

# LAVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2023



## Coffee Chat

Our next Coffee Chat will be Friday, October 13th from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. This month, our school counselors Mrs. Lawmaster and Mrs. Hovermale will join Mr. Martinez and Mr. Kaczynski. Once again, no agenda or presentation, just a chance to talk about whatever might be on our families minds! We hope to see you there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 4TH  
WACKY WEDNESDAY -  
FLANNEL DAY

OCTOBER 10TH:  
CONFERENCES BEGIN

OCTOBER 18TH:  
ELEARNING DAY

OCTOBER 19TH - 23RD:  
FALL BREAK

OCTOBER 31ST:  
HALLOWEEN PARADE  
9:00 AM  
HALLOWEEN PARTIES  
2:00 PM



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

LaVille Families,

As we are settling into the routines of the school year, we want to take this opportunity to provide a couple of reminders that will help keep things moving this school year. We appreciate your partnership!

Mr. Martinez and Mr. Kaczynski

Attendance Matters. Please make sure students are in attendance and on time so that they are not missing out on learning.

When students do need to be absent, please continue to contact the main office for all absences and tardies. Per our attendance policy, students are allotted 5 excused absences per semester. The office will contact you if an absence is not reported. Information such as an unexcused letter or an attendance contract will be sent home if absences and or tardies become excessive. At which time we work with DCS, The Casie Center and the local prosecutors office.



## Crosswalk Dismissal

As a reminder, crosswalk students are dismissed at 3:00. Please be in line no later than 3:15. We appreciate you picking up your children promptly. If you pick up after 3:20, you will have to go to the office to sign out your children. After a long school day, students and staff alike are ready to go home. We ask that you please be respectful of our time and pick up your students on time.



## Fostering Resiliency

At some point in life, we all face adversity. This can look like family problems, serious illnesses, personal crisis, or a painful loss. Resiliency is vital to dealing with life's challenges successfully.



Here are some ways that parents and caregivers can foster resiliency in our children:

- **Encourage healthy habits**
  - Provide healthy nutrition
  - Adequate sleep
  - Seek mental health support, if needed
- **Build strong emotional connections**
  - Help children stay connected to friends and loved ones
  - Create supportive and caring relationships with trusted adults and peers
  - Express love and praise more often than criticism
- **Grow emotional awareness**
  - Acknowledge challenges and adversity
  - Label emotions
  - Teach optimism by working on intentionally reframing pessimistic thinking
- **Teach problem-solving skills**
  - Acknowledge when a problem exists
  - Teach taking initiative in solving problems
  - Avoid lecturing or solving the problem for the child

Resiliency is a skill that can be taught and improved upon. Being resilient is important because it allows our children and adolescents to learn and grow from their experiences, both good and bad, and it is a protective factor against long-term ill effects of difficult life experiences.

Source:

NASP. (2022). How Caregivers Can Foster Resiliency. NASP National Association of School Psychologists.  
<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts>  
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# COUNSELORS' CORNER

## BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

As partners in your child's holistic development, we believe that fostering positive relationships is a crucial aspect of their emotional well-being and overall growth. In this edition of our newsletter, we would like to offer you three practical tips on how you can actively support your children in building and maintaining positive relationships with others.

1. **Encourage Open Communication:** Encourage your child to express their thoughts, emotions, and ideas openly and respectfully. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable sharing their experiences, concerns, and joys.
2. **Teach Empathy and Understanding:** Encourage your child to put themselves in others' shoes and understand their perspectives and feelings.
3. **Promote Social Skills Development:** Encourage your child to participate in group activities, clubs, or sports that align with their interests. Such endeavors provide ample opportunities for them to interact, collaborate, and develop teamwork skills.

Remember, building positive relationships is a lifelong skill and your support as parents and guardians plays a crucial role. By implementing these tips you are equipping your child with the tools necessary for establishing and nurturing healthy connections. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, we can create a nurturing environment where our children flourish.

## This Month's Highlights!

Opt out forms will be sent home for all students, Kdg - 6, for the McMillen Health Child Safety lessons in October. They only need to be returned if you do NOT want your child to participate.

### WELLNESS TIP

#### **Encourage Open Communication**

Create a safe space for your child to express their thoughts and emotions without judgement. Encouraging open communication strengthens family connections and supports emotional well-being.

### PLEASE REACH OUT!

**Amber Lawmaster - K, 1, 3, 5**  
**Kari Hovermale - K, 2, 4, 6**

**574-784-8051**





Welcome from the STEAM Room!

We have had a great start to this school year as we learn how to use the Engineering Design Process and how to work collaboratively in groups! I encourage you to ask your students about their time in STEAM. Lessons in grades K - 2 have been based on working cooperatively while using Inquiry to solve problems. Grades 3 - 6 have been working on an Indiana Contest called CS (Computer Science) for Good.

As we continue through the year I will need to request items for our projects as many require consumable products. I am always in need of a few packages of different sized cups, plates (paper or plastic), and quart or gallon sized bags.

Please follow the Laville Elementary STEAM LAB on facebook to see up-to-date information on the work we are doing and donations that we are in need of for projects.

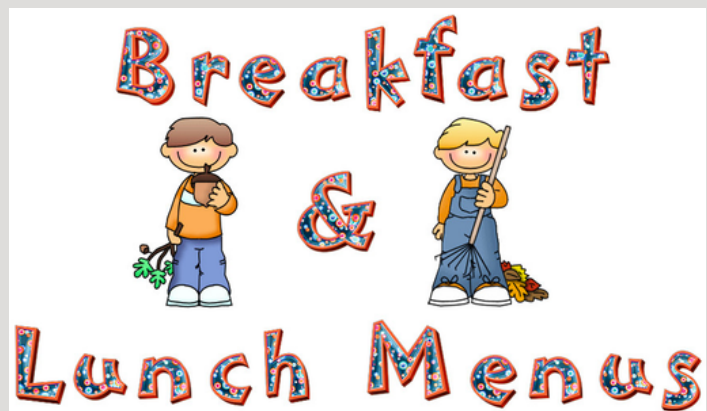
Thank you and remember Teamwork makes the STEAMwork!!  
Mrs. Swartz



## From the Food Service Department:

Email notifications are sent daily after lunch to all parents of students with a negative balance. Please send in money the next day or go online to [mymealtime.com](http://mymealtime.com) and create an online account and add money with a credit card.

Click [here](#) for Breakfast and Lunch Menus





Dear LaVille Families,

All LaVille Elementary students will be allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31st. Additionally, there will be a whole school Halloween Parade the morning of the 31st as well. More information will be shared soon.

Regarding costumes, students must adhere to the following guidelines if they choose to wear a Halloween costume to school:

- Costumes may not be demeaning to any ethnic group, race, religion, nationality, disabilities, gender or individual (staff or student) at the school.
- Costumes should not obstruct students from participating in regular academic learning (i.e. elaborate costumes that make it difficult for students to participate in daily classroom activities, sit at their desk, attend class, etc.)
- No weapons, toy weapons, or props replicating weapons are to be brought to school.
- No props or equipment that are unsafe.
- No costumes are allowed that would completely hide the identity of the student (i.e. gorilla suit, "Scream" character)
- No costumes that are revealing
- Costumes must not impair a student's vision or movement.
- Costumes may not show obscene materials or prohibited substances.
- No masks are permitted.
- Shoes must be worn.

If you are not sure, don't wear it! If at any time a staff member feels the costume is causing a distraction, the student will be asked to remove the costume. Thank you for your cooperation. We are looking forward to an enjoyable day!





**LAKEVILLE  
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**LAKEVILLE, INDIANA**



**LAKEVILLE**  
**FALL**  
**FESTIVAL**



**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**ENJOY THE FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES**

**ARTS & CRAFTS  
MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS  
KIDS ZONE & MORE**



**VENDERS 9AM-4PM  
MUSIC 9AM-8PM  
BEER GARDEN 12PM-8PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & VENDOR FORMS**

**Call: 574-784-8311 OR  
VISIT LAKEVILLE TOWN HALL**





## **Bikes for Kids, Annual October used Bike Roundup!**

Please help us collect used bikes to refurbish and give to local kids during our Easter Weekend Giveaway event, to be held on March 30th, 2024, at the Plymouth High School.

Please donate gently used bikes (without rust or missing parts). We will refurbish the bicycles and give them to local Marshall County (and nearby area) kids, who are on a reduced or free lunch program.

**Location:** Walkerton Elementary School, 805 Washington St., Walkerton, IN 46574

**Date:** Saturday, October 14th, 2023

**Time:** 9 am to 11 am

Bikes for Kids, Inc., 19329 6B Road, Plymouth, Indiana 46563 We are a 501c3 non-profit organization.

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