

BOARD Notes

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Teaching and Learning

- After School Assistance Program has started for those students that had two or more failing marks for the first Quarter. We also expanded this to any students not failing, but with borderline grades that teachers felt would benefit. Thank you to our guidance office and Mr. Ingraham for calling each family to let them know what day's students would be staying after.
- Vertical Math alignment team met on November 13 to collaborate and discuss plans for the math curriculum review cycle.

Leadership

- Student leadership
 - Builders Club is spearheading a food drive to collect non-perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Ransomville Care-n-Share Food Pantry. Items will be collected from October 28-November 14 and grade levels are competing against each other to see which grade can donate the most food.
 - A "shout out" to our MS Builders Club for being recognized by the Youngstown Recreation Commission and Brian Harrison for their outstanding work as student volunteers at the 2019 Children's Halloween Party at the Red Brick this year. Great job Mrs. Oddy and students!
- Teacher leadership
 - We have started a subgroup of our Building leadership team to specifically look at what we can do to improve our Advisory time. We have met once and are planning on meeting again on November 22 to make a plan for training and revisions to the Advisory program that is a significant component in our work on the social/emotional component of middle school students. A group of teachers will be attending a staff development opportunity on November 21 on restorative practices, which will have an impact on how we are using the advisory period moving forward.

Community and Culture

- National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony will be held Monday, November 18 in the HS auditorium @ 6:30. This year, part of the application process included the option for students to submit a video clip instead of an essay. Technology at its best!
- Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @LewPortMS and if you see something great with our students or staff, #lewport!
- Our collaborative partnerships with Niagara University continues in full force! We just completed our Mock interview with the students from the Methods classes on Wednesday, November 6. Great feedback from students and faculty! We will be meeting with Dr. Foote and others from NU on November 14 to discuss plans for the Spring semester.

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

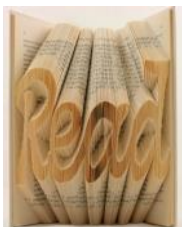
Happy Thanksgiving!

Enjoy your family and friends!

"When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself." Tecumseh



Lewiston-Porter *Intermediate Education Center* **November 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Our school store is open during lunch Fridays 11:30 to 1:30					1 Assembly	2 Book Lover's Day
3	4	5 Election Day Picture Retakes	6 Burchfield Penny Field Trip Gr. 5	7	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day District Closed	12	13 World Kindness Day	14	15	16
17	18	19 BOE Meeting 6:00 CRC	20 Burchfield Penny Field Trip Gr. 5	21	22 Faculty Data Day No Student Attendance	23
24	25	26 Young Author's Day	27 Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	28 Thanksgiving District Closed	29 Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	30

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From the Principal's Office

Mrs. Rodriguez

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

November is here! It is a great time to practice an **Attitude of Gratitude!**

Do you have a moment to send a quick thank you note, tweet or email to a staff member at Lewiston-Porter Intermediate Education Center?

Expressing gratitude can *fill your cup and our staff member's cup*. Positive connections between home and school foster mutual respect, in turn creating a rich learning environment. If you're interested in sharing a quick thank you with someone that is having a positive impact on your child, please go to the **@LewPortIEC** and tweet a special message to your child's classroom teacher. We are all a "twitter" about great staff at the IEC.

-----My Turn!-----

THANK YOU, PARENTS!

I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership as we navigate this dynamic time in our children's lives! Your work in providing a safe and caring environment nurtures the educational success of your child. This provides a solid platform for us to build on! We appreciate your hard work and commitment to our work together. This creates a team of support for your child(ren) that allows great learning to happen academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your ongoing support!

It has been a great start to our year. The students and staff have been working diligently to implement daily routines and academic success for all children. Congratulations to our October Lancer Gram honorees! I am so proud of all your hard work and respectful devotion to our school. This behavior promotes a positive social, emotional and developmental environment for all our students. Through the Leader in Me Character Program and the building's rule of 5, our school is becoming a better place to learn. Our mission is to educate students to be respectful, responsible and resourceful.

We are coming upon the conclusion of our first trimester, so please be on the lookout for information from your classroom teacher regarding Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parent-Teacher conferences have long been valued as a most effective means of reporting individual pupil progress. The parent teacher conference allows parents and teachers to review the academic achievement in a private setting, where all educational inquiries can be addressed to support the optimal growth of each child.

Please join Twitter **@LewPortIEC** to find more information on school events and happenings throughout the day.

Sincerely,
Tina Rodriguez,
Principal

November Character Trait

Be Proactive

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods.

I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

@LewportIEC

Staff members name _____



I am thankful because _____

Sincerely,

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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 IN 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 Grade, 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
at 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, girl's leggings**

Health & Wellness

Submitted by Dana Thompson

Mrs. Suita's & Mrs. Kensinger's 5th grade classes and Mrs. Lombardo's & Mrs. Khatib's 4th grade classes are participating in the Health & Wellness program in November 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's and Mr. Lombardo's 3rd grade classes will continue participating in the Health & Wellness program through December. Topics that will be discussed 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 through November-December.

From the Art Room

Submitted by Maria Frederick

- *Fall themed pieces are beginning soon!*
Look for finished projects to be sent home this week. I encourage the students to give their artwork a good home! They have worked so very hard on their pieces.
- *Upcoming events...5th grade students will be visiting the Burchfield- Penny Art Center in November (pictures to follow in next month's newsletter). Students will have the opportunity to see artwork from all types of media including video and film, drawing, painting, photography, and sculpture.*
- *Videos taken from this field trip will be uploaded to the digital IEC newsletter in December.*
- *A BIG THANK YOU to the PTSA for funding the buses!*



*An old photo taken from the
Albright Knox field trip.
Students are critiquing a
work of art, led by a docent.*



Fun Run Pep Rally



Mrs. Niccola's class celebrated with cider and donuts for winning the Fun Run Star Video Challenge

Mrs. Plewa's class won the Fun Run Challenge for Top Pledge Class

Mrs. Jaruszewski's class won the Fun Run Challenge for the class with the most new pledges!



Mr. Lombardo's class won the Fun Run Challenge for Top Pledge Class



Mrs. Rodriguez turned into a pumpkin pie!



A beautiful day for the Fun Run



The IEC Multi-Age classes have been collecting coats during the month of October to help the less fortunate. Coats will be taken to the Magdalene Project and distributed. Multi-Age students hung posters, decorated collection barrels and made announcements promoting the drive. The students would like to thank the Lew-Port community for their generosity and support for this annual event!



Free Compliments by the IEC Multi-Age

Feeling blue? Know someone who could use a lift? Then stop by the Multi-Age Free Compliment Wall. Students have written hundreds of compliments onto colorful sticks sure to make someone smile! The sticks can be for oneself or a friend. Compliment sticks are appearing all over the IEC showing that **kindness is contagious...**pass it on!



Multi-Age Entertains Residents from Our Lady of Peace with a Spook-tacular Talent Show

On October 29th, students in Multi-Age classes of Mrs. Danahy, Mrs. Khatib, and Mrs. Stevener entertained residents, family, and friends with a talent show at Our Lady of Peace nursing home.

The students shared individual, group and whole class performances to a standing-room-only crowd, and they did an amazing job!

Afterwards, OLP provided the residents and students with a delicious lunch. Students heard stories from the residents about how they celebrated Halloween as children. It was a special and memorable day celebrating traditions between generations!



Congratulations to our Lancer Gram recipients!

"The 3 Rs"

Third Grade

Amelia Casale
Waylon Fallesen
Caroline Gray
Gage MacKenzie
Madison Neal
Bella Nearhoof
Roman Torrellas Williams
Trenton Winstel
Lilyana Yeates

Fourth Grade

Morgan Aiello
Keira Anger
Chelsey Erskine
Ian Kensinger
Brianna Nearhoof
Anisha Singh
Michael Strangio
Giovanni Tamul
Corinne Thompson
Julianna Waz

Fifth Grade

Kiersten Elliott
Paul Kloosterman
Isaac Lauger
Emma Leardini
Mackenzie Lewin
Logan Lombardo
Marron MacKenzie
Quinn McAuliffe
Dakota Rotella
Riley Schmitt



Art Student of the Month
for September
Addison Higley



Art Students of the Month
for October
Natalie Supon &
Andrew Heath



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

Orchestra: Sophia Wright
Chorus: Ella Bovanizer
Band: Kiersten Elliott
General Music: Emmalee Harden



Dorms, Robots, and Beef Hearts

By Skylar Elliott and Kiersten Elliott

My sister and I were nominated by our teacher, Mrs. Khatib, to go to a S.T.E.M. program over the summer in Boston, Massachusetts at Babson College. We did all kinds of crazy things fourth graders could ever imagine doing! We dissected a beef heart, built and programmed two robots, analyzed blood splatters and many other cool, hands-on activities - all while trying to solve a crime!

At Babson College, we stayed in a dorm for a week by ourselves. While staying in the dorms, we learned responsibility and how to take care of ourselves. When we got there, all the kids were separated into 12 groups. We weren't in the same group, but we met a lot of new people. We were a little bit nervous, because it was our first camp away from home and we didn't know anyone there, but we were really excited for the activities. We ended up having a really amazing time and made some great friends.

Everything we did was based on a crime we were trying to solve. We learned a lot of leadership skills, responsibility skills, and, most of all, we learned how to be part of a team and cooperate with our small groups. We had team building activities every day, and really fun S.T.E.M. challenges, like when we created a balloon powered car and a Bristlebot (small robot). We also got to solve clues in an escape room.

There were three main categories in the program: CSI, medicine, and engineering. In engineering, we built and programmed two robots. In medicine, we built a model lung, learned how to diagnose snake bites, how to Sam Split an arm and a leg, and learned about the respiratory system when we dissected a beef heart. In CSI, we pulled fingerprints, found a "mystery powder", analyzed blood drops and replicated blood drops as well. Each day we also took a class on leadership. We learned about time management, self management, cooperation, and communication.

S.T.E.M. camp at Babson College was a great experience and really fun. We would gladly go back anytime! Skylar and I learned so much and are very happy we went. It was so cool to stay in the dorms, and we had a great time on all of the activities. We are very thankful we had this opportunity!



Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast

was held on October 17th at the PEC. Students made gifts for the drivers, and entertained them as they enjoyed breakfast.



Halloween at the IEC



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