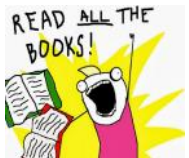




Lewiston-Porter Intermediate Education Center September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 	4	5	6	7 
8 Grandparent Day	9 Teddy Bear Day	10	11 IEC Parent Night 6:30—8:00 pm Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16 National Play Doh Day American Legion Day	17 BOE Meeting 6:00 CRC	18	19	20	21 World Gratitude Day
22	23 First Day of Autumn	24	25 PTSA Meeting 5:30 CRC	26	27	28 National Good Neighbor Day
29 Rosh Hashana	30					

**Lewiston-Porter
Intermediate Education Center
Tina Rodriguez, Principal
Phone: 286-7252 Fax: 286-7854**





From the Principal's Office

Mrs. Rodriguez

Dear Lewiston-Porter Intermediate Education Center Families,

Welcome back for another year at the Intermediate Education Center! It's great to be back celebrating another school year with you. I am thrilled to be back for my 20th year at Lewiston Porter. This year our school theme is ***All Aboard the LEADERship***. We are going to be anchored in our learning, and challenge ourselves to grow academically, behaviorally, and socially, as we set sail into a new year.

As we begin the 2019-20 school year, it is our mission to engage and empower every student, and to have them feel a part of the Lewiston-Porter family. It will be an exciting and rewarding year for you. With another school year starting, it allows us to work hand in hand with all families to ensure the very best for all children. I am committed to the vision of a collaborative partnership between home, school, and community, that establishes a positive and safe culture, enhanced by teaching, learning and caring. We are a student-centered environment, which fosters self-esteem, self-discipline, independence, problem solving and developing healthy and safe relationships. Please join our school Twitter account @LewPortIEC for updates on our school. Our monthly newsletters and celebrations will also be on there, along with other fun school events.

Once again, I am honored to serve the Lewiston-Porter family. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other, and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. It takes a whole village to raise a child.

I am looking forward to this year. You will find that my door is always open, and I am always here to support you in any possible way. I embark on a new school year with joy, passion and enthusiasm, and I thank each of you for your support at our school. If you have any questions, please contact me at 716-286-7252.

Educationally yours,

Tina Rodriguez
Principal, IEC

September Character Trait
All Aboard the Leader'ship'

What does it mean to be a good leader?

From the Nurse's Office

Submitted by Gloria Klettke, RN

Welcome back to the new school year!

Here are some reminders regarding Health Services in the IEC

Medication in school

Please do not send any medication to school with your child.

Medication must be dropped off by an adult. A current physician's order is required each new school year along with a parent's signature.

"Medication in school" forms are available by calling the health office or on line at www.lew-port.com under Health Services.

The medication must be labeled with your child's name, and be in the original container from the pharmacy. Please ask the pharmacist for a second labeled, empty bottle to be used for field trips. This is a new New York State law for sending prescription medications along on field trips.

Mandated Physical Exams for 3rd and 5th Grade and New Students to Lewiston Porter.

The grades in which physical exams are required has changed for the 2019-2020 year

Student physicals are mandated by New York State for all children in 3rd and 5th grades and all new students to the Lewiston Porter School District. The physical must be dated after September 3, 2018. New York State allows physicals to be considered current up to one year before the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Physical forms are available online at www.lew-port.com. Your child's primary care provider can fax the physical to the IEC at 286-7854.

It is best practice for your child to see their own physician. Please let me know when I can expect the physical to be completed if it has not yet been handed in. Thank you to all parents who have already sent in the required paper work.

Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis Screening

Vision and hearing screening will be conducted in the Health Office for all new children to the Lew-Port district and for children in grades 3 and 5. Fifth grade girls will also be screened for scoliosis. Scoliosis screening has changed to screen only girls in 5th and 7th grade and boys in 9th grade per NYS law. If there is any concern about the results, parents will be contacted in writing to follow up with their child's health care provider for further testing.

Please call me or e-mail me with any questions or health concerns.

286-7284 or gklettke@lew-port.com

**The IEC Health Office is accepting clothing donations
of the following items in all sizes:
T-shirts, elastic waist pants & shorts, and girl's leggings**

Health & Wellness

Submitted by Dana Thompson

Mr. DiCamillo and Mr. Frederick's 5th grade classes and Mrs. Plewa and Mrs. Stafford's 4th grade classes are participating in the Health & Wellness program in September 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. Boss and Mr. Lombardo's 3rd grade classes are participating in the Health & Wellness program this month. Topics that 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. All classes will continue until November-December.





Chalk Walk



Mrs. Rodriguez met with each grade level for 'welcome to the new school year' assemblies





Lewiston-Porter Central School District

Aiming Higher

August 2019

Dear IEC Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Please see the information below, which describes our arrival and dismissal procedures. (Please note that our arrival procedures will be different from the PEC, where families will still be required to sign in their children when dropping them off.)

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures at the IEC:

Student Arrival and Drop off

The drop off entrance will be open from 8:45 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

The doors will be locked before 8:45 a.m. and after 8:55 a.m. Do not leave your child if you do not see a staff member outside and the doors are closed.

- Please enter the parking lot using the IEC northern entrance.
- Please stay in one line and drive up to the sidewalk to drop off your child at the drop off entrance (to the north of the main entrance).
- If the driver must get out of the car, please park in a parking space in the lot, away from the Fire Lane, and use the main entrance.
- Please look carefully for children and parents crossing in front of you as you drive.
- Never form a double line to drop off children.
- Never drop your child off anywhere but at the sidewalk.
- Parent vehicles are not permitted in the bus loop.

Tardiness

Students arriving after 8:55 a.m. must be accompanied by a parent to the main office.

Please use the main entrance to sign in your child.

Student dismissal

- Parents/guardians who wish to pick up their child from school at the end of the day **MUST** put the request through **Pickup Patrol**. If someone other than you will be picking up the child, please indicate the name of that person.
- Please report to the main entrance.
- Doors will open at 3:30 p.m.
- **Photo ID is required to be shown before the student is released to you or the person picking up the student.**

Thank you for your continued collaboration and partnership! We look forward to seeing you and your children in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tina Rodriguez
Principal

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PickUp Patrol is designed to be a convenient and safe way to advise us of your child's dismissal needs. You can make temporary changes to your child's dismissal plan until 11:00 a.m. the day of the change. No notes, no confusion, no worries!

**We are pleased to announce a new feature in Pickup Patrol -
You can now report your child's absence in the Pickup Patrol app!**

To Report an Absence

Instead of calling the school office, use the Pickup Patrol App! In Dismissal Options, choose ABSENCE and enter the reason for your child's absence. This will be accepted as your official "written" absence note.

Default Plan

Busing to and from your home address each day will be considered your child's "Default Plan". If needed for child care purposes, your child's Default Plan can be permanently changed by our office staff.

Please call the office at 286-7253 with any questions regarding PickUp Patrol or dismissal procedures.

BUS SAFETY DRILLS HELD DURING GYM CLASS



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 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

Board Notes

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

What's Happening

- We are moving into week 3 and we are making small adjustments to students' schedules to balance classes a bit more and to address minor unforeseen conflicts. Alan has done a fantastic job of working to make this schedule work and by class sizes and balance of student schedules. Super proud of how it turned out as we made some significant adjustments. Our foreign language department is now fully staffed with the addition of our new Chinese teacher and our full time Spanish teacher! Great additions!
- As a reminder of some changes we made to the schedule from last year:
 - LOTE(Language Other Than English) classes in 7th grade every other day. This means every 7th grade student will get Spanish/French. 8th Grade students will have language every day; Spanish, French or Chinese. By adding Stephanie Bond as a 1.0 teacher, we are also able to add a section of Spanish/Chinese instruction to students in 6th grade. This really does make a great positive impact in our schedule!
 - General Music will now be offered in all grades 6,7,8 and Mark Marinaccio has some time for vocal lessons in his schedule.
 - We have added Health to include all grades, 6,7,8. Mr. Moreale will be adjusting his curriculum as to what is taught at each grade. He will continue to infuse components of mental health into each of the curriculums. I met with Kate Stack and our new counselor, Carley Wright, to make a plan for how they can utilize their skill set and work with Anthony to implement the mental health skills into the curriculum, both in health as well as through the counseling office. They have been pushing into classes this week to talk more about positive choices and such.
- We have an unexpected personnel changes that occurred prior to the start for the upcoming year:
 - Jennifer Lombardi has taken a leave of and we will be posting for a Long Term replacement to cover through January. Miranda Mona is currently filling in.
 - Linda Harvey has also taken a leave. We will be posting and interviewing for a replacement and we have Laura Kumoto-DiBacco who will be filling in.
- Our Open House/Meet the teacher nights were well attended and went smoothly. We had guest speakers from Northpointe Council here to speak with parents about vaping and drug abuse. Very informative.
 - The plan will be to have them back to talk with students in health classes

Future Events

- **September 17 - Faculty Meeting**
- **September 19 - Peer Coordinator Meeting - 3:15**
- **September 24 - Building Leadership Team**

Please let me know if you have any questions, thoughts, concerns. Andy

“Virtually nothing is impossible in this world if you just put your mind to it and maintain a positive attitude”.

Lou Holtz