

November 2020 Administrative Reports

Primary Education Center (attached)

Intermediate Education Center

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Middle School

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High School (attached)

NOVEMBER 2020

PRIMARY EDUCATION CENTER NEWSLETTER

THAT'S THE PEC SPIRIT!!!



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BEST
COSTUME!



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DAY!



WE GOT
THIS!



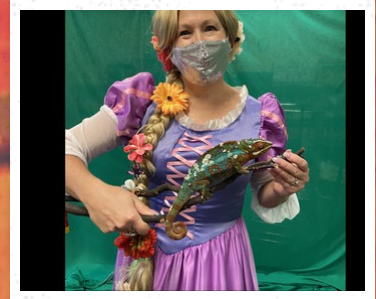
VERY
CREATIVE!



CLEANING
UP SPIRIT
WEEK

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear PEC Families & Friends,



We have so much to be grateful for in this school community. Thank you to all our families who completed the Parent Leader In Me survey. Our building leadership team is transforming into a "Lighthouse" Covey *Leader in Me* Team. This transformation process will include all stakeholders of our community. Your feedback will support our school goals for the next five years in alignment with our District Strategic Plan.

Our building leadership team will be reviewing all the feedback from families and staff on November 3rd during an all day Leader in Me Coaching experience. We look forward to sharing our work with you in the future. It is our hope that we will support our students in growing life habits that will support a growth mindset as they contribute to our community with confidence.

This school year began with much trepidation for all of us. With the support of our families, we have been able to confidently engage our students in learning in a safe and healthy environment. Our first trimester will close on December 4th. Please be on the lookout for information from your classroom teacher regarding the process for Parent-Teacher Conferences. We value the opportunity to collaborate with you on your child's educational plans. The first trimester parent-teacher conference allows families to review the growth, academic achievement and individual goals for their child.

In closing, I am grateful for a dedicated staff who give their personal best every day to our shared mission. I am grateful for our supportive families who partner with us to create the best path for their child(ren). I am full of gratitude for all of my students who continue to demonstrate resiliency and teach me life lessons daily. In the spirit of gratitude, consider having your child submit an essay, poem or artwork to the NYS Senate Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration (please read the details below). You may also submit your creation to Mrs. Larson for a special PEC Gratitude Showcase.

Join us LIVE every remote Monday at 8:15 am for our Morning News Program led by our dynamic PEC News Production Crew. Please join Twitter @LewPortPEC to find more information on school events and happenings throughout the day.

Thank you for your support and remember we are always **#StrongerTogether**.

Sincerely,

Tamara Larson
Principal of the Primary Education Center

NEW YORK STATE SENATE



Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration



What are you thankful for this year?

Please submit your essay, poetry or artwork for inclusion in our Thanksgiving Day Showcase.
All entries must be sent electronically. Deadline date for entries is 11/23/2020.

ortt.nysenate.gov



Senator Robert G. Ortt
wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving
and thanks you for your participation.

**ATTENTION ALL LANCERS: LET'S BEGIN
OUR WEEK TOGETHER LIVE!**



Lewiston-Porter's PEC
REMOTE MONDAY
MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday, November 2, 2020

STREAMING

LIVE

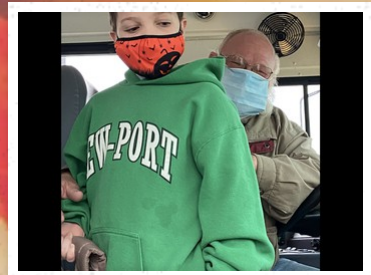
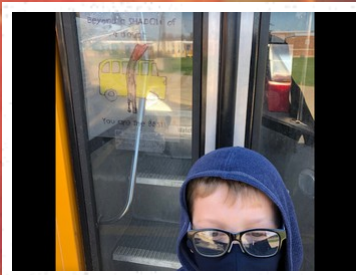
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**WE "WHEELIE" APPRECIATE OUR BUS
DRIVERS!**



Primary Education Center



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7
8	9**Schedule Change Board of Education Work Session 6:00 pm Day 2	10 Green Hybrid Picture Retake Day 3 	11 Veteran's Day District Closed	12 White Hybrid Picture Retake Day 4 	13 Day 5	14
15	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21
22	23**Schedule Change Regular Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Thanksgiving Holiday—District Closed	26 Give Thanks 	27	28
29	30 Day 1	<div> <p>**Mondays—All hybrid students remote learning—no on-campus instruction (yellow shade)</p> <p>**Tuesdays & Wednesdays—Green hybrid students only on campus (green shade)</p> <p>Thursdays & Fridays—White hybrid students only on campus (white shade)</p> </div>				

REMOTE MONDAY SPECIAL AREA EXPECTATIONS



The special areas are an important part of your child's educational plan and overall social-emotional development. We have been listening to feedback from our families and teachers on what is needed to increase positive engagement in *PE, Art, Music, STEAM & Library Media*

on Remote Mondays. Keep in mind that your child will only receive zoom invites and assignments for the special area classes that they are scheduled for in the six day rotation on Remote Mondays. Based on this feedback, the following changes will begin on our next Remote Monday, October 19th:

- There will be both asynchronous (instructional videos, choice boards) and synchronous (zoom, "real time" instruction) opportunities for all students K-5.
- Zoom instruction will be scheduled for Monday afternoons only- invitations will be sent out on the preceding Friday night in your child's Seesaw Activity.
- The required asynchronous assignments may be completed at any time during the week, at your pace and at a time that works best for your family- *to stay on track, all assignments should be completed within one week.*
- Synchronous Monday afternoon Zoom is optional and will be an opportunity to extend and reflect on the asynchronous assignment. Please review the Special Area Zoom Schedule:

9:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office Hours by Appointment <i>Parents can email teachers for further support or learning extensions.</i>
12:30 pm – 12:50 pm	Kindergarten lesson extension via Zoom PE – mixed grade level Zoom for lesson, extension, review and reflection
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	1 st Grade lesson extension via Zoom PE – mixed grade level Zoom for lesson, extension, review and reflection
1:30 pm – 1:50 pm	2 nd Grade lesson extension via Zoom PE – mixed grade level Zoom for lesson, extension, review and reflection
2:00 pm – 2:20 pm	Multiage lesson extension via Zoom PE – mixed grade level Zoom for lesson, extension, review and reflection
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Office Hours by Appointment <i>Parents can email teachers for further support or learning extensions.</i>

Special Area Teacher Office Hours are available by appointment for any questions and individualized support that your child may need to be successful, from 9 am - 12 noon and 2:30 pm - 3 pm

*We encourage physical activity every day to provide appropriate brain breaks to help children re-energize, refocus and give their brains a boost. Our Physical education teachers will provide choice boards to get the whole family up and moving!



PRIMARY EDUCATION CENTER'S FOOD DRIVE

When: November 16 - December 4

Where: In-person students can bring donations to their individual classrooms. For those of you who are learning remotely, donation containers are located in the secured lobby of the PEC or donations can be made directly to the pantry!

Who: YOU can help feed the hungry in Ransomville, Lewiston, Youngstown, and Wilson

How: All non-perishable food items (no glass, please) will be donated to the Share-n-Care Food Pantry and dispersed to people right in our own communities!

Care -N- Share Food Pantry

Care-n-Share Food Pantry A division of Inter-Community Services

Hours of Operation Thursdays 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location 3628 Ransomville Road Ransomville, NY 14131

For emergencies or information 716-245-0631 (Ellie)

FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE

Fight Flu at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

COLD vs. FLU vs. ALLERGIES vs. COVID-19

SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES	COVID-19** (can range from mild to serious)
Fever	Rare	High (100-102°F), Can last 3-4 days	Never	Common
Headache	Rare	Intense	Uncommon	Can be present
General Aches, Pains	Slight	Usual, often severe	Never	Can be present
Fatigue, Weakness	Mild	Intense, can last up to 2-3 weeks	Sometimes	Can be present
Extreme Exhaustion	Never	Usual (starts early)	Never	Can be present
Stuffy/Runny Nose	Common	Sometimes	Common	Has been reported
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes	Usual	Has been reported
Sore Throat	Common	Common	Sometimes	Has been reported
Cough	Mild to moderate	Common, can become severe	Sometimes	Common
Shortness of Breath	Rare	Rare	Rare, except for those with allergic asthma	In more serious infections

Sources: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. CDC. WHO.

**Information is still evolving

A GLOBAL MONSTER STEAM CHALLENGE, SUBMITTED BY MRS. KAZULAK

Some of our PEC students from grades 1-3 participated in A Global Monster STEAM challenge. For this project each participating class from across the globe designs 1 part of the monster. These descriptions are then shared to all classes and the building begins. Once the monster is built, pictures are sent to a central location and shared via email and on the global monster website. This year there were not have as many classes participating, but the ones that did were from Canada, Poland, Serbia, Italy, India and several different states across the US: Virginia, Maine, New York, Florida, Virginia, Colorado and Illinois. It was a great way to learn that we are all facing the same challenges within our communities involving the corona virus. We hope to stay in touch with our new friends as the year progresses.

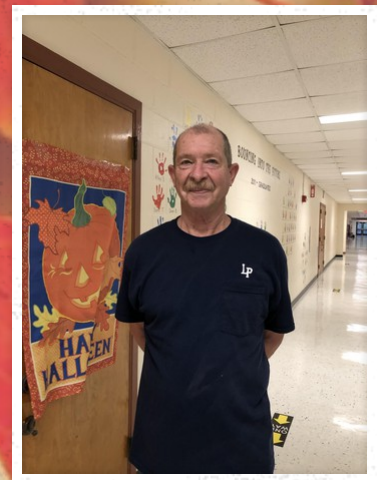


STUDENTS EXERCISE IN A SPOOKY GYM CLASS



MR. HAYS AND MR. DAN ARE NAMED CATCH OF THE WEEK!

Submitted by Mr. Hays: "I would like to nominate **Dan Parker** for this week's Catch of the Week. Dan is a member of the custodial staff at the PEC. He (along with the entire custodial team) have done an incredible job keeping our building clean and safe. Dan goes out of his way to coordinate with colleagues to be as efficient as possible. He is constantly on the move throughout the day, and other teachers have noticed the attention to detail in his work. We are lucky to have Dan at the PEC."

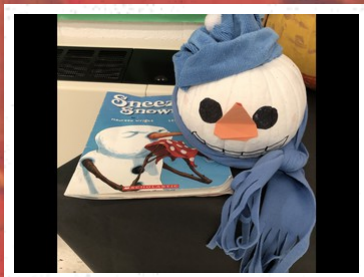


Submitted by Mr. Waple: "I would like to nominate **Justin Hayes**, PEC Physical Education teacher. Justin is an innovator and works tirelessly to reach every one of his students. He constantly researches and implements cutting edge ideas and shares the information with all PE colleagues."



STORYBOOK PUMPKINS! SUBMITTED BY MRS. VAN EGMOND

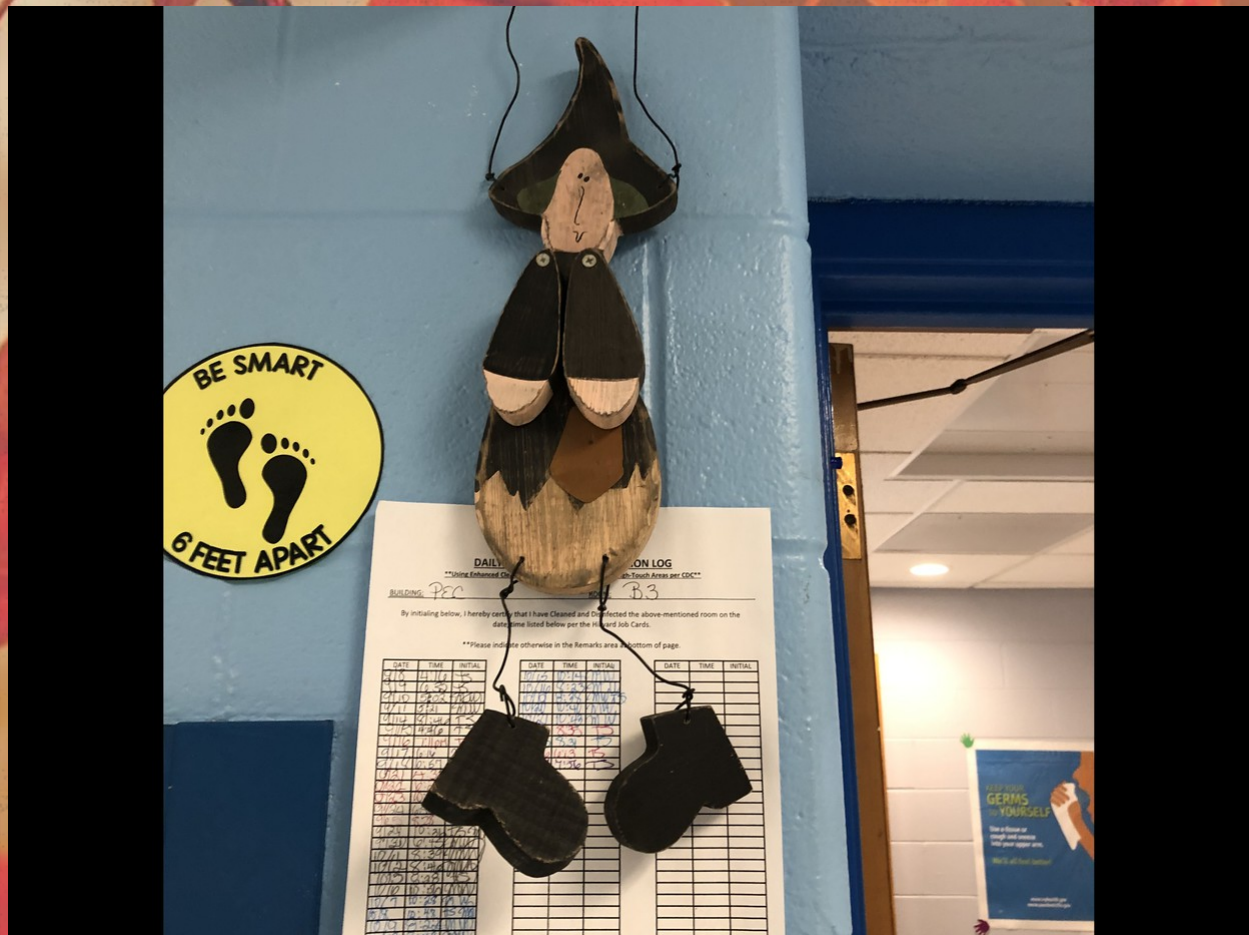
First graders are learning all about fictional characters as we read, read and read some more!! We are excited to share new books and meet more and more characters with our character pumpkin museum. Encouraging others to read about our characters and hearing So many kids inspired to read books just makes our day!

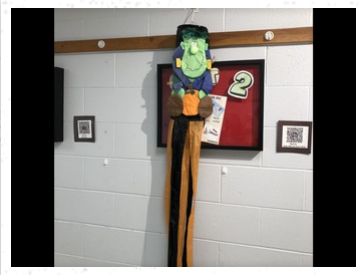


STORY BOOK PUMPKINS BY FIRST GRADERS

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES GO ON A HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

Using their iPads and observation skills, kindergarten students took to the halls to search for ten Halloween items including a wooden witch, chandelier and dancing skeleton, wooden ghost and black hat, wooden jack-o-lantern, Frankenstein, Happy Halloween flag, witches' hats, a scarecrow and a monster!





Brad Rowles - Board Report - Written Report - November 23, 2020

Activities that have or will be occurring at the High School:

- We held our Spirit Week - Monday, October 26th to Friday, October 30th.
- The High School, under the leadership of Mrs. Michelle Conti, held our last SAT/PSAT/ACT examination sessions for the Fall testing window on Saturday, November 7th.
- Our Girls Varsity Soccer Team won their Section Championship on Saturday, November 14th.
 - Great job Lady Lancers!!
- Senior Justin Pavan won a Section Championship for Cross Country on Saturday, November 14th.
 - A fantastic season for Justin, which ended with a section championship!
- Our Boys Varsity Soccer Team lost a heartbreaking game in the final 7 seconds to place second for their Section.
- 1st Quarter grades closed on Friday, November 13th.
- We were informed on Monday, November 17th, that High School Winter Sports will be rescheduled to begin after the 1st of the year.

A few items to report to the Board of Education and Superintendent

Principal's Activities:

- Making sure that I am visible throughout the school day.
 - Greeting the students each morning as they disembark from the buses.
 - Providing expectations and support to our students through morning and afternoon announcements.
 - Being a presence in the Cafeteria during each of our 3 lunch periods.
 - Walking the building throughout the day.
- Fostering a strong working relationship with my staff.
- Meeting with my Student Support Team (Green Team) every Wednesday during 8th period.
 - This group will meet weekly for the 2020-2021 school year to discuss student-related concerns.
- Working to maintain a socially distanced building and classrooms through our social distancing guidelines and a classroom utilization chart.
- Meeting monthly with Dr. Lyon and our APEX Liaisons to provide support and guidance with our 100% remote program.
- Met with Dr. Lyon on Friday, November 6th for our monthly mentoring session.
- Working with our amazing custodial staff to maintain a sanitized and safe learning environment for all members of the Lew-Port Family.
- Attended my first Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on Monday, November 16th.
- Met with Dr. Lyon and district administration to review policies 7210 and 7212.
- Met with the SPED program evaluation members on Thursday, November 12th.
- Met with the Teacher preparation Committee for the 1st time on Thursday, November 5th.
- Held an All-Staff meeting on Monday, November 9th to explain the schedule and expectations for the building being quarantined as per the recommendation of Niagara County Department of Health, from Tuesday, November 10th to Monday, November 16th.
- Working with Dr. Grupka on an ongoing and regular basis to address COVID-related issues and concerns at the High School.

Principal's Message:

I want to begin by thanking Mr. Casseri for his leadership and direction, during the past few weeks. As many of you may be aware, we were notified of an off-site event that took place on Saturday, October 31st, that led to the building being quarantined for a period of 5 school days. This building based quarantine was recommended by the Niagara County Department of Health. During this time period, difficult decisions were made, conversations with the community were had, and in the end, the correct decision was made. Making the correct decision is at times painful and difficult. Mr. Casseri's commitment to the safety and well-being of the Lew-Port Family was on full display with his decision to quarantine the building.

As we move into the Thanksgiving Holiday, I want to express my appreciation and thankfulness for being part of the Lew-Port Family. During my almost 9 months as building principal, we've faced many difficult challenges and decisions, but I can honestly say, I wouldn't want to face these challenging times, as a member of any other team. This district has proven to be Aiming Higher, even in the face of adversity.

Thank you for your continued support,

Brad

Go Lancers!!!