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## State Assessment Sign-Ups (for grades 3-8)

A separate message was sent out last Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, with instructions for signing up for State Assessments. If you have not completed sign-up for your 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade student, please view that message and follow the instructions. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jacki Rego in the Lawrence Virtual School offices—her direct phone number is listed in the instructions from that message.



## Art News

LVS Art Teacher: Krista Hepford

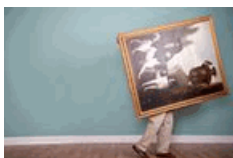
ART ROOM: <http://tinyurl.com/Virtual-ART-ROOM>

Mrs. Hepford's Phone: (785)979-4038 (leave message anytime)

ART WEBSITE: <http://tinyurl.com/LVS-Art-Activities>

JH Optional Art Class Links:

[http://www.lawrencevs.org/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?cms\\_mode=view&sectiondetailid=7606&linkid=nav-menu-original-4-76](http://www.lawrencevs.org/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?cms_mode=view&sectiondetailid=7606&linkid=nav-menu-original-4-76)



**All ART students: Your Personal Student Gallery is ready.**

(Yes, Students in K12 ART too.)

Anything you place in it is eligible for weekly art contests through Artsonia so load it up! There are also prizes at the end of the year for best gallery from Mrs. Hepford.

**So easy! Quick training tour:** <https://sas.illuminate.com/p.jnlp?psid=2012-01-06.1723.M.46D087E01DC0139DDA6C3FD1DD77F3.vcr&sid=559>

**LVS Art Families: Please view course announcements (LATEST NEWS) and request your student's gallery code from Mrs. Hepford so we can have another amazing year!**

Happy New Year! - **LVS Art Calendar Contest:**

Winning art is added to the rotation of art on the main page of the LVS website.

Any art loaded in your gallery now through May is automatically entered.

If you are not in art but would like to be considered for this contest, please email a photo of your art to Krista Hepford.

**Family Snow Competition**...snow is bound to come to our area soon, so start thinking about your ideas for our annual Family Snow Competition—information about the competition is **attached**. A deadline has not been set until we have all had sufficient snow. ☺



## LVS All-School Field Trips

Join Lawrence Virtual School staff and K12 staff for a variety of field trips.



## Early Elementary Round-Up—Registration Open

K12 and Lawrence Virtual School will be hosting “early elementary round-up” events around the state. This is a wonderful opportunity for current families to invite family and friends who might be interested in Lawrence Virtual School. It is open to all age students (not just for K-3rd). Registration is now open for these events at <http://www.k12.com/lvs/event-type/early-elementary-roundup-explore-grades-k%E2%80%933>

### Event dates/locations:

- ◆ February 2<sup>nd</sup>; 10 am—Leaping Lizards in Olathe
- ◆ February 3<sup>rd</sup>; 9:30 am—Kansas Children’s Discovery Center in Topeka
- ◆ February 9<sup>th</sup>; 4:00 pm—Jumpin’ Jake’s in Pittsburg
- ◆ February 23<sup>rd</sup>; 1:00 pm—Pump It Up in Wichita



## MS/HS Kansas City Ballet--Romeo and Juliet

**When:** Wednesday, February 22

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Where:** Kauffman Center, 1601 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64106

Join LVS and LVHS Middle School and High School students and parents at the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts and see the Kansas City Ballet perform Romeo & Juliet. Tickets for the event have been reduced for this special school day performance. Admission will be just \$5 per person. Payment must be received by **February 13th** or your reservation will be canceled.

Checks to:

Lawrence Virtual School  
Attn: Jacki (Romeo & Juliet Event)  
1104 E 1000 Rd.  
Lawrence, KS 66047



## Bowling in Colby, KS

**When:** Friday, February 24

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Where:** Colby Bowl and Fun Center, 1175 South Range, Colby, KS 67701

Join LVS and LVHS students and their families for a fun afternoon of bowling at the Colby Bowl and Fun Center in Colby, KS! Cost for this event is just \$2 per person to be paid on-site (CASH only). Limited concessions will be available for additional purchase if you choose. Enjoy a fun afternoon meeting new friends and learning about LVS and LVHS!



## Spelling Bee Results

Thanks and congratulations to all students who participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lawrence Virtual School Spelling Bee.

*We have two students who will advance to the K12 Regional Spelling Bee: **Baylie Barrett and Carmen Hanson.*** After an intense battle of several championship rounds, Carmen finished up as our top speller.

Congratulations, Bailey and Carmen, and good luck at the Regional Spelling Bee!



## K12 Speaker Series- topics for this week

➤ **Tuesday, January 31 History and Art**

3PM CEN; 2PM MTN

Rejuvenate your teaching and make history come alive with art and creativity!

*Perfect for All Learning Coaches, but especially K-8*

You know that the K<sup>12</sup> Art curriculum follows the History timelines, but what does that really mean? **Arkansas Virtual Academy teachers, Hollie Gumm, Beth Moore, Desiree Rutter and Tracy Ragen**, will show you how to get the most out of history and art curricula, feel more creative and have more fun!

<http://tinyurl.com/RejuvenateYourTeaching>

➤ **Wednesday, February 1, 2012 Stress-Free Test Preparation with Study Island**

3PM CEN; 2PM MTN

*Perfect for Learning Coaches of students who will participate in state testing*

There's more to Study Island than playing games like Splat, Egg Hunt and Snake. Did you know Study Island was designed to help students master the content specified in your state's content standards? Join **Julie Overholt**, K12 Senior Manager of Assessment as she explains how your students can have fun and prepare for testing. *We know you're busy – this session will last only 30 minutes.*

<http://tinyurl.com/StressFreeTestPrep>

➤ **Thursday, February 2, 2012 Math for Learning Coaches**

11 AM CEN; 10 AM MTN

*Perfect for all Learning Coaches who Would Like a Math Refresher*

If fractions leave you feeling frazzled, percents are perplexing, and solving a two-step equation makes your head hurt, come to a Math class just for you! Learning Coach and former TXVA teacher **Debbie Sigl** will help you sharpen your Math skills, boost your confidence and help you as you strive to be a better learning coach to your kids.

<http://tinyurl.com/LearningCoachMathClass>

➤ **Thursday, February 2, 2012**

**Preschool Story time – with Guest Storyteller, Matt Arkin, GCA Head of School**

1PM CEN; 12PM MTN

If your preschoolers want a taste of something online that's just for them, we welcome you and them to attend K<sup>12</sup>'s special Preschool Story time! While your little one is "doing school" like the "big kids" you now have at least 20 minutes to work with a different child or just have a quiet cup of tea. Your student will also receive fun, educational and creative activities to complete after our session.

<http://tinyurl.com/PreKStorytime>



## Box Tops for Education

Lawrence Virtual School participates in the Box Tops for Education program. This program allows the LVS staff to purchase incentive and support items for our students. Please feel free to collect these Box Tops and send them to the LVS school offices. It is helpful if you check expiration dates and to clip the box tops.

If your students want to join the fun of collecting/counting box tops, here's a link to some activity sheets that allow you to print, have fun, and then tape the box tops to the sheet:

[www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter](http://www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter)

Send box tops to:

Lawrence Virtual School

1104 E. 1000 Rd.

Lawrence, KS 66047

Please note "Box Tops" on the outside of the envelope. At this time, we are not collecting any other tops from other programs (soup labels, etc.)

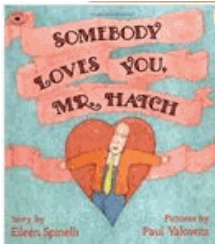


## LVS Facebook Page

If you are a "Facebooker" be sure to "Like" our new page so that updated information and events will appear in your Facebook news feed. Parents and staff share ideas and are able to connect with other families in your geographic area. If you have any Facebook friends or family members who are interested in learning more about Lawrence Virtual School, encourage them to "like" our Facebook as well.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Virtual-School-at-K12/118981138184219>

## For K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students



### **K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bedtime Story**

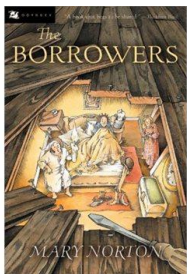
Bedtime Story ~ ***Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch***

Put on your PJ's, grab a snack or a favorite snuggly friend, and join Mrs. Newby for a Valentine's bedtime story.

**When:** Tuesday, February 14th @ 7:30 pm

**Who:** All students, Learning Coaches and Valentine Day fans.

**Where:** Mrs. Newby's Virtual Classroom at <http://tinyurl.com/Ms-Newby>



### **Morning Story Time for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Graders (February)**

All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are invited to join Mrs. Wolf for read aloud time! We will read the book *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. You can follow along in your own book or just come and listen. In February, the movie "Arrietty" is coming to theatres. The movie is based on the main character in *The Borrowers*. Let's enjoy the book before seeing the movie!

Join Mrs. Wolf from 8:30-8:45 a.m. the weeks of February 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet each day of the week in Mrs. Wolf's Elluminate classroom. See you there!

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/meeting.jnlp?sid=559&password=M.CD5C78BAB1F2E0ACE125C479933E5B>

## For 3-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students



### State Assessment Power Hours

**3rd Grade State Assessment Power Hours start January 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00am**

<http://tinyurl.com/bokeefe-virtual-classroom>

Mrs. O'Keefe will work and review 4th grade tested math items in an hour or less on Fridays from 9:00-10:00am

Sessions will be January 27 - February 24th --5 Fun Fridays!

Come with paper, pencil and ready to work problems

**4th Grade State Assessment Power Hours start January 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:00am**

<http://tinyurl.com/bokeefe-virtual-classroom>

Mrs. O'Keefe will work and review 4th grade tested math items in an hour or less on Fridays from 10:00-11:00am

Sessions will be January 27 - February 24th--5 Fun Fridays!

Come with paper, pencil and ready to work problems



### Reading Time with Mrs. Steinert

3-4<sup>th</sup> graders, please join Mrs. Steinert in her Illuminate classroom Mondays through Thursdays from 11:30-11:45 AM.

Current novel: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo.

<http://tinyurl.com/misscaseysclass>



## For 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students



### State Assessment Power Hours

Join Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Brubeck for the Power Hour State Assessment preparation via Elluminate, beginning January 13<sup>th</sup>.

- **5th Grade State Assessment Power Hours start January 13th, 10:00-11:00am**

Mrs. Spaulding will be inviting ALL 5th graders to this *OPTIONAL* event in *Class Connect*.

\*\*\*If you haven't used Class Connect with your Education Specialist, that's OK. It will appear at the top of your daily/weekly plan in your OLS. You will click on the link to bring you into the correct classroom. This is an *OPTIONAL* but highly suggested session.

Mrs. Spaulding will work and review 5th grade tested math items in an hour or less on Fridays from 10:00-11:00am

Sessions will be January 13 - February 24th

Come ready with paper, pencil and ready to work problems!

- **6th Grade State Assessment Power Hours start January 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:00am**

<http://tinyurl.com/Mrs-Brubeck-sClassroom>

Mrs. Brubeck will work and review 6th grade tested math items in an hour or less on Fridays from 10:00-11:00am

Sessions will be January 13 - February 24th

Come ready with paper, pencil and ready to work problems!

**January 13 recording:** <https://sas.illuminate.com/p.jnlp?psid=2012-01-13.0808.M.D5AEB581068FDF54D55A331D48DC11.vcr&sid=559>

**January 20 Recording:** <https://sas.illuminate.com/p.jnlp?psid=2012-01-20.0826.M.D5AEB581068FDF54D55A331D48DC11.vcr&sid=559>

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## History Elluminate with Mrs. Hett

**When:** Fridays

Noon to 1pm for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

1pm to 2pm for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders

**Where:** Mrs. Hett's Elluminate Room: <http://tinyurl.com/5nfum3>

### **Recent Recording:**

- **January 6**

Topic: geography of the United States and students used their K12 maps to locate different places and physical features of the U.S.

<https://sas.illuminate.com/p.jnlp?psid=2012-01-06.1024.M.CEBBE547181F8628175B0CF30C7472.vcr&sid=559>

- **January 13**

Topic: The definition and 5 themes of citizenship.

<https://sas.illuminate.com/p.jnlp?psid=2012-01-13.1032.M.CEBBE547181F8628175B0CF30C7472.vcr&sid=559>

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- **January 27**—recording was not made. Session topic included study of our president and role of the President. **Attached** are the session power point slides.

**Questions:** Please contact Mrs. Hett via Kmail or at 785-212-6064



## Math+ Yellow Elluminate for 5th Graders

Ms. Spaulding will be teaching lessons each week from this course. This is an **optional** Elluminate session for any 5th grade student enrolled in the Math + Yellow math course.

**Class Time:** Every Tuesday & Thursday, 1 - 2 pm

**Where:** [www.tinyurl.com/jspauldingmathchat](http://www.tinyurl.com/jspauldingmathchat)

**Recordings:** Every class will be recorded. Links will be attached to Monday Mail each week.

Please see the **attached** syllabus for this course and **recording links**. A new 2<sup>nd</sup> semester document is attached.



## Fundamentals of Geometry and Algebra Course for Elementary Students

Mrs. Brubeck will be teaching lessons each week from this course. This is an ***optional*** Illuminate session for any K-6 student enrolled in the Fundamentals of Geometry and Algebra math course.

**When:** Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11 AM.

**Please log into:** <http://tinyurl.com/Mrs-Brubeck-sClassroom>

Please see the **attached** documents, both first semester's recordings, as well as recordings so far for second semester.



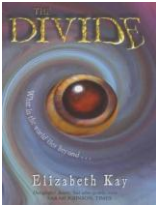
## Reading Hour with Mrs. Hernandez

All LVS grades 5-8 students and their siblings are invited to join Mrs. Hernandez for story hour each Wednesday morning at 9am. Just log into my Illuminate classroom (the link is below).

<http://tinyurl.com/lvs-storyhour> (***Please note*** that this link has changed from the previous one.)

Also, please log in about 5 minutes before the start of story time.)

New Novel:



*The Divide*

by Elizabeth Kay

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Luckily Felix is taken under the wing of Ironclaw, an enormous, math-loving Brazzle and he is also befriended by Betony, a mischievous tangle-girl elf, and the three of them set out to help Felix find a magical cure and the way back home.

Unfortunately, not everyone in the magical world is so generous and kind. Felix also runs afoul of some unpleasant creatures, including japegrins, who want to take advantage of his helplessness.

## For 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students



### Junior High Learning Coach Connection

**WHAT:** February Junior High Learning Coach Connection

Join Mrs. Frost in her Elluminate Classroom for JH information, Test Taking Tips, Q&A session, and more.

**WHO:** LVS Junior High Learning Coaches

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 8 at 12 p.m.

**WHERE:** <http://tinyurl.com/frost-virtual-classroom>



### Middle School English Elluminate Changes

Bring your English course questions to Mr. Goolsby on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** at 8am:

<http://tinyurl.com/GoolsbysRoom>

He will be covering GUM, Writing, and Reading Skills.

### ***New Novel Unit Starting February 9<sup>th</sup>—***

Join Ms. Gorman for a novel unit to study *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

We will meet at 1:30pm on Mondays- Thursdays beginning Thursday, February 9 until Thursday, March 8.

Please kmail Ms. Gorman if you are interested.

**Questions?** Please contact Ms. Gorman or Mr. Goolsby with any questions.



### Science Hour for 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**What:** Science Hour for 7th and 8th grade students, with Ms. Lloyd

**When:** Wednesdays, starting Jan. 11; 12:00-1:00 pm

**Where:** Ms. Lloyd's Elluminate Room: <http://tinyurl.com/misslloyd>

**Questions:** Please contact Ms. Lloyd via Kmail or at 785-832-5620



## Middle School Hall Talk

**Who:** LVS Middle Schoolers: 7th and 8th graders

**What:** Middle School Hall Talk

**When:** Mondays - Thursdays at 11:30am-12:00pm

**Where:** Ms. Gorman's Elluminate Room: <http://tinyurl.com/ms-gorman>

**Why:** Time to chat with other LVS Middle Schoolers. Please join us again for this time to connect with your classmates!



## Fun Friday for 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fun Fridays continue for February.

Bring your favorite games for an afternoon of fun.

**What:** An afternoon of games

**When:** Friday, February 17: 11:30-2:30



**Where:** Black Dog Coffeehouse 12815 W 87th Street Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66215-4528

Please register your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader here: <http://msgorman.weebly.com/fun-friday-2012.html>



## Junior High Information

Where can you go to find all things LVS Junior High? At Ms. Gorman's website you'll find it all; make [msgorman.weebly.com](http://msgorman.weebly.com) as one of your Internet Favorites and check it out every day!

• Audit Information	• Important Dates
• Monday Mail	• Quick Links
• Elluminate Schedules and links directly to the JH Education Specialists Elluminate Rooms	• Hall Talk
• Recorded Elluminate session links	• Fun Fridays
• Junior High Blog	• and MUCH more

Click here for help with Middle School Science recordings from last year:

<http://msgorman.weebly.com/science.html>



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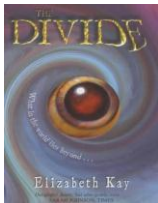
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## Info Sessions—Enrollment into the Lawrence Virtual High School

Join LVHS teachers and students for info sessions to learn about the Lawrence Virtual High School. Dates and times are listed on the **attached** document. This is a great time to get answers to your questions about our wonderful high school program.

## Parent Led Enrichment Activities



### Chess Club in Wichita

Wichita LVS Chess club will begin meeting at The Wichita Public Library Main Branch, mezzanine level, at 4:30pm on Monday afternoons. Come learn with us, help us learn, and share the joy of chess.



## Johnson County Enrichment Group

The Johnson County Parent Enrichment Group has events Lawrence Virtual School students and families. All KC metro families (or visiting families) are welcome at our events.

**This group has a Facebook page that is open to any Lawrence Virtual School family to join—check it out at “KC LVS Parents” or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/113205565442622/>**

**Questions?** Contact Richelle Barrett at [kclvsparents@gmail.com](mailto:kclvsparents@gmail.com)

### Indoor Gym Days:

**Join Lawrence Virtual School families** for indoor gym fun to get to know other students/parents and enjoy some active afternoon fun. Gym days are on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays at Cedar Ridge Christian Church, 8835 Lackman Rd., Lenexa. ***Check the Facebook page listed above for updates to gym days.***

### January and February Activities:

- Check out the above Facebook page for updates and information for events.

### Johnson County 7th and 8th grade book club:

**Next meeting:** February

**WHEN:** February 17th

**WHERE:** Black Dog Coffee House, 12815 W 87th Street Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66215

**TIME:** 2:30 PM, right after the Fun Friday activity

**BOOK:** *Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements

Also, the Jr. High students have chosen the books they will read for the rest of the year. Students can join in at any time for all, some, or just one of the books. Here's that list:

- March: *The Watsons go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- April: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton (also a K12 novel)
- May: *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen



## Lawrence/Topeka Enrichment Friday

### **Upcoming Activity Details:**

#### January Activities

##### **--Friday, February 10:**

- K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade—K-4<sup>th</sup> grade will be celebrating Valentine's Day. If you would like to help with activities for this event, please contact Chrissy Bandel at [csbandel@hotmail.com](mailto:csbandel@hotmail.com)
- 5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade—those who attended the Lawrence Arts Center event in January will have the opportunity to paint their pottery creation before it is fired. *We will meet at the Lawrence Virtual School building to paint—wear old paint clothes.*



## **For Fun and Enrichment**

**NOTE:** Activities, lessons, etc. are listed here as fun enrichment *options* for our student body. Lawrence Virtual School does not promote or endorse any particular individuals, groups, or organizations by posting these options for families.