



# The Lesher Difference

*Welcome to THE SHIP!*

May 2021

Lesher Middle School

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## *From the Principal*

May 21, 2021

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

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 8<sup>th</sup> grade afternoon/yearbook signing/talent show/game show and last half day 3K run/walk Lesher Fest to send our 8<sup>th</sup> 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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## ***From the Principal, continued...***

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 Leshar 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 Leshar Family -A-M-I-L-Y... Forget About Me I Love You! Have a great summer!

Shine on,

Dr. Tom Dodd, Principal

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## Leshar 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 Leshar 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 Leshar, demonstrates leadership and IB principles, and displays outstanding citizenship. Leshar staff was faced with the difficult task of selecting only 9 boys and 9 girls out of our amazing group of over 250 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Those 18 students are:

Betsy Bain  
Griffey Caro  
Chloe Dodd  
Aspen Gatteau  
Elle Gray  
Ashley Kettelkamp  
LuElla Miller  
Karen Newman  
Caiyi (Cherrie) Zhang

Hudson Casady  
Austin Evans  
Dylan Hettinger  
Samuel Hinerfeld  
Spencer Kitchens  
Miki Mijiddorj  
Marcus Mozer  
Jonah Stadtmueller  
Jackson Wind

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## Leshер Recognizes Outstanding Vikings and Viqueens, continued...

From the list of 18, Leshер 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!



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## Leshar Recognizes Outstanding Vikings and Viqueens, continued...

And then there were 2... Leshar'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!



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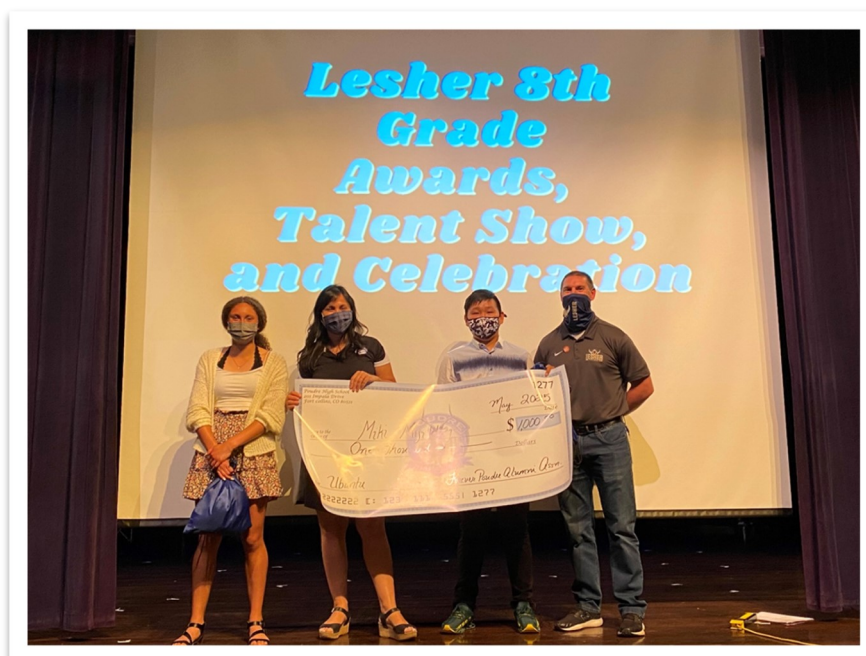
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## PHS Awards Ubuntu Scholarship

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 Leshar tradition was alive and well on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, when we welcomed back our Leshar alumni for the annual Graduate Walk. Former Leshar 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!



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## Congratulations, Track and Field!

Congrats to the Leshar 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 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District meet out of 10, and our girls got 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10. We are super proud of all of you! Check out our district results below!

100m Hurdles				100m		200m		400m	
Chloe	Dodd			Olivia	Redmon	Olivia	Redmon	Gracyn	Redmon
5th	19.13			6th	13.8	4th		7th	01:07.4
Gracyn	Redmon			Lilly	Swann	Ashley	Kettlekamp		
6th	19.36			8th	13.98	6th			
4x100m Relay		800m Relay		1600m					
Alexandra	Rusnak	Olivia	Redmon2			Madilynn	Teeple		
Lilly	Swann	Lilly	Swann			8th	06:01.4		
Ashley	Kettlekamp	Alex	Rusnak						
Olivia	Redmon2	Griffey	Caro						
3rd		2nd							
High Jump		Long Jump		Triple Jump		Shot Put		Discus	
Betsy	Bain	Ashley	Kettlekamp	Chloe	Dodd	Paige	Swanson	Lauren	Johnson
6th	4'2"	7th	12' 2 1/2"	6th	26' 5 1/2"	4th	24' 11"	4th	63' 7"
								Paige	Swanson
								5th	62' 4"

		200m Hurdles		100m		200m		400m	
		Noah	Tiley	Marcus	Mozer	Marcus	Mozer	JP	Straubina
		8th	32.6	2nd	12.18	2nd	24.44	3rd	58.4
						Dylan	Hettinger	Jackson	Dowling
						7th	26.13	7th	1:00
4x100m Relay		1600m Relay							
JP	Straubina	Dylan	Hettinger						
Madden	McCollum	Madden	McCollum						
Dylan	Hettinger	Jackson	Dowling						
Marcus	Mozer	JP	Straubina						
2nd	49.41	2nd	4:05						
High Jump		Long Jump		Triple Jump		Shot Put		Discus	
Finn	Reiser	Marcus	Mozer	Dylan	Hettinger	Ben	Rios	Miki	Mijiddori
3rd	4'10"	1st	18' 5 1/2"	5th	33' 4"	2nd	36' 6 1/2"	2nd	96' 11"
		Madden	McCollum			Lincoln	Worthen	Lincoln	Worthen
		7th	14' 10"			8th	32' 10"	3rd	96' 9"

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## Congratulations, Track and Field! continued...







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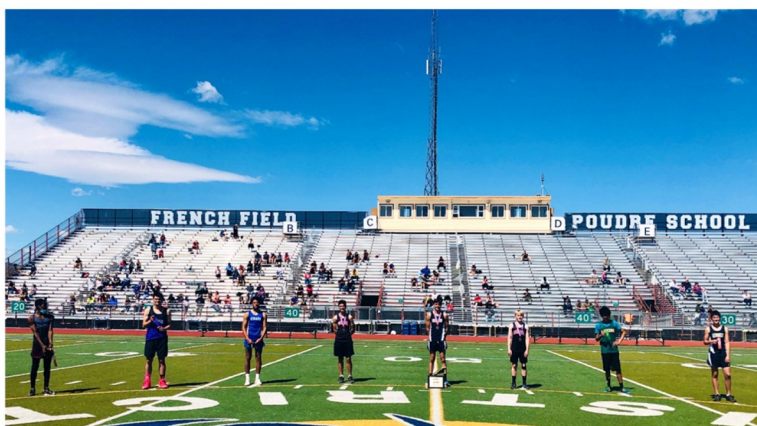
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## Congratulations, Track and Field! continued...



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!



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## Fall Sports Information

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



## FCHS Summer Sports Opportunities for Incoming Freshman

8<sup>th</sup> 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.psdschools.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



## Way to go Powerball Winners!

Date	Planner Power Ball	Trash Power Ball
<b>5/21/2021</b>	6th - Ryan Broccardo	6th - Austin Bystrom
	6th - Carlyle Tomlin	7th - Rex Schutte
		8th - Eric Perez
		6th - Zoe Ackerson
		6th - Isla Zuniga
		6th - Indigo Heikes





## Calling all Gardeners!

**Leshер is looking for gardening volunteers over the summer!**

We are looking for volunteers to help us keep our gardens looking great! Leshер 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](mailto: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. Leshер 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 Leshер. Click [here](#) or ask Mr. Peitz ([epeitz@psdschools.org](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Vikings back with us in August, and wish our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2021 well as they head off to high school!



# UNC WRESTLING CAMP

## WHEN

**June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

## 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**

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# SUMMER CROSS COUNTRY RUN TRAINING



**WHO:** Any incoming Freshmen/9<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.



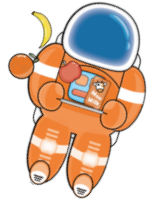


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### LUNES

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-12:20pm

University Village 12:30-1pm

Spring Canyon Park 1:15-1:45pm

### MIÉRCOLES

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

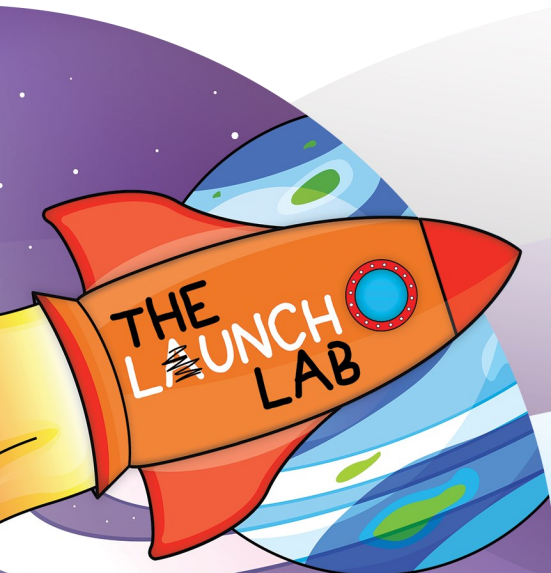
Bauder Elementary 12:15pm-12:45pm

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 cerrados el 5 de Julio.
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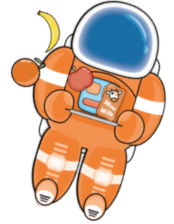
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Grab & Go Kids Meals

## FORT COLLINS LOCATIONS

June 2 through August 13



### MONDAYS

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-12:20pm

University Village 12:30-1pm

Spring Canyon Park 1:15-1:45pm

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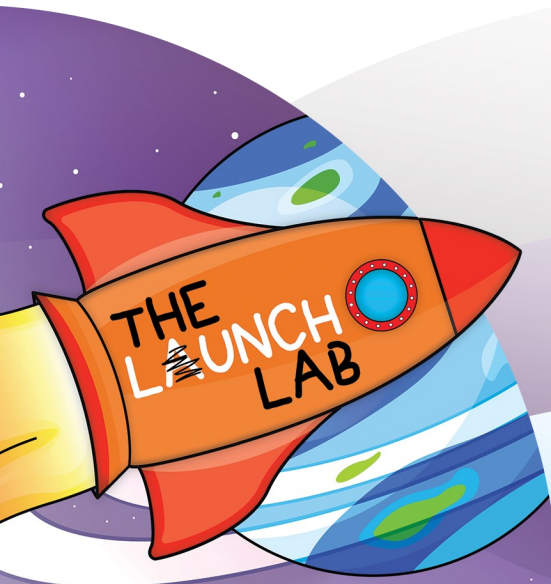
Rogers Park 12:15-12:45pm

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City Park 1-1:30pm

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- No identification is required.
- Children 18 & under receive free meals.
- All sites closed July 5.
- For more details please visit [thelunchlab.org](http://thelunchlab.org) or text **FOOD** to 877-877.



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## Ensuring Family Success during the Summer

Dear Leshar 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.

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*Looking for mental health help:*

Colorado's Warmline-Mental Health  
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Spanish: <http://coloradocrisiservices.org/es/>

Estimados familiares de Leshar:

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.

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