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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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I am very excited to announce that we finally have our lunchtime running smoothly. Most students are able to punch in their 4 digit pin numbers and many kindergarten students are now able to carry their food trays independently. In 2 weeks we plan to expand our menu to include a fresh fruit and veggie bar. Students may choose a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable as a side item with their lunch. There are several daily lunches to choose from. A student may have:

- Cold Lunch from home
- Hot Lunch from food service
- Cold Sandwich from food service
- Salad from the food service

All meals from the food service consist of 3-5 items which may or may not include a drink. It would be helpful if you discussed the lunch menu with your child each day.

Please remember to check your child's lunch accounts regularly to ensure the transactions are accurate. We try to monitor this process carefully, but mistakes may occasionally occur. Please let us know if you need a free/reduced lunch application. We do not accept money in the office at Littlejohn. All payments should be directed to the food service department at the Education Center, or payments can also be made on line through your family access account.

The PTA has agreed to donate \$12 per student for enrichment activities. These activities may include, but is not limited to fieldtrips. Please consider joining our PTA. The cost is \$5 per family. The PTA meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is on October 20, 2011.

Educationally,  
Jay Redmond  
Principal

## International Walk to School Day

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The Illinois Department of Transportation is encouraging schools statewide to participate in next month's International Walk to School Day. Attached is information about the event along with a form that IDOT would like participating schools to complete and return after the event.

International Walk to School Day is a great way to encourage safer and improved routes to school, healthier habits and environmental concern.

More information about International Walk to School Day is also available by visiting the websites [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org) and <http://www.dot.il.gov/green/IWTSD.html>.



# POP TABS

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Dear Littlejohn Families and Friends,

We would like to thank everyone who saved and brought in pop tabs last year for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Our class will continue to collect pop tabs, but this year, we have a new goal. We would like to earn our way into the **Thanks a Million Club**. If every student at Littlejohn School saves two pounds of tabs, we can make that goal a reality! Ask everyone you know to save pop tabs for us!

Are you wondering how to save pop tabs? Well . . .

Saving tabs is EASY!! Simply pull the tab off of any aluminum can. If your tab is sticky, rinse it before saving it. Collect your tabs in any plastic sandwich or freezer bag. Using sturdy plastic bags makes it easier for storage during the year. When your bag is full, please bring it to our classroom for a thank you "treasure".

Participating in this project will not cost you any additional money, however, it will make a difference in the lives of many families with seriously ill children. So . . . spread the word and **SAVE, SAVE, SAVE!**

If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Zelaya at Littlejohn School.

Thanks a million!



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## PHYSICAL EXAMS AND VACCINATIONS OFFERED

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**No appointment necessary**

**Monday, October 17, 2011**

**9am – 3pm**

**The Education Center (901 S. Fourth St. DeKalb)**

**Back Parking Lot**

***Important***

- *A parent or guardian must be present.*
- *Bring your vaccination card.*
- *Medicaid coupons accepted.*
- *If you do not have a Medicaid coupon the cost is \$30 for the Physical, \$10 per vaccination, \$10 for tuberculosis test, \$17 for lead, \$11 for hemoglobin, and \$11 for urine.*
- *You can pay with cash or a check made payable to NIU.*



# 3rd Grade at the Farmer's Market!!!!!!

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Littlejohn 3rd Graders took a walking field trip down to DeKalb's very own farmers market. A HUGE thank you to Kishwaukee Community Hospital who donated \$3.00 to each student in order to promote healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle. The students had a great time and found lots of wonderful

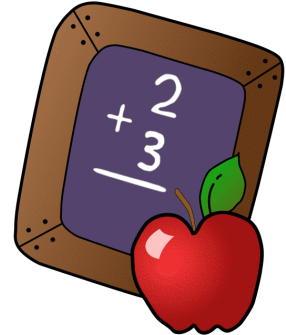


food including; green beans, carrots, peppers, apples, whole grains, peaches, nect arines, grapes, and berries. We enjoyed our delicious snacks at the picnic tables that were set up just outside the farmers market. If you have not been, they are open on Thursdays from 12:00-6:00 p.m. It is a great experience to help encourage children to make healthier choices!

## DeKalb After School Program\YMCA

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The after school program offers homework help, snack and activities planned out by the YMCA, for just \$12.00 a day. The program runs Monday through Friday and you may pick the days that you would like your child to attend. This is opened to students K-5th. So come on and join in the fun!! Forms are available in the Littlejohn office!!!!



## Reminder from the Office

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- Please remember to call the office at 815-754-2258 if your child will be absent or late
- If your child will be late and will be having hot lunch please call the office by 9:15, to let the office know they will be late and having hot lunch, otherwise your child will need to bring a cold lunch
- PLEASE remember there is no playground supervision before 8:30. Please make sure your child is not here before then.



# PTA NEWS

## ♥ PLEASE JOIN LITTLEJOHN PTA!

- Get connected to what is happening at Littlejohn!
- Tap into a great network where you can meet people & share ideas!
- We need your talents & skills to help make our school better!
- Be a role model – show your child that you support PTA and our school!

Our monthly meetings are the **3rd Thursday of each month** at **6:30 p.m. in the gym**. Attend one, a few or all! Membership forms are in the Littlejohn Main Office if you need one – only **\$5** per family! The class with the most PTA members by December wins a FREE ICE CREAM or PIZZA PARTY!

- ♥ **THANKS** to all of the families who participated in our Fall Fundraiser. ☺ Please turn in your packets to your child's teacher or to the office at school if you have not done so yet. (Internet orders can be placed until 9/29/11.) Fundraising pick-up day is Friday OCT 21st from 3:45 pm to 7:00 pm in the Gym. **Fun FaCt:** For every two items your child sold, they will get a water balloon to throw at their PE teacher in the Spring!

- ♥ **vol un teer**/ˌvɒlənˈti(ə)r/ **A person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task; Freely offer to do something.**

PTA is seeking volunteers for a variety of fun activities throughout the year. Sign Up Forms were sent home last week – if you have any questions or want more information about any task, feel free to call PTA Co-Vice Presidents' Trisha at (815) 901-3724 or Allison at (815) 751-2299.



- ♥ We have a Littlejohn **Wendy's Night** coming up in October where we will host games at the restaurant for LJ students, and PTA will get a portion of the evening's sales from dine in OR drive through customers...Watch your child's take home folder for more information!



Its that time again to start collecting your box tops!!! PTA will be throwing the class that collects the most box tops a pizza or ice cream party at the end of the year!!! Lets see what class can collect the most through out the year

