




Primary Education Center

February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>School store is open on Fridays during lunches</p>					1 Day 3	2
3	4 Day 4	5 Chinese New Year Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9
10	11 Day 1	12 Chinese New Year Celebration at IEC Auditorium at 1:45pm Day 2	13 PTSA meeting at 5:30pm (CRC-Board Room) Day 3	14  Day 4	15 Superintendent's Conference Day No Student Attendance	16
17	18  District Closed	19 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 pm (CRC-Board Room) Day 1	20 Fine Art Council at 6:00pm (CRC- Board Room) Day 2	21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23
24	25 Day 1	26 Girls on the Run Lottery Registration Begins Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	<p>Upcoming Events: UPK Applications for 2019/20 Available—March 4 Classroom Group Picture Day—March 7 PTSA Family Literacy Night—March 16 Kindergarten Registration— March 19 & 20 Multiage Open House—March 28 @ 10:15 am</p>	

Principal's Message

Come Read With Us

One of the biggest challenges that schools face is getting students excited and intrinsically motivated to read. This is our third year of our *One District, One Book (ODOB) program created by Read to Them to ignite passion and excitement for a shared reading experience across our school community.*

And the winner is...

Our elementary school community voted at the Lewiston Town Library, Ransomville and Youngstown Free Libraries in January. The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies was selected and is sparking a community-wide conversation.

Please go to our district website at www.lew-port.com and click on the One District, One Book link to learn more about this literacy initiative. An exciting reveal ceremony took place at the Lewiston Library and was attended by over 200 people. Every family in our elementary school community is reading the same book at the same time. The shared reading experience will be maximized by enriching activities at school and in the community to enable children to share and experience the book characters through the month of March, culminating in a Family Literacy Night sponsored by our Elementary PTSA on March 16th at the PEC.

When schools model the habit of regularly reading together as a family, a strong foundation for literacy is created in each child's life. Reading out loud makes better readers. A volume of research explains that children who are read to hear more words and can instinctively recognize a grammatically correct sentence. As a result, comprehension and vocabulary will develop more fully.

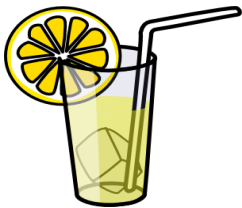
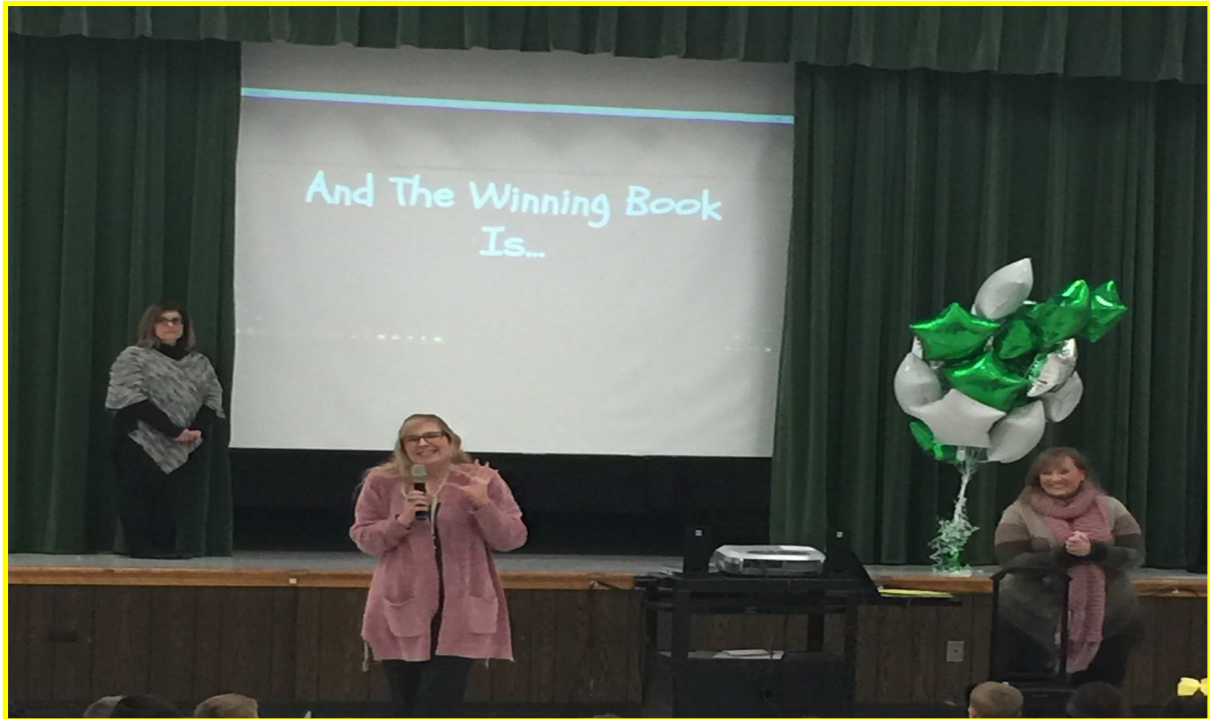
One District One Book is not just a literacy program, it is a community building program. ***Our goal is to create a culture of literacy in every home.***

I personally invite your family to READ WITH US!



Mr. Casseri at the One District One book reveal at the Lewiston Library .

One District, One Book



Drum roll please...

Mrs. Larson, PEC Principal, reveals the One District One Book winner:
The Lemonade War
by Jacqueline Davies





Health Office Information

NEW HEALTH EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS for 2018-2019

Health examinations will be required in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. This must be signed by a NYS Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant on an approved NYS School Health Examination form.

When your child has their physical or gets immunizations during the school year or in the summer, remember to request a copy for the school or request that the doctor's office fax it to the school. This will save you from having to retrieve it for the beginning of the school year. The PEC fax number is 286-7855.

Clean water is a Clean Earth



The first grade team at Lewiston Porter CSD, has put an emphasis on clean water. We have taught our students that having clean water is not something they have all over the world. We typically can go into our kitchens turn on the faucet or open the refrigerator door and get out water that is clean. We are extremely lucky to be able to have that.

We have partnered up with the President of Global Partnerships Inc., Dr. Anna Barrett to help raise money for her organization to aide in continuing to build upon the clean water efforts that they have embarked upon in previous years. The first grade students at the PEC made Christmas Tree ornaments to sell to families as a way to raise money for the organization to help in the efforts of building wells for clean water.

As a culminating activity we had a guest speaker Idrissa Cisse from Senegal, West Africa come in and speak with the students about life in West Africa. It was an amazing experience and the students really enjoyed his presentation. This spring Global Partnerships Inc. will travel to Ada in order to build capacity in the community of Azizakpe. We wish them safe travels.

Nature in Winter

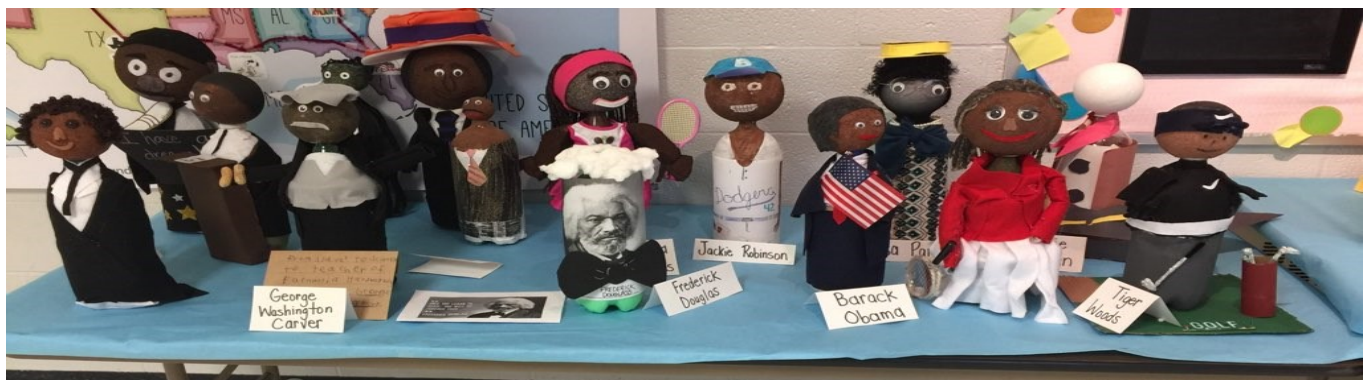


The Kindergarten students had a wonderful hands-on learning experience learning about nature in winter on January 23 and 24th. We had special guest speakers, Tina, Carol, and Nicole, from the Niagara Parks and Recreation Department give each Kindergarten class an amazing presentation about nature in winter. We saw a PowerPoint presentation showing how animals, plants, and people respond to the cold weather by either migrating, hibernating or adapting to survive. The PowerPoint even had sounds of different animals and birds. We could hear what a skunk, bear, coyote, snowy owl and other animals sound like in the wild. The children then had the chance to view and touch different types of skulls and furs of animals that live in this area and compare how they are the same and different. We even had the opportunity to touch a bear pelt! Our last activity was to make a track rubbing book to take home. The children made track rubbings of different animals and labeled each in a book so they can go track hunting in the snow, sand, mud or other soft ground. Who knows what they will find? Thank you so much to our amazing Niagara Parks Staff for making this one of our favorite winter learning presentations! We would also like to thank our very generous PTSA for providing the funds for this presentation. Happy Winter everyone!



February is Black History Month

Students in 1st grade have been learning about the impact African Americans have made throughout American history.





Every month Officer Bob visits the Primary building with a special friend. This month we met Tasmania. She was a beautiful 8 month old Bullmastiff/Labrador/retriever mix. She is very friendly and well behaved. She is currently up for adoption at the Niagara County SPCA located at 2100 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls.



Girls On The Run Is So Much Fun!

PEC and IEC (girls in grades 3rd-5th)

Ann Marie Oliverio



I'm excited to announce that our fifth spring season for the Girls on the Run program will be starting in March! We had a very successful season last year and we are looking forward to coaching a new team!

Girls on the Run® is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Meeting twice a week in small teams of 8-15 girls, we teach life skills through dynamic, conversation-based lessons and running games. The 20-lesson curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches and includes three parts: understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and teamwork and understanding how we connect with and shape the world at large.

Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. At each season's conclusion, the girls and their running buddies complete a 5k running event. Completing a 5k gives the girls a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. The result—making the seemingly impossible, possible and teaching girls that they can accomplish their goals!

Multi-Age Teacher, Ann Marie Oliverio, as well as returning coaches, Mary Kofahl and Kim Sembert, are excited to once again team up to coach our PEC/IEC team. Online lottery registration begins on February 26th-March 5th and the season begins on Tuesday, March 19th, 2018. Check out our link on the PEC's and IEC's webpage under "clubs/programs" for updates. Contact Ann Marie Oliverio at aoliverio@lew-port.com for any questions regarding this amazing program!





inspiring girls

TO BE JOYFUL, HEALTHY AND CONFIDENT!

Spring Season starts the week of March 18th (PEC starts Tuesday 19th) and ends June 2nd

GOTR 5k is Sunday, June 2nd 9:30am @ UB North Campus

LOTTERY REGISTRATION, CHECK WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS: www.gotrbuffalo.org

- **Lottery registration week: February 26th- March 5th at 9am (NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- After the lottery is run on March 5th, if a team is not full, the registration will re-open & participants will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
- Once a team is full, a waitlist will be started
- Season registration ends April 1st at 10am.

REGISTRATION FEE:

- \$160 per girl - includes 5k registration, a healthy snack and more!
- **Financial aid available** - apply online when registering.
- BCBS Wellness Benefit & Independent Health flex fit debit accepted (if applicable).
- Call 716-873-2221 for more information on financial aid.



Over a period of 10 weeks, girls in the 3rd through 5th grade participate in an after-school program like no other. Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the Girls on the Run curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms. Throughout the season, the girls make new friends, build their confidence and celebrate all that makes them unique. All girls train for a non-competitive season-ending 5k.

Lewiston-Porter Elementary 3rd-5th (PEC and IEC)

Tuesdays and Fridays PEC Auditorium

3:40-5:10 p.m.

Contact Ann Marie Oliverio for more information aoliverio@lew-port.com

WE CAUGHT YOU BEING A LEADER



I would like to honor Isabella with a leadership sash. When we were having our Christmas party before the winter break, our class had decided they would like hot chocolate. It is a busy time of the year and accidentally we did not receive the hot chocolate mix. Isabella immediately used habit 5 "seek first to understand, then to be understood" by listening to my idea. She had brought in packets of hot chocolate to share with her friends in our stocking exchange. She graciously allowed me to use the packets to make hot chocolate for our holiday festivities. ALL of her classmates enjoyed their warm drink because of her kindness. Isabella's leadership skills allowed us to have a marvelous party and create a wonderful memory.

Nominated by Ms. Mauro

I nominate Victoria because when I was on the bus everything dropped out of my backpack and she helped me pick it all up.

Nominated by Naveah





I would like to nominate these students for modeling synergy, among other habits, right before the Christmas holiday. I spotted these students using teamwork to work together and clean milk cartons for the second grade students to use for making gingerbread houses. These houses would be donated to make someone else's Christmas a little bit brighter. They were taking initiative and were doing so in a positive way. They told me that it was a messy job, but they were still willing to do it because they knew it was a kind thing to do. They were doing for others, and were looking for no reward in return. One of their multi-age teachers, Mrs. May, said that these students "always" display these character traits. I wanted to make sure that these students were recognized for beginning with the end in mind. They realized that they were an important part of making another person's holiday better and they did something about it in true Lancer spirit. Way to go!

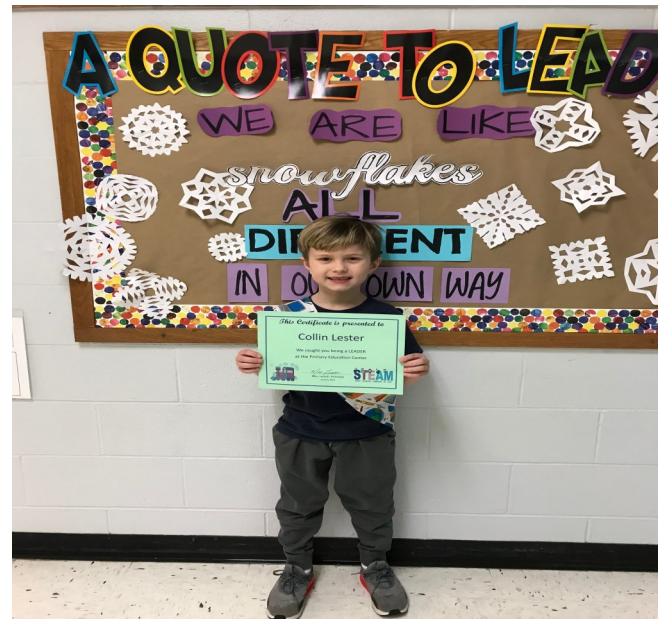
Nominated by Mrs. Schmitt





Emersynn has been a shining star since she came to our class in November. She works hard everyday to complete tasks. I am nominating her today because she is ALWAYS a good friend and when others need help, she is there with a kind word to cheer them on. She comes in everyday with a smile and a "can do" attitude. She is the true definition of what it means to be a friend and a Lancer. Great job Emersynn!
Nominated by Mrs. Eckstein

I am nominating Collin . He helped me clean all my water that spilled out of my water bottle at freetime. He helped me clean it up when he only had 2 minutes.
Nominated by Sam



Mayrin is a pleasure everyday. She works hard at everything she does. Recently, when a new friend joined our class, Mayrin took her under her wing and has showed her how to be a great leader in our classroom. Mayrin waits for her everyday and walks her to and from specials. She is sweet and kind. Mayrin deserves to have recognition for always being kind and a positive influence on new friends.
Nominated by Mrs. Eckstein

