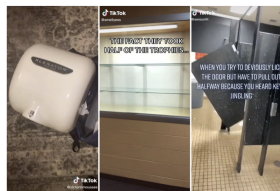


Friday, September 17, 2021

Dear LMS Families,

Homecoming week was full of spirit at LMS! Our kids and staff came to school on Monday rocking some sweet trends from the past - wind pants, scrunchies, popped collars, and saddle shoes oh my! Tuesday was pajama day (enough said)! On Wednesday, Colonel Sanders and Abraham Lincoln, among others, roamed our halls, and on Thursday, it was a sea of cowboy hats and boots! Congratulations to our 5th grade class who earned ice cream for the most participation during the course of the week!



Parents, we need your help! We have a new viral TikTok challenge that has kids stealing items from schools and vandalizing bathrooms. Please speak with your child about the consequences of committing larceny and vandalizing school property. Our staff has enough to worry about during the day and wondering where the foaming hand soap cartridge in a bathroom has gone only takes time away from more important things :). We will continue to reinforce our PRIDE expectations here at school as well!

Also, be on the lookout for fall NWEA results to come home with your kids today - please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCRxy3FM5Ns> for a video that does a nice job of explaining the student progress report. If you have questions or concerns about your student's progress in their

classes, please contact their teachers.

Please see the following updates/reminders:

- The CSX railroad crossing in Woodbury will be closed again from 9/21-9/24 - please follow the posted detour.
- 2021 Spring M-STEP** results were sent home with our 5th graders last week; **results for grades 6-8 should come home with kids today.**
- Students who ride the bus must wear their masks both to and from school, and if they could bring their own, that would be helpful!
- The most recent health and safety protocols are attached – currently, masks are only required on our school busses but are optional in our buildings. Please keep your child home if they aren't feeling well and have them return once they are 24-hours symptom/fever-free without meds.**
- If your child will not be in school, please call the office at 616-374-2400, and choose option 1 before 7:30am.
- If your child is quarantined or absent, please have them access their GoogleClassrooms and complete the homework, contacting their teacher via email for assistance.**
- Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

Go Vikings!

Lauren Christensen, Principal

LMS Athletics Info. – From the Desk of Mr. Krueger!

Please contact Mr. Krueger at nickkrueger@lakewoodps.org with questions.

Another great week of competition! Our Lakewood volleyball teams swept both matches against Perry and Pewamo–Westphalia/Maple Valley in both 7th and 8th grades. Our 8th graders battled in a close match against Pewamo–Westphalia, and our 7th graders competed against a combined 7th/8th grade team from Maple Valley on Wednesday. The 7th grade volleyball team continued to play well as a unit. We are getting better and learning more about the game each week. We continue to work on serving, ball control, and setting the ball up as much as possible. The 8th grade team is seeing more consistent contributions from all players!

The Cross Country team continued their season, traveling to Waverly to compete against a very strong DeWitt and competitive Mason squad. Heidi Carter (6th grade) and Bryce Goodemoot (7th grade) paced their teams with top finishes. Nearly every runner competed, setting new PR's! The team competes tomorrow at the Lakewood Invite here at LMS.

Next week, our volleyball teams travel to Leslie on Monday - 7th grade starts at 4:30pm - and Cross Country running at Holt at 5pm. On Tuesday, the Cross Country team competes at their first GLAC Jamboree in Leslie. Our volleyball teams are off on Wednesday next week.

Good luck to all of our student athletes this coming week, and Go Vikings!

Parents and Spectators - please note that for all away contests everyone (athletes, coaches, and spectators) are required to follow all local masking rules. Leslie and Holt both have mask requirements for indoor sporting events, so please be prepared and courteous!

Upcoming! Boys basketball season for 7th and 8th graders will start on Monday Oct. 18th! Be sure to have your physicals submitted and forms completed in FinalForms before being able to participate. Make sure your FinalForms are completed and your participation fees are paid prior to your student being able to compete in any contest! <https://lakewood-mi.finalforms.com>

Current COVID Protocols for 21-22

The Ionia County Health Department is recommending a "measured approach," meaning that additional protocols MAY be put in place should the need arise, but as of now:

- Contact Tracing
 - Positive Student/Staff Member
 - 10-day isolation (may return if symptom-free)
 - Identify Close Contacts
 - **Close contacts will be contacted by their local health department as to whether they will need to quarantine.**

- o Outbreak at School
 - 2 or more positive cases whose contact is traced to school
 - Identified close contacts (within 3 ft. masked; 6ft unmasked for 20 minutes) must quarantine for 10 days or 7 days with a negative test result (fully-vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine unless symptomatic and should get tested).
- o Positive Household Member
 - Student/Staff Member must quarantine for 10 days or 7 days with a negative test result (fully-vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine unless symptomatic and should get tested).
- Health and Safety Measures
 - o Hand sanitizer in classrooms, cafeterias, offices, etc.; masks available in offices
 - o Bus sanitizing after each run
 - o Additional lunch/afternoon custodial support remains in place for 21/22
 - o Masks optional in school; mandatory on the bus - we will support staff and students who choose to mask.

Upcoming Events

September 28 - "Day of Awesomeness"

October 1 - No School; Staff Professional Development

October 12 - Picture Retake Day

November 4-5 - P/T Conferences

November 23 - 1/2 day - 10:40am dismissal

November 24-26 - No School; Thanksgiving Break

December 16 - MS Choir Concert 6pm at HS Auditorium

December 20-December 31 - No School; Holiday Break

January 3, 2022 - School Resumes

