



Lewiston-Porter *Intermediate Education Center* **January 2020**

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From the Principal's Office

Mrs. Rodriguez

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a restful and happy break! It was wonderful to relax and recharge. I am looking forward to the many experiences for our students as we kick off 2020. Our first exciting event will be our One District, One Book initiative.

Will it be...

The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate is an unforgettable novel that celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendship. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan. The book is told from the point of view of Ivan himself. Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes. In this story, Katherine Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create an unforgettable story of friendship, art, and hope.

OR

Rump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff is a funny, fractured tale that goes behind the scenes of Rumpelstiltskin. In a magic kingdom where your name is your destiny, 12-year-old Rump is the butt of everyone's joke. But when he finds an old spinning wheel, his luck seems to change. Rump discovers he has a gift for spinning straw into gold. His best friend, Red Riding Hood, warns him that magic is dangerous, and she's right. With each thread he spins, he weaves himself deeper into a curse. To break the spell, Rump must go on a perilous quest, fighting off pixies, trolls, poison apples, and a wickedly foolish queen. The odds are against him, but with courage and friendship—and a cheeky sense of humor—he just might triumph in the end.

Families will be able to choose either The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate or Rump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff, as the book we will read together as a K-6 community. This is the 4th year of the ODOB. Together the PEC, IEC, MS 6th grade, and our families will embark on a literary adventure. Reading as a family will help reading comprehension, as well as bring our community together along the way.

Families will be given the opportunity to vote for the book of their choice the week of January 3rd-11th, 2020 at the local libraries. Families will be able to find out which book won at our Community Reveal Event hosted by the Lewiston Public Library! The event will take place Wednesday, January 22nd from 5:30-6:30 PM. There will be cake, activities, a surprise to the first 100 students who attend, and Community Dinner Discounts the night of the Reveal. Students will learn which book has won the popular vote at our School Assembly on Thursday, January 23rd.

Once the book is selected, every student and staff member will receive one copy of the book. Families will read the book chosen aloud each day. There will also be videos of guest readers for students to view at home or in school. Once we have completed reading the book, there will be a celebration of our One District, One Book success at the Family Literacy Night hosted by the PTSA .

The goal of this initiative is to promote reading aloud at home, and to create a culture of literacy. Reading aloud will not only provide great family time, but will also address 21st century skills of communicating, collaborating, creating, and critical thinking.

January Character Trait **Put First Things First**

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do.
I set priorities, make a schedule and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.

From the Nurse's Office

Submitted by Gloria Klettke, RN

4th Grade Parents:

If your child sees their Health Care Provider for a physical exam during 4th grade, please obtain a copy and send it to the IEC nurse.

New York State mandates that a physical exam must be submitted to the IEC nurse at the beginning of 5th grade, but can be dated up to one year prior. The physical exams performed during your child's 4th grade year are accepted to fulfill this mandate.

Physical exams can also be faxed to the IEC at 286-7854.

**The IEC Health Office is accepting clothing donations
of the following items in all sizes:
T-shirts, elastic waist pants & shorts, leggings**

Health & Wellness

Submitted by Dana Thompson

Mrs. Siuta & Mrs. Kensinger's 5th grade classes and Mrs. Lombardo & Mrs. Khatib's 4th grade classes are participating in the Health & Wellness program in January with Mrs. Thompson. Topics that will be discussed include:

- The Role of Family/Self-esteem
- The Endocrine system and the role of hormones in growth & development
- Gender differences
- Personal hygiene
- Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Puberty
- Cyberbullying
- Infections/HIV & AIDS

Mrs. DeFranco & Mrs. Topolski's 3rd grade classes will be participating in the Health & Wellness program through March. Topics will include:

- The Role of the Family
- Personal Body Safety
- Nutrition & Healthy Eating/Exercise
- Internet Safety
- Bullying & Cyberbullying
- Personal Hygiene

Students will keep a journal for the classes, and will reflect on topics discussed each week. Students are also encouraged to leave questions in the "question box" each week on topics in Health that require further explanation.

From the Art Room

Submitted by Maria Frederick



IEC ART Student of the Month

Each month, one student is chosen as Art Leader of the Month. However, for the month of December, Mrs. Frederick chose two students! These students demonstrate the 3 Rs (Responsibility, Respect and Resourcefulness) in Art class, and do an exceptional job on their artwork.

For the month of December the following students were chosen by Mrs. Frederick:

Elle Edwards and Carmen Strangio
from Mrs. Lombardo's 4th grade class!

Congratulations to our Lancer Gram recipients!

“ Begin with the End in Mind ”

Third Grade

Annabelle Chappell
Luca Bax DeBiao
Sabrina Kroetsch
Olivia Leardini
Wyatt Leardini
Joseph Luchese
Isabella Loughran
Abigail Robertson

Fourth Grade

Matthew Benden
Angelo Dunets
Thomas Hogan
Matthew Huang
Andrew Jowdy
Cody Larson
Reese Marcyan
Lillian McGill
Mya Penale
Eleanor Sackman
Emily Wilson
Trevor Wilson
Lyla Wright

Fifth Grade

Hershveer Ahuja
Catherine Blanchard
Collin Denitto
Evan Golden
Oktavia Jochymek
Raelin Kunik
Abraham Mullen
Johnathon Stainbrook
Ava Ventresca
Sophia Wright



Arriving students were treated to caroling by chorus students and Mrs. Zachary

IEC Music Leaders of the Month

Each month, one student from Band, Orchestra, Chorus and General Music is chosen as a Music Leader of the Month. These students demonstrate Responsibility, Respect and Resourcefulness in these classes.

For the month of December, the following students have been chosen by Mrs. Spinnegan, Mrs. Zachary and Mrs. Carere:

Orchestra:	Ireland O'Connor
Chorus:	Kiersten Elliott
Band:	Isaac Manuse
General Music:	Logan Lombardo



It's that time of year again! The One District One Book initiative begins in January. This year students can vote at the Lewiston Public Library, Ransomville Free Library and the Youngstown Free Library. Voting begins January 3rd and ends January 11th.

The two books students and families can vote on are:

"Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin" and "The One and Only Ivan".

The winner will be announced on January 22nd at the community reveal hosted by the Lewiston Public Library. The next day at school, students will receive a copy of the winning book to take home and read with their families. Finally, on Friday, March 6th, we celebrate our reading accomplishment with a family fun night! Boys and girls and their families come together for an evening of food and fun activity stations. We are looking forward to another great year! Be sure to check the district website and Seesaw for more information.

Thank you for all your support with this reading program!

Mrs. Cummiskey, IEC Librarian

Multi Age Recycling

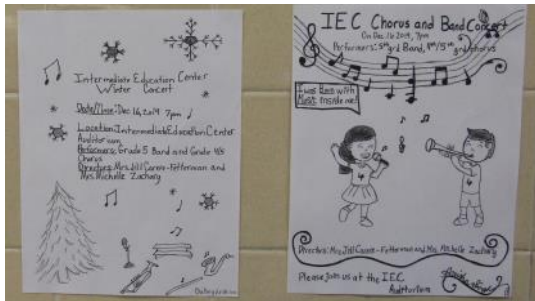
The Multi-Age Class has been conducting recycling for our school for 3 years. Bi-weekly, students collect cans and bottles from the receptacles provided to the school by the Ransomville Empty Return Center. The empties are regularly taken to the facility in Ransomville. The class has set up an account there where others can donate the proceeds from their empties to the class.

The Multi-Age class decided to buy the school toys for ALL students to use outside during recess. They were able to purchase frisbee golf sets, jump ropes, Skip Its, chalk, soccer nets and Zip Its for both the front and back yards!

The Multi-Age class encourages everyone to continue to recycle to help our earth, community and school!



Students in Mrs. Niccola's 4th grade class made Christmas ornaments, which they donated to St. Mary's Hospital.



The Golden Spoon Award

is a school-wide competition to reward classrooms that demonstrate positive behaviors in the cafeteria. This monthly award is given to one class that continually follows the school rules.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stafford's class for winning the Golden Spoon! They had lunch with Mrs. Rodriguez, and displayed the **golden spoon** in their classroom during December.



Students from our classes donated 30 stockings to needy children through the Magdalene Project in Niagara Falls. Thank you to students from these classes for their generosity:

Mrs. Boss
Mrs. DeFranco
Mr. Lombardo
Mr. Siuta/Mrs. Baio
Mrs. Topolski
Mrs. Siuta/Mrs. Block

PIP (Players in Progress)
basketball students
gathered donations for
the Marines' Toys for Tots
program



Ms. Plewa's 4th grade class is adopting Dololo, a 2-year old baby elephant, who was rescued from drowning. He is cared for at the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. Ms. Plewa learned about the orphanage on her trip to Kenya this past summer, and shared her photos and videos with the class. The students fell in love with the babies, and they made it a class project to adopt an elephant. For \$50, we will help support Dololo, who will need to be cared for until he is 3 years old. He will then be supervised in another park until he is old enough to move back into the wild.

School Attendance

The IEC school day begins with the students getting off the bus at 8:45 a.m. If you are driving your student in, they should also arrive at 8:45 a.m. Classroom announcements begin at 8:55 a.m.

Any student arriving after 8:55 a.m. will be considered tardy.

Afternoon dismissal is at 3:30 p.m.

Any students leaving prior to 3:25 p.m. will be considered an early dismissal.

Regular attendance at school is vital if a student hopes to do well. Our school district has adopted an attendance policy based upon our District's education and community needs, values and priorities. The School District has determined that absences, tardiness and early departures will be considered excused or unexcused according to the following standards:

Excused: An absence, tardiness or early departure may be excused if due to the following, or other such reasons as may be approved by the Board of Education.:

- Personal illness
- Illness or death in the family
- Impassable roads due to inclement weather
- Religious observance
- Quarantine
- Attendance at health clinics
- Approved school field trips
- Approved college visits
- Military obligations
- Required court appearances

Unexcused: An absence, tardiness or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories (e.g., family vacation, hunting, babysitting, haircut, missing the bus or oversleeping).

A student who is absent from school, for all or part of a day, must provide a valid written explanation, including the date and a specific reason for the absence/tardiness, signed by a parent/guardian. The written excuse is given to the attendance clerk upon returning to school. A student who is absent due to an appointment is encouraged to be in attendance for as much of the day as possible. Until a valid excuse is received, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Notification Process

To help increase attendance and decrease tardiness or early departures, written notification from the principal will be at 7, 14 and 21 absences. The teacher will call the parent/guardian after 10 absences. Written notification of possible retention will occur at 28 absences. With the progression of written notification, meetings will be established between parents/guardians and school personnel to discuss and implement strategies up to, and including, denial of grade level promotion.

Please use Pickup Patrol app or call the office if your child will be absent, so that an attendance verification call will not be necessary.

SCHOOL LUNCH

The Lewiston-Porter School District cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch to interested students. Both the breakfast and lunch programs at Lewiston-Porter are provided by a private food service firm.

- Breakfast and lunch menus are sent home with students at the beginning of each month, and are available on the school website.
- Breakfast is available.
- Students may choose a hot lunch or 'a la carte' items.
- Snacks, cookies and ice cream are available on limited days. Please call the school at ext. 7288 if you would like restrictions placed on your child's account.
- Food allergies should be reported to the school nurse and kitchen staff.
- You may prepay your child's lunch account at any time through MySchoolBucks.com, or checks payable to the Lewiston-Porter Central School District sent to school with your child.
- The cost of breakfast is \$1.75, reduced cost is \$.25
- The cost of lunch is \$2.10, reduced cost is \$.25
- Free/Reduced School Meals information is sent home at the beginning of the school year. An application may be requested at any time by calling the office.

In the event a student does not have lunch or lunch money, it is the District practice that he/she will be allowed to charge a lunch for that day. Please send payment with your child to the **IEC Main Office** on the next school day to reimburse the main office for the provided meal.

Lewiston-Porter is using **myschoolbucks.com**, an online service allowing you to pay for your student's school meals online, using your credit/debit card or electronic check.

If you have any questions regarding our food service, please call Anna Thomas, Food Service Director, at 716-286-7288.

A reminder to parents:

Please only drop off students if you see a staff member at the arrival doors between 8:45 and 8:55 a.m. (and for safety, only on the curb side)

**All students being dropped off AFTER 8:55 a.m.
MUST be brought into the office and signed in by an adult.**

**Please remember that students should arrive
no earlier than 8:45 a.m., or 8:10 a.m. for Lancer Learning.**

***If your child is absent, please use the Pickup Patrol app
or call the office to let us know.***

Thanks for your cooperation.

**For the safety of all our students,
everyone will be asked for picture ID each time you visit the IEC.
We also encourage parents to refrain from walking students
to their classrooms and lockers.**

Thank you for helping us to keep our students safe!

Lancer Learning Opportunities

**Permission slips will be sent home by your child's teacher.
In order to properly plan for transportation, permission slips are required to be
returned to your child's teacher by his/her deadline, but no later than two days
before the lesson/club. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**YMCA program before and after school
held at the PEC**

Call: YMCA Niagara Falls 285-8491

Auer Time @ LPMS

January, 2019

Pillar 1 - Teaching and Learning

- As the 20 week marking period comes to a close on January 24, this is a reminder that report cards are electronic and are NOT printed or sent via mail. Grades and attendance can be accessed through the Powerschool Parent Portal at anytime. A link to the portal can be accessed from our District web page at www.lew-port.com. Report cards can also be accessed by using your parent created Powerschool account. If you need assistance in setting up this account or have questions regarding access, please contact the Guidance office at bvandeusen@lew-port.com or (716) 286-7208.
- After School Assistance Program is continuing for those students that had two or more failing marks for the second Quarter (15 week mark) or who continue to struggle. As a reminder, each grade level has a designated day each week for ASAP: **Monday - Grade 8** **Wednesday - Grade 6** **Thursday - Grade 7**
- On **Tuesday, January 21 and Wednesday, January 22**, we will be administering our Winter Benchmark AIMSweb screening to ALL students at LPMS. ELA screening will be administered on Tuesday and Math will be administered on Wednesday. ALL students will be assessed during the first two periods of each day using a chromebook and headphones or earbuds. STUDENTS SHOULD PLEASE BRING EARBUDS OR HEADPHONES WITH THEM FOR THOSE TWO DAYS. We will run a modified schedule for remainder of those two days to account for the 45-60 minutes that that screening will take to implement. AIMSweb Plus is a web based screening that we use 3 times per year as part of our benchmark assessments to assist us in monitoring the reading and math skills of our students. The screening uses a robust set of standard-aligned measures, and has been proven to uncover learning gaps quickly, identify at-risk students, and assess individual and classroom growth.
- SAVE THE DATE! On **Thursday, February 6**, the High School will be hosting an 8th Grade transition night for all students and families in 8th grade who will be transitioning to the High School next year. This event will take place in the High School Auditorium from **6:00pm - 7:30pm**. The goal of this transition night is to help create a better understanding of the programs and courses that are offered at the High School along with introducing students to the many opportunities of high school student life including extra-curricular activities and athletics. The Academic Departments will have information tables set up for you to visit from 5:30 - 6:00 pm outside of the auditorium and the program will continue in the auditorium at approximately 6:00 pm. This will be the first of many opportunities your son or daughter will have to familiarize themselves with the many aspects of student life at the High School. From this meeting your counselors at the Middle School, Ms. Wright and Mrs. Stack, will begin the scheduling process for the 9th grade year.
- We are excited that our 6th grade will now be a part of the **One District, One Book** initiative! This initiative is designed to create a shared reading experience across an entire school community. The voting for the book to read ended on Saturday, January 11 with students casting their vote at local libraries. The choice to make is whether we want to read ***The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate or ***Rump: The (Fairly) True Story of Rumpelstiltskin*** by Liesl Shurtliff. The book chosen by the students will be provided to every student and participants will follow a common schedule across the district. This initiative has been very successful at both the PEC and IEC and we look forward to finding out what book our 6th graders will be reading at the "reveal" on **January 22** at the Lewiston Public Library.
- Don't forget to accept invitations you receive via email to join Google Classroom! If you have a registered email address with Lewiston Porter, you should have received an automated invitation email to join Google Classroom. Please accept this invitation so your email address can be populated with your child's Google Classroom account. This will allow you to receive notifications from your student's teachers. This also will allow you to receive important information regarding One District, One Book as well.
- If you are not connected to your child's Google Classroom already, and you do not get an automated invitation, please contact the middle school guidance office at bvandeusen@lew-port.com or (716) 286-7208. We will

need to obtain your current email information so you can be registered to Google Classroom. Thank you and we look forward to working together with you using Google Classroom.

Pillar 2 - Leadership

★ Student leadership

- The 8th grade WEB Leaders will be attending a Regional WEB Conference on Tuesday, January 28. Several middle schools from Erie and Niagara County have been invited to participate in this event, which is being hosted by the Grand Island WEB Program. The eighth grade WEB Leaders will be honing their leadership and collaboration skills at the conference. Students will be boarding the bus at approximately 9:15 and returning to the middle school at approximately 1:50. Students understand that they are responsible for any work that they miss that day. Thank you for your continued support of the Middle School WEB program.
- National Junior Honor Society meeting dates have been set. Please contact Ms. Wright in the MS guidance office if you have any questions. **The National Junior Honor Society will have mandatory monthly meetings held in the library from 2:40pm-3:10pm on the following Thursdays: 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4.**
- If you haven't had a chance, check out our Morning Announcement link on our Middle School home page. This is a great example of how our students are taking a leadership role of providing our school with information to the student body about upcoming events. You will also see our students reading the "Thought for the Day" and giving a few words of wisdom.
- Students in Ms. Alexander's 7th grade science classes have been engaging in the skill of "engaging in argument from evidence" as part of the implementation of one of the science and engineering practices. Students in her classes investigated and came up with evidence on the essential question of "How is the strength of an electromagnet affected by the number of turns of wire in a coil?" Working in groups, the students needed to answer 4 essential questions based upon their evidence gathering process:
 - What patterns exist between my data and the data from the other groups?
 - How can I justify my results using science vocabulary and concepts?
 - How can I think and communicate with clarity and precision?
 - How can I engage in productive argument from evidence?
- Our music department continues to provide students with opportunities to show off their outstanding talents to family and friends with some upcoming events:
 - All-County Festival #1 will be at Niagara Wheatfield on **January 31.**
 - All-County Festival #2 will be at Wilson on **February 7-8.**
- Auditions for our MS play "Mary Poppins" will be on **Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17.** Sign up sheet are on window outside of the main office. Contact Mr. Marinacio if you have any questions.
- LPMS Student Council is sponsoring a **Snowball Dance on Friday, January 24 from 7pm - 9pm.** All students attending LPMS are welcome to attend with parent permission! Tickets will be on sale during lunch periods starting 1/15! Tickets are \$5.

★ Teacher leadership

- A group of 10-12 teachers and counselors recently attended a two day workshop relating to the concept of Restorative Practices using Classroom Circles. This concept is something that we are looking to implement in our Advisory period next year. This concept helps to establish a foundation in classrooms to help build a stronger sense of community and to cultivate a culture in which everyone feels like they belong. These practices help to build a sense of community in which EVERY person feels that they are seen, heard, and respected. All who attended have reported the value that this will bring to our school and classrooms.

Pillar 3 - Community and Culture

- Lewiston-Porter is pleased to announce that we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System to strengthen our program of building safety for students and faculty. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system will allow us to do that. The Raptor system

will better allow us to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for our students and staff. Upon entering a district building, **visitors will be asked to present an ID such as a Driver's License**, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent or guardian for any reason does not have a US government-issued ID, a school staff member can manually enter the person's name into the Raptor system. Lewiston-Porter Middle School is excited to be piloting this system effective **January 1st of 2020**, as part of a school safety grant, and this system is currently being used in the main office. The District anticipates bringing the other schools on campus online at the beginning of the next school year

- As part of the work on our strategic plan, we are looking for input on how to define student success. Some people prefer more traditional ways and others like less traditional measures. In addition to getting input from our employees and students, we are hoping to collect input from our families, community members, and recent alumni (graduates from the classes of 2010-2019). We hope that you will take our 3-5 minute survey anytime between now and January 31st by visiting this [link](#) on our website where you will find multiple surveys according to whatever your role is in our school community. Please encourage anyone you know to take it. Ultimately, we are collecting this information from all stakeholders including families, district employees, and students and we will share the results with you by mid-February.
- Students from 6th and 7th grades will be attending a Chinese Spring Festival Celebration on January 29 at the High School.
- Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @LewPortMS and if you see something great with our students or staff, share it with us using #lewport!

Upcoming Dates/Events

(Subject to change. Please use other sources to confirm/verify)

January 20 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 24 - Student Council Snowball Dance- 7-9 PM

January 24 - End of Second Marking Period

January 24 - 6th Grade Dare Graduation

January 28 - WEB Field Trip - 8th Grade

January 31 - All County Festival #1

February 7&8 - All County Festival #2