



**Happy Birthday  
to a wonderful wife,  
mom and grandmother,  
Lissen Johnson,  
who is approaching the hill but is  
not quite there yet.**

**Lots of love from**

**Dave, DJ, Josh, Cathy, April,  
Lee, Logan, Liam, & Austin,**

**Have a great day on May 16<sup>th</sup>**

## ***THANK YOU***

***Many thanks goes out to  
the Lakeview and  
Amaranth fire fighters for  
the efficient response in  
coming to our fire on  
April 21<sup>st</sup> to save our  
home.***

***It was greatly appreciated  
and will never be forgotten.***

***Ernie and Lois Wilson***

## **LES NEWS**

### **Principal's Message**

#### **Words of Wisdom from the Principal's Desk**

Many of you probably have heard the old adage, 'April showers bring May flowers.' If you have ever thought about this saying you would probably have come up with the meaning behind the saying: Sometimes things that you think are unpleasant or inconvenient at the time bring good outcomes.

There are many common sayings that imply the same truth: We learn from our mistakes; when life gives you lemons, make lemonade; necessity is the mother of invention; and every cloud has a silver lining are but a few. In each of these proverbial messages the meaning is the same: You can always find something good out of bad circumstances if you treat the situation as a learning experience.

This is true in a child's school career, as well. In life, we try to eliminate the bad things that might happen, but sometimes they just do. It is how we react to adversity that makes a difference. Do we use the 'bad' times to learn from them or do we start to blame and find fault with the situation? In my experience it has always worked better to reflect on unfortunate circumstances and come up with plans to avoid similar failure in the future. In Education we try to plan for success, when something unplanned happens the best approach is to critically analyze the event and look for ways to try and avoid the same situation in the future. We use the 'bad' times as a way to learn – to see the fault and correct it!

In a child's school career they will often do things that are not exactly, what we would call, perfect. Children are people and people make mistakes. Sometimes there are consequences for mistakes. The child might see these consequences as something adverse or almost a punishment; however, those of us that have lived for awhile know that appropriate consequences will help in the learning process. Remember, 'April showers bring May flowers!'

When a student comes to my office because of something that occurred I often start by asking if what was done was Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Positive. (I am sure that many of you recognize these words). After some discussion about what