

May 2022 Administrative Reports

Primary Education Center (attached)

Intermediate Education Center (in person)

Middle School

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MAY 2022

Primary Education Center Newsletter



From Caterpillar to Butterfly

A small fuzzy caterpillar hatches and makes its way on the milkweed leaf eating and growing. The caterpillar is nourished and continues to grow, finding its way to the perfect branch. Once found, it begins to spin their golden chrysalis. Unsure of what is coming next, they wiggle, stretch and struggle to emerge with wet wings. Cautiously they lift their wings as they take flight into new territory completely transformed and ready for the adventure that awaits.

As children journey through their school career at Lewiston-Porter, it is our honor to support this personal transformation which begins at the PEC. Like the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly, our primary students have been nourished, grown and are ready to take flight. Whether it be a new grade or a new school building that your child is entering, please know they have left a lasting impression on our hearts and are ready for what is waiting.

The Primary Educational Center, in collaboration with the Intermediate Educational Center, has developed plans for our children as they prepare for their first transitional milestone at Lewiston-Porter. All PEC 2nd and 3rd grade multi age students will tour the IEC and meet with IEC leaders to learn more about their new school in June. Peer leaders continue to be an integral part of the transition plan. Here at the PEC we will also host our symbolic butterfly release ceremony. In addition, we will celebrate our UPK and Kindergarten students who will be graduating with a personalized ceremonies. Stay tuned for more details coming your way.

We continue to view your child's first educational experience as a partnership between home, school and community. We have thoroughly enjoyed nurturing and celebrating your child's uniqueness while at the PEC. We will truly miss each family leaving us, but know that your child is prepared for all the exciting new opportunities that lie ahead of them. Parents play a critical role in successfully transitioning their children. It is important to engage your child in discussion about their own personal experience of the

transitional plans that have been carefully prepared. Best wishes to all of our families!

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Larson
Principal, Primary Education Center

Primary Education Center

May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Cinco De Mayo Day 6	6 Day 1	7
8 Happy Mother's Day 	9 Board of Education Work Session @6pm CRC Boardroom Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Multiage Information Parent Night 6pm, PEC Auditorium Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14
15	16 Day 1	17 Early Release for Elementary Students 8:40-2:25 Day 2	18 Kindergarten Orientation for Current UPK Parents @ 9:30 am, PEC Auditorium. Fine Arts Council @ 6pm, CRC Boardroom Day 3	19 Kindergarten Orientation for Newly Registered Students @9:30, PEC Auditorium Day 4	20 Day 5	21
22	23 Regular Board Meeting @ 6 pm, CRC Boardroom Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Memorial Day Recess. District Closed.	28
29	30 Memorial Day District Closed	31 Day 4				

May Book of the Month!

Happy May! Our "Book of the Month" is "Hello! A Welcoming Story" by Gina K. Lewis. It features Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, then be Understood.



"Hooray for May!" SPIRIT WEEK!

May 2 MONDAY	May 3 TUESDAY	May 4 WEDNESDAY	May 5 THURSDAY	May 6 FRIDAY
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY!	MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY!	MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU DAY!	CELEBRATE PETS DAY!	SPORTS & PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY!
				
WEAR GREEN!	DRESS IN RED, WHITE, AND BLUE OR CAMOUFLAGE	WEAR YOUR FAVORITE STAR WARS GEAR	WEAR YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL PRINT OR DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL	WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM SHIRT

Save the Date

gearing up for
Kindergarten

Kindergarten Orientations

May 18th-19th

Screening Dates for Kindergarten

June 8th-9th

Kindergarten Graduation Ceremonies

June 16th-17th



It's Seasonal Allergy time!

Many of the symptoms of allergies, common cold and asthma are the same as COVID-19. Unfortunately, it is hard to determine which ailment is the cause AND your child could have COVID-19 in addition to the Asthma or Seasonal allergies that they are prone to.

The school is still required to have either **medical clearance or a negative COVID-19 test** to return to school for any potential COVID-19 symptoms. **Home test kits are accepted.**

PLEASE consult their Primary Care Physician for advice regarding documentation or testing.

If you have any questions, please call the School Nurse/Mrs. Leggett at 286-7225.

Symptoms of COVID-19	Strep Throat	Common Cold	Flu	Asthma	Seasonal Allergies
FEVER 	✓		✓		
COUGH 		✓	✓	✓	✓
SORE THROAT 	✓	✓	✓		✓
SHORTNESS OF BREATH 				✓	
FATIGUE 		✓	✓	✓	✓
DIARRHEA OR VOMITING 	✓		✓		
RUNNY NOSE 		✓	✓		✓
BODY/ MUSCLE ACHES 	✓	✓	✓		

✓ Symptom of illness



cdc.gov/coronavirus

PHOTO: A. JAY/ISTOCK/GETTY IMAGES

LEADER IN ME

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

Congratulations to our April Leaders!

Ross Marietta
Harper Placek
Giana Quarzaro
Charles Sachs
Mia Jones





Multiage Information Night

We invite all parents of Kindergarten and First grade students to share an evening of information and conversation regarding our Multiage program. Learn the answers to these questions:

- What is a Multiage Program?
- Is it for children of all learning styles and abilities?
- Is it appropriate for my child?
- What does it look like at Lewiston-Porter?

WHEN: Wednesday, May 11th, 2022
WHERE: Primary Education Center Auditorium
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

What is Multiage?

A Multiage classroom is comprised of students of mixed ages grades 1st-3rd. Children spend the entire three years with a team of teachers that is truly a family unit. It promotes unity, diversity and success through developmentally appropriate educational practices. Multiage classrooms reflect the natural groupings found in our neighborhoods, communities and in the world, and provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas, modeling of behaviors, practice of responsibility and nurturance, and development of leadership and social skills. **Several principles and practices are foundational to multiage classrooms:**

- Teacher is the facilitator of learning (rather than the keeper of knowledge)
- Developmentally appropriate, child centered, continuous learning
- Integrated Curriculum
- Attention to the education of the whole child

Multiage focuses on abilities not deficiencies, with an emphasis on differentiated learning.

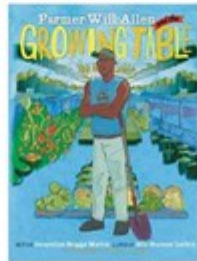
How Children Learn in a Multiage Classroom

Children learn best as active, not passive learners. Students learn and construct knowledge as a result of meaningful experiences. They learn actively through collaboration, play, social interaction, imitation, music, "hands-on" activities, drama, art, movement, reciprocal teaching and cooperative learning. These are some of the most "brain-compatible" educational practices that the Multiage classrooms feature.



Second Grade In - School Field Trip Submitted by Grade 2 Teachers

On Wednesday, March 30th, our grade 2 classes participated in Agricultural Literacy Week 2022. This week celebrates that agriculture is a unifying factor in communities across our state. Whether farming in unique urban spaces or rural landscapes, food brings people together. Mrs. Kelly Raby and Mrs. Robin Shipman read the story of Farmer Will Allen Growing Table and helped students understand that a love for growing food and stewardship for our soil and natural resources can be found everywhere.

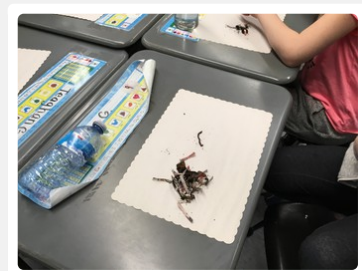
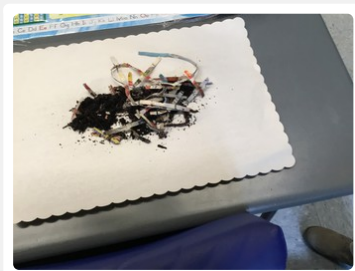


The students participated in a question/answer session as well as a hands-on Exploration of Vermicomposting (live worms). This in school field trip was a terrific addition to what the students have been learning about in our Science unit on Plants and Animal Relationships.

The students learned that **Vermicomposting**- Is the process of using various species of worms, usually red wigglers, white worms, and other earthworms, to create a mixture of decomposing vegetable or food waste, bedding materials, vermicast, and liquid fertilizer (worm juice). Another term for vermicomposting is a worm farm. Using this process turns the waste into a nutrient-rich microorganism solution and solid compost capable of supplying necessary nutrients to help sustain plant growth without the use of harmful chemicals. The vermicomposting method is simple, effective, convenient, and cost-effective. Vermicompost takes trash and turns that trash into a precious resource to reuse.

The students were able to explore and interact in a worm investigation in safe and clean way. The presenters explained and reminded them that the worms are alive, and it is important to treat them gently and with respect. The students enjoyed exploring and interacting with the worms and learning about how composting helps us all.

See pictures below 😊.





Movement in Music by Miss Mosier

The ability to feel and maintain a steady, rhythmic beat is important for childhood development. It assists them in mastering the concepts in language, literacy, mathematics, and other content areas. In addition, it increases body coordination and related physical abilities.

Here are some students in Mrs. Gatehouse's class having a great time in music class as they practice this concept.





“If you need us we’re here – if you don’t need us, then we need YOU!” -Care-N-Share Food Pantry

Throughout the month of March, our Lighthouse Leaders created a service learning project to benefit our Ransomville Care-N-Share Food Pantry. PEC students collected a total of 418 boxes of cereal!!! During a live-on-location broadcast of our morning announcements, those cereal boxes were set up in heart display with "PEC" written inside. This symbolized how much we love our PEC!



Spring Bonnet Parade

On Friday April 8th, we celebrated our upcoming spring break with a bonnet parade! Students and staff bought or created a bonnet to wear during a special parade around school lead by the Easter Bunny!





POP-UP EYEGLASS CLINIC

WE SERVE

ONE DAY ONLY!

SATURDAY MAY 14, 2022
9AM – 4PM
The Salvation Army of Niagara Falls
7018 Buffalo Ave Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Yes, This is For Real, No Gimmicks, No Strings Attached.

- ⇒ Clinic staffed by NYS Licensed Doctors of Ophthalmology & Optometry
- ⇒ **FREE** eyeglass screenings **AND** fitting of eyeglasses
- ⇒ Wide selection of frames to choose from
- ⇒ Prescription lenses **AND** frames at **NO COST**
- ⇒ **ALL** are welcome- Children **AND** Adults
- ⇒ **NO** appointment necessary - **NO** ID required
- ⇒ First come – First Served
- ⇒ Early attendance is recommended and encouraged

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

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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.

Wear-n-Share Clothing Closet



Mondays: 11- 1 pm

Wednesdays: 11 am - 1 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Sundays: 11 am - 1 pm

Lew-Port Community
Resource Building
4061 Creek Road
Youngstown, NY 14174

intercommunityservices.org

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](tel:716-278-8650)

Mandated Reporters: [1-800-635-1522](tel:1-800-635-1522)

Public Callers: [1-800-342-3720](tel:1-800-342-3720)

Domestic Violence Hotlines

Lockport: [433-6716](tel:433-6716)

Niagara Falls: [285-6984](tel:285-6984)

North Tonawanda: [692-5643](tel:692-5643)

National: [1-800-799-7233](tel:1-800-799-7233)

Crisis Services hotline(24 Hours)

Niagara County: [285-3513](tel:285-3513)

Erie County: [834-3131](tel:834-3131)

Haven House, Ellicott Street #451 Buffalo ,
NY 14203: [884-6000](tel:884-6000)

Rape Crisis Services-YWCA of Niagara, 32 Cottage St. Lockport, NY 14094: [343-2858](tel:343-2858)

Family Justice Center: Services for Domestic Violence Victims

330 North Forest, Amherst, NY 14221 :[634-4309](tel:634-4309)



We are committed to our
MISSION



**ONE
PURPOSE**



**OUR
PROMISE**



**YOUR
PATHWAY**

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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