



Lewiston-Porter Intermediate Education Center

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From the Principal's Office

Mrs. Rodriguez

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Dear IEC Families,

The end of the year is quickly approaching. With only 30 days of school left, it will be two very busy months at the IEC. This is the time of year that we start planning for next year. We are now into our third year of the District Strategic Plan, which is the framework of our educational goals for the next couple years. As part of the end of the year planning, we will be working collaboratively with the staff to work on student placements. We believe this is a collaborative process, and we value input from all stakeholders.

The process is very complex and takes many factors into consideration. We consider class size, academic needs, social-emotional needs, and structure of the program. We look at each student individually. Although we do not take parent teacher requests, if you need to inform me of any specific needs of your child, please call or schedule an appointment with me.

Currently, I am scheduling family meetings to discuss the needs of your child and explain the programs we will be offering next year. This would be a great opportunity for you to let me know if your child requires a specific learning environment to be successful in the classroom. **The deadline for scheduling an appointment to discuss the needs of your child is June 7, 2018.**

Please be aware that this is not a time to request a specific teacher, so please do not request a teacher by name. Throughout every child's school career, he or she will come into contact with many different teaching styles and personalities. In today's society, our students will be required to be flexible, and will need to develop skills to be able to work with a variety of people.

You will be notified of your child's class placement for the 2019-20 school year at the end of August.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rodriguez
Intermediate Education Center Principal

Home & School

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May 2019

SHORT NOTES

Being neighborly

Show your child how neighbors can depend on each other. If a package is delivered on a rainy day and the family isn't home, she could write a note saying she's holding it for them. Or if someone leaves headlights on, knock on their door together to let the person know.

Everyday research

Sharpen your youngster's research skills by challenging him to use them for practical purposes. Say he wants a pet or wonders why he needs to go to bed on time. Ask him to look into what being a pet owner would require or how sleep affects kids.

Growing up

As your child approaches puberty, she might compare herself to others. Explain that everyone develops at their own pace. The tallest person in her class right now may not be tallest in a few months. Good hygiene can boost confidence, so discuss routines like showering and using deodorant.

Worth quoting

"It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see." *Henry David Thoreau*

Summer learning traditions

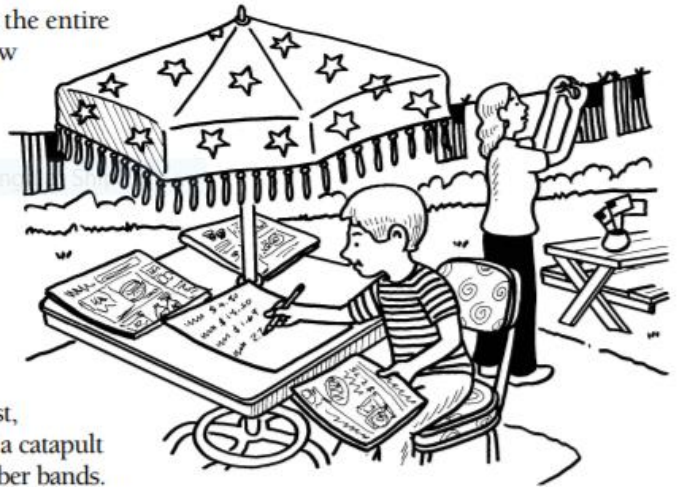
Your child has spent the entire school year learning new things. Help him hang onto that knowledge, and learn even more, by starting summer traditions like these.

STEM Olympics

Boost your youngster's STEM skills with a series of household engineering competitions. For the first contest, each person could build a catapult with craft sticks and rubber bands. See whose catapult can launch a ball the farthest. Next, maybe family members will compete to engineer a boat that carries the most pennies without sinking.

Family celebrations

Have your child use math to plan special events, such as an Independence Day cookout. Give him a budget, and let him look through grocery and dollar store flyers for the best prices on ingredients and supplies. He should list items and prices, and add up the total. Next, perhaps he'll host a National Ice Cream Day party



on July 21 or a back-to-school celebration the last weekend of summer break.

Reading pals

For a fun way to stay in touch—and practice reading—help your youngster find a relative to be his reading pal. Maybe he and his grandfather will take turns reading chapters of a novel via video chat. Or record a video of your youngster reading a book to send to a younger cousin. The little one can do the same to show her big cousin how she's learning to read.♥

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do bees hum?

A: Because they forget the words!



Let's limit screen time

For a healthier body *and* mind, your youngster needs to fill her days with something other than screen time. Here's how to encourage physical activity and real-life interactions:

- Decide on a daily screen time limit that is right for your family. Then, create rules to enforce the limit, such as "Play outside every day" and "Screen time ends at least one hour before bedtime."
- Be a role model by putting away devices yourself. For example, avoid using your phone when you're talking to or playing with your youngster. Or turn off the TV, and announce that it's time for a walk together.♥



Beyond please and thank you

Whether your child is at home, in public, or at someone else's house, using good manners shows respect for others. Consider these tips.

Acknowledge visitors. Explain how to welcome guests. If your youngster is playing a game and people visit, she should stop and chat.



Likewise, let her know to acknowledge when they leave by walking them to the door and saying goodbye.

Share public spaces.

When you use an escalator, you might say to your child, "We're standing on the right side. The left side is for walking." Or while waiting for the elevator, you could tell her, "Let's step back so people can get off before we get on."

Answer politely.

"Would you like pretzels or grapes?" When your child is offered options at someone else's home, she may think it's good manners to reply, "Either one." Point out that it's more helpful for the host if she says what she wants. ("I'd like grapes, thank you.")♥

What's in the newspaper?

A newspaper brings plenty of learning opportunities to your youngster's doorstep. Take advantage of the paper with these activities.

Alphabet grab bag

Let your child cut out individual letters from headlines and use them to spell as many words as possible. He might also make sentences using uppercase and lowercase letters.

Comic relief

Your youngster can put events in a logical sequence with this idea. Cut out comic strip panels, mix them up, and ask him to arrange them in the right order. For a bigger challenge, mix up panels from several comic strips for him to sort and put in order.



Picture this

Have your child practice critical thinking. Cut out a newspaper photograph and show it to him without the caption or article. Can he figure out what the article is about? He could write a caption for the photo, then read the article to see if his caption makes sense.♥

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Q & A

Musical experiences

Q: My daughter loves music class in school. She said she'll miss it this summer. Any ideas for "music class" at home?

A: It's great that your child likes music. In addition to bringing lifelong enjoyment, music can improve math and language skills by helping her recognize patterns and build vocabulary.

Luckily, music is everywhere. Explore styles by listening to different radio stations in the car. Or let her ask your smart speaker to play everything from rock and jazz to classical and bluegrass. Encourage your daughter to discover favorite genres and songs and to sing and clap along.

If your community has a summer concert series, plan to attend a few shows together. She'll get to see and hear a variety of instruments—not only guitars and drums, but perhaps banjos, bagpipes, or accordions.

Also, check the parks and recreation department for low-cost music classes. Maybe she'll learn to read music, sing harmonies, or even play the ukulele.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Appreciating teachers

During a recent PTA meeting, parents were brainstorming low-cost gift ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week May 6–10. I wanted my son Aiden to recognize what his teachers do for him, so I wrote down the suggestions for him to choose from.

My son decided to put candy, pencils, and sticky notes into a jar for his classroom teacher. On the pad's

top note, he wrote, "Thank you for teaching me to write!" Since his art teacher's favorite color is yellow, he's making her a yellow-themed goody bag with dollar store items—including highlighters with a note saying, "You shine bright!"

Aiden is enjoying putting together the gifts. He can't wait to hand them out and express his appreciation.♥



From the Nurse's Office

Submitted by Gloria Klettke, RN

Physical Exams, Dental Exams, Immunizations and Medication in School

3rd and 5th Grade Students in September 2019

Students entering 3rd and 5th grade in the Fall of 2019 are required to submit a physical examination report by September 3, 2019.

The physicals can be dated September 3, 2018 and after per New York State Law (one year before the start of the new school year). You can send in a copy of the physical now if completed, and it will be filed in your child's chart. Physicals can also be faxed to the school at 286-7854 by your child's Primary Care Provider.

A completed dental health certificate is also requested.

Forms can be downloaded from www.lew-port.com: Departments, Health Services, Forms.

Please keep a copy of any health forms for your own records before submitting them to the IEC.

6th Grade Students in September 2019

All 6th grade students are required to receive a Tdap booster immunization at the age of 11. This means that if your child is age 11 before the first day of school, they must have received this immunization and provided proof to the school. Students who turn age 11 after the first day of school must receive the vaccine within two weeks after their birthday. Meningitis immunization is required for all 7th grade students. You may have the option of doing both vaccines at the same visit. Your doctor's office can help you with making sure your child has fulfilled all requirements. Proof of all immunizations must be provided to the school by hand delivering, mailing or faxing immunization records. Since a physical exam is generally given prior to the child getting these immunizations, a copy of the exam along with the immunization records is kindly requested.

Students who are not current with their immunization compliance on September 3, 2019, can be excluded from school attendance per NYS law.

Medication in School

All medication in school for next year requires a **new** order from a child's health care provider for the 2019-2020 school year and a **parent signature**. Medication (including over the counter meds) are not allowed to be given to a child in school without an order from a Health Care Provider per New York State Law. An adult needs to bring the medication in to school.

If your child has medication in school, it will need to be picked up by an adult during the last week of school in June 2019. **Medication is not allowed to come to school or to go home in a child's backpack.** If not picked up at the end of June, the medication will be discarded.

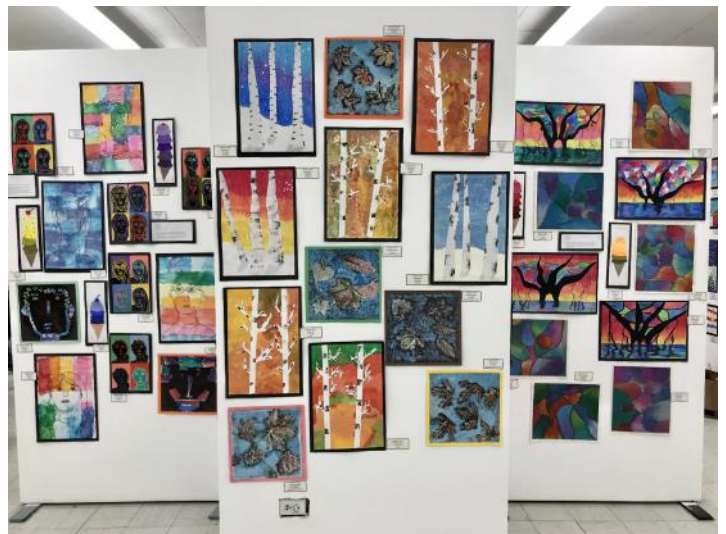
Clothing Donation

The IEC health office accepts clothing donations of elastic-waist pants, leggings, shorts and t-shirts. New or lightly used clean underwear and sneakers are also accepted.

From the Art Room

Submitted by Mrs. Frederick

**Congratulations to those 120 students
who were selected for the
annual K-12 district Art Show.
Mrs. Frederick and everyone at the IEC
are very proud of your artistic achievements!**



Health & Wellness

Submitted by Dana Thompson

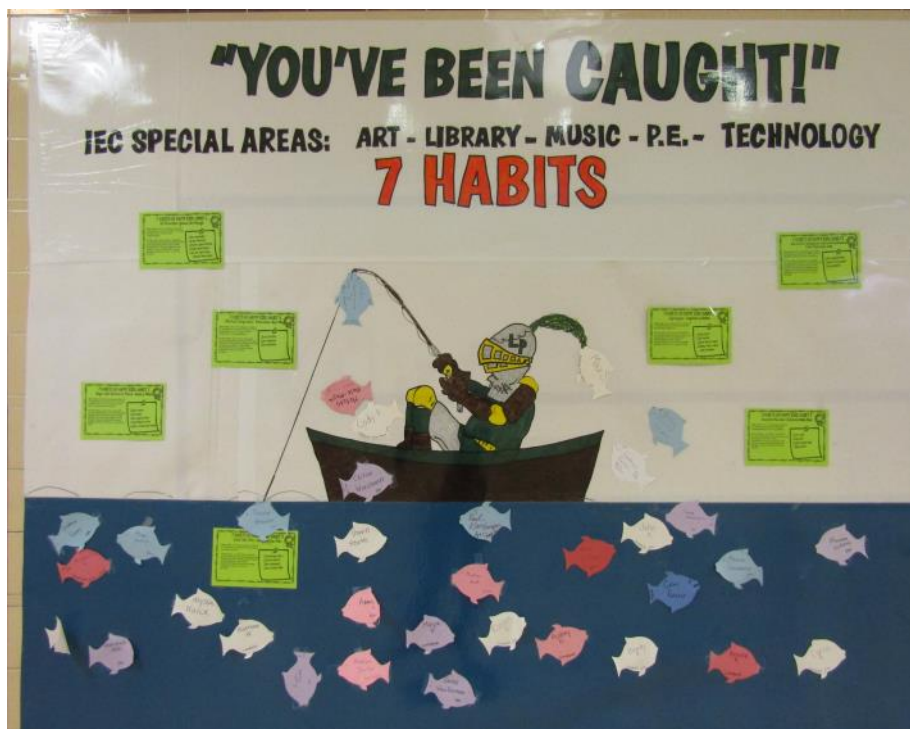
Mrs. Jaruszewski's and Mr. Frederick's 5th grade classes, and Mrs. Plewa's and Mrs. Stafford's 4th grade classes are participating in the Health & Wellness program in May with Mrs. Thompson. Topics that will be discussed include:

- 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
- Cyber safety
- Infections/HIV & AIDS

Mrs. Boss's and Mr. Siuta's 3rd grade classes are participating in the Health & Wellness program this month. Topics that will be discussed include:

- Nutrition & healthy eating/exercise
- Internet safety
- Bullying
- 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 that are discussed that require further explanation. All classes will continue until the end of June.



**Third grade students in Mrs. Boss's
and Mrs. Topolski's classes entered a
Niagara-Orleans BOCES writing contest**

The theme was *"I Have a Story to Tell"* (based on an intergenerational relationship or a lesson learned). A ceremony will be held on May 16th at Lockport High School to celebrate the winners. Mrs. Boss and Mrs. Topolski are very proud of their students' creativity and hard work!

Ella Brown from Mrs. Boss's class won Third Place, and will read her story at the ceremony. These students won Honorable Mention:

Mrs. Boss:

Carolyn Brodie
Reese Coppins
Ellee Edwards
Ava Halliday
Sophia Janese
Andrew Jowdy
Arizona Kozlowski
Reese Marcyan
Addisyn Scipione
Campbell Sweeney

Mrs. Topolski:

Ava Daege
Robert Moon
Carmella Niccola
Adrianne O'Shea
Ella Reid
Alexandra Sanchez
Brody Schultz
Charlie Stainbrook



Congratulations to our Lancer Gram recipients! "Synergize"

Fifth Grade

Gianna Ciffa
Audrey Drahms
Mia Granto
Thomas Hogan
Rhett Lammers
Samuel Miller
Rachael McIntyre
Brody Schultz
Stanley Staszczuk
Benjamin Thurman
Brenna Walton

Fourth Grade

Isabella Bane
Jaella Brown
Mariana Buccelato
Brandon Buttery
Chloe Corsaro
Emma Leardini
Cooper Lucantonio
Olivia Myers
Dakota Price
Gregory Quarantillo
Mary Katherine Ryan
James Scully

Third Grade

Jayla Gregg
Trevor Ingham
Isabella LaBernardo
Max Ljiljanich
David McFarland
Patrick Nowak
Adia See
Joshua Steimer
Liam Toczek



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

Orchestra: Samantha Draper
Chorus: Campbell Sweeney
Band: Jonathan Stainbrook
General Music: Peighton Furey



The Golden Spoon Award

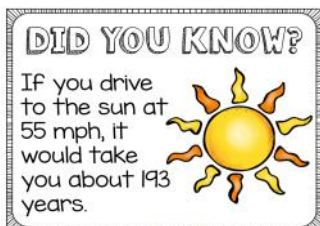
is a school-wide competition to reward classrooms that demonstrate positive behaviors in the cafeteria. This monthly award is given to one class that continually follows the school rules.

Congratulations to Mrs. Khatib's class for winning the Golden Spoon! They had lunch with Mrs. Rodriguez, and displayed the *golden spoon* in their classroom during April.





Some of our IEC music students shared their talents at a recital on March 29th



So, if you know it would take about 193 years to get to the Sun at 55 miles per hour, how many miles away from Earth is the Sun??? Hint... how many hours in a year?

work hard.
→ have fun.
↓
make a difference.

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, is dedicated to service men and women who have given their lives for freedom and country. The roots of Memorial Day go back to 1865 and the end of the Civil War.

Victory in Europe (V-E Day) commemorates the end of fighting in Europe during World War II. The German army ceased fighting on May 2, 1945, and surrender of all German forces was scheduled for May 9. Journalists caught wind of the plans, so the U.S. and Britain moved the date to May 8th.

Armed Forces Day was announced in a presidential proclamation on February 20, 1950 by President Harry Truman. The first holiday was held on May 20, 1950 as a day to salute all the men and women in all branches of military, who protect us and our country.

The Kentucky Derby, a.k.a. the Running of the Roses, is held at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Nearly 160,000 people attend the all-day event, which culminates in a two-minute, 1-1/4 mile race with 20 three-year-old horses. The winner receives a garland of roses and monetary prize (purse), which will be raised from \$2 million to \$3 million this year! The first race on May 17, 1875 had a purse of \$2,850. Only 13 horses have won the Triple Crown, which means winning the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes.

The tuba (Latin for horn or trumpet) is the largest and lowest-pitched musical instrument in the brass family. There are 12 types of tuba, and the length of the main tube ranges from 12 to 18 feet! The tuba largely replaced an instrument called the ophicleide. A Prussian patent for a bass tuba was granted to Wilhelm Wieprecht and Johann Moritz in 1835.

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 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 at 8:40 a.m.
- 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. Checks should be made out to the Lewiston-Porter Central School District, and may be 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 the following day.

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.



Lewiston-Porter Central School District

Aiming Higher

October 9, 2018

Dear IEC Families:

I hope the school year is off to a great start! Please see the information below, which describes our new arrival procedures effective Tuesday, October 9th.

NEW arrival procedures at the IEC :

The drop off entrance will be open from 8:45 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

Do not leave your child if you do not see a staff member outside and the doors are closed.

- Please enter the parking lot using the **Northern entrance, closest to the PEC.**
- Turn right into the parking lot, forming a **single line.**
- Please stay in **ONE line**, and drive through the parking lot to drive up to the sidewalk to drop off your child at the Drop Off Entrance (door North of the Main Entrance).
- If the driver must get out of the car, please park in a parking space in the lot, away from the Fire Lane.
- Never form a double line to drop off children.
- Never drop your child off anywhere but out the passenger door on the sidewalk.
- Do not park your car in a parking space and have your child cross in front of the cars.
- If a parent needs to come into the building, please use the Main Entrance.

Tardiness

Students arriving after 8:55 a.m. must be accompanied by a parent to the Main Office. Please use the Main Entrance to sign in your child.

Thank you for your continued collaboration, safety and partnership!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tina Rodriguez
Principal
Intermediate Education Center

INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION CENTER

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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 8:00 a.m. for tutorials.**

**If your child is absent, please 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!

**YMCA Before and After School Program
held at the PEC
Call: YMCA Niagara Falls 285-8491**

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.**

Board Notes

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Events

- Upcoming dates for NYS testing are as follows:
 - **May 29 - 8th Grade Science - Hands on**
 - **June 3 - 8th Grade Science - Written**
 - **½ Days June 18-24 - [Regents Exams and Final](#)**
- We continue to work on the master schedule for next year. Foreign language is still an area that we are navigating based upon the criteria that we have been given. To that end, we have sent a letter to all parents of middle school students asking them to prioritize the language that they would like to take for next year. The [Parent Letter](#) asks parents to return the information to us so that we can get an idea of potential number of language sections necessary for next year. We have consolidated that information and are using it to develop appropriate sections. This will have an affect on what sections need to be covered from the High School language department. At this point, it looks like we will need 3 sections covered from a high school teacher.
- The Student Council will be sponsoring a dinner for the custodial staff on May 23. The Student Council will be serving and singing for our MS staff.
- Our collaborative partnership with Niagara University continues to be very successful! As a reminder, we currently have NU students working with Lew-Port teachers for their curriculum specific methods classes here on campus. Lew-Port teachers that are involved include Nina Calarco - Math; Kerri Schmidt/Cathy Loncar - ELA; Amy Townsend - Social Studies; Liz Buck/Kim Alexander - Science. The teaching methods classes are being held here on campus with students actually attending classes here on the Lew-Port campus weekly. We met with leadership from NU on May 15 to discuss our future plans relating to teacher assistantship and student teaching.
- On May 14, our 8th grade Honors Project students presented their capstone projects to the PEC and IEC faculties. They also presented on May 21 at a combined faculty meeting of HS and MS teachers. The feedback from former and future teachers was tremendous! This idea has really taken off under the direction of the team of Nina Calarco, Liz Buck, MaryEllen Aureli and Melanie Kitchen. Students will be presenting their Capstone Presentations at Niagara University on May 29. [Capstone Flyer](#)
- Our shared decision making interview team interviewed 2 candidates as Phase II of the Assistant Principal search. It is anticipated that two candidates will be forwarded to Phase III with Paul and Patti once references calls are made.
- The end of the year is near! Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions, thoughts, concerns. Andy

Upcoming Events

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| • May 13 - 25 STAR Testing | • June 7 8th Grade MUD Field Trip - Fantasy Island |
| • May 23/24 5th Grade Visitation and Tour - 1:30pm | • June 14 8th Gr MUD Dance - MS Cafeteria 6:30-8:30 |
| • May 23 Custodian Appreciation Dinner - Student Counsel - 3-5pm | • June 17 Senior Walk |
| • May 28 8th Grade Science Test - Performance | • June 18-24 Final Exams - Dismissal 11:15 |
| • May 29 Honors Project Presentations - NU 5-7pm | • June 24 8th Grade MUD Ceremony - HS Auditorium 8:30am |
| • May 30 7th/8th Grade Band Concert - HS Aud 7pm | |
| • May 31 7th Grade ELA Field Test June 3 8th Grade Science Test - Written Test | |
| • June 5 3-6th Outdoor concert @ IEC bus loop 7:30pm | |

One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.

- Maya Angelou