

# LENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Pytleski  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023



## Important Calendar Dates

- Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lena Village of Lights and Reindeer Dash Run – See Schedule to the right
- Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Christmas Concert, 1:30pm
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting – 5:30pm.
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Middle/High School Christmas Concert – 7pm
- Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Vacation – No School
- January 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Lena Honors Choir at Lawrence University
- January 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Lena Honors Band at UW-Whitewater
- Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – No School/Teacher In-Service

Small Community,  
Great Opportunity!

**The Lena Village of Lights**  
Saturday, December 2, 2023

**Events**

**3:30-5:00pm** McGuire's Restaurant—9" One Topping Pizza \$5  
Wooden Shoe— Build your own 1/4# burger or hot dog bar w/chips \$6.50

**3:45-4:15** Hometown Fitness/Small Town Fitness-  
Snowman Hustle Bootcamp Family Event-Lena High School Wrestling Room

**4:45 pm** 2nd Annual Reindeer Dash 5K Run-Lena High School  
*(Sponsored by Lena High School Baseball Team)*

**4:45pm** Tree Lighting Ceremony –Lena Village Hall

**5:00pm** Santa Arrives at the Lena Village Hall  
*(Sponsored by the Lena PTO)*

**5:00-7:00pm Let's Celebrate the Village of Lights!**  
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides from the Lena Village Hall, Blizzard Bingo with Treats, Specials & Events Held at Participating Village of Lena Businesses

Start your evening at the Lena Village Hall to pick up your  
Blizzard Bingo Card. Fill the card and return it to enter for a chance to win a prize! Join us for a fun filled evening!!

## Please Join Us For the Holiday Concert Season!

Please join us on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> for our Elementary Christmas Concert at 1:30pm and on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for our Middle/High School Christmas Concert at 7:00pm.

## Lena Wreath and Poinsettia Sale!

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30pm AND Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-10:00am in the Lena Greenhouse! Thank you for your support!

- Ben J. Pytleski

# 12 Days of Christmas

**DEC 7TH**

*Cozy Christmas Stockings: wear your favorite Christmas socks and sweatpants*

**DEC 8TH**

*Rudolph Red: wear red*

**DEC 11TH**

*Christmas Pajamas*

**DEC 12TH**

*Christmas Movie: dress up as your favorite Christmas movie character*

**DEC 13TH**

*Calling All Santas Helpers: dress as one of Santa's helpers*

**DEC 14TH**

*Winter Wonderland: wear blue and white*

**DEC 15TH/18TH**

*Christmas Finest: wear your best for our Christmas concert  
(Elementary 15th, HS/MS 18th)*

*Deck the Halls: wear your best Christmas accessories (HS/MS school 15th, Elementary 18th)*

**DEC 19TH**

*Grinch: wear green*

**DEC 20TH**

*Rocking Around the Christmas Tree: dress like a Christmas tree*

**DEC 21ST**

*Holiday Hair: show off your holiday hairstyle or hat*

**DEC 22ND**

*Festive Friday: wear an ugly Christmas sweater*

## **RED RIBBON WEEK CELEBRATED DECEMBER 4-DECEMBER 8, 2023**

### **GRADES PK-12**

#### ***What is Red Ribbon Week/Why Do We Celebrate It?***

Red Ribbon Week came into existence out of the tragic death of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. In 1985, Camarena was abducted, tortured and brutally murdered while in Mexico investigating drug traffickers. A wife and three children survived him. Friends and family in Camarena's hometown of Calexico, California started a movement to honor him and stop the destruction caused by drugs. A red ribbon became the symbol of this fight against drug abuse. In 1988, the United States Congress proclaimed Red Ribbon Week. Now, more than 100,000 schools and civic organizations participate.

Lena Public School District (PK-12) will celebrate Red Ribbon Week in December this year. There will be dress up days on Monday through Friday during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Below are the dress up days to help celebrate Red Ribbon week.

#### **DRESS-UP DAYS**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY: WANT TO WEAR A HAT EACH DAY? IF SO, STOP IN THE OFFICES AND PAY \$1.00 EACH DAY**(Money raised will help fund the School Support & Supply Closet)

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| Monday    | December 4 | "Drugs Should Be Put to Rest"-Wear Pajamas                         |
| Tuesday   | December 5 | "Lei Off Drugs"-Wear a Hawaiian Shirt                              |
| Wednesday | Dec. 6     | "Drugs Aren't a Part of My Team"-Wear favorite sports team apparel |
| Thursday  | Dec. 7     | "Staying Away from Drugs is No Sweat"-Wear sweatpants/sweatshirt   |
| Friday    | December 8 | "We are REaDy to be Drug Free"-Wear red clothes                    |

#### **JAR GUESSES (GRADES PK-5;6-8;9-12)**

Students in grades PK-5; 6-8; 9-12 will have a chance to guess at the total amount of "goodies" in 3 separate jars located in Mrs. Beschta and Mrs. Benser's office (each jar labeled K-5; 6-8; 9-12). One guess per student will be accepted. The student closest to the actual # in the jar without going over gets all the "goodies". YUMMY!!

"Be a Smarty, Don't Do Drugs"-Smarties (Pre-Kindergarten-5th Grade)

"Drugs Can Burst Your Dreams"-Startburst (Middle School; 6th-8th Grade)

"Your Lungs are 'Mint' for Breathing"- Mints (High School; 9th-12th Grade)

**TAKING PLACE ALL WEEK.....**

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

"We CAN Be Drug Free"- Canned food drive for local families in need. Please drop off food items in the High School Office for grades 6-12 and in the Elementary Office for grades PK-5.

**ANIMAL SHELTER ITEMS COLLECTION**

"These Paws Don't Touch Drugs" – The following items are always needed at the Animal Shelter: Dog/Cat food(preferably Purina), non-clumping cat litter, toys (ex. Rolled rawhide chips, Kongs, stuffed toys, etc.), fleece blankets & small rugs, bleach, liquid laundry detergent, towels, industrial mop heads, large contractor garbage bags, copy paper, HP ink cartridge #901-color and/or black. Again, please drop items off in the High School Office for grades 6-12 and in the Elementary Office for grades PK-5.