

Brad Rowles - Board Report - Written Report - August 23, 2021

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

- Classrooms are currently being arranged to meet our current social distance guidelines.
- Our building's custodial staff continues to perform summer cleaning throughout the building, as we prepare for the start of the 2021-2022 school year in September.
- On Wednesday, August 11th, our Lancer Leader Advisors ran the first training of our Lancer Leader Crew Student Ambassador Program. We had almost 50 students in attendance for this ½ day training. These student ambassadors will be an important part of our new Freshman Orientation Program scheduled for Wednesday, September 1st. We are very excited about the positive effect that these student ambassadors will bring to the Lew-Port Family.
- Senior Photo shoots have been scheduled and completed at the High School during the course of the past few weeks.
- Fall sports will officially begin on Monday, August 23rd.
- New Hire Orientation will take place across the district on Monday, August 23rd.

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

Principal's Activities:

- I continue to finalize the master schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Have conducted interviews for numerous positions at the High School.
- I met with Virginia McAuliffe and Allison Violante from the PTSA on Monday, August 9th.
- I met with our Peer Coordinators on Tuesday, August 17th and Wednesday, August 18th to help plan and prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. Our early release days will begin on Tuesday, September 14th. These two days were extremely rewarding and exciting as we worked together as a team to develop our building's early release day initiatives for the 2021-2022 school year.
- On Monday, August 23rd, I participated in our New Hire Orientation Day program.
- I have numerous meetings scheduled on Tuesday, August 24th to work with our Director of the Lancer Learning Center, as we prepare for the roll out of this new program.
- Continue to prepare our family mailings that will be mailed home on or about Wednesday, August 25th.

Principal's Message:

Now that we are a few short weeks away from the start of the 2021-2022 school year, I am excited about the new initiatives and programs that we will present to our students and the Lew-Port Family. Each of these initiatives and programs align with the three strategic goals of the district, Redefining Student Success, Innovative Learning Environments, and Culture & Climate. Many of these programs and initiatives I have written or spoken about previously.

In regards to the above mentioned Lancer Leader Crew program, it was amazing to have almost 50 students arrive at the high school on Wednesday, August 11th for our first training session. It was exciting to witness the students' commitment to this new program. Everyone involved with the Lancer Leader Crew Program is hopeful that our student ambassadors will diminish the difficult transition from 8th to 9th grade for our incoming Freshmen. These ambassadors will be exceptional role models for our building, consistently demonstrating what it means to be a member of the Lew-Port Family, and will create long-lasting connections and relationships with the Class of 2025.

I want to take a moment and thank each of you for your commitment and dedication to the Lew-Port Family. We all know that these are difficult times with many difficult and trying decisions still needing to be made. I feel confident in the dedication of our district's leadership beginning with the Board of Education and Mr. Casseri, to meet the needs of the entire Lew-Port Family and provide a safe learning environment for the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you,
Brad Rowles
Go Lancers!!!

Board Notes

Monday, August 23, 2021

Past/ Future Events

- The Middle School Summer Camp and Apex Summer Camp has ended and a big shout out to Mr. Penale and Mrs. Golden who did a great job of working with our students to help mitigate some of the gaps using some really cool and innovative ideas to assist our students.
 - The focus of the Summer camp was to help mitigate learning gaps that may have formed or widened as a result of the pandemic. The focus was primarily ELA and Math. Here is a sample of some of the work [Math Camp 2021](#) along with some of the student reflections [Math Camp Reflection](#).
 - Mrs. Stack and Ms. Wright, our counselors, have been working with Mr. Ingraham to finalize student placements. We will be mailing our TENTATIVE schedules the **week of August 30** so that students have that basic information prior to the first day of school.
 - Our new group of WEB 8th grade leaders will be coming in for training on **August 25 from 8am - 2pm**. They will be leading our incoming 6th grade students through an orientation process on **Thursday, August 26**. Incoming 6th graders will be meeting with their WEB leaders and will get a tour of the building as well as participate in some meet and greet/ice breaker activities.
 - We made some minor changes to the Master schedule in regards to the number of sections at each grade level and it is coming along nicely. Alan has been working diligently at balancing class lists and placing students.
 - Global Language will continue to be offered every day in 7th and 8th grades. Students are scheduled based upon the choice of language that they made via a google form in April/May.
 - We have filled our personnel changes for the upcoming year:
 - Jennifer Kensinger has transferred from the IEC to fill the 6th grade ELA position.
 - We have finalized our faculty for the year and have completed our interview process for the following:
 - 1 Teacher Aide - **Theresa Donaldson**
 - 1 Lunchroom Monitor - **Alan Reid**
 - Main office Secretary - **Mackenzie Oddo**
 - Guidance office Secretary - **Ellen Karp**
- *August 25 - WEB Leader training*
- *August 26 - 6th grade student Orientation*
- *August 31 - First Day for Teachers*
- *September 7 - First Day of School*

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

“What lies behind you and what lies in front of you pales in comparison to what lies inside of you”.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Lewiston-Porter Central School District

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August 2021

Dear Members of the Board of Education–

The middle of August is here and in two weeks the teachers will return for another fun-filled school year.

The items listed below are important to note:

1. Teacher Schedules

- Teacher tentative schedules were given out on June 25th. Revised schedules went out last week.
- I will continue to tweak the schedule in order to optimize teacher/student contact time while embracing developmentally appropriate concepts and continue the development of our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

2. Summer Packets and Student Placement

- August 23rd, IEC will mail families their new school year packet. The items in the packet will include:
 - Welcome back letter from Mrs. Rodriguez including classroom teacher placement
 - Opening day information
 - Busing/Drop-off/Pick-up information

3. Cleaning up-date

- The second floor classrooms are completed and the hallways will be done next week.
- The first floor classrooms are complete and the hallways are being waxed next week.
- The cleaners have really been working hard to get the school looking beautiful for the first day.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- August 23rd – student placement mailed home
- August 31st and September 1 teachers return for Opening Day
- September 1st – new student orientation
- September 3rd – First Day of School
- September 16th – IEC Open House-(more information to come)

Thank you for your support at the Intermediate Education Center . I hope you continue to have a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to the start of the 2021-2022 school year!

Educationally Yours,
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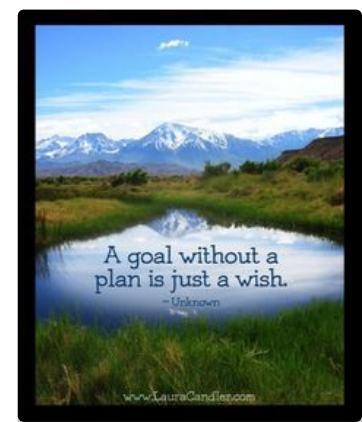
PEC Staff Summer Updates

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Habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind

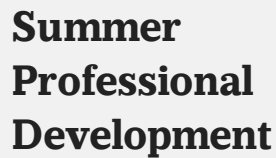
As I shop, there are signs of fall everywhere. I never understood why the Halloween candy needed to be out in the summer? Nevertheless, our cleaning and clerical crew have accomplished many summer priorities to poise the PEC for a successful re-opening. Dan and Mike continue to amaze us with their super powers to lead our dynamic cleaning crew through the sanitizing process. All lockers, cafeteria, auditorium have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Almost all classrooms are ready, Next stop is the camp classrooms. Beth is on top of all new student registrations. To date, we have registered 119 kindergartners. She has also placed all class supply orders that were ready. Beth and Carrie are multi-tasking on a variety of jobs like Class Solver, scheduling, transportation and prepping for our Kindergarten Meet and Greet appointments. Kindergarten placement packets are scheduled to go out on August 13th. All other elementary placements will be mailed on August 23rd. You will receive your class lists before the placement mailing hits the road.

As we begin a new school year, I am reminded that sometimes in life, the view is most beautiful after the hardest climb. I look forward to creating our new view this year. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!





Thank you to all the teachers who gave input into our master schedule development, especially the Peer Coordinators who met with me on an individual basis to support a strong framework for teaching and learning to flourish in their grade level. Please be sure to



1. August 23rd (all day)-
New Teacher
Orientation
2. August 25th (all day)-
IRLA for new users and



We are planning a new student orientation in person at 11:15 am on September 1st in our PEC Aud. All kindergarten students who registered after the June Orientation and students transferring in were invited. This will conclude with an icee social on the playground. Please feel free to join us as we take our new families on a tour of the PEC!

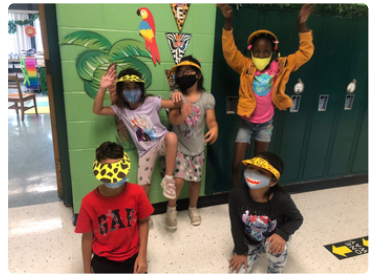
review the schedule key for important updates.

**Please keep in mind that the schedule remains a working draft and some adjustments may be needed per local and state re-opening guidelines that are established.*

refresher. School PACE navigation will be supported.

3. August 26th (AM)-
AMPLIFY SCIENCE first year implementation





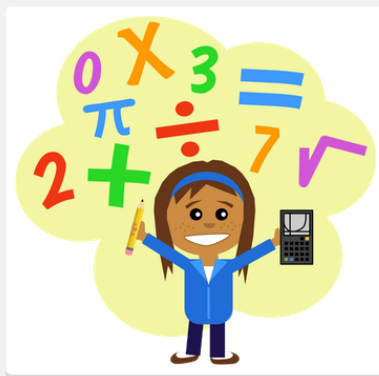
Safari Summer Learning Expedition

168 students registered for our elementary summer camp program. K-5 Primary students were rotated through reading, writing and math lessons in a departmentalizing model offering students opportunities for movement and specialization in each core discipline. Every primary student left camp with a portfolio of their work. Our intermediate level students worked on interdisciplinary projects together. The teachers have weaved in the rainforest and animal research projects into ELA and part of the math instruction. The teachers utilized a book series that they incorporated as a read aloud for close reading strategies. Interactive notebooks and writing journals were used daily. A Junior Counselor component was incorporated to support middle and high school students who are interested in education. They were wonderful role models for our younger students and began each day with a positive morning news program. *Mission Accomplished!#ProudPrincipal*

Lewiston-Porter GOOD NEWS

Lewiston-Porter Central School District prepares for return of students





Math Pilot Updates

Reveal Math and INTO Math are the two programs that were selected for piloting at the PEC this fall. Thank you to Katie Ries, Kelly Milleville, Christa Mauro and Sonja Marchetti who offered to pilot Reveal math in their classrooms. Thank you to Darcy Allendar, Claudine Carlo, Lisa Winslow and Sonja who offered to pilot INTO Math in their classrooms. We appreciate that Sonja has the opportunity to experience both pilots while working in the ICT classrooms. The online training has been completed and teachers have their materials. This pilot will begin in September and progress through December. We will then work with Dr. Lyon to review the data, and experiences against specific set criteria and select a program that will meet the needs of our students and teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Piloting is a work of heart and your willingness to do so is greatly appreciated!

New Opportunities & Faces at the PEC

There are many new opportunities on the LP campus. Many teachers are transitioning into new roles this coming school year. To support learning loss as a result of the pandemic, we will be supporting students with a full-time math interventionist. Becky Orsi is taking on this position and has already been working collaboratively with a math TOSA team to gear up for this new student support role. Kelly Dragone is excited to join the PEC reading team as literacy is one of her passions. Jacey Diez has joined the multiage team as a full time elementary teacher and has been planning all summer with her team to prepare for this transition. Erin Meyers and Sandy Rauber will be transferring to the high school to support new career endeavors. Heidi Kazulak will be taking on a new role as the IEC Library Media Specialist. Sue Hedemann will take on the new role of Enrichment & STEAM teacher at the PEC. Heather Toscano will be leaving LP to take on a new middle school position at the StarPoint School District. Alison Redding, the high school psychologist will transfer to the PEC and has already begun the transition process. We wish all of our teachers success in their new positions as they grow our students in new directions in support of our school district mission.

As a result of these new opportunities, we are welcoming new teachers to the PEC:

Miranda Schultz- 2nd grade
Leah Jasek- 2nd grade LTS
Leah Khatib- Multiage LTS
Nicole Sandretto- ENL

Please stop by to welcome our new members to TeamPEC!



Meet our New Elementary Program Coordinator, Aliscia Krecisz

I am thrilled to be part of the Lew-Port family! My first day began on July 6 with the students in summer camp! The green wing at the PEC is full of talented teachers who have worked hard to create a safari themed camp that focuses on SEL and academics. The students are so happy to come and it has been a wonderful way to begin a new adventure! Tamara and Tina have welcomed me to the PEC & IEC. They both have been wonderful and supportive setting up my offices, touring me around the buildings, introducing me to staff and really making me excited about working together as a team.

My family and I call Lewiston home. My oldest daughter Bella just graduated in June. She will be attending St. Bonaventure and running track. My youngest daughter, Sofia, will be entering 10th grade at the High School and plays soccer. My husband Richard, runs our family restaurant The Country Cottage. We have three dogs Luna, Louie and Chase and love cooking, traveling and being with family.

I am joining LP with 22 years of experience in education. I have served as a literacy coach, general education teacher (K-5), consultant teacher, integrated co-teacher, self contained teacher in 6:1:1 and 8:1:1 and a literacy coordinator in surrounding districts. I am so grateful for the many unique opportunities that I have been privileged to experience.

Habit #7: Sharpening the Saw

Balance feels best! After 180+ days of working from a hybrid and virtual environment, I hope you are all taking steps to strengthen your inner core. Together, we will persevere, no matter what our new educational landscape brings forward this school year. Our collective creativity and resourcefulness is proven and Team PEC is unstoppable!

I will be sharpening my personal saw on a vacation from August 19th to August 24th in the Rocky Mountain Estes National Park. If you need assistance during this time, please contact Aliscia Krecisz, our new Elementary Program Coordinator. Dr. Lyon will also be available for any professional development questions that may arise.

