From the Principal

May 21, 2021

Dear Viking F-A-M-I-L-Y (Students, Parents & Staffulty):

Thank you for your flexibility, support, patience, and understanding during what has been a very difficult year for so many. We made it through. During this final quarter we were able to bring back some sense of normalcy with daily in-person instruction, end-of-year band, orchestra, and choir concerts, a bike-to-school day, three shortened sports seasons, the final competitions of our eSports club, and our 8th grade afternoon/yearbook signing/talent show/game show and last half day 3K run/walk Lesher Fest to send our 8th graders off in good fashion who spent 5 of their 12 middle school quarters (42%) in a pandemic. We also saw the impact of a year plus of remote learning and social isolation as students returned to the building full time. There was an uptick in student stress and anxiety that showed itself in the form of increased student misbehavior as they returned to the day-to-day. What we intentionally plan to establish relationships, build culture and set expectations from day one matter, and when those opportunities are limited, we see an impact on courtesy, communication, and collaboration.

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As we prepare for a phase 4, fully in-person start in August we will bring back all the onboarding and culture camp activities we emphasize building-wide in a typical year that we weren’t allowed to do this year to orient and ground our Vikings in The Lesher Difference. The end of this school year feels a little anti-climactic and we are eager to get back to doing what we do best in 2021-22. Thanks as always for being part of our Lesher F-A-M-I-L-Y... Forget About Me I Love You! Have a great summer!

Shine on,

Dr. Tom Dodd, Principal
Lesher Recognizes Outstanding Vikings and Viqueens

2020-21 was a very non-traditional school year, to say the least. We were proud to keep one important Lesher tradition going—recognizing our Outstanding Vikings and Viqueens! An Outstanding Viking or Viqueen must be “on the ship” for at least 2 years, excels in academics, is involved at Lesher, demonstrates leadership and IB principles, and displays outstanding citizenship. Lesher staff was faced with the difficult task of selecting only 9 boys and 9 girls out of our amazing group of over 250 8th grade students. Those 18 students are:

Betsy Bain    Hudson Casady
Griffey Caro   Austin Evans
Chloe Dodd    Dylan Hettinger
Aspen Gatteau   Samuel Hinerfeld
Elle Gray    Spencer Kitchens
Ashley Kettelkamp   Miki Mijiddorj
LuElla Miller   Marcus Mozer
Karen Newman   Jonah Stadtmueller
Caiyi (Cherrie) Zhang   Jackson Wind

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Lesher Recognizes Outstanding Vikings and Viqueens, continued...

From the list of 18, Lesher staff was then tasked with narrowing the list down to 6 finalists (3 boys, 3 girls). Our 6 finalists, pictured below, are: Betsy Bain, Griffey Caro, LuElla Miller, Hudson Casady, Marcus Mozer and Jonah Stadtmueller. Way to go, Vikings and Viqueens!
Lesher Recognizes Outstanding Vikings and Viqueens, continued...

And then there were 2… Lesher’s Outstanding Viking and Viqueen, awarded on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 are Betsy Bain and Marcus Mozer!

A big congratulations to you both, and to all of our nominees!
PHS Awards Ubuntu Scholarship

Purpose: Oftentimes the highly motivated, involved students in middle schools come to a large high school and fade into the sea of students. Without being noticed, some fall through the cracks. Middle school teachers and principals know these “diamonds in the rough.” Our goal would be to give students a “carrot” in middle school to stay involved and in good academic standing throughout their high school years. This carrot would be in the form of scholarship $ to be used at a college of the student’s choice should the student follow certain criteria during their 4 years at Poudre High School. It’s also designed to motivate students early, rather than awarding a student a scholarship at their 11th grade year when they’ve already had 2 years to fall behind.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu offered a definition of Ubuntu: “A person with Ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, based from a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed. Ubuntu speaks particularly about the fact that you can’t exist as a human being in isolation. It speaks about our interconnectedness. You can’t be human all by yourself, and when you have this quality – Ubuntu – you are known for your generosity. We think of ourselves far too frequently as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole World. When you do well, it spreads out; it is for the whole of humanity.”

This year, PHS awarded to Ubuntu scholarship to Miki Mijidorj, with Betsy Bain coming in as his runner up. Congrats to you Miki, and we wish you well at PHS!
High School Graduates Walk Our Halls

Another Lesher tradition was alive and well on Thursday, May 20th, when we welcomed back our Lesher alumni for the annual Graduate Walk. Former Lesher students paraded through our halls, and visited our classrooms, in their caps and gowns and were welcomed with all the pomp and circumstance befitting a high school graduate. Once a Viking, always a Viking!
Congratulations, Track and Field!

Congrats to the Lesher Boys and Girls Track and Field teams on a successful season. We won all our 3 duals and tri meets as a team of 140. Our District boys team got 2nd in the District meet out of 10, and our girls got 5th out of 10. We are super proud of all of you! Check out our district results below!

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And, congrats to Marcus Mozer for breaking the 100 meter boys school record at our first meet of the season. The previous record was set at 11.73 by Sam Tweeton in 2010; Marcus set the new record at the first meet of the season, coming in at 11.65. Way to run, Marcus! Marcus also became this year’s DISTRICT CHAMPION in the Long Jump, jumping 18’ 5.5”. Congratulations!
Fall Sports Information

6th and 7th graders, are you feeling inspired by our track team’s stellar spring season? Do you want to participate in Fall Sports at Lesher next year (Cross-country, Football, Tennis and Volleyball)? Check out the Summer Opportunities and Fall Sports information on our Athletics webpage (https://les.psd.schools.org/athletics-activities) … Go Vikings!

FCHS Summer Sports Opportunities for Incoming Freshman

8th Graders headed to Fort Collins High School (Go Lambkins!) - athletic opportunities await you this summer! If you are interested in playing sports at FCHS, visit their Athletics webpage (https://fch.psd.schools.org/athletics) for general info. If you are interested in basketball- open gyms, leagues and camps are being held this summer- and incoming freshman are welcome and encouraged to attend! For more specific dates and info, visit their calendar: https://fchshoops.com/calendar/

Jazz Band and Chamber Orchestra

Congratulations
JAZZ BAND AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR WORK AND DEDICATION THIS YEAR!
-LOVE, MRS. OBLUDA AND MRS. BOYCE
**Way to go Powerball Winners!**

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![Image of students holding shirts]
Calling all Gardeners!

Lesher is looking for gardening volunteers over the summer!

We are looking for volunteers to help us keep our gardens looking great! Lesher has both a vegetable and pollinator garden on the North Side of the school. Our pollinator garden is full of beautiful perennial flowers and 3 bee boxes. We are hoping to get volunteers who can help weed the gardens and keep them looking nice. The commitment is very minimal, and volunteers will be rewarded with fresh produce from the vegetable garden!

If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, please contact Eric Peitz at epeitz@psdschools.org

Morning Fresh Cash for Caps

If you are a Morning Fresh Dairy customer, please bring in your rinsed milk, juice, cream, or other caps to Mr. Peitz. Lesher Middle School earns money for every cap that is returned. If you are interested in Morning Fresh Dairy, every new household sign up raises $25 for Lesher. Click here or ask Mr. Peitz (epeitz@psdschools.org) for more information.

PSD Transportation 2021-22

Need busing in 2021-22? PSD bus request process now open.

- Students who currently receive transportation services for the 2020-21 school year will be prioritized for busing for next school year. Their families do not need to take any action steps at this time unless the following changes apply, and Transportation will notify families of route information sometime after Aug. 1 and before the start of school. If a current rider will have a change in addresses, change in schools or is moving from Early Childhood Education to kindergarten, they need to submit a bus request to be considered for services.
- Families will get a pop-up notification after submitting their request. Changes can be made to an application in ParentVUE up until the June 30 deadline.
- Students who did NOT receive busing in 2020-21 must submit a request.
- Requesting transportation is not a guarantee of service.

Click here to go to the Bus Request form online.

More information is available on the Transportation web page.
**Last Day of School**

We’re walking away from the 2020-21 school year with our heads held high, and our sights set on a successful start to the 2021-22 school year! We can’t wait to have our 6th and 7th grade Vikings back with us in August, and wish our 8th Grade Class of 2021 well as they head off to high school!
UNC WRESTLING CAMP

WHEN
June 14th & 15th

SESSIONS
10 am – 11:30 am
1 pm – 2:30 pm
4 pm – 5:30 pm

WHERE
FCHS Wrestling Room
3400 Lambkin Way → Southeast Entrance

CONTACT INFORMATION
Head Coach: Mark Moser
(515) 864-6158
Mark_tilines@hotmail.com

FOR 7TH – 12TH GRADERS

ENTRY FEE
$125 per wrestler
CASH OR CHECK

CHECKS TO BE MADE OUT TO: FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

FEATURING UNC COACHES

Garett Kiley

Mike Moreno
**SUMMER CROSS COUNTRY RUN TRAINING**

**WHO:** Any incoming Freshmen/9th grade or current FCHS students interested in training for the Fall Cross Country Season.

**When and where:** Monday’s 6:45am at Edora Park, Wednesday’s 6:45am at Pineridge, and Thursday’s 6:45am at Nature Center.

**Starts:** June 3rd through July. Official Fall Season begins Early August.

**Training:** Summer 2021, Run training is for all abilities and running levels from beginner to Varsity.

**Contact:** Coach Tom Ruthven, Head Coed Cross Country, email: truthven@psdschools.org, phone: 970-732-0747. Send an email and get added to the email contact list.

**No Cost:** The Summer Training is completely optional and does not have a fee.

**Notes:** Monday’s at Edora Park, meets at the flat grass area on the West side of the baseball fields. Wednesday’s are Spring Canyon park, meet by the Dog park, run on the Pineridge trails. Thursday’s are typically at the Nature Center off of Ziegler near the water treatment plant. Location may vary depending on training needs.
Almuerzos gratis para Niños

UBICACIONES EN FORT COLLINS
Desde el 2 Junio al 13 de Agosto

LUNES
Hickory Village Mobile Home Park 10-10:30am
N2N Coachlight Plaza 10:45-11:15am
Cloverleaf Mobile Home Park 11-11:30am
Aggie Village 11:50am-12:20am
University Village 12:30-1pm
Spring Canyon Park 1:15-1:45pm

MIERCOLES
Harmony Mobile Home Park 10:15-10:45am
Old Town Library 11-11:30am
Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park 11:15am-12pm
Hickory Village Mobile Home Park 12:10-12:55pm
N2N Coachlight Plaza 1:05-1:50pm

VIERNES
Collins Aire Mobile Home Park 10-10:30am
Park Lane 10:45-11:15am
Timber Ridge Mobile Home Park 10:30-11am
Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park 11:15-11:45am
Villages on Plum 11:30am-12pm
Rogers Park 12:15-12:45pm
Bauder Elementary 12:15pm-12:45pm
City Park 1-1:30pm

LO QUE NECESITAS SABER:
• No se necesita identificación
• Niños de 18 y menores reciben comida gratis.
• Todos los sitios estarán cerradas el 5 de Julio.
• Para más información, por favor visite thelunchlab.org o envíe un mensaje con la palabra COMIDA al 877-877.

Niños comen gratis
THE LUNCH LAB

Grab & Go Kids Meals

FORT COLLINS LOCATIONS
June 2 through August 13

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• No identification is required.
• Children 18 & under receive free meals.
• All sites closed July 5.
• For more details please visit thelunchlab.org or text FOOD to 877-877.

Kids Eat Free
Ensuring Family Success during the Summer

Dear Lesher Families:

This school year has been unique, and we are so proud of your continued flexibility and ability to adapt. Summer is the perfect time to keep kids motivated and to take care of your own needs.

*Looking for activities around Fort Collins:*

**Library Cards**
https://www.poudrelibraries.org/

Once you have a Library Card, use the Flash Your Card program to get discounts around town
https://read.poudrelibraries.org/books/discounts.cfm?sort=category

With your Library Card you may check out the Curiosity Pass to get admission to these Curiosity Pass Partners
https://www.poudrelibraries.org/things/curiosity

**City of Fort Collins Recreation Cards**
https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/reducedfeeprogram

With your RecPass you have access to these City of Fort Collins facilities
https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/facilities

Once you have your RecPass, sign up for one of these many programs
https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/programs.php

*Looking for a new job:*

PSD is hiring! Bus Drivers and Child Nutrition employees are especially needed
https://www.psdschools.org/careers

Community help through the Library CareerCruising portal
https://read.poudrelibraries.org/careers/

Larimer County Workforce Center
https://www.larimer.org/ewd

Serve 6.8 Talent
https://serve68.org/talents/

*Looking for food:*
Food Bank for Larimer County
https://foodbanklarimer.org/where_do_i_go/

Vindeket Foods
https://www.vindeketfoods.org/

Looking for housing and additional help:

City of Fort Collins, Homeless Resource Guide
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xqafPZnzvqHNCnunQxP8V8hpqvx9Ngsgh5nDADdD3c4/edit#gid=0

Looking for mental health help:

Colorado’s Warmline-Mental Health
English: https://coloradocrisisservices.org/
Spanish: http://coloradocrisisservices.org/es/

Estimados familiares de Lesher:

Este año escolar ha sido único y estamos muy orgullosos de su continua flexibilidad y capacidad de adaptación. El verano es el momento perfecto para mantener a los niños motivados y cuidar de sus propias necesidades.

Si buscas actividades alrededor de Fort Collins:

Tarjetas de biblioteca
https://www.poudrelibraries.org/

Una vez que tenga una tarjeta de biblioteca, utilice el programa Flash Your Card para obtener descuentos por la ciudad
https://read.poudrelibraries.org/books/discounts.cfm?sort=category

Con tu tarjeta de biblioteca puedes consultar el Curiosity Pass para obtener la admisión de estos socios de Curiosity Pass
https://www.poudrelibraries.org/things/curiosity

Tarjetas recreativas de la ciudad de Fort Collins
https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/reducedfeeprogram

Con tu RecPass tiene acceso a estas instalaciones de City of Fort Collins
https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/facilities

Una vez que tenga su RecPass, regístrese para uno de estos programas
https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/programs.php

En busca de un nuevo trabajo:

¡Psd está contratando! Los conductores de autobuses y los empleados de nutrición infantil son especialmente necesarios
https://www.psdschools.org/careers

Ayuda de la comunidad a través del portal Library Career Cruising
https://read.poudrelibraries.org/careers/

Larimer County Workforce Center
https://www.larimer.org/ewd

Servir 6.8 Talento
https://serve68.org/talents/

En busca de comida:

Banco de Alimentos para el Condado de Larimer
https://foodbanklarimer.org/where_do_i_go/

Vindeket Foods
https://www.vindeketfoods.org/

En busca de vivienda y ayuda adicional:

Ciudad de Fort Collins, Guía de Recursos para Personas Sin Hogar
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xqafPZnzvqHNCnunQxP8V8hpgxvqNgsgh5nDADdD3c4/edit#gid=0

En busca de ayuda para la salud mental:

La salud warmline-mental de Colorado
Inglés: https://coloradocrisisservices.org/
Español: http://coloradocrisisservices.org/es/