

Auer Time @ LPMS

February, 2020

Pillar 1 - Teaching and Learning

- SAVE THE DATE! On **Wednesday, March 11** there will be an information meeting for parents of any 6th or 7th grade students interested in attending the Washington DC trip in May of 2021. Mr. Bollinger will be hosting an information session in the Middle School Cafeteria starting at 5:30. Parents and students are invited to attend this brief 30 minute meeting to learn about the program, review some trip highlights, discuss fundraising opportunities, and ask any questions about this fantastic opportunity. If you are not able to make it, but would like more information, please contact Mr. Bollinger at mbollinger@lew-port.com or 754-8281 ext. 5809.
- As the 25 week marking period comes to a close on February 28, this is a reminder that report cards are electronic and are NOT printed or sent via mail. Grades and attendance can be accessed through the Powerschool Parent Portal at any time. A link to the portal can be accessed from our District webpage at www.lew-port.com. Report cards can also be accessed by using your parent created Powerschool account. If you need assistance in setting up this account or have questions regarding access, please contact the Guidance office at bvandeusen@lew-port.com or **(716) 286-7208**.
- After School Assistance Program is continuing for those students that had two or more failing marks for the second Quarter (25 week mark) or who continue to struggle. As a reminder, each grade level has a designated day each week for ASAP: **Monday - Grade 8** **Wednesday - Grade 6** **Thursday - Grade 7**
- Don't forget to accept invitations you receive via email to join Google Classroom! If you have a registered email address with Lewiston Porter, you should have received an automated invitation email to join Google Classroom. Please accept this invitation so your email address can be populated with your child's Google Classroom account. This will allow you to receive notifications from your student's teachers. This also will allow you to receive important information regarding One District, One Book as well.
- If you are not connected to your child's Google Classroom already, and you did not get an automated invitation, please contact the middle school guidance office at bvandeusen@lew-port.com or **(716) 286-7208**. We will need to obtain your current email information so you can be registered to Google Classroom. Thank you and we look forward to working together with you using Google Classroom.

Pillar 2 - Leadership

★ Student leadership

- Our music department continues to provide students with opportunities to show off their outstanding talents to family and friends with some upcoming events:
 - All-County Festival #3 will be here at Lewiston Porter starting on **February 28**.
- LPMS Student Council will be sponsoring an off Campus event at the Lewiston Event Center on **Monday, March 9 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm**. All students attending LPMS are welcome to attend with parent permission! Tickets will be on sale during lunch periods starting 2/18! Tickets are \$15 and includes 2hrs of bowling, pizza, shoe rental, one drink, and electronic games at the Center.
- Builders Club is sponsoring a School Supply Collection Drive from **February 18 – 28** to create "Backpack Care Packages" for students that are homeless or come from low income families. These care packages will be donated to the Magdalene Project to distribute to needy students in the Niagara Falls area. Students will be encouraging our 5th Period/Advisory Classes to create a "Box of Generosity" and fill it with school supplies and personal care items. Additional collection bins will be located in the cafeteria and main lobby if you would like to donate to this worthy cause.
- Our Middle School play "Mary Poppins" will be on **Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 @ 7pm** in the High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available as we get closer to the show. Please contact Mr. Marinaccio if you have any questions.
- If you haven't had a chance, check out our Morning Announcement link on our Middle School home page. This is a great example of how our students are taking a leadership role of providing our school with information to the student body about upcoming events. You will also see our students reading the "Thought for the Day" and giving a few words of wisdom.
- Students in 8th grade have been participating in the practices of Story based learning. This Innovative learning process is being incorporated in many of our 8th grade classrooms and includes students engaging in the skill

of working in collaborative teams who explore a given topic through an active creative process which is continuously opened and edited, expanded and defined on its journey from idea to the public sharing of story. Throughout this innovative process students are able to demonstrate and articulate the vocabulary necessary to define ideas based on the needs of a story and its intended audience (Conflict Resolution). They are able to demonstrate a foundational ability to collaboratively use story-based learning in the classroom community. We are excited to have our students presenting at an upcoming Board of Education meeting to show off their skills.

■ Teacher leadership

- Thank you Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Aureli for spearheading this initiative here at the Middle School! We are excited that our 6th grade is a part of the ***One District, One Book*** initiative and these two ladies have made the expansion of the program to the Middle School a great success! This initiative is designed to create a shared reading experience across an entire school community. The choice made by the students was ***The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate. Our 6th grade students were provided a copy of the book and all participants will follow a common schedule of reading chapters and answering trivia questions to be eligible for prizes. Mark your Calendar for the District Wide Family Literacy Night on **Friday, March 6 @ the IEC from 5pm - 7:30pm.**

Pillar 3 - Community and Culture

- The very successful Girls on the Run program is starting the week of March 23 and will run through June 7th, culminating with a 5K run at the UB North campus. Lottery registration will be held the week of February 25 and will end March 3 at 9am. After the lottery, if a team is not full, the registration will re-open and participants will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and registration details, check www.gotrbuffalo.org or call (716) 873-2221. Practices will be run by our Lew-Port coaches Kim Wailand, Amy Golden, and Laura Kimoto-DiBacco.
- Shout out to 8th grader Caden Barrientos who is the 2020 Class B Sectional Champion at the 99lb weight class in Varsity Wrestling! Great Job Caden!
- Congratulations to 7th grader Simon Zawistowski for winning the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay contest at the District level. Simon's essay based upon the theme of "*What Makes America Great*", was chosen as the winning essay in all of NYS out of about 120,000 applicants. His essay will now be eligible for the VFW National Contest. Great Job Simon!
- Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @LewPortMS and if you see something great with our students or staff, share it with us using #lewport!

Upcoming Dates/Events

(Subject to change. Please use other sources to confirm/verify)

February 25-March 3	- Girls on the Run: Lottery Registration Week
February 28	- 25 Week Marking Period Ends
February 28 & 29	- All County Festival #3 @ Lewiston Porter
March 9	- Off Campus Event Student Council- Lewiston Event Center 6:30pm-8:30pm
March 25-26	- New York State 3-8 ELA Testing
April 3	- 30 Week Marking Period Ends
April 6-19	- Spring Recess
April 22 & 23	- New York State 3-8 Math Testing