

March 2020

Intermediate Education Center Newsletter

Greetings from Mrs. Rodriguez

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for participating in our fourth year of One District One Book. We hope that you and your family enjoyed the book, trivia questions, activities and all the special events in our community. When it comes to being read to at home, many students told me that the main reason they love ODOB was because they got to spend time with their mom or dad without any interruptions. Thank you for making our ODOB a memorable experience!

Save the date! V.I.P and Me Dance celebration is on Friday, March 27 from 5:30 to 7:00 in the IEC auditorium. This is our first annual special someone dance sponsored by the PTSA. We are encouraging all of our students to ask a special adult in their life to spend the evening at school with them for all their love, help and support. There will be a DJ, crafts, picture booth (green screen), contests and much more. This VIP dance is to show one special person appreciation for all they do in the life of a child. There is a lot of excitement around this night. You won't want to miss it.

Lucky to be a Lancer! Please share with the IEC what makes you feel LUCKY to be a Lew-Port IEC Lancer. Please fill out the Luck Of The Lancers form attached below.

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The end of the 2nd trimester is quickly approaching. The trimester will end on March 13th with report cards going home on Wednesday, March 18th. There will be no student attendance on Friday, March 20th for Parent Teacher Conferences. The IEC students and staff are proud and excited for the progress we have made thus far. The students are making great gains in Reading and Mathematical concepts, and we look forward to the continued growth. Aimsweb Plus reports have been sent home. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me and I would be happy to discuss these reports with you. A Lancer Shout Out to all our parents and guardians in your involvement in helping your child at home. Let's make the 3rd trimester, the best, and finish STRONG!!!!



[March video PEC/IEC](#)

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March Events

- 3. Spring Picture Day; National Anthem Day
- 5. Orchestra Kaleidoscope Concert 7:00 HS Aud
- 6. Family Night 4:45—7:45
- 12. Chorus Kaleidoscope Concert 7:00 HS Aud
- 15. Daylight Savings
- 17. BOE 6:00 CRC; St. Patrick's Day
- 19. Band Kaleidoscope Concert 7:00 HS Aud
- 20. Parent-Teacher Conferences No Student Attendance
- 25. PTSA 5:30 CRC
- 25-27. Grades 3-8 ELA Assessment
- 28. District Art Show Opening 12:00 Niagara Arts & Cultural Center

March is 'Music in our Schools' Month

Our school store is open during lunch Fridays 11:30 to 1:30

Lewiston-Porter Intermediate Education Center

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March 2020 - Lewiston-Porter Intermediate Education Center						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Spring Picture Day	4	5 Orchestra Kaleidoscope Concert 7:00 HS	6 Family Night 4:45 - 7:45	7
8	9	10	11	12 Chorus Kaleidoscope Concert 7:00 HS	13	14
15 Daylight Savings	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 BOE 6:00 Board	20 Parent-Teacher Conferences	21

[IEC March Calendar](#)

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Health & Wellness

Mrs. DuMoulin & Mrs. Danahy's 5th grade classes and Mrs. Black & Mrs. Niccola's 4th grade classes are participating in the Health & Wellness program in February 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 continue participating in the Health & Wellness program through March. Topics that will be discussed include:

- The Role of the Family
- Personal Body Safety
- Nutrition & Healthy Eating/Exercise
- Internet Safety
- Bullying & Cyber bullying
- 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. All classes will continue through March/April.



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 February, the following students have been chosen by Mrs. Spinnegan, Mrs. Zachary, and Mrs. Carere:

Orchestra: Natalie Monahan

Chorus: Kennedy Lucinski

Band: Elizabeth Gray

General Music: Zoe

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March is Music in our Schools Month

What is MIOSM®? March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. MIOSM began as a single state-wide celebration in 1973, and has grown over the decades to encompass a day, then a week, and then in 1985 to become a month long celebration of school music. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community, and to display the benefits that school music brings to students of all ages.

Please help us celebrate Music in Our Schools Month by attending our District Kaleidoscope Concerts!
All concerts begin at 7:00 pm in the Lewiston-Porter High School Auditorium!

March 5th- Orchestra Kaleidoscope Concert

March 12th- Chorus Kaleidoscope Concert

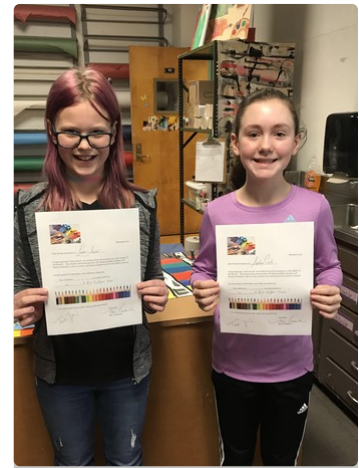
March 19th - Band Kaleidoscope Concert

In addition to these concerts, the IEC will also be hosting a Music Student Recital for the entire building on March 27, 2020 at 2:45 pm. Several small groups of students and soloists will be playing and singing pieces of music that they have prepared.

Thank you for your support of Music Education!!

Art Students of the Month

Each month, one student from Art is chosen as Art Leader of the Month; however, for February, Mrs. Frederick chose two students! These students demonstrate the 3Rs (Responsibility, Respect, and Resourcefulness) in Art class and do an exceptional job on their artwork! For February, these students were chosen by Mrs. Frederick: Sophia Conti and Luna Shear



The Golden Spoon Award

This school-wide competition is 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. Jaruszewski's class for winning the Golden Spoon! They had lunch with Mrs. Rodriguez, and displayed the golden spoon in their classroom during February.

Souper Bowl

Over 100 soup cans were collected to support families in need through a local soup kitchen! Students who donated cans were able to choose a math square as they made a 'souper bowl' prediction about the score. Congratulations to our winners; Kylie Pearce, Joshua Adamson and Joey Luchese. Thank you to students from the following classes for your generous donations: Mrs. Boss, Mrs. DeFranco, Mrs. Topolski, Mr. Siuta/Mrs. Baio, Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Sandonato-Siuta/Mrs. Block.



Cookie Mining

Students in Mrs. Sandonato-Siuta's and Mrs. Block's 5th grade class recently studied economics. They finished the unit by 'cookie mining'. Each student buys property (cookies), purchases mining equipment (paper clips and toothpicks), and pays for mining operation costs. In return, students receive money for the 'ore' (chocolate chips) mined. Through this activity, students reinforced their knowledge of profit, supply, demand, production, trade and also land reclamation.



Enrichment classes

Students in Miss Yager's enrichment classes worked on "passion projects" - things that interested them enough to research and prepare a project. The students presented their projects to parents in the IEC cafeteria, and some students gave a presentation to the Board of Education.



Character Wall for writing projects

Thank you Mrs. Swearingen and Mr. Welder!

Amelia and Aubrey from MultiAge are showing love and appreciation to our custodian, Mrs. Swearingen and general repairman, Mr. Welder. They presented them with chocolate and paper hearts, along with kind words about all the wonderful things they do for our school.



Chinese New Year celebration



School Breakfast & Lunch

Attendance



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March, 2020

PILLAR 1 – TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Every spring, the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests are administered to students across New York State. Over the past two years, the NY State Education Department has made several changes to the annual Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests in response to concerns from parents and educators.

The New York State English Language Arts and Math Testing schedule for the Primary Education Center, Intermediate Education Center and the Middle School will be as follows:

ELA – Grades 3 through 8

- March 25, 26 (Two days of ELA testing)
- Make up testing for the ELA will begin on March 30 through April 1

Math – Grades 3 through 8

- April 22, 23 (Two days of Math testing)
- Make up for the Math will begin on April 24 through the 28
- As you know, we place great value in ALL ongoing assessments of students' reading and written responses, as well as on students' contributions to classroom discussions and project based work in all subject areas. We want each student to have the opportunity to do his/her best and we recognize that teachers in each class have prepared their students to perform at a high level on both the standardized ELA and Math tests. Families play such an important role in this process. Here are some reminders of the kinds of things that you can do to help children feel comfortable on testing days.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a breakfast that will carry him or her through the school day.
- Please make sure that students arrive on time in their classroom and are ready to work on test days. We will begin testing immediately at the start of the school day in each school.
- Please make sure your child arrives at school on time and is ready to do their best.
- BE POSITIVE! Positive words are always helpful in any situation and students work hard and deserve our praise.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to 100% participation.

- SAVE THE DATE! On **Friday, March 20** there will be No Students in attendance due to a Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Please contact the guidance office or individual teachers to schedule a conference. If you are not able to make it, but would like to schedule a

conference at a different time, please contact the Guidance office at bvandeusen@lew-port.com or (716) 286-7208.

- The 25 week marking period came to a close on February 28 and the 30 week mark (3rd Quarter) will close on April 3, this is a reminder that grades and attendance can be accessed through the Powerschool Parent Portal at any time. 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. Report cards are electronic and are NOT printed (unless requested from guidance) or sent via mail. 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 (25 week mark) and we will adjust groups based upon the 30 week mark (3rd Quarter) when it closes. ASAP is also open to ALL students who need extra help 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

- 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 did 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
 - Our music department continues to provide students with opportunities to show off their outstanding talents to family and friends with some upcoming events:
 - Orchestra Kaleidoscope Concert Grades 5-12 7pm @ HS Auditorium - **March 5.**
 - Chorus Kaleidoscope Concert Grades 5-12 7pm @ HS Auditorium - **March 12.**
 - Band Kaleidoscope Concert Grades 5-12 7pm @ HS Auditorium - **March 19.**
 - LPMS Student Council will be sponsoring an off Campus event at the Lewiston Event Center at a date to be determined in April. Unfortunately, the event originally scheduled for this month had to be postponed. We hope to have the dates set up soon. All students attending LPMS are welcome to attend with parent permission! Tickets will be on sale during lunch periods once a date is set. Tickets are \$15 and includes 2 hrs of bowling, pizza, shoe rental, one drink, and electronic games at the Center.
 - Our Middle School play "Mary Poppins" will be on **Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 @ 7pm** in the High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available as we get closer

- to the show. Please contact Mr. Marinaccio if you have any questions.
- Students in 8th grade have been participating in the practices of Story based learning. This Innovative learning process is being incorporated in many of our 8th grade classrooms and includes students engaging in the skill of working in collaborative teams who explore a given topic through an active creative process which is continuously opened and edited, expanded and defined on its journey from idea to the public sharing of story. Throughout this innovative process students are able to demonstrate and articulate the vocabulary necessary to define ideas based on the needs of a story and its intended audience (Conflict Resolution). They are able to demonstrate a foundational ability to collaboratively use story-based learning in the classroom community. Our entire 8th grade took a field trip to Buffalo State college to experience a performance put on by students from the college called "*Trash*". Following the play, our students had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on workshop rooted in Story-Based Learning presented through the Anne Frank Project.
 - **Teacher leadership**
 - Thank you to all of our middle school students who assisted Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Aureli at the District Wide Family Literacy Night on Friday, March 6 @ the IEC. Students helped visitors "break the code" using i Pads and the Breakout EDU activity to help Ivan break out! We are excited to continue our part in 6th grade as a continued partnership of the ***One District, One Book*** initiative.

PILLAR 3 – COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

- The very successful Girls on the Run program is starting the week of March 23 and will run through June 7th, culminating with a 5K run at the UB North campus. Lottery registration will be held the week of February 25 and will end March 3 at 9am. After the lottery, if a team is not full, the registration will re-open and participants will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and registration details, check www.gotrbuffalo.org or call (716) 873-2221. Practices will be run by our Lew-Port coaches Kim Wailand, Amy Golden, and Laura Kimoto-DiBacco.
- Shout out to 8th grader Caden Barrientos who is the 2020 Class B Sectional Champion at the 99lb weight class in Varsity Wrestling! Great Job Caden!
- Congratulations to 7th grader Simon Zawistowski for winning the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay contest at the District level. Simon's essay based upon the theme of "*What Makes America Great*", was chosen as the winning essay in all of NYS out of about 120,000 applicants. His essay will now be eligible for the VFW National Contest. Great Job Simon!
- 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)

March 11 - Washington Trip Kick off meeting

March 11 - 8th Grade Field Trip

March 12 - Chorus Kaleidoscope Concert 7pm @ HS Aud.

March 19 - Band Kaleidoscope Concert 7pm @ HS Aud.

March 20 - Parent Teacher Conference Day - No Students

March 25-26 - NYS ELA Testing

April 3- 30 Week Grades close

April 6-17 - Spring Recess

April 20 - Return to School

April 22-23 - NYS Math Test



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