

Board Notes

Monday, September 27, 2021

Past Events

- Look for the next edition of Auer Time @ LPMS coming in October!
- Great start of the school year! Such an awesome thing to see ALL our students back in the building and in classrooms.
- Open House/Meet the teacher nights went well. 6th Grade parents came in to tour the building and meet the teachers on September 8th and 7/8th Grade parents came in on September 9. A huge shout out to our WEB leaders who volunteered their time to come in on both nights to give small group tours of the building. A virtual option of Grade level slides are now posted on the MS website.
- Fall Picture Day was Wednesday, September 15. Make up Day will be **Tuesday, November 2**.
- AIMSWeb+ Fall Benchmark testing was done on Thursday, September 16 and Friday, September 17. We will be sending out reports to parents soon and will be using this information to provide Response to Intervention support in ELA and Math to students as necessary. As you recall, we will be doing two more AIMSWeb screenings to monitor student progress throughout the year; Winter Benchmark in January and Spring Benchmark in May.
- Early release day on September 14 went well. We ran a modified schedule for students so that they were able to meet with each of their teachers according to their regular schedule. Our staff utilized this time very effectively to make sure that we have clear action steps relating to our 3 key initiatives: PLC Re-Engagement, Grading - Establishing Fairness and Consistency, and Common Formative Assessment using Assessment DnA.

Current/Upcoming Events

- Our Exploratory teachers have come up with a great game plan for Spirit Week October 4-8. Activities will be done throughout the week and we will have themed days culminating in Green and White Day on Friday, October 8. More information on the theme days will be communicated to students and posted on the website. We will be having an outdoor pep rally at Blakeslee Stadium that afternoon for the entire student body. Thank you to the PTSA for providing us with some prizes for our grade level participants!

Important Dates

- **October 4-8 - Spirit Week**
- **October 8 - 5 Week Marking Period Ends**
- **October 12 - No School**
- **October 19 - Early Release Day - Dismissal 1:14**
- **October 29 - Superintendent Conference Day**

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

**"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."
Confucius**

SEPTEMBER

PRIMARY EDUCATION CENTER NEWSLETTER



PARENT NIGHT SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are cordially invited to our annual Parent Night on Thursday, September 23, 2021 for grades 1-2 and Multiage. Kindergarten Classroom presentations will take place next month on October 14th and more information about this separate Kindergarten Parent Night will be forthcoming. Kindergarten parents are encouraged to attend the September 23rd Special Area and Support Service Presentations (please refer to the schedule on the back of this letter).

In order to maintain social distance in each classroom, we are asking that only 1 parent attend this Parent Night. If you have more than one child and there is a conflict in scheduling between classrooms, another adult family member may attend the other child's presentation. Children are not permitted to attend. The classroom teacher will send a zoom link via Seesaw for any additional family members that may want to participate remotely.

Please enter through the PEC Main Entrance and exit the building through the closest door after your classroom presentation. Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Krecisz will also be available throughout the evening if you have any questions. We may also be reached at tlarson@lew-port.com or akrecisz@lew-port.com or 716-286-7222. The PTSA will be selling spirit-wear in our main foyer.

What will be discussed at the Parent Night?

This program will be a general informational meeting and is a wonderful opportunity for you to build positive school and family connections. Each teacher will describe the standards

skills that will be taught during the year in their program. They will also talk about what a typical day is like for your child in school, including schedules, on-line resources, special field trips and projects. Teachers will explain how you as a parent can become more involved in your child's education.

You will have an opportunity to meet with support teachers (reading, math, speech, occupational therapy, social worker and the school psychologist); consultant teachers, as well as the special-area teachers (Physical Education, Library Media, STEAM, Vocal Music and Art). These teachers play an integral part in your child's development and it would be beneficial to meet with them to learn about your child's program. Please refer to the schedule on the back of this letter for your child's grade-level meetings.

*Please note that

Private parent/teacher conferences will be held on December 10th, at which time it is appropriate to ask any questions you wish concerning your child's educational needs and progress in a confidential setting. You may also request a meeting at any time to discuss your child's educational goals and progress.

We look forward to partnering with you for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

Respectfully yours,



Mrs. Larson

Principal, Primary Education Center

Primary Education Center

Sept 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Student Orientation 11:15 a.m. 	2	3	4
5	6 	7  Student Appointments for UPK & Kindergarten Day 1	8 Day 2	9  Day 3	10 Day 4	11
12 	13 Day 5	14  Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18 
19	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22  Day 6	23 Parent Night 6pm Day 1	24 Day 2	25
26	27 Board of Education Meeting CRC 6pm Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	Save the Dates: 10/12/21—Picture Day 10/21/21—Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast	



BRING YOUR BEST SMILE

Picture Day

for

Primary Education Center

is scheduled for

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Picture Day event's Order Code is

60931NF



MEET THE NEW PEC SOCIAL WORKER!

We are delighted to have Ms. Shannon Lotz join Team PEC! Shannon comes to us with a background of working with children and families with special needs. She is passionate about supporting the social-emotional needs of our children by working with the whole family. Outside of her professional life at the PEC, Ms. Lotz spends time with her family and in engaging in anything active. Running, golf and hiking are a few of her favorite hobbies. She is located in Room Y7, so please feel free to stop on down and say hi!



**WELCOME
UPK TO
LANCER
NATION!**



**OUR FIRST
DAY OF
KINDERGAR
TEN WAS
THE BEST
DAY EVER!**



**MULTIAGE =
MULTIFUN!**



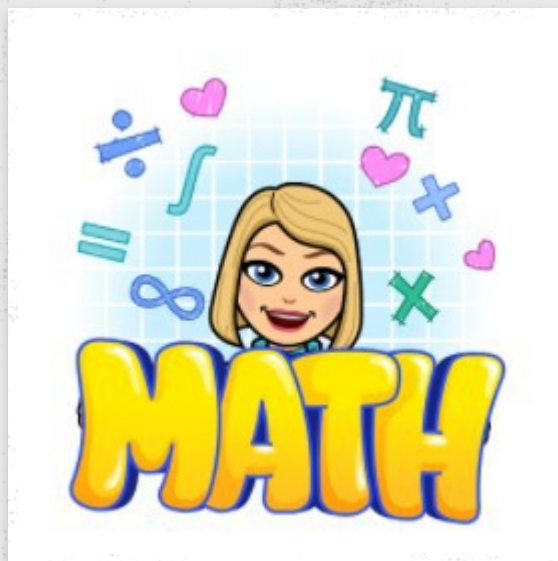
**KINDER-
GARTEN
HERE I
COME!!!**



**ACTION
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S BRIMMING
WITH
INNOVATION**



**IT IS A
GREAT DAY
TO BE AT
THE PEC**



MS. ORSI'S MONTHLY MATH MUSINGS SEPTEMBER, 2021 WHY MATH?

Welcome back to school everyone! I am excited to introduce myself as the PEC Math Specialist, a newly created position. In my previous 18 years at the PEC I have been a 1st grade and Multiage teacher. In this new position I will be working with students in need of support, focusing on 2nd and 3rd graders to start. As the new year begins I look forward to working with both students and teachers to support the learning and love of math. However, you, the family at home, play a vital role in helping your child grow as a learner too. So, each

month I will offer some thoughts, tips, or insights that I hope you will find helpful or at least informative. So let's get started.

As adults we can reflect back on our own math experiences in school and consider how that impacted us. Did it pique our interests? Did it build our confidence? Did it cause us stress or insecurity? At some point we may have experienced all of those emotions or feelings. We may even have wondered why we needed to learn math. Connecting math to the world around us may not have been done or perhaps just not done well enough. So let's set a goal for this year to help our PEC students see that math is all around us and that can start with you at home! To begin I would like to offer a few suggestions that can help to build interest in and lead to a love of math:

- Discuss shapes you notice in and around your home.
- Ask your child to look for and identify patterns.
- Share some ways you use math as part of your job.
- Talk about the math you use while out shopping, cooking at home, etc.
- Play board games, card games, dice games and have FUN!

Noticing the math connections around us and discussing them in a positive way can go a long way to building a greater interest in and love of mathematics! Below is a link for some additional reading for those who may be interested.

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/instill-a-love-of-math>



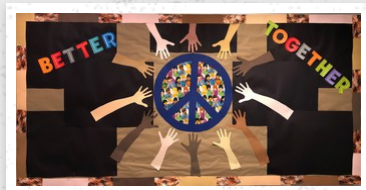
**MISS MOSIER
TEACHES
OUR
KINDERGAR
TTERS ALL
ABOUT THE
DRUM ROLL!**



**THEY
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HANDS TO
USE AND
WHICH PART
OF THE
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PLACE THEM
ON.**



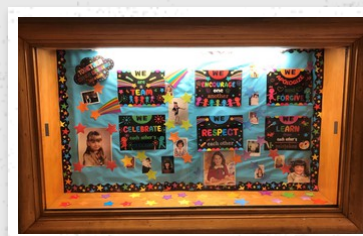
**THEY SURE
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PRACTICING.**



**DIVERSITY
IS OUR
THEME**



**HEALTHY
CHOICES**



**PHOTO FUN:
CAN YOU
GUESS
WHICH
STAFF
MEMBER
THESE
CHILDREN
ARE?**

**HELLO ALL! IT'S MRS. HEDEMANN HERE!
IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD IN THE STEAM
LAB!**

We have been implementing the Engineering Design Process (Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, Test, Improve, Share) during our first few weeks of school. Students in grades one, two, and multiage have been building cup towers, towers out of paper to support a stack of books, and straw towers. It is hard work – but we know... **HARD WORK MAKES OUR BRAINS GROW** and **HARD WORK IS FUN!**

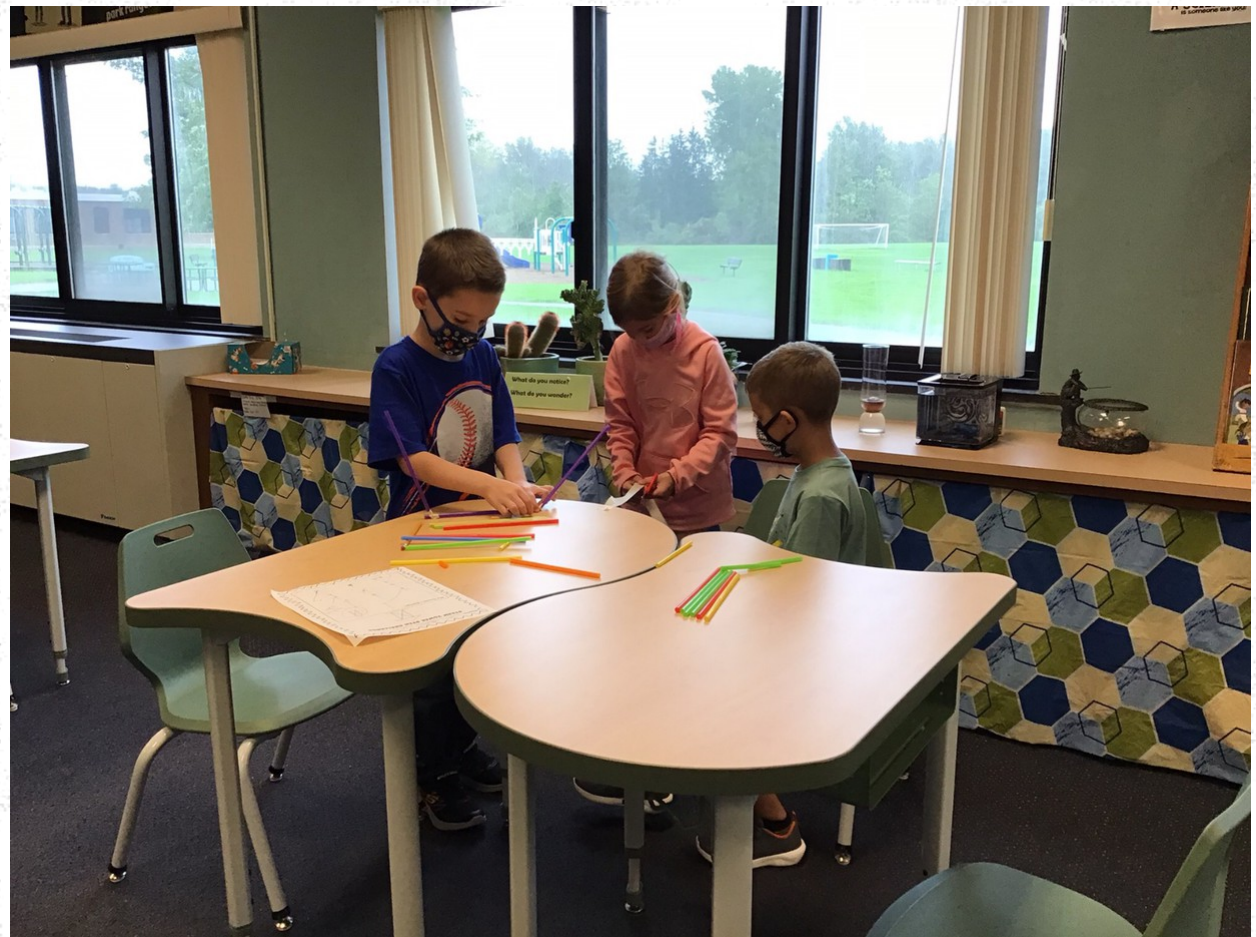


CAN A PIECE OF PAPER, SOME TAPE, AND SCISSORS REALLY MAKE A STRUCTURE TO SUPPORT A STACK OF BOOKS? THESE ENGINEERS PROVED IT CAN HAPPEN!



HOW TALL CAN WE GET THEM? STAY TUNED!

Using the Engineering Design Process during STEAM, we are constructing straw towers using 20 straws, two feet of tape, and a pair of scissors.



AT THIS SCHOOL, WE BELIEVE EVERY CHILD CAN BE A LEADER!

LEADER IN ME

STAY TUNED
FOR FUTURE
LEADERS



If your child has a birthday that you wish to celebrate in their classroom please contact:

Personal Touch Food Service

@ 716-286-7288 (Need 48Hrs for all orders)

and place your special birthday event for your son/daughter

Menu Items Available:

Assorted Snack Basket w/ Juice-- \$1.50/PP

Cheddar Goldfish and Munchies Mix

Ice Cream Treat w/ Juice-- \$1.60/PP

Cookie Platter w/ Juice-- \$2.15/PP

Veggie Platter w/ Juice-- \$2.25/PP

Cheese/Cracker Platter w/Juice-- \$2.40/PP

Fruit Platter w/ Juice-- \$2.35/PP

We can also supply special paper products for the event with additional cost.

Here are some helpful phone numbers for people to reach out to:

Child Protection Services (CPS) Niagara County Department of Social Services:

716-278-8650

Mandated Reporters: 1-800-635-1522

Public Callers: 1-800-342-3720

Domestic Violence Hotlines

Lockport: 433-6716

Niagara Falls: 285-6984

North Tonawanda: 692-5643

National: 1-800-799-7233

Crisis Services hotline(24 Hours)

Niagara County: 285-3513

Erie County: 834-3131

**Haven House, Ellicott Street #451 Buffalo ,
NY 14203: 884-6000**

Rape Crisis Services-YWCA of Niagara, 32 Cottage St. Lockport, NY 14094: 343-2858

Family Justice Center: Services for Domestic Violence Victims

330 North Forest, Amherst, NY 14221 :634-4309



We are committed to our
MISSION



In order to
achieve our
VISION

Our **purpose** is to ensure that when students leave Lewiston-Porter they will be ready to face the world with confidence in themselves and what they can contribute.

While students are here they will be challenged to grow along their **pathway** and discover their personal best because we **promise** to give them our best.



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