

Brad Rowles - Board Report - Written Report- May 19, 2020

Activities that have or will be occurring at the High School:

- The 3rd marking period closed on Thursday, April 30th.
- The 4th marking period began on Friday, May 1st.
- The 4th marking period is new learning materials which will be graded.
- Our 3rd marking period report cards were posted to Parent Portal on Friday, May 8th.
- Working to assist with the community sponsored "Adopt a Senior" initiative.
- Had initial discussions with the Lewiston Police Department -who sponsors our traditional Senior Parade and Picnic.
 - Tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 12th.
- Continue leading my weekly Peer Coordinator meetings every Thursday.
- Currently finalizing an end of the year pick-up/drop off plan.
 - This initiative will be tentatively scheduled for June 10th and June 11th from 12:30 PM to 6PM.
 - Campus wide.
- Advanced Placement Exams began on 5/11/2020 and go through 5/22/2020.
 - Make up dates will be June 1st to June 5th.
- Pushing out Blackboard messages to the community regarding information important to High School families and staff.
- Working with Mr. Hill and our tech liaisons to assist our students and families with tech related needs.
- Working with Lamar Advertising to have a Class of 2020 billboard posted within our district.
 - Contract was signed on Friday, May 8th.
 - Route 104 in the Town of Lewiston (Just past Town Hall heading towards the Village of Lewiston).
- We just had Mark Mulville, photojournalist from the Buffalo News, complete a photo session with 5 Lew-Port Seniors. These 5 Seniors will represent our district with this WNY Senior recognition photo project being conducted by The Buffalo News. The print date for this project has not been released as of 5/13/2020.

A few items to report to the Board of Education and Superintendent

Principal's Activities:

- Working with building and district level administration to design and implement a preparedness plan for the extended health related school break.
- Continuing to communicate with students, parents, and staff on a regular and ongoing basis.
- Lead weekly Peer Coordinator Meetings.
- Working with Mr. Auer, to communicate a clear and consistent message for our District's secondary educational programs.
- Meeting weekly with the Superintendent and district administration through Zoom/Google Meet.
- Volunteered and delivered meals for our district's 3x weekly meal program.
- Send weekly correspondence to high school staff members.
- Continue to work with Senior Class advisors:

- Prom options.
- Reimbursement for families from the canceled Senior trip.
- Cap and Gown distribution.
- Senior Day programs
- Graduation/Commencement

Principal's Message:

As we closed out the 3rd marking period, I want to thank the hard working and dedicated staff from our high school. I have received numerous emails from families thanking our staff for: touching base on a regular basis, dropping off class materials to students' homes, just checking in to say hi, working 1:1 with their child at all hours of the day, and just being there for their kids. I think we all recognize the difficulties that this health-related-break has imposed on all of us. It goes without saying that teaching is our business and profession, but these last 9/10 weeks have highlighted just how important the social emotional part of our job truly is. Our staff has stepped up big time with this responsibility and I couldn't be prouder.

Being new to the Lew-Port Family, it has been an awesome experience to see so many community members supporting our students and families. I want to thank each member of the Lew-Port Family for their unwavering commitment to always "Aiming Higher".

Here's hoping for a great, but unique, close to our 2019-2020 school year!!

Brad

Auer Time @ LPMS

May, 2020

Pillar 1 - Teaching and Learning

- ALL teachers began providing new assignments and materials on **May 1, 2020**.
- Teachers will prepare and assign student work for ALL classes and students will continue to access assignments and materials through current Google Classroom codes. Teachers will continue to communicate with students via student email or other means, as appropriate.
- Each grade level has developed a project to start this new learning portion. We are calling it the “Time Capsule Project”. We feel that it is really important to have students capture this moment that we are going through to become “primary sources” of information about their experiences during this time. Each subject/grade level is assigning students with criteria for digitally capturing these experiences so that we can share them with future generations. Here is the 8th grade team introducing the project to the students. [8th Grade Time Capsule](#)
- It is exciting to me to see our entire school come together in support of this project because it encompasses ALL subject areas and ALL grade levels. Teachers have really embraced this concept and are incorporating some really unique initiatives into it based upon topics from their subjects. Very different from my days of creating a “shoe box” time capsule and burying it in the backyard!
- Collected assignments from ALL classes will be required for credit and recorded in PowerSchool as a P/Pass or INC/Incomplete and we will be assisting as necessary.
- If assistance in setting up this account is needed or if there are any questions regarding access, please have parents contact the Guidance office at bvandeusen@lew-port.com or aaauer@lew-port.com or aingraham@lew-port.com.
- Teachers continue to use many digital formats like Zoom and Google Meet/Hangout to work with kids face to face and keep those social/emotional connections with kids that we know are so important during this distance learning time.
- We have had a lot of discussion regarding face to face meetings via video chat. The expectation that has been clarified to our teachers is to make connections with students and to make sure that they are doing ok and see if they need help with any work or if we can help them in some way with technology. That could and will look different based upon each student and a phone call to connect with students is appropriate as well. Our teachers continue to respond to the individual needs of our kids to the best of their ability.
- Teachers are aware that as we move into Quarter 4, one lesson per week is certainly acceptable. The plan might look different at each grade level and for each subject but an example in 6th grade might look like this:
 - Math*
 - Monday-watch the video*
 - Tuesday/Wednesday- work through examples using the video if necessary*
 - touch base with the teacher with questions*
 - Thursday/Friday- short assignment to assess learning (2-4 questions)*
- If individual teachers want to do more or have more regular video chat meetings, that is fine too. I think it looks different for each student based upon factors that may be happening in the home. We do not want to overwhelm parents but we also want to make sure that we can keep the educational gaps to a minimum as much as possible.
- The big reminder to teachers is to make sure kids are okay and to collect what we can from assignments completed so we can give credit. We do not want to penalize a student for not doing it or turning it in, realizing that there are many different reasons for that being the case in each household.
- I sent a robocall out to parents to reiterate our move into Quarter 4 new learning. Here is the email that I sent and I also sent a voice call. [Quarter 4 robocall](#)

- If parents are having any type of difficulty, please remind them to contact the middle school guidance office at bvandeusen@lew-port.com or aaauer@lew-port.com or aingraham@lew-port.com. All staff are available by email using first initial and last name @lew-port.com.

Pillar 2 - Leadership

★ Teacher leadership

- I have been meeting weekly with our counseling staff Carly Wright, Kate Stack and Danielle Kudella to make sure that we are continuing to support the social/emotional needs of our students and families. They continue to be in touch with our teachers to make sure to support their efforts and reach out to families when necessary.
- Peer Coordinators and our Technology Liaisons continue to take the information from our Zoom/Google Hangout meetings and disperse to the departments/grade levels extremely efficiently! Teachers have expressed their appreciation for being informed and for knowing processes and procedures. This is in no small part due to their leadership and coordination. Thank you to:
 - Mike Bollinger - Social Studies/Grade 8
 - Karen Pax - Math/Grade 6
 - Kevin Kirsch - Science/Grade 6
 - Tom Penale - ELA/Grade 7
 - Tina Oddy - Special Education/Grade 8
 - Dana Thompson - Business/Exploratories
 - Mark Cousins - Global Language
 - Paula Singleton - Physical Education
 - MaryEllen Aureli - Co-Chair Library/Media and Technology Liaison
 - Kathy Loncar - Technology Liaison

Pillar 3 - Community and Culture

- Liz Buck and Nina Calarco have taken the lead on planning for some sort of virtual 8th grade Moving Up celebration. More details to follow, but we anticipate some sort of virtual ceremony that we will make available to families to watch at their leisure. Thank you to our PTSA for offering financial assistance. We anticipate providing 8th graders with some sort of token for MUD recognition.
- We even recorded a recruiting video that was sent out to all 7th grade students encouraging them to apply to be a WEB leader. Check out our [WEB Recruitment Video](#). New leaders have been contacted and our WEB teacher leaders will be planning a virtual get together to make plans for the 6th grade student orientation in August.
- We will also be putting some sort of “video tour/Middle School introduction” for 5th grade students as an introduction to 6th grade sometime before the end of the academic year.
- Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate through this new experience of distance learning. Please encourage parents to reach out to me or to any individual teacher as necessary, so that our work together can benefit students at individual levels and keep our students on a positive track.

Stay safe! Stay happy! Stay strong!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @LewPortMS and if you see something great in our community, share it with us using #lewport! There is some really good stuff there that I have retweeted from our teachers and staff!

To: Lewiston-Porter Board of Education
From: Tina Rodriguez
Date: May 19, 2020
Re: IEC Board Meeting Report

Good Afternoon! I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. I will highlight some of the wonderful events that are happening at the IEC through distance learning.

I am so proud of the work our school district is doing in keeping our students and families connected during this time. Stay strong, stay well and stay healthy! I miss you!

Since new, required learning started on May 1st, our numbers on Seesaw have been up. Teachers are reported that they have more students interacting and engaged than before.

Seesaw report for week of May 3-May 9: (compared with last months numbers)

May 3-May 9 at Lewiston Porter Intermediate Education Center

3,287	3,039	2,587	1,458
Posts Added in Last 7 Days	Comments in Last 7 Days	Likes of Student Work in Last 7 Days	Visits by Family Members in the Last 7 Days

Last Months numbers-

April 9 - April 15 at Lewiston Porter Intermediate Education Center

1,969	1,804	1,670	1,860
Posts Added in Last 7 Days	Comments in Last 7 Days	Likes of Student Work in Last 7 Days	Visits by Family Members in the Last 7 Days

Teachers are now providing new learning to students through weekly instructional plans and most teachers are doing weekly Zoom meetings with their students. The teachers and school Social Worker are also providing social and emotional support to all their students. There are weekly memos that are on Seesaw and teachers are available to their students through Seesaw, Zoom, Google Meet and email.

The student Lighthouse Team has been working with Mrs. Rodriguez to send a special message to all the students. They have also planned for a week long Kindness Challenge. Pictures posted below.



Students send special messages to our essential workers and positive vibes to each other. Students use nature to create a face.



Mrs. Peterson created Bitmoji challenges for the students to guess their teachers. Can you guess which teacher is which?



Monday Announcements-(Highlighting student work and Special Areas)

Monday, May 4- Celebrating May 4th and Teacher Appreciation Week

<https://youtu.be/qblzu6OWZmQ>

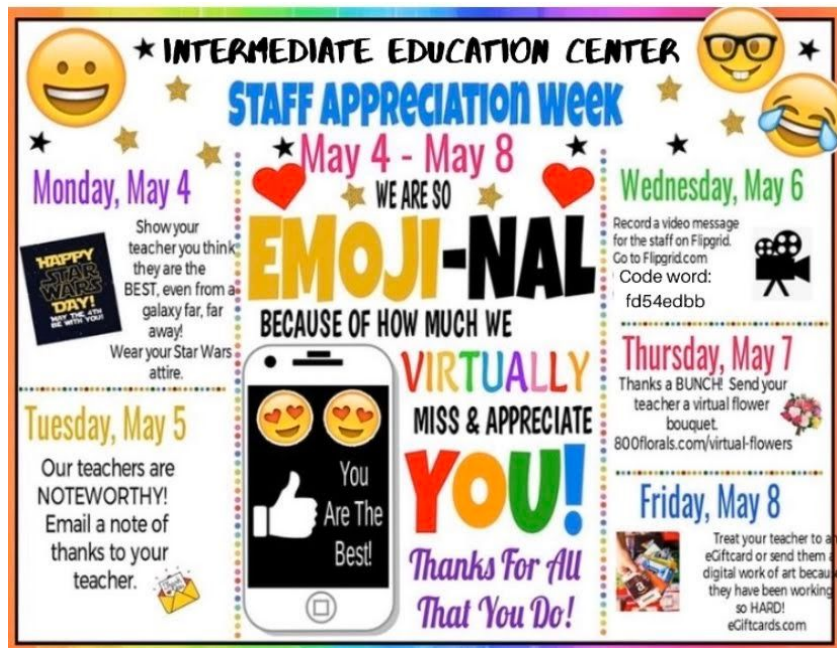
May 4th Video-May the 4th be with you:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QwSaNYUOF8&feature=youtu.be>

Announcements include:

- Special May 4th-Message from Tina
- Celebration of Teachers- Teacher Appreciation Week
- New Learning Video for Students-Tina to the tune of Ice, Ice Baby=Work, Work Daily!
- Birthdays
- Quote of the Week from Lighthouse Leaders

Staff Appreciation Week-



Monday, May 11-Happy Mothers Day!

https://youtu.be/DG-zk_k-8Ks

Announcements include:

- Message from Tina
- Chalk Art
- PE Challenge
- Birthdays
- Band Students Playing May the Fourth Be With You
- Joke of the Week

Announcements from last month:

Monday, April 6: <https://youtu.be/AzOvzh4xGFc>

Monday, April 13th: <https://youtu.be/HVSo-GHMCmE>

Monday, April 30: <https://youtu.be/xsq8U2qJ6uM>

TO: Lewiston Porter Board of Education
FROM: Tamara Larson
DATE: May 13, 2020
RE: PEC Board Meeting Report

SeeSaw Stats

The PEC continues to support our families during this pandemic with academic reinforcement, social-emotional resources and on-going technology support. Since new learning began on May 1st, we have seen the highest level of parent engagement since our physical doors closed. Last week, these were our Seesaw Stats. *Take notice of our distance learning growth.

May 7 - May 13 at Lewiston Porter Primary Education Center

4,522

Posts Added in
Last 7 Days

3,696

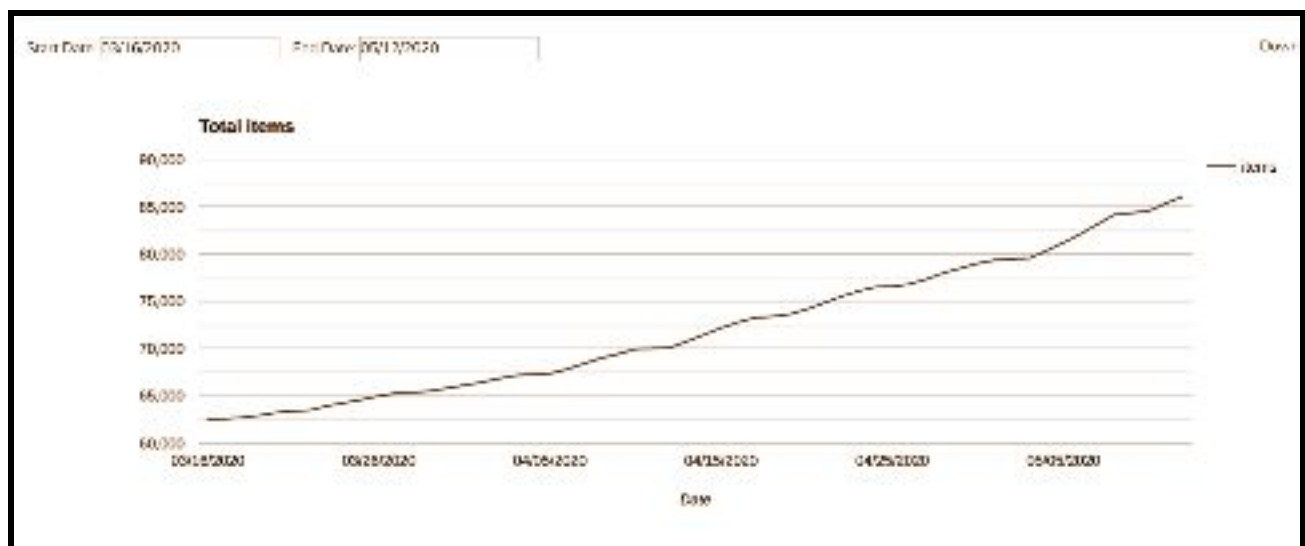
Comments in Last
7 Days

4,674

Likes of Student
Work in Last 7
Days

1,517

Visits by Family
Members in the
Last 7 Days



Announcement Links

Enjoy our Monday morning live-streamed broadcasts from this past month of virtual education. I have been meeting with our Student Lighthouse Leaders who have added an inspirational quote to begin each new home learning week. This has been a source of inspiration for all PEC stakeholders. Currently we are challenging our students to log in their reading minutes that we are announcing each week to support our school's reading goals. To date, we have read a total of **35, 896** since the challenge began 1 month ago. Wow!

[4/20/20 PEC Morning Announcements](#)

[4/27/20 PEC Morning Announcements](#)

[5/4/20 PEC Morning Announcements](#)

[5/11/20 PEC Morning Announcements](#)

Leader in Me

Today, May 13th, our Leader in Me Covey Coach provided a coaching session to my building leadership team. We are transforming our team into a Lighthouse Team for our school that will organize our school goals in alignment with the Covey Framework. We identified 2 Big Rocks (focus areas) for next year:

1. Rock 1- Leadership Lane is to explicitly teach the habits through both a direct and integrated approach
2. Rock 2- Culture Lane is to strengthen our approach to SEL post COVID-19

*Leader in Me Institute has developed a resource library that we will be aligning to our goals, timeline and expected results.

Kindergarten Update

We are planning for a June and Summer Virtual Parent Orientation. To date, we have 111 kindergartners registered which is more than we began last year with. I predict we will have a larger cohort this year, likely in the 120s.

2nd & 3rd Transition & Closure

We are planning a live-streamed butterfly release for our second and third graders. We are also going to create an iMovie of photos to share of our year and COVID time capsule on our last live streamed announcements.

Stay healthy, safe and LP Strong! Thank you for your continued support.

Tamara