



Lewiston-Porter Intermediate Education Center October 2019

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From the Principal's Office

Mrs. Rodriguez

Dear Families,

The school year is off to a great start. As always, it has been very busy. The children have settled into their new classes and lots of excitement has filled the classroom with our October Fun Run fundraiser. It was a huge success exceeding our goal of \$28,000. Thank you to all our families for contributing. The money raised will go right back into our school to continue to help our students grow and develop academically and socially.

At Lewiston-Porter we want the children to continue to grow and develop through the core content specific classes, but we have been fortunate to offer our students enrichment through multiple enrichment opportunities at the IEC. This year we have a full-time Enrichment and Chinese teacher and enrichment time for Art, Library, Technology and Physical Education.

We are also narrowed in on our leadership skills. Every child has the ability to be a leader. We will help children identify their strengths and use it to make them the best leader they can be. Good leaders exhibit critical thinking and problem solving abilities. Good leaders are innovative, and help guide others to their highest potential. Good leaders are also good followers. They can demonstrate the ability to get directions and carry out a specific task. Good leaders communicate well with others. A good leader is also curious. Curiosity means asking the right questions, listening to the answers and asking additional questions. The IEC Student Lighthouse Team will work with me to continue to bring out the leader in every student. We will offer many opportunities for students to lead at the IEC. Through our clubs, assemblies, classroom work and leadership teams they will practice effective leadership and good decision making. At the end of the month, the elementary staff will begin training in the Leader In Me, the 7 Habits of an Effective Leader.

Please get connected with our school Twitter, Seesaw, Facebook and Website to learn more about our school, upcoming dates and events. You can also find our digital newsletter there. Check it out!

October Character Trait
Be Proactive

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

From the Nurse's Office

Submitted by Gloria Klettke, RN

*Welcome back to the new school year!
Here are some reminders regarding Health Services in the IEC*

Medication in school

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY MEDICATION TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD.

Medication **must** be dropped off by an adult. A current physician's order is required each new school year, along with a parent's signature.

“**Medication in school**” forms are available by calling the health office or on line at www.lew-port.com under Health Services.

The medication must be labeled with your child's name, and be in the original container from the pharmacy. Please ask the pharmacist for a second labeled, empty bottle to be used for field trips. This is a new New York State law for sending prescription medications along on field trips.

Mandated Physical Exams for 3rd Grade, 5th Grade and New Students to Lewiston Porter. The grades in which physical exams are required has changed for the 2019-2020 year.

Student physicals are mandated by New York State for all children in 3rd and 5th grades and all new students to the Lewiston Porter School District. The physical must be dated after September 3, 2018. New York State allows physicals to be considered current up to one year before the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Physical forms are available online at www.lew-port.com. Your child's primary care provider can fax the physical to the IEC at 286-7854.

It is best practice for your child to see their own physician. Please let me know when I can expect the physical to be completed if it has not yet been handed in. Thank you to all parents who have already sent in the required paper work.

Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis Screening

Vision and hearing screening will be conducted in the Health Office for all new children to the Lew-Port district and for children in grades 3 and 5. Fifth grade girls will also be screened for scoliosis. Scoliosis screening has changed to screen only girls in 5th and 7th grade and boys in 9th grade per NYS law. If there is any concern about the results, parents will be contacted in writing to follow up with their child's health care provider for further testing.

**Please call me or e-mail me with any questions or health concerns.
286-7284 or gklettke@lew-port.com**

**The IEC Health Office is accepting clothing donations
of the following items in all sizes:
T-shirts, elastic waist pants & shorts, girl's leggings**

Health & Wellness

Submitted by Dana Thompson

Mr. DiCamillo and Mr. Frederick's 5th grade classes and Mrs. Plewa and Mrs. Stafford's 4th grade classes are participating in the Health & Wellness program in October with Mrs. Thompson.

Topics that will be discussed include:

- Personal hygiene
- Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Puberty
- Cyber bullying
- Infections/HIV & AIDS

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

- Personal Body Safety
- Nutrition & Healthy Eating/Exercise
- Internet Safety
- Bullying & Cyber 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 in Health that require further explanation. All classes will continue until November-December.

From the Art Room

Submitted by Maria Frederick

**From the Art Room ~ Mrs. Frederick
Students in 4th and 5th grade are creating
Self- Portraits using realistic shapes and
proportions. Artists such as Andy Warhol
and Paul Klee will be introduced soon.**



**Students in 3rd grade are learning about
figure drawings and color theory. Figure
artist, Keith Haring was recently
introduced.**





The Multi-Age class kicked off their Service Learning on Saturday, September 7th!
They worked the Fish Bowl game at the Lewiston Peach Festival!
A peachy time was had by all!

NEW FEATURES IN PICKUP PATROL !

There are two new options in Pickup Patrol:

ABSENT: You can report your child's absence.
Include the reason your student is absent—you will not need to send in a note.

LATE ARRIVAL: You can let us know your child will be late.

Using these options will save a phone call to verify your child's absence.



Multi-Age friends and family hit the beach on Saturday, September 14th for the Niagara Falls Aquarium's Annual Fort Niagara Beach Sweep

Over 100 volunteers worked hard at this event, which serves as a coastline clean up, and a way to catalog the litter and debris that gathers along the shores of our Great Lakes. It's part of the International Coastal Cleanup Day, which includes more than 90 countries, and the removal of an estimated 75 million pounds of trash around the world.



Student Mazlynn Spence says: The beach sweep made me smile. It made me feel like I was a hero, and I think it made the world feel good. So, please don't trash our world. Thank you!

Sadie Cipollitti said: I really enjoyed the beach sweep. I went with my mom and sister. So many of our multi-age families were there! We picked up trash on the beach. I felt happy that we helped.

For TEAM PLEWA, Back to School means Back to Reading! Students created READ door hangers as a decorative way to remind them how important daily reading is. It's been a wonderful start to the new school year.



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 use Pickup Patrol app or 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.
- 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 through MySchoolBucks.com, or checks payable to the Lewiston-Porter Central School District 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 to the **IEC Main Office** on the next school day to reimburse the main office for the provided meal.

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.

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 8:10 a.m. for Lancer Learning.

If your child is absent, please use Pickup Patrol app or 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!

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.

**YMCA program before and after school
held at the PEC**

Call: YMCA Niagara Falls 285-8491