



# LOVEJOY NEWSLETTER

Alton Community Unit School District No. 11

Lovejoy's Web Page - [www.altonschools.org/schools/lovejoy](http://www.altonschools.org/schools/lovejoy)

April 5 -  
Spring Break -No School

April 6 -  
School Resumes

April 8 -  
PTO Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Library

April 13 -  
Band, Orchestra, Chorus  
Concert  
East Elementary-7:00  
p.m.

April 15 -  
Jazz on A Spring  
Evening  
AHS Common -7:00 p.m.

April 16 -  
3rd Grade  
Walking Tour Field Trip

April 17 -  
Math Competition

April 20—  
Board Meeting  
7:00

\*\*\*\*April 22 -\*\*\*\*

Kdg. Registration  
2 -7 p.m.  
Admin Center  
Sp. Ed. Bldg.  
Progress Reports go  
home

April 23 -No School  
Teacher Institute

April 26 - 30  
Scholastic Book Fair

April 27 -  
3rd Grade  
Alton History Tour

April 28 -  
Parent Involvement  
2:30 p.m.

April 29 -  
Reading Night  
6-7:30 p.m.

## From the Principal, Debbie Sheary

I am looking forward to our Spring Break and some time to rest and gear up for the remaining two months of this school year. I would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable Easter holiday and relaxing time from normal routines.

I would like to ask for your help as we invite all incoming Kindergarten students to register on Thursday, April 22 between the hours of 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. The registration will be held at the SpEd offices, directly behind the Administration building on Broadway. Kindergarten students will be given a Readiness Inventory this year. This was done in previous years and we find it helps us to balance the placement of children in their kindergarten classes.

PLEASE come in to register your kindergarten student OR tell your friends and neighbors in the Alton district who have incoming Kindergarten students to come see us on the April 22 registration. Teachers will be present to assess your child and talk with you about what to expect for the coming year. We want to be ready and provide the best start for these young learners. Thanks for your help in this process.

Lovejoy on Tremont looks wonderful. Staff went to visit a few weeks ago during grade level meeting time after school. I know you will be pleased with our "new" school once you see it. The halls and classrooms are bright and clean and the restrooms have all new fixtures, floors, and wall tile.

It is census time and it is important for all of us to be counted. Please fill out the form when it arrives and make sure you are counted. We need you for federal money that comes to our schools and communities.

## Tech News

Check out these websites!

National Art Gallery for Kids  
[www.nga.gov/kids](http://www.nga.gov/kids)

Free, online kids' games  
[www.playkidsgames.com](http://www.playkidsgames.com)



## First Grade

This month we are going to be learning about the Earth, Sun and Moon. We will also find out about reducing waste, reusing items and recycling what we can to protect the planet.

We have had several students read 100 books this year and many more are really close. Remember to read every night. The extra practice is beneficial. Practice counting mixed coins and telling time to the hour and half hour. Thank you for all your support at home.



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May 3 -  
All District Elementary  
Choral Festival  
West Elementary  
6:30 p.m.

May 5 -  
5th Graders  
Visit to AMS  
8:45 a.m. Departure

May 6 -  
5th Grade Field Trip  
Edwardsville YWCA  
9:00 -2:00

May 7 -  
Muffins with Mom  
7:30 a.m.

May 10 -  
Excellence in Education  
Dinner  
AHS  
6:00 p.m.

May 12 -  
Chorus Field Trip  
United Methodist  
Village  
10:00 a.m.

May 18 -  
Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

May 21 -  
Play Day

May 27 -  
Good Behavior  
Students to  
Glazebrook Park

May 28 -  
No School  
Inservice Day

May 31 -  
No School  
Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1st  
Last Day of School  
9:15 a.m. Dismissal

## Second Grade

Second graders are looking forward to spring break! The weather is warmer and the days are longer - our brains are ready for a little break.

Although this is now the final quarter of the school year, we're not ready to quit working just yet. Please remind your child to complete their homework and turn it in each day. It is important for all children to read aloud for 10 to 15 minutes each night to an adult. That adult should sign the reading log each night as well. This is the only way we have to check to see that reading homework has been done. If your child's reading log comes back unsigned it is counted as a missed assignment. More importantly, missed reading assignments impedes your child's growth in Reading.

## Third Grade

We are looking forward to when we come back from spring break because Mississippi Mud Pottery of Alton will be here. The students will get hands-on experience with working with clay. April also is when third graders will be learning about Alton History. We will go on a walking field trip since we are so close to the Alton Museum and the Robert Wadlow Statue. Another field trip later in the month will be to see other Alton historical sites and the Lock and Dam Museum. Alton is rich in history and third graders get the opportunity to learn about their local community.

It's hard to believe that we're already in the fourth quarter. Even though the year is almost over, there is still plenty of learning to do. Please continue to check agendas, encourage daily reading, and support homework.

## Fourth and Fifth Grade

Spring is in the air! We like the sound of that here at Lovejoy. The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the students are eager for summer break. However, we still have plenty of work to do in the fourth and fifth grades. Students diligently practice math skills to prepare for middle school classes. Reading concepts are falling into place, and we are also building our fundamentals for organized and focused writing. Please continue to support your child at home by checking agendas and assignments. Encourage your pupil to stay alert and concentrate until summer break is officially here.

We would also like to say a special THANK YOU to students who tried their best on last month's ISAT tests. Many of you showed great dedication and commitment. We appreciate your hard work. Lovejoy is very proud of you!

## FROM THE NURSE



Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of your child's day? It provides the nutrients and energy he/she needs to concentrate in school. Research even shows that kids who eat breakfast get better grades, pay more attention in class, and behave better. Help your youngster begin his day on the right foot.