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# 2021-22 Budget Message from the Board of Education and Superintendent



Who could have imagined a school year such as this one in the Era of COVID-19? Beginning in March of last year, the Lewiston-Porter School District and community have faced unprecedented challenges. Never before has the partnership between school, home and community been more clear, or more important. We cannot thank you enough for your support.

Despite many obstacles our schools have remained open the entire year for on campus learning. Across the district, our schools operate in multiple learning models: The hybrid model blends virtual Mondays with in-person/on campus learning two days per week and remote learning two days per week or each student; Daily Lancers (specific Special Education and English Language Learners) are on campus everyday; BOCES Career and Technical Education students are transported daily to the Sanborn CTE Center; and 100% Remote Learners are provided online education in a guided synchronous/asynchronous (Elementary) and asynchronous (Secondary) model everyday, progressing at their own pace. Our teachers, staff and administrators have worked tirelessly to provide teaching and learning, academic and emotional support to students who at any point of any given day may be on campus, on line, or at home.

Slowly, incrementally we are making progress. Currently, Elementary students are now back on campus everyday: At the end of April, working within updated State and Federal guidance, we were able to welcome PreK-5 students back to a full five days of instruction. Students at the Middle and High Schools remain in the hybrid model, due to social distancing restrictions in Niagara County in accordance with our current transmission rate determination by the CDC. All students wishing to remain in the 100% remote model remain at home, with two distinct (Elementary and Secondary)

remote education programs and staff. If this sounds complicated, it is.

The cost of the pandemic cannot be underestimated. Increased operating expenses have been part and parcel to keeping our schools open and our students, faculty, staff, and community safe: The cost of protective equipment (PPE), air quality supplies, barriers, and additional desks; Added cleaning staff and hours, along with sanitizing and disinfecting supplies; Technology, including the cost of the remote learning program and its additional staffing requirements. Careful budgeting, as we headed into this difficult year, together with our strong academic and financial position, allowed us weather the uncertainty and turmoil.

In the midst of this crisis, we respectfully present the proposed 2021-22 budget of \$51,195,913 to the residents and taxpayers of the Lewiston-Porter Central School District. This represents a 4.28% increase budget-to-budget, and a 1% increase to the tax levy. While it is still with great uncertainty that we look to next year, we know that progress is being made toward full and complete reopening in the 2021-22 school year. Our balanced budget takes current numbers and all potential impacts into consideration. It plans for a traditional school year, with anticipated increases in needs for academic and emotional support, and consideration for continued necessity to work within pandemic guidelines and precautions. The proposed budget is the result of significant work and planning by the District leadership team in collaboration with the Board of Education. The District Strategic Plan continues to set the direction of all fiscal decision-making, together with our long-term financial goals.

We are grateful to the State and Federal governments for the significant support realized

this year to balance the incredible financial burdens of operating during a global pandemic. The finalized state budget includes a 2.97% increase in Foundation Aid. Other aid categories particularly BOCES Aid and Transportation are cost driven aids based on dollars spent in this 2020-21 school year. We know these estimates in our total aid package are high so we must qualify the inclusion of those numbers with our internal estimates of spending this year in both those categories. We know those final aid numbers may be less, so we carefully look to limit spending in these areas.

Federal aid is finally arriving, with significant resources to put directly toward remediation, social-emotional support, technology, and other very specific initiatives over the next three years. There are a lot of strings attached to this aid, but this support brings great opportunity to better the education, health and wellbeing of our children. We are currently in the process of reviewing the parameters of this aid, and will maximize every cent.

While we are appreciative of this year's state and federal aid, we remain cautious and conservative in our fiscal planning. Our district has borne the brunt of State financial crisis before, and we know a strong year can be followed by great volatility. Over the past six years, we have developed careful, conservative fiscal planning and a Strategic Plan focused on student achievement. By closely following our Strategic Plan and long term fiscal planning, spending is focused to fully support educational priorities and a full reopening of school, while remaining fair and responsive to the current and future needs of our taxpayers.

Budget increases were driven by the requirements  
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**Annual Budget Vote &  
School Board Election**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2021 • 7 am - 8 pm**

**PROPOSITION #1**  
**Annual Budget**  
**\$51,195,913**

# School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$49,092,660	\$51,195,913	\$50,917,837
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$2,103,253	\$1,825,117
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.28%	3.72%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$27,807,563	\$28,085,639	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	\$27,807,563	\$28,085,639	\$27,807,563
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,268,882	\$1,268,890	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$26,541,387	\$27,196,765	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$26,538,681	\$26,816,749	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$2,706	\$380,016	
Administrative Component	\$4,303,153	\$5,029,889	\$5,017,389
Program Component	\$34,470,567	\$36,754,719	\$36,588,442
Capital Component	\$10,318,940	\$9,411,305	\$9,311,305

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Elimination of the Capital outlay project, conferences and furniture. Cuts to field trips, athletics and intramurals.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
	\$

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	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$532.24</b>
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Lewiston-Porter Central school district, Niagara County, New York, will be held at the Community Resource Center, at 4061 Creek Road, Youngstown, NY, 14174, in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm prevailing time in the Community Resource Center, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.	

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

***“We are Aiming Higher”***

# Proposed 2021-2022 Budget ... at a closer look

Budget Area	Description	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
Board of Education	BOE memberships and required trainings, District Clerk, supplies & materials for regular BOE meetings & the Annual Meeting	\$139,653
Central Administration	Superintendent & secretary salaries, supplies and materials	\$258,110
Office of Finance	Assistant Superintendent & secretary salaries, supplies and materials	\$489,044
Staff	Includes legal, personnel, records	\$278,578
Central Services	Building operations, maintenance, printing & mailing	\$3,629,053
Special Items	Insurance, assessments, BOCES Administrative charges	\$533,824
Administration & School Improvement	Instructional Administration & Staff Development	\$2,104,963
Teaching	Teachers', aides', monitors' salaries, supplies & materials	\$13,314,396
Occupational Education	Career and Technical Education programs at Orleans/Niagara BOCES	\$850,660
Special Programs	Special Education teachers', aides' salaries, supplies & materials	\$6,797,341
Teaching - Special schools	Continuing Education Programming	\$110,993
Instructional Media	Librarians', aides', computer technology salaries, supplies & materials	\$857,806
Payroll Services	Guidance, nurses, psychologists, social worker, extracurricular & inter-scholastic athletics	\$2,224,066
Transportation	Contracted services, fuel, monitors, and other costs associated with the transportation of students	\$3,417,556
Employee Benefits	Teacher Retirement System, Employee Retirement System, Health Insurance, Social Security, Workmen's Comp. & Unemployment Insurance	\$10,754,288
Capital Debt & Bond Payments	Bonds & BANS principal and interest payments associated with capital projects	\$5,280,582
Transfers to special Aid	Federal aid transfer to general fund for Special Education Summer School	\$55,000
Transfers to special Aid	Capital outlay project	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$51,195,913</b>

## 2021-22 Budget Message *continued from page 1*

for a full reopening of schools in 2021-22, including continued need for personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning, disinfecting and air quality supplies, and the possibility of having to run a fully remote learning model into next year. Also included in the budget are potential increases to transportation, contractual obligations for three of the bargaining units, whose contracts will be negotiated this Spring. Beyond that we have continued educational mandates (increases to Special Education, transportation) balanced through strategic and careful programmatic initiatives, and continued healthcare cost containment. Careful budgeting and constant monitoring of expenses to capture efficiencies, and contractual savings due to the closure allowed for budgetary savings in 2020-21. Those savings have been applied within this budget along with careful appropriation of hard-earned reserves, along with a modest increase of 1% to the tax levy, well below both CPI and the tax cap threshold.

The Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 7:00am to 8:00pm in the Community Resource Center, Multi-Purpose Room. If you would like to request an absentee ballot application, please contact Marisa Barile, District Clerk at 716-286-7266 or by email at mbarile@lew-port.com.

We thank you for your careful consideration of the 2021-22 budget information included in this newsletter. We thank you for the understanding that we have, and will continue to, do everything we can to meet the needs of our students, our families, and our community during the ongoing public health crisis. We thank you for your enduring support.

Respectfully,

The Lewiston-Porter Board of Education and Superintendent Paul J. Casseri

### A Message from the District Clerk

To be a qualified voter you must be:

- a US Citizen
- at least 18 years old
- a School District resident for 30 days immediately preceding the vote

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

# Board of Education Candidates

**Elect (3) three at large Baord of Education vacancies. The (2) two candidates who receive the most votes will serve (3) three year terms from July 1,2021 until June 30, 2024. The candidate who receives the third highest number of votes will serve immediately after the election upon filing their oath of office until June 30, 2022.**



**Name:** Jennifer A. Klemick

**Education:** SUNY at Buffalo with an emphasis on Legal Studies

**Employment:** Legal Assistant

**Please identify previous and/or real-life experiences, which you believe, qualify you to serve on the Board of Education.**

I have had the privilege of serving on the Lewiston Porter Board of Education for the past year. During this time, I have learned about board governance, fiscal responsibility, equity and equality within our schools, how to be a positive board member and so much more. I have been an active member in the PTSA since 2014 and have served as a Membership Chair for the past three years. I am a parent of a middle school student at Lewiston-Porter and have had the pleasure of getting to know our dedicated administrators, teachers and staff. I would like to continue working together with all stakeholders to provide the best possible education for the students in our district.

**Why do you want to be/become a member of the Board of Education?**

I believe that Lewiston Porter is a wonderful school and we have a caring and committed community. I am extremely passionate about the education and future of the students in this district. I am dedicated to helping ensure that each child can find their own pathway to success. It would be an honor to continue to serve my community as a member of the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education.



**Name:** Julie Donnelley

**Education:** University of Guelph: Bachelor of Science - Agriculture Program

Syracuse LPN program

California Intravenous Therapy Certification

California RN bridge program

**Employment:** At Home Parent

Nurse: Oncology, Home Care/Long Term Care (retired)

**Please identify previous and/or real-life experiences, which you believe, qualify you to serve on the Board of Education.**

I have had the privilege of participating in board and leadership roles with the Lew Port Parent Teacher Student Association for the past seven years. Through my experiences developing, leading and implementing initiatives with the PTSA I have worked with students, staff and parents on many occasions. These experiences have contributed to the refinement of many skills including: leadership, fundraising, public speaking, community relations and team building. As residents of Lewiston, my husband and I have three children attending the school district from Primary to Middle School. We are proud of the high standards of educational programming and experiences that this school board, teachers, administrators, support staff and community deliver. It is this collaborative experience that allows us to raise the bar of excellence and have a school system that is innovative and growth

orientated to help our young people meet the challenges of the future.

**Why do you want to be/become a member of the Board of Education?**

Serving our Lewiston Porter School community has been and continues to be a great joy and rewarding experience. Genuinely hearing and reflecting upon the needs of our school community and participating in policy decisions that will shape our students educational development requires commitment, flexibility and teamwork. Upon careful reflection I feel I am ready to learn and become a contributing member of the Board of Education serving the Lewiston-Porter School District.



**Name:** Anika Fetzner

**Education:** Bachelors of Human Resource Management, UMUC

**Employment:** Stay at home Mom, substitute teacher at Lew-Port

**Please identify previous and/or real-life experiences, which you believe, qualify you to serve on the Board of Education.**

I am a mom of four children in the district ranging from Kindergarten to 8th grade. My two older children are in orchestra at different levels. My oldest daughter is also involved in multiple Lew-Port athletic programs. This has given me a deeper level of commitment to the Lew-Port community.

I have been a member of the PTSA for 6 years. In the past two and a half years, I have been active on the PTSA Board as the chair for spirit wear for the Middle and High School. As a friend of mine pointed out, I am not afraid to ask questions.

I have spent some time volunteering in classrooms as well as worked as a substitute teacher in all four buildings, which I believe offers me insight into the life of our teachers and students.

**Why do you want to be/become a member of the Board of Education?**

I'm interested in the continued success of our district. I think it is important to focus on our children's education in order to help them succeed in the future. Lew-Port is an all-around great environment for our children (grandchildren), teachers and supporting staff. The academic performance, diversity of athletics, arts and enrichment programs are some of the best in Western NY. My goal is to not only maintain that standard of excellence but also support future development that is both fiscally responsible and targeted towards our children's best interests.



**Anne H. Orr  
1957-2021**

The Lewiston-Porter community mourns the loss of Board of Education member Anne Orr. Anne was an excellent board member, an amazing person and a wonderful friend. She was a woman of great wit, intellect, diplomacy and charm. She was a devoted activist, an accomplished sailor, had a fascinating and multifaceted career, an adventurous spirit,

and was a devoted family and community member.

Anne was a Lew-Port alumna (Class of 1975), graduate of both Smith College and UC Berkley, and semi-retired after forty years in Communication and Change Management. After many years on the West Coast, Anne had returned to her hometown of Youngstown in 2009. She beautifully restored her grandmother's home on Church Street, and lived a life of service and activism that benefited so many.

Anne was elected to the Board of Education in 2019. She dove into her work on the board immediately, joking at her second meeting that she was only ¼ of the way

through the 1000+ page School Law book. She voraciously read that law book, the policy manual, and everything she could get her hands on. She served on both the Facilities and Policy Review Committees, stepping up to chair Policy Committee in 2020. She was posthumously presented the New York State School Board Association Board Achievement Award on April 26.

Her service to the community extended beyond the Board of Education, to numerous charitable and political organizations. She served as Chair of the Niagara Area Foundation Council, as a sous chef for Meals on Wheels, and tirelessly worked on political campaigns,

including being a founding member of Indivisible Niagara, a political action group. During the past year of the pandemic, she worked tirelessly delivering meals to those in need and made thousands of cloth masks, which she distributed freely throughout the district and across the country.

The Board of Education extends our deepest condolences to her family and friends, of whom there are so many - here in the Lew-Port community, and coast to coast - and share deeply the shock and grief of her loss. We were privileged to have worked with her and honored to be counted as her friends. We are all better to have known her.



# Tri-Part Budget

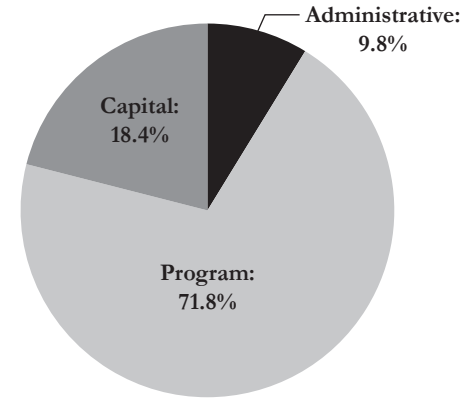
Tri-Part Budget		
Administrative	\$5,029,889	9.80%
Program	\$36,754,719	71.80%
Capital	\$9,411,305	18.40%

Revenues	
Real Property taxes	\$28,085,639
State Aid	\$18,415,190
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,250,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$67,885
Other Revenue	\$2,377,199
	\$51,195,913

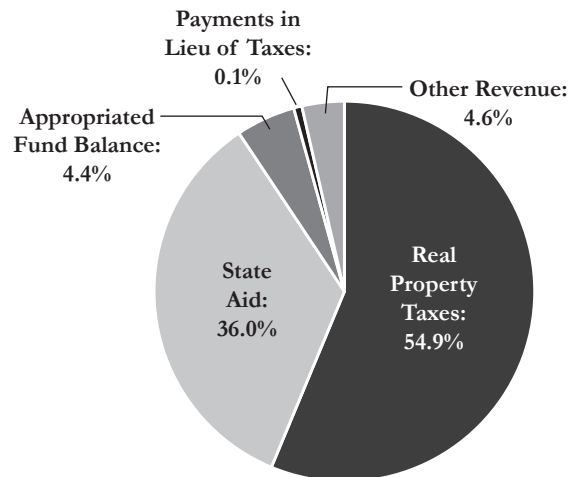
# Fund Balance and Reserves

Fund Balance and Reserves	
Adjusted restricted fund balance	\$1,855,473
Assigned appropriated fund balance	\$2,250,000
Adjusted unrestricted fund balance	\$1,855,009
Capital Reserves	\$13,711
Repair reserve	\$118,756
Employee benefit accrued liability	\$55,584
Retirement contribution reserve	\$500,000
Tax Certiorari	\$855,985

# Tri-Part Budget



# Revenues



# Lewiston-Porter CSD 21-22 Tax Rates Estimated

Tax Rate Comparison		
	Lewiston	Porter
2021-2022	\$26.56	\$23.05
2020-2021	\$26.30	\$22.82
Difference	\$0.26	\$0.23

True Tax Rate Comparison at 100% equalization rate	
2021-2022	\$15.67
2020-2021	\$15.52
Difference	\$0.15

2021-2022 tax rate estimates \$150,000 Assessed value						
	Lewiston	20-21	21-22	Porter	20-21	21-22
Home value	\$150,000			\$150,000		
Estimated Basic STAR			\$18,600.00			\$21,000.00
20-21 STAR		\$18,600.00			\$21,000.00	
Tax rates		\$26.30	\$26.56		\$22.82	\$23.05
Estimated taxes		\$3,455.82	\$3,489.98		\$2,943.78	\$2,973.45
Estimated increase			\$34.16			\$29.67

Change in Basic STAR as well as variances in equalization rates impacts increases and decreases.

# Six Students Inducted Into National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the six Lew-Port High School students from the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center who were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Isabella Aquino (Cosmetology), Angelina Giammarinaro (Cosmetology), Jeffrey Hayhurst (HVAC and Refrigeration), Tateum Hillman (Security & Law Enforcement), Kaci Misterkiewicz (Security & Law Enforcement) and Seth Robinson (Animation, Film and Visual Effects) were recognized for their achievement.

Out of all the high school students in the United States, the National Technical Honor Society students who receive this honor comprise 1.6 percent of that population. For staff at the Orleans/Niagara BOCES center, they represent the four pillars of the National Technical Honor Society: Scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The students had to maintain an 89.5 grade average in their career and technical education programs and an 84.5 average at their high schools, have superior attendance, exemplary behavior, be a member in good standing with SkillsUSA and have a recommendation from a faculty member.



*Isabella  
Aquino*



*Angelina  
Giammarinaro*



*Jeffrey  
Hayhurst*



*Tateum  
Hillman*



*Kaci  
Misterkiewicz*



*Seth  
Robinson*

## PEC Students Advance to Robotics Invitational

Students in Mrs. Kazulak's second grade enrichment group studied coding and then entered the Wonder League Robotics Competition (WLRC). That good decision, landed the team into the invitational final round.

Kazulak said, "The competition involved the team working their way through five separate "missions" and then submitting their work to a team of WLRC judges. Points were awarded based on the code itself as well as set design and originality. This group of students made it through all five challenges and were invited to participate in the invitational." At the finals, teammates Lauren Toohey, Ella Wedge, Amelia Sachs, and Noah Rookey received an honorable mention for most collaborative collaborators.

"A total of 196 teams from across the globe made it to the finals. We were one of them, and although we did not get the top five, honorable mention is awesome for a group of students who had never coded before!" Kazulak added, "It has been a challenge getting the team together due to our limited time in school. However, perseverance by these students and their families has made it possible."

The Wonder League Robotics Competition started in 2015 and has now reached more than 86,500 students from across the globe over the last five years. This competition has inspired an early love of coding, computer science, tangible learning, and STEAM education. Through a series of story-based missions, the teams develop problem-solving,

growth mindset, creativity, cooperation, collaboration and perseverance.



*Pictured (l to r) Nola Shumaker, Lauren Toohey, Ella Wedge, Amelia Sachs, and Noah Rookey.*

### Budget Hearing:

Lewiston-Porter will hold a virtual public hearing to present the 2021-2022 budget at 6 pm on Monday, May 10, 2021. A link to view the hearing via Zoom is posted to our website, [www.lew-port.com](http://www.lew-port.com).

# High School Musical Goes Virtual

On Wednesday night May 19th, Lewiston-Porter middle school and high school will present a "Virtual Musical Showcase" for family, friends and the community at the Transit Drive-In. Lew-Port's most talented students in grades 6-12, will present solos, duets, trios, and group numbers, from the Broadway and popular songbook.

The musicals at the middle and high schools have become a yearly tradition. While the schools were unable to present their usual full productions this year, they are hard at work putting together this collaborative musical event. The students are rehearsing and staging their numbers in small groups, with lighting and costumes. When their numbers are polished, they will be professionally recorded by a videographer. Once completed, the performance videos will be edited to create an impressive virtual musical showcase.

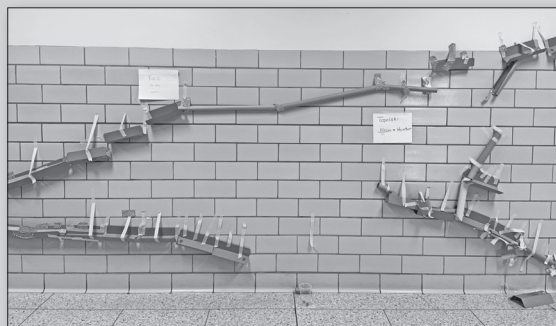
While the cast will miss performing live for an audience, they are thrilled to hold their opening night at the Transit Drive-In where they can see their work up on the big screen! For information about attending, please contact Lew-Port HS after May first.



2020 Lew-Port High School production of Mamma Mia!

## Marble Maze Project a Hit

Students at the Intermediate Education Center used cardboard and tape to create marble track mazes during STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) time. Students were challenged to create a track along a wall, and have the marble land in a cup on the ground. A fun and educational time had by all!



## The Intermediate Education Center Completes Another Successful Kids Heart Challenge

IEC students had a fun and exciting time participating in The Kids Heart Challenge. The challenge is an event where students learn about heart health while helping others, and at the same time, raising money for the American Heart Association.

This program prepares children for success through physical and emotional well-being. The funds raised during the program are used to help fight heart disease through research and educational outreach programs for schools and community organizations.

Students at the IEC took lessons and learned new jumping skills. They then culminated the event with challenging stations that let them show off these skills, while trying some new games.

Thank you to all who registered online and supported this great effort!

## NEW KINDERGARTEN ON-LINE REGISTRATION



If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2021, we are delighted to welcome you and your kindergartner to our program. The first step to the kindergarten journey is the registration process.

For the first time the Primary Education Center will offer an **on-line registration** option that allows families to upload required proof of residency documents from the safety of their homes. You may register children who will be five years old **on or before December 1, 2021**. You may also mail in your registration documents to our school district.

In addition to registration you are required to complete the **Home Language Questionnaire**. Registration will not be finalized until this form is completed.

Additional information:

- **Immunization Requirements**

Once your child is registered and proof of residency is verified, you will be invited to attend:

1. Kindergarten Orientation (TBD)
2. Screening Appointment (TBD)
3. Family & Teacher Meeting (Sept. 7-8, 2021)

We look forward to your child joining our kindergarten family.



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## **ECRWSS RESIDENT**

# **What is Builders Club like in 2020-2021 at Lewiston Porter Middle School?**

*By Jessica Slye-Butz, Builders Club Secretary*

Builders Club has worked extremely hard on many projects this year and each has turned out to be a great success.

One project that was my favorite was World Cancer Day. It's one of my favorites because of how much was put into it and the creativity like wearing the color that represents a certain type of cancer, making posters, and selling ribbons. We raised \$300 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It was the first time we had a fundraiser for St. Jude's.

Another great project was the Giving Tree. I had brought the idea up to Mrs. Oddy to have kids donate gently used or new hats, gloves, and scarves to donate to Kids Escaping Drugs. We collected so many that we were also able to donate items to the Magdalene Project. This was a huge success!

These two projects were my favorites so far not only because we were raising money for wonderful organizations, but because it brought people together and it let us have fun in a time of a pandemic. The Recycle Team for the Lewiston Porter Middle School has been fantastic this year! We've had a lot of people volunteer to recycle, this helps our planet be a cleaner place for humans and animals. Builders Club would like to thank all the people who volunteer each week, and all the students that take the time to use the recycle bins around the school. Keep up the great work!

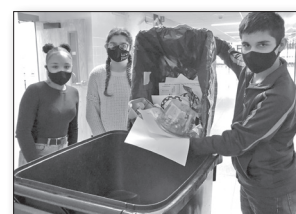
Recently, Builders Club has had people donate sheets, disinfecting wipes, detergent, paper towels, and other items for the SPCA and the Feral Cat Focus. Thanks to everyone who has donated. In addition, Builders Club raised \$100 for the SPCA to donate along with another \$100 from Kiwanis Club of Lewiston. There are also many animals waiting to be adopted. But remember to adopt, don't shop!

The current event Builders Club is working on is Alzheimer's Awareness Week. The idea behind this event is to have posters around the school educating people about what Alzheimer's is and how it affects people. We are selling pots of candy for \$2 each. Students can also paint or color a picture to give to the patients. All the donations go to the Alzheimer's Association in Buffalo.

Builders Club this year for me has been the best and most fun experience. I think if you asked the other kids in Builders Club, they would say the same as well. Not only has it been a really fun experience, it has been an educational one too. The best quote that I think fits Builders Club is "Working together, we can do great things!"



*Pictured (l to r) Matthew Siejak, Loral Ward and Santino Virtuoso.*



*Pictured (l to r) Arianna Leach, Mayher Cheema and Henry Lord.*

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