Principal’s Note:

Happy New Year McGuffey Eagles!!

Mr. Dyehouse

Stay Updated with our School:

- Visit the school website to see upcoming events, news, and tests. [http://www.lincoln.kyschools.us/school_home.aspx?schoolid=3]
- Follow the school on Twitter: @McGuffey2006
- Follow us on Facebook: Lloyd McGuffey Sixth Grade Center
- Track your student’s grade online using Infinite Campus Parent Portal. For more information, call 606-365-8272 to speak to the counselor, Bill Srsic.

- 342 Education Way
  Stanford, KY 40484
  Phone: 606.365.8272
  Fax: 606.365.8168

Communication/Academics:

Welcome back to school. We hope that you had a fantastic holiday. Students will be provided their PAS B data today. This data has revealed that our students need some support with their language skills. In an effort to support our students the school has purchased licenses for all students to access IXL Reading and Reading Plus. Please encourage your child to practice their language skills through this online program. IXL is a super resource for students and makes for a wonderful snow day activity should Old Man winter decide to pay us a visit.

Library News: Reading daily in your child’s early years not only builds critical reading skills, it also instills an importance for the life-long skill that encompasses every subject they will learn in school. Research has proven time and time again that the single best way to improve a child’s reading skills is to READ! Please encourage your child to read at least 20 min. each day.

Upcoming Events:

Cadre Day/No School......................Jan. 4
9 Week Reward Trip/GattiTown.....Jan. 14
Jan. 15
On Demand Writing...............Jan. 14/15
SBDM...........................................Jan. 27

Don’t forget to check-out our school webpage for more important dates including when tests will be given!!

The VISION of McGuffey 6th Gr. Center

Our vision is for every student to reach academic proficiency in all core subjects, Arts/Humanities, Practical Living/Career Studies, demonstrate a positive work ethic, effective communication skills, and exhibit a respectful attitude.
**Social Studies:** We are so excited to start our unit about culture. We will be learning about the elements of culture which make up our lives and about cultures around the world!

**Encore: ****Art:** I am very excited about the new group of students that are coming to the art room! Get ready to have some fun, learn lots and make some ART!

**Encore: ****Music:** As we start a new semester, music students will begin to learn piano skills. They will learn to play both new and familiar songs by reading music notation. Very soon you’ll be able to have live concerts at home!

**Encore: Health/PE:** I am excited about meeting the second group of students! Please remember to wear appropriate clothing and footwear on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during our PE days. We will be exploring many different topics in Health and PE. Come ready to be get involved and be active!

**Language Arts:** The Language Arts Teachers hope that all of our students had a restful Holiday Break. This third nine weeks, we will be reviewing the Reading Literature Standards that were taught during the first nine weeks. Students will be reading excerpts from many short stories to learn new vocabulary, and review other vocabulary. We are also going to be continuing our weekly Language packet to review grammar, capitalization, punctuation, parts of speech, and spelling. We look forward to the growth we know we will see in our students’ reading abilities as the year continues.

**Math:**
Mrs. McClure’s class will be continuing and finishing our integers unit.
Ms. Adams’ class will be starting the expressions unit.
Mrs. Hayes wants to welcome her new students to geometry and statistics! I look forward to having you in class.

**Science:** Mr. Wheeler- Happy New Year from the science department. Your student now has a new science teacher for the second semester. In my science class we are starting the new semester with a unit about forces and motion. We will be doing many really fun activities to learn about Sir Isaac Newton and the laws of motion including the creation of a balloon powered car. We are looking forward to a wonderful semester.
Mrs. Lasure-The new year is off to a Rocky start. We will be starting the new semester talking about the water cycle and how it affects the rock cycle. We will also be learning about dance. The students will be placed in groups and will design and perform a dance to explain how the water cycle affects the formation of sedimentary rocks.

**Encore: Integrated LA:** Welcome back and Happy 2016! My name is Mrs. Connie Thompson and I teach Integrated Language Arts. This is my 18th year of teaching in Lincoln County! In my class students will be learning about Drama, Poetry, Music, Research, IXL, Reading Plus, Informational Reading and Writing, and Literary Reading and Writing. The Integrated part is how we can integrate and use Technology into each of those topics. We will be starting our year off with Drama as our first unit. Please don’t hesitate to email me if you or your students have any questions about something going on in my class. Keep your eyes out for a message from me about getting REMIND text messages about things going on in my classes.
You can also check out my teacher webpage from the McGuffey homepage. There are copies of class materials, PowerPoints, notes, etc. If you need to reach me quickly, please send me an email, I can be reached at connie.thompson@lincoln.kyschools.us or you can call me and leave a message at 365-8272. My planning is 7th period, so I will return your call then or immediately after school.

**Practical Living:** Welcome to Practical Living. We’ll start the new semester by working on interpersonal skills, close reading, and writing an argument piece. Looking forward to a great second half of the school year.

**Reading:** Students will be completing Reading Plus goal lessons in the computer lab three days per week. (We are still having the See Reader contest where students compete with other classes to earn rewards through the program.) The other two days will be skill focus days where we will have group lessons on content that students seem to be struggling with on Reading Plus. All students will be completing a skill focus goal sheet, tracking what content they have mastered up until KPrep testing.

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Email: stacy.faulkner@lincoln.kyschools.us
Phone: 606.365.8272
**21st Century Tutoring:** Parents, afternoon tutoring is being offered Mon. Tues. and Thurs. afternoons until 4:20pm. For more information, contact the school office at 606.365.8272.

**World Book Encyclopedia On-line:**
World Book Web is available to all students at McGuffey. To access the World Book Web from home, go to: www.worldbookonline.com
This Password will be changing soon!

Username: patriots14
Password: patriots14

Communication:
- **SBDM Meetings** are the last Wed. of each month at 4:00pm in the library. All meetings are open to the public.
- **Reminder:**
  - Students have been to the library and checked out books this week. Please encourage your child to read at home 15-20 min. daily!
- **Don’t forget to send in your Box Tops for Education!**

On-Line Help Services:
**Log-on to Reading Plus:**
Login.readingplus.com
Enter Site Code: rplloyd1
Type username: student ID #
Type password: eagles06

**Log-on to IXL for math:**
John Smith jsmith@mcguffey
Password: eagles06

Don’t forget that students should be working at home on their Reading Plus page. To get to Reading Plus: Go to the Lincoln County Homepage: Click the Parents and Students button, then Reading Plus. Students have been given log in and password information during one of their classes.

Now is the time to replenish school supplies!!
The second semester has started and many students are in need of pencils and paper. Please ask your student what supplies he/she needs.
Thanks!!
Please carefully read Lincoln County Public Schools new Plan B-Safe Road Pickup

“Plan B” means that buses WILL run on all state (numbered) roads; however, there are some county roads that our buses cannot travel.

“Plan B” will only be used when state maintained roads are clear and a majority of county roads are clear.

A School Messenger phone call will identify which roads our buses WILL NOT travel, or a road on which the turnaround is impassable.

If you live on an impassable road, you may meet your bus earlier than normal where it intersects at the nearest state road; or you may drive your child(ren) to their school(s).

The decision to use “Plan B” will never be made in the early morning hours. This decision will only be made and communicated before 8:00 p.m. on the day prior to its use.

The decision to use “Plan B” may be altered to a “canceled or delayed status” the following morning if it seems to be the safer decision. This change will be communicated through School Messenger, radio, and TV.

Please be patient with us to make Plan B successful as we are attempting to make it possible to minimize the number of school days cancelled and to keep the school year from extending too far into the summer. If you have further questions, please discuss with your bus driver, contact your school or the bus garage.
In almost every case of excessive student absences at the Sixth Grade Center, the student identifies stomach problems as the main cause of missing school. Approximately 10% of this year’s sixth graders have missed more than 10% of the school days. The following is meant to help inform all parents about the major causes of stomach aches and ways to help prevent them.

### Gastroenteritis
*(Stomach ‘Flu’)*

**Symptoms:**
- *Fever*
- *Diarrhea*
  - Abdominal pain
  - Vomiting
  - Headache

**Causes:**
- Viral or Bacterial Infection

**Prevention:**
- Washing Hands Frequently
- Don’t Share Utensils, Drinks or Towels
- Do not Eat Raw or Undercooked Meat/Poultry

**Treatment:**
- Small Amounts of Clear Liquids *(No Colas or Carbonated Drinks)*
- Soft/Bland Diet

**Causes:**
- Inadequate Water Intake
- Inadequate Fiber in the Diet
- Inadequate Activity or Exercise
- Eating Large Amounts of Dairy (Cheese) Products or Meat
- A Disruption of Regular Diet or Routine; Traveling

**Prevention/Treatment:**
- Drink Water
- Reduce Diuretics like caffeine
- Increase Fruits and Vegetables in Diet
- Exercise Daily

### Constipation

**Symptoms:**
- Abdominal Pain
- Vomiting
- Infrequent BM
- Straining to Complete BM

**Causes:**
- Inadequate Water Intake
- Inadequate Fiber in the Diet
- Inadequate Activity or Exercise
- Eating Large Amounts of Dairy (Cheese) Products or Meat
- A Disruption of Regular Diet or Routine; Traveling

**Prevention/Treatment:**
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### Somatoform Illness

**Symptoms:**
- Abdominal Pain
- Headache
- Vomiting

**Causes:**
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Anger
- Guilt
- Depression
- Grief

**Prevention/Treatment:**
- Counseling
- Stress Management
- ‘Tough Love’ Parenting
- OTC Medication for Symptoms

Symptoms for the three most common causes of stomach aches are very similar. Determining the root of the problem can be confusing and difficult. If your student’s school attendance is being affected by frequent unexplained illness, please consult with the school’s Nurse or Guidance Counselor along with your family physician.

School Nurse: Melissa Johnson  
Guidance Counselor: William Srsic  
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McGuffey January Calendar

Calendar 2016

You may also view this calendar on our school website:
Click on McGuffey Monthly Calendar

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