanks to all committee's led by Tammy Crosson, Candie Roberts and Megan Marino for the hours of work putting this wonderful evening of fun and community together. Your hard work

made this event possible. Thanks also to Mrs. Novak and Mr. Sisul for helping award our lucky raffle winners. And we can't forget Robyn Bican for the hours of work putting together the beautiful artwork, created by our children. Thanks also goes to all of those that donated items to create our wonderful raffles and silent auctions. We raised over \$10,000 in auctions and \$8000 in raffles alone! Congratulations to our Premium prize winners, the Laffey's took home the Laptop Ensemble and the Gowen's were winner's of the travel package! This event is a great way to get to meet



people, have fun and and come together for the same cause, our children. Now you can sit down if, you have attended the most successful Trivia Night ever! We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

## THANK YOU TO OUR TRIVIA NIGHT 2010 SPONSORS!

2 Toots Grill  
A Hardy USA (Ken Driscoll)  
Academy of Music and Arts  
Adler Planetarium  
All Aboard Diner  
American Bagel  
Anderson's Bookstore  
Aurelio's Pizza  
Bagby Family  
Ballydoyle  
Barton Family  
Beard Auto Repair  
Berto's Deli  
Bluestone Academy of Dance  
Bowerman Family  
Brick House Tap  
Brigantine Gallery  
Brookfield Zoo  
Brunswick Zone  
Busy Bee Bakery  
Butterfly Garden (Ann Sobczak)  
Candy Bear Lane  
Carlson's Paints  
Carrabba's  
Carrlucci's  
Cellar Door  
Chama Gaucha  
Chicago Blackhawks  
Chicago Bulls  
Chicago Bulls/Chicago White Sox Training Academy  
Chicago Children's Museum  
Chicago Cubs  
Chicago Fire  
Chicago White Sox  
Chicago Wolves  
Consider It Done  
Crosson Family  
Dali's Café

Dancin'1  
Darien Sportsplex  
Dariusz Jewelers  
Delta Sonic  
D'Lara Photography  
Doubletree Guest Suites  
Downers Grove Park District  
Downers Grove Road  
Runners  
Downers Grove Swim and Racquet  
Downers Grove Wine Shop  
Downers Grove YMCA  
Downers Grove Youth Basketball  
Dream Interiors  
DuPage Inn  
DuBois Family  
DuPage Children's Museum  
Eckmann Family  
Egg Harbor  
Elmhurst College  
Emmy's Café  
Everyday's a Sundae  
Eye Candy by Amy (Amy Smetana)  
Famous Dave's  
Favor the Earth  
Fender & Donisch  
Ferrara Pan Candy (Mike Blanchard)  
Flat Top Grill  
Fuller's Car Wash  
Galleria  
Gatto's  
Geist Family  
Giordano's Pizza (LoCascio Family)  
Guava

Heritage House Florist  
Higgins Family  
HRT Designs (Holly Tlusty)  
Hollywood Boulevard  
Hooters  
Innerpac, Inc. (Gene Marino)  
J&C Auto  
Jewel  
Jill Ballak  
Jimmy John's  
John G. Shedd Aquarium  
Johnson Family  
Jolie Boutique  
Joliet Jackhammers  
Josh Porter (Coach Josh)  
Josh Williams (Coach Bubba)  
Kane County Cougars  
Kenilworth Financial (Bill Grant)  
LA Tan  
Labriola  
Larson's Eye Center  
Laser Quest  
Lester School Teachers and Staff  
Lombard Roller Rink  
Lucky Strike  
Luxury Nails  
Macek Family  
Mancuso Family  
Mary Kay (Lisa Higgins)  
Maximum Printing and Graphics  
McCann Family  
McCormick & Schmick's  
McGuire Family  
McKay Chiropractic and Sports Medicine

Mid-America Steel Drum (Mike Higgins)  
Midtown Athletic Club  
Mike Wiggins  
Miller Family  
Miller's Pub  
Mills Family  
Moondance Diner  
Mr. Justin Sisul  
Mrs. Carin Novak  
Mrs. Lisa Garbis  
Mrs. Meghan Beard  
Ms. Amy Brown  
Muriel Mundy  
Music Masters  
My Favorite Toy Store  
Naperville Settlement  
No Name Painters (Tim Salman)  
Noodles & Co.  
Panther Football  
Paperwork's  
Pet Supplies Plus  
Peters Family  
Play It Again Sports  
Premier Gymnastics Academy  
Q Nails  
Remedy  
Roberts Family  
Robyn Bican  
Rocco and Rocco Salon  
Rock Academy  
Roundhead's Pizza  
Runge Family  
Runner's Grove  
Scooby's  
Second City  
Seven Bridges Ice Arena  
Shear Encounter

She's Boutique  
Silpada Jewelry (Chris McKay)  
Skuddlebutt's  
Soccer 2000  
Southwest Airlines  
Starbucks  
Style Studio  
Suburbanite Bowl  
Tap House Grill (Todd Davies)  
The Dog Spot  
The Grill Room  
The Moose Lodge  
The Museum of Science and Industry  
The Polished Nail  
The Quilt Basket  
The Studio-ME Peters Salon (Mary Peters)  
The Theater of Western Springs  
Tilted Kilt  
Tivoli Enterprises  
Toscana's Grill  
Trader Joe's  
Traveler's Café  
Trek Bicycles  
Tulips and Tulle (Jane Reynolds)  
Vazquez Family  
Walt Disney World  
Weidman Family  
Whole Foods Willowbrook  
Zano's Salon Downers Grove  
ZaZa's

# PTA Meeting Highlights

Meeting was held Tuesday, February 16, 2010, in the LRC

## Business Briefs:

- Our Website is up and running, please take a look at the site: [www.lesterpta.com](http://www.lesterpta.com) (or [www.lesterpta.org](http://www.lesterpta.org)).
- Treasurer's Report: Ending balance of \$21,427.16 on 1/31/2010. Whiteboard cost not included.
- Trivia Night Update: Already raised 8K, our donations were even more than last year. Looking forward to a successful event.
- Display My Art information will be coming home in a few weeks via backpack mail.
- February has a lot of PTA sponsored events: Author's Fest, Jane Adams presentation, and Science Olympiad. The Fun Fair is coming up in March. Family Reading Night & Bookfair are in April.
- Summer Math Club - a grade appropriate math packet program that takes place during the summer at the library. We need chairs. Please contact Lara Vazquez if interested.
- Chair Surveys are going out at the beginning of March, due in two weeks;

## Bacon Brothers Rescheduled

Due to an unforeseen conflict with actor Kevin Bacon's movie-filming schedule, the Downers Grove Grade School District 58 Education Foundation's annual Entertainment for Education fundraiser has been rescheduled to Friday, May 14. All tickets sold for the show originally scheduled for March 27 will be honored that evening.

Some tickets are still available at [www.dg58ef.com](http://www.dg58ef.com); at the District 58 Administrative Service Center, 1860 63rd St.; at Community Bank of Downers Grove, 1111 Warren Ave. and 718 Ogden Ave.; or by calling (630) 886-5641. For more information about the upcoming Entertainment for Education fundraiser featuring the Bacon Brothers, call (630) 960-0427. To check out the Bacon Brothers' music, visit [www.baconbros.com](http://www.baconbros.com).

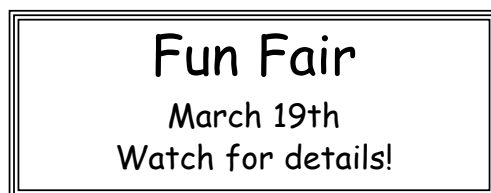
## LUNCH ROOM SUBS NEEDED

Do you enjoy talking to and assisting children? Would you like to make some money while your kids are at school? If you answered "yes" to these questions, consider joining us at Lester during the lunch hour. We are accepting applications for people to act as a sub for our lunch room supervisors. We will provide training for you. If you are interested, please contact Shelia in the Lester School office.

Visit

[www.lesterpta.com](http://www.lesterpta.com)

for the latest news!



information is needed for the March PTA meeting. Keep your eyes open for that!

- We have collected almost \$1,000 for the Therese Memorial Fund. Our goal is to know what we will be purchasing by spring break.

- Classes are gearing up for ISATS: the first two weeks of March for Grades 3-6.
  - Teachers were present to thank the PTA for the 1st and 2nd grade field trips; they are going to see a play, giving the students the opportunity to see a live performance. The teachers also express their thanks for the Dukane systems - it is like having a webcam that helps to teach. The classes are able to see BIG reflections of live items/objects.
  - Jenny Hodonicky discussed 'smart-boards.' It is a smaller type whiteboard (screen size). Computer hooks up to it (through a projector). You can touch and interact with the screen (special pens). Everything is live. Can show videos, computer/internet, and VCR all through the smart-board. We will investigate to see what is going on at the District level in regards to smart-boards.
- Committee Reports and Ongoing PTA Fundraisers:

- *Art Awareness* - Our Art Show is

coming up at the end of April. We are looking for helpers, about 3 weeks prior to the show, to start mounting and labeling 500 pieces of artwork. Around April 1st. Next year, need a new chair and co-chair. Please contact Robyn Bican or Lara Vazquez if you are interested.

- *Author's Fest* - Wednesday, 2/17, we have Craig Pierce for K & 4th Grades; Phil Bildner for Grades 5-6. On Friday, 2/19, we have Annie Crawley for grades 1-3. Friday night, Author's will be at the library to sign books. Sale opens at 6:30 and authors are available at 7:00 for signings.
- *Science Olympiad* - Participant forms were sent home on Friday. We have 188 students this year, up from 160 (last year). We have a lot of volunteers for the event - but, we do need clear 2 liter bottles with caps.
- *Kane County Cougars* - Friday of Memorial Day Weekend - May 28th. The same area as last year, right behind home plate. Look for letter in backpack mail soon.

**Minutes are posted online and can be found at [ww.lesterpta.org](http://www.lesterpta.org). The next meeting is March 16 at 7 p.m.**

## The 6th Grade Olympics

by Sam Reiselt and Nate Jeffries

For the past couple of weeks, the 6th grade has been studying ancient Greece. They've learned numerous things, like the fact that the Greeks held the Olympics to honor the gods.

Speaking of the Olympics, the 6th grade held their own Olympic Games February 12th, coincidentally on the same day that the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics was held in Vancouver. To compete in the games, the 6th grade was divided into 6 Greek city-states. The games consisted of many events, including the Pool Noodle Javelin and the Cotton Ball Shotgun. Instead of winning rewards like the Greeks did for individual events, the entire 6th grade was rewarded with a fabulous feast consisting of scrumptious Greek foods. There was baklava, pita chips and hummus, grapes, olives and many more.

# PTA President's Letter

I think it's fair to say that February was a banner month for our PTA! Between conferences, Valentine's Day, Author's Fest, Trivia Night, and Science Olympiad, and some well-deserved days off, the month just flew by. The great news is that kids and parents alike really enjoyed all of the PTA activities, as you can see in this issue of Lester Life.

Many thanks to Vicky Casey for chairing the Author's Fest and ensuring that all the author's who visited were welcomed, fed lunch, and had a good experience at Lester. It went very smoothly and I think our visiting authors were impressed as well!

Kudos also go to Tricia Tokash for running a well-organized Science Olympiad. The kids and parents who participate had a fun night of learning, and really came up with some great group themes for the night!

Last but not least, we had a record-breaking night at Trivia Night, making nearly \$25,000!!! This greatly surpassed all of our expectations, and we owe many thanks to Megan Marino, who chaired all of the Trivia

activities, and to Tammy Crosson and Candie Roberts, who chaired the Silent Auction and Raffle side of the event. It makes me proud to be among such a supportive group of teachers, staff, and parents, and to show what we can accomplish by working together. Thanks as well for the great show of support we received from the Downers Grove community. All of the vendors who contributed are displayed near the front entrance and listed in this issue and on our website. Our intention is to finish installing whiteboards, provide more technology resources for the classrooms, and install a new sound system in our gymnasium. But best of all, in this questionable economic climate, our kids do not have to give up any of the fun and enriching programs they have always had. And that is a wonderful thing!

There is more fun to come in March, as we look forward to Fun Fair on the 19th, and the Display My Art samples to come home. The kids really enjoy the Fun Fair as a great reward for their hard work after ISAT testing! Look for more information on both of these events, and before you know it, Spring Break will arrive!

Lara Vazquez, President  
Dawn Sirianni, President-elect

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

2-12 ISAT  
16 PTA Meeting - 7 p.m. in LRC  
19 Fun Fair  
26 End of Third Reporting Period (K-8)  
26 Market Day Pickup (4 to 4:45 p.m.)  
29-31 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

### APRIL

1-2 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL  
5 NO SCHOOL  
6 Classes Resume  
8 Kindergarten Round Up  
13 Report Cards Sent Home  
13 Family Reading Night  
20 PTA Meeting - 7 p.m. in LRC  
23 Market Day Pickup (4 to 4:45 p.,.)  
30 Teacher Institute - NO SCHOOL

### MAY

10 Market Day Pickup (4 to 4:45 p.m.)  
12 Kindergarten Adventure (6 p.m.)  
18 Half-Day  
24-28 Roller Skating Week  
25 PTA Meeting - 7 p.m. in LRC  
31 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

## WORD OF THE DAY - FEBRUARY

1 <b>ASTONISHED</b> <i>surprise or impress</i> I astonished my teacher with my book report.	2 <b>TEMPTING</b> <i>appealing to or attracting someone</i> The cake looks tempting, but I better eat my dinner.	3 <b>COMMUNITY</b> <i>people living in a particular area or place</i> We live in the community of Downers Grove.	4 <b>ASSORTED</b> <i>of various sorts put together</i> My mom loved the box of assorted chocolates	5 <b>DILIGENT</b> <i>having or showing care in one's work or duties</i> There was a diligent search for the lost puppy.
8 <b>BAFFLED</b> <i>totally bewildered or perplexed</i> I misplaced my math homework.	9 <b>CHATTER</b> <i>trivial talk</i> My teacher told the class to stop the chatter.	10 <b>INQUIRE</b> <i>ask for information from someone</i> She will inquire about the report card.	11 <b>CULTURE</b> <i>customs, arts of people, nations or social group</i> Students at Lester come from many different cultures.	12 <b>SEEK</b> <i>attempt to find</i> The team had to seek shelter from the storm.
15 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	16 <b>CONFIDENCE</b> <i>a feeling of self-assurance</i> I have confidence in my answer.	17 <b>VICTORIOUS</b> <i>having won a victory</i> Will the 6th graders be victorious against the teachers in volleyball this year?	18 <b>MELANCHOLY</b> <i>an impressive display of a particular type of thing</i> There is an array of choices in the LRC.	19 <b>BOAST</b> <i>talk with excessive pride</i> Ted used to boast, "I scored the winning point."
22 <b>SAVORY</b> <i>plesant or agreeable in taste or smell</i> I love the savory smells from Grandmother's cooking.	23 <b>DEFEAT</b> <i>win a victory</i> Will the 6th graders defeat the teachers in volleyball?	24 <b>INSIST</b> <i>demand something forcefully</i> I will cancel the party, if you insist.	25 <b>MATURE</b> <i>fully develop</i> I am mature enough to walk home alone.	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

# Successful Science Olympiad

Congratulations to the 186 students who participated in the Second Annual Lester School Science Olympiad! Many thanks to the over 80 parents who served as parent guides and event supervisors. This program would not be possible without you!

**Right Top:** Officer Vacala demonstrates crime scene science to Science Olympiad participants.

**Bottom Right:** Students observe tornadoes in a bottle.

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## Kindergarten

### *Team Curie*

Maeve Miller  
Penny Hamm  
Natalia Greaney  
Ashley Novak  
Kate Laffey

### *Blackhawks*

Jeremy Gale  
Thomas Kowal  
Samuel Bowerman  
Ryan Grzбек

### *Jedi Masters*

Trevor Mills  
Zach Rutkowski  
Joseph Reisel  
Jack Neveril

### *Clone Troopers*

Zachery Heppner  
Lincoln Peckenpaugh  
Jack Derbis  
Nicholas Vazquez

### *Vader Invasion*

Huck Fields  
Callahan Reynolds  
Ethan Bell

### *Dinosaurs*

Erich Hene  
Zachary Sosnow  
Liam Gade

### *Hot Lava Bandits*

Gavin McCool  
David Hipp  
Ryan Weber  
Luke Rheintgen

### *The Butterflies*

Amber Leckie  
Ava Gallwas  
Mikayla Moran  
Johanna Kimberling

## 1ST GRADE

### *Blue Fireballs*

Jesse Wei  
Elijah Carter  
Drew Driscoll  
Evan Cummins

### *Blue Dolphins*

Kathryn Crisp  
Greta Prepejchal  
Blythe Braun

### *Pink Bubble Gum*

Amy Spreitzer  
Rachel Rios  
Megan Pulliam

### *Lucky Leprechaun*

Erin Peters  
Matea Greaney  
Patricia Moran

### *Maniacs*

Justin Peters  
Eamonn O'Connell  
Mason Roberts  
Trygve Hansen

### *Girl Power!*

Emma Coleman  
Alexa Wall  
Piper Baran  
MacKenzie McGuire

### *Novotny's Nice Ninjas*

Lucas Nielsen  
Nate Pautsch  
Justin Berghorst  
Aidan Hall

## 2nd Grade

### *Second Grade Scientists*

Jack Perdue  
Matthew Thompson  
Mason Adams

### *Shining Science Stars*

Georgia Kowal  
Lily Jane Buehler  
Shea Casey  
Katherine Tokash

### *The Sci-tastic 2*

Conor Sutton  
Larry Arndt

### *The No Names*

Ben Hodonicky  
John Barton  
Logan Burek  
Jackson Geist

### *Toxic Waste*

Isaac Johnson  
Matthew Millhouse  
Matthew Macek  
Dylan Tlusty

### *Pink Panthers*

Jessica Pearson  
Arden Jachim  
Carrigan Reynolds  
Lia Van Santen

### *The Rookie Racers*

Myles Laffey  
Max Leshner  
Luke Prescott

### *Blue Eagles*

Mickey Lutz  
Ethan Hall  
Eli Pfothenauer

### *The Black Cats*

Camille Jachim  
Genna Millhouse  
Elizabeth Drobny

### *Pink Flamingos*

Samantha Neveril  
Erin Miller  
Danielle Gargiulo

### *Green Earth*

Cami Gardell  
Beth Dunlap  
Clare Webster  
Grace Schmude

### *Mad Scientists*

Jake Goldstein  
Randy Gale  
Billy Berberich  
Trey Kaiser

## 3rd Grade

### *Purple Lollipops*

Madison Pulliam  
Alena Spreitzer  
Brooke Peters  
Karli Kwityn

### *The Annoying Oranges*

AJ Grzбек  
Carson Burek  
Finn Grant

### *Shamrocks*

Ryan Pavinato  
Benjamin Reisel  
Andy Runge  
Christian Rummmler

### *Pink Ladybugs*

Amanda Bagby

Camryn Farrington  
Katie Lyda

### *The Daisy Dynamites*

Parker McGuire  
Shelby Berghorst  
Eva Vazquez

### *Team Stinky Sox*

Liam Schultz  
Drew Sharp  
Matthew Rios  
Sean McDermott

### *The No Names*

Marc DuBois  
John Landry  
Nicholas Wagner

### *Science Monkeys*

Lily Jachim  
Linnaea Hansen  
Jillian Pitelka

### *The Bears*

Paul Crosson  
Noah Keal  
Alex Teng  
Jack Roberts

### *The Pink Ladies*

Gracie Ficht  
Brin Driscoll  
Claire Drobny  
Caroline Weidman

## 4th Grade

### *Dolphin Dolls*

Kaitlyn Farrington  
Lily Janowicz  
Kinzie Geist  
Kessie Okekanma

### *The Beaker Boys*

Griffin Tome  
Jackson Rummmler  
Ben Perdue  
Gavin Harker

### *Moguls*

Elise Radigan  
Carrie Kumiega

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Kate Dunlap  
Madeline Kaiser  
Gillian Braun

### *Fabulous Five*

Erin Radigan  
Lily Nielsen  
Margaret Miller  
Claire Marino  
Cassidy Baran

### *Red Random*

Noah Leshner  
Ryan Villanova  
Aidan Webster  
Andrew Gallwas

### *Golden Dynamite*

Kyle Higgins  
Ben Heppner  
Sam McCool  
Luc Collo  
Kyle Pearson

## 5th Grade

### *Irish Ladybugs*

Eirene Mary Jane  
Kowal  
Elizabeth Hodonicky  
Mary Laffey  
Colleen Miller  
Ruby Grant

### *Team USA*

Dylan Blanchard  
Jack Drobny  
Kaleb Pfothenauer  
Ryan Grimmer

### *Lucky Leprechauns*

Emma Rotz  
Madison Villanova  
Brigid Miller  
Elizabeth LoCascio  
Valeria Buzinova

### *Red Devils*

Ellis Johnson  
Matthew Gilman  
Joshua Pulliam  
Tyler Tlusty

### *Da Bears*

Tim Berberich  
Max Sirianni  
Anthony Rosario  
John Pitelka

## 6th Grade

### *Science Superheroes*

Ryan Peters  
AJ Pearson  
Bobby Gannon  
Jacob Wychocki  
Sam Reisel

## STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you to the Lester community for your generous donations this past month. You helped make the Penny Harvest, Quilt Raffle, Hats for Haiti and PJ day very successful. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Linda

Bolam for donating the beautiful quilt and congratulate Vicky Casey who won the quilt.

As a school we raised over \$2,200, and as a district we raised over \$12,000 for the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund. Another successful fundraiser was the "Souper Bowl". We collected over 200 cans and boxes of food for the People's Resource

Center of Dupage County.

This month we will continue creating cards and pictures for the troops serving abroad. Thank you again for your support in all of these events. You helped make a lot of people happy.

Sincerely,  
Your Lester School Student Council