



The Lion's Roar

(Lietz School Newsletter)
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Calendar

- September 19: Back to School Picnic and Movie (6:30pm)
September 30: 3rd Grade Vision Screening (done during the school day)
October 10: Lietz Walk-A-Thon (1-4pm)
October 13: District Board Meeting (6pm)
October 15: Picture Make-Up Day
October 16: Family Reading Night – (Please note this date change)

New News for 2014-15

Each school year brings opportunities for learning, for changing and for growing. This is as true for the institution of school as it is for people as individuals. I thought I would provide a quick overview of some of the new opportunities awaiting us this school year: (The following is a brief summary of my presentation at Back to School Night. Since everyone could not be there, I thought it would be a good idea to put a summary in print.)

District Wide Instructional Goals

- Common Core Standards: This year, our teachers will focus on the implementation of the Math and English/Language Arts Standards. Our teachers worked over the summer (and will continue throughout the year) on new assessments, benchmarks and curriculum maps that reflect the Common Core Standards
- Technology: Our staff will be led this year by our district's technology lead teachers in understanding and learning online and collaboration tools. There are two levels of technology lead teachers, and Lietz is lucky enough to have both levels represented on our staff.

Measure J Activities: Technology

- The overarching goal will be technology access to every student/teacher/classroom over the next 3 years.
 - This year:
 - Trained teachers have already received a chromebook cart for their classroom.
 - All grade 3-5 classrooms should have chromebook carts by March 2015
 - Pilot K-2 technology possibilities (for implementation in 2015-16)
 - All teachers to get new computers
- 21st Century Classrooms
 - The district is piloting new, flexible furniture arrangements in classrooms across the district (room 20 at Lietz). In addition to the furniture, these classrooms will also have 70" digital displays, apple TV, iPad/document cameras, etc.
- Specifically at Lietz: We will be one of two elementary schools in the district that will open a STEAM lab in 2015-16!
 - STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math
 - During this year, we will be developing a program that will engage students in the wonders of using these skills together to solve problems and develop things.

Music has started

Music instruction started this week for all grades. We are pleased to have Mrs. Malloy again this year as our music teacher. Mrs. Malloy is a certified Orff music instructor and worked as a music therapist. Students are experiencing music through singing, dance, rhythm, and instruments. All students will get a half hour of instruction weekly. Thanks goes out to our HSC for funding this important program!