



The Lesh Difference

Welcome to THE SHIP!

March 2021

Lesh Middle School

1400 Stover St.

Ft Collins, CO 80005

Main Office

970-472-3800

Attendance Line

970-472-3815

Principal

Dr. Tom Dodd

Assistant Principal

Grade 8

Mr. Waren Morrow

Dean Grade 7

Ms. Lisa Crossland

Assistant Principal

Grade 6

Mrs. Janice Martinez

School Website

click [HERE](#)



From the Principal

March 11, 2021

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

We've got 2 words for everyone regarding our return to phase 4.... BRING... IT! We're so excited that Lesh and all PSD middle and high schools (and nearly all districts in the state) are going to phase 4 fully in-person learning with 100% of our students on campus 5 days per week on Monday, 3/22 after spring break. Our elementary schools have been successful with phase 4 since January 18th. No more fully online, 50% A/B groups, and asynchronous Fridays! Thank you for all your efforts as we conclude the phase 3 A/B groups 3rd quarter. Since returning from winter break January 5th Lesh has had just 1 positive student/staff case in the building resulting in just 7 student quarantines out of our roughly 775 students/staff who are on campus every 2 days. With students only on campus 25 days in the past calendar year, we will work hard to get them caught up. We can do hard things, and we have. Winston Churchill is credited with saying, "When you're going through hell, just keep going." Well, we did and there is light at the end of this COVID tunnel. We are bringing back our normal bell schedule that we haven't seen since March 13, 2020. We are bringing back Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) the last 40 minutes of every day, but making them more fun and calling them EFOs = Extended Fun Opportunities. We are bringing back softball, golf, track and field, and unified basketball. We are bringing back clubs. In order to keep everyone healthy and [Keep Schools Open](#) WE NEED EVERYONE TO STAY THE COURSE! Approximately 85% of Lesher staff have had their first vaccination shot, and many have had their second. If you can get vaccinated, please do so. Contact tracing will still follow the same process as in phase 3 during the 2nd and 3rd quarters, if you are within 6 feet of a positive case for more than 15 minutes than you must quarantine for 10 days per new State and Larimer County Dept. of Health and Environment (LCDHE) guidelines (reduced from 14 days). A mask, face shield, plexiglass dividers, etc. while helpful in mitigating virus transmission do not change contact tracing rules and resulting quarantine orders. Wear a mask correctly (We have extra KN95s.). Never pass up an opportunity to wash/sanitize your hands (We have sanitizer in every room.) Watch your distance (No close talkers.). Do not come to school with any symptoms (Play it safe and stay home.). More specifically:

continued...



TALKING TO
SOMEONE
CAN HELP.

OUT
OF SORTS
THESE DAYS?

970-221-5551
24/7 | NO COST

 connections

From the Principal, continued...

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick Up. The Ellis St. Drop Off/Pick Up Area Gate and Patio Doors to the cafeteria, as well as Stover St. Main Entrance will be unlocked and open by 7:30am every morning. Students may enter the building at either door or where there is a staff member letting them in to increase social distancing at the start and end of the day. Students please do not congregate indoors. Keep moving toward your classes. Lockers will only be assigned to students with large instruments. We will have a lot more pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic as PSD is only bussing about 100 students to Leshер on 4 busses rather than nearly 500 on 10 busses in a normal year. You are welcome to use the LifePoint Church parking lot off Ellis St. for drop off and pick up as we have a daily crossing guard there. Please avoid dropping off in the Stover St. bus lane if there is a bus present and give yourself extra time in the morning. To mitigate traffic congestion around our building while school bus capacity is limited, please consider walking and biking instead of driving. An abundance of resources exist on the SRTS (Safe-Routes To School) website to help kids walk/bike to school, including short educational videos focusing on safety and an online route-finding map to identify safe routes to Leshер (fcgov.com/saferoutes). As the weather gets nicer, we may try to set up bike pools to meet at a central location and ride to school together, like a bike parade, which could be cool. National Bike to School Day is Wednesday, May 5, 2021, and Bike Week is May 3-7 (<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>).

Bell Schedule. I've attached our Phase 4 **Quarter 4** Fully In-person Blue-Gold Bell Schedule 2020-21. You can also find our Phase 4 **Quarter 4** Fully In-person Blue-Gold Bell Schedule under VIKING NEWS near the bottom of the front page of the Leshер website (<https://les.psdschools.org/News/2020-06-21-0>), and you can find our blue gold day rotation on the CALENDAR at the bottom of the front page on our website (<https://les.psdschools.org/>). Since we will no longer be in phase 3 A/B groups we will no longer need a blue-blue-gold-gold rotation on campus 4 days per week. We will return to our normal a blue-gold rotation in phase 4 on campus 5 days per week.

CLICK IT

Click on the
Ads in this
Newsletter

...to learn more about
these great companies!

Choose the dealer
that puts Customers 1st!

1ST 2019
CUSTOMER FIRST
— AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



Fort Collins
Jeep

224 W Harmony Rd | 970.632.9770 | fortcollinsJEEP.com

From the Principal, continued...

Classrooms. We will maximize distances between students in classrooms as best we can, and use plastic and plexiglass dividers between students when possible. Our teachers will open windows and doors to increase airflow. Dilution is part of the solution. Leshar's HVAC system fully replaces the air in every classroom at least 3 times every hour. Teachers will also continue to take outdoor 10 minute "mask-breaks" each period, and stagger the dismissal of students to passing periods and lunch by grade level as they are able to reduce the number of students in the hallways at once. Classrooms desks are set up to all face the same direction. No clusters of desks, etc. Teachers will teach from the front of the classroom in view of their laptop and near their Smartboard 6 feet from the front row of desks when possible.

Instruction. While in phase 4, fully in-person we will end our hybrid model with students at home and in school at the same time. Teachers will "broadcast," or "live stream" lessons to the extent possible for students home with symptoms or on quarantine by simply leaving their laptop webcams and mics turned on so students at home can watch and listen to the lesson. This is not a substitute for in-person learning. There will be little to no interaction between the teacher and at-home students. Teachers will continue to use their Learning Pages, Google Classrooms, and Microsoft Teams to post lesson materials and assignments. Instructional practices like turn and talk with an elbow partner, or group projects will be limited. Our teachers may have as many as 250 students every blue and gold day and will prioritize the students in the classroom in front of them in phase 4 and not be able to work as closely with students at home.

PSD's Virtual Options. For the remainder of this school year, PSD's virtual options are PSD Virtual (PSDV) and Poudre Global Academy (PGA), with limited space availability. If a student wants to transfer to one of those options for phase 4, the family needs to submit a transfer request form to our counseling office registrar Genevieve Steensma (gsteensm@psdschools.org, 472-3804). PSDV is canceled for the 2021-22 school year. Leshar students who want an online, or hybrid option next year are encouraged to submit a school choice application to PGA (<https://www.psdschools.org/schools/school-options-choice>).



The Youth Clinic
caring for our future generations

Since 1964 We've Been
Growing Healthy Kids

Well Care Visits for Kids & Teens | Designated "Sick" & "Well" Locations | Phone Nurse Available | 4 Convenient Locations

Call to Schedule Your Appointment: 970.482.2515

The advertisement features a colorful background with abstract shapes and two circular photos of children. It includes icons for a heart, a calendar, a telephone, and a location pin.

From the Principal, continued...

Breakfast/Lunch. Leshер students eat lunch with their grade level classmates, regardless of phase. All cafeteria options are served by our cafeteria staff. No salad bar, etc. They have the option of eating in our large 250-student capacity cafeteria, on our gym bleachers, and outside at the 14 patio tables, 6 large benches, athletic field bleachers, on the grass, or possibly in a teacher's classroom. Our students prefer to be outside during their lunch period even in chilly weather and they are expected to socially distance. If students choose to eat indoors, they will sign in on a seating chart in the area they sit in the event we have to contact trace.

Attendance. As the old saying goes, "If kids aren't here, we can't teach them." The expectation is and has always been that students attend school every day. Attendance is compulsory. Students not in school, on campus will be marked with an unexcused absence. Please report absences via our attendance line, 970-472-3815, or email attendance secretary Jessica Palin at jpalin@psdschools.org.

Monday, 4/19 In-person Student Contact Day Replaced with an Asynchronous Day for Students and Workday for Teachers.

Per PSD Monday, April 19th will no longer be an in-person student contact day. It will be an asynchronous day for students and a workday for teachers. Other calendar updates:

- Asynchronous Day for Students/Workday for Teachers - Friday, 3/12
- Spring Break: Monday, 3/15 – Friday, 3/19
- CMAS Testing Dates: Monday, 4/5 – Wednesday, 4/7 grades 6 – 8 ELA & Math, Monday, 4/12 grade 8 Science
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Thursday, 4/8 & Tuesday, 4/13
- No School – Parent-Teacher Conferences Exchange Day for Teachers: Friday, 4/16
- Asynchronous Day for Students/Workday for Teachers: Monday, 4/19
- Asynchronous Day for Students/Workday for Teachers: Monday, 5/17
- Last Day of School: Wednesday, 5/26

As always, thank you students and parents for your loyalty and amazing partnership this year. We're proud to serve you and look forward to seeing you back aboard the Viking Ship! Sticking together is a W-I-N... What's Important Now! #LeshерStrong #HoistTheSail #AnchorUp

Shine on,

Dr. Tom Dodd, Principal, tdodd@psdschools.org, 472-3810

Waren Morrow, 8th Grade Asst. Principal & Athletic Director, wmorrow@psdschools.org, 472-3802

Lisa Crossland, 7th Grade Dean & MTSS Coordinator, lcrossla@psdschools.org, 472-3850

Janice Martinez, 6th Grade Asst. Principal & Assessment Coordinator, janicem@psdschools.org, 472-3854

Abryana Wood, 8th Grade Counselor & 7th Grade M-Z, awood@psdschools.org, 472-3877

Ashley Broody, 6th Grade Counselor & 7th Grade A-L, abroody@psdschools.org, 472-3851





Professional Organizing
Organizing Space and Time

Student organizing
and coaching to make
remote learning a success



Clear Surroundings
Organizing

970.420.4965
www.ClearSurroundings.com

Congratulations, Daniel!

Daniel Siemers (8th Grade) has qualified for the Colorado State Spelling Bee that takes place virtually on March 12th. Daniel competed in multiple bees and rounds of spelling against stiff competition from Leshar and throughout PSD over the last few months. We are proud of his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck! GO DANIEL and GO VIKINGS!



Congratulations, Science Olympians!

Congratulations to the 23 Leshar students (listed below) who competed at the regional Science Olympiad competition on Saturday, March 6th! Results will be posted later this week here: <https://statescioly.org/co/Info/Results/>

Arabi, Aryana
Costanigro, Matteo
Galbreath, Lily
Haws, Delaney
Jones, Madalyn
McCollum, Jersey
Rizza, Kate
Schoch, Kaya
Stuard, Althea
Carta, Daniel
Tornatzky, Leo
Clark, Connor

Evans, Austin
Heikes, Parker
Massing Vincent, Liam
McCollum, Madden
Mijiddorj, Gerelt-Od
Paustian, Lorenzo
Rodriguez, Sofia
Stadtmueller, Jonah
Staples, Josie
Wongsathapornchai, Siratan
Ryan, Otis

Reach Parents in Larimer County through our mobile-ready newsletters

Market your business in both Poudre and Thompson school districts.

You gain visibility and targeted, increased awareness; schools gain funds from advertising revenue.

Advertise with The School Newsletter Company
Joe Mivshek 970-420-7163 | SchoolNewsletterCompany@gmail.com



With COVID-19,
things are tough
for everyone.

Colorado Spirit
has you covered
when you need
to talk with an
understanding voice
who can connect you
with resources, or
just be there to listen.

(970) 221-5551



SUMMITSTONE
HEALTH PARTNERS

Congratulations, Musicians!

The following 7th grade musicians did a stellar job performing at the PSD
Solo and Ensemble Festival!

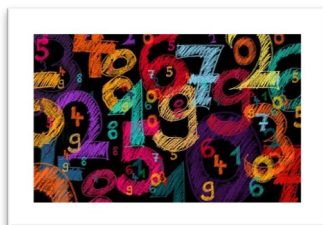
Watch them here! <https://youtu.be/Tazpsp8NSBo>



Varick O'Brien
Lucca Schmierer
Jackson Schneider
Max Abernathy
Owen Beggs
Jake Fontana

Finn Fremstad
Cooper Gold
Brighlee Reynoso
Aidan Kennedy-Hamilton
Rowan Ridley

Congratulations, Finian!



A huge congratulations to Finian Fremstad (7th Grade), who placed 4th in the MathCounts Chapter Invitational competition! He has qualified to advance to the Colorado State Competition on March 25th.

CLICK IT

Click on the
Ads in this
Newsletter

...to learn more about
these great companies!

**Family Clinic
of Fort Collins**
EST 1991

Call to schedule:
970.482.2791

**MEET OUR NEW
PROVIDERS**

Holly Gustafson
FNP-C & Elizabeth
Burgwin MD

SELLER'S MARKET

Call today!



Joe Mivshek

970.420.7163

joe.mivshek@km.com



kw KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY
NORTHERN COLORADO

Way to Go Power Ball Winners!

Date	Planner Power Ball	Trash Power Ball
2/18/2021	6th – Kathryn Rizza	6 th – Isaac Watson
		6 th – Katelyn Maino Nessenthaler
		8 th – Eric Perez



Date	Planner Power Ball	Trash Power Ball
2/19/2021	6th – Taylor Atkinson	6th - Josephine Barna
		6th - Barrett Griffin
		7th - Zachary Ehrhart

CLICK IT

Click on the
Ads in this
Newsletter



...to learn more about
these great companies!

All Women. Always.

Comprehensive women's
healthcare for all stages of life.

Loveland &
Fort Collins

The
Women's Clinic
of Northern Colorado

970.493.7442
womensclinicnoco.com





YOUR COMMUNITY-
DRIVEN AND COMMUNITY-
OWNED FIBER NETWORK!

**NO DATA CAPS!
NO CONTRACTS!
NO INSTALL FEES!**

Learn more & sign up for notifications at
FCCONNEXION.COM

Auxiliary aids and services are available for persons with disabilities.

City of
Fort Collins

Way to Go Power Ball Winners!

Date	Planner Power Ball	Trash Power Ball
2/24/2021	6th – Ian Tiley	6th – Estibalis Castro
		6th – Braden Rhodes
		7th – Danika Huff



Date		Trash Power Ball
2/25/2021		6th – Nesha McKay
		6th – Quinn Reyes
		7th – Jacob Richter

CLICK IT

Click on the
Ads in this
Newsletter

...to learn more about
these great companies!

Salud Fort Collins
Family Health Centers

**WE ARE HERE FOR
YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH!**

MEDICAL • DENTAL • PHARMACY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

saludclinic.org

Call us to schedule
your appointment today!

(303) 697-2583



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. Leshar 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 Leshar. Click [here](#) or ask Mr. Peitz (epeitz@psdschools.org) for more information.



CMAS Testing

2021 CMAS Schedule

This year our CMAS testing dates are April 5th, 6th and 7th for Math and ELA. Monday, April 12 will be 8th grade only Science CMAS. Please contact Leshar's Assessment Coordinator, Janice Martinez, at 472-3854 or janicem@psdschools.org if you have any questions.

COLORADO

Congratulates

2020 Colorado "Schools to Watch"



Centennial Middle School
Corwin International Magnet School
Jenkins Middle School
Leshar Middle School
Longs Peak Middle School
Westview Middle School



Leshar Spring Sports

Leshar Athletic Information can be found at <https://les.psdschools.org/athletics-activities> including the below information. Please reach out to head coaches or Athletic & Activities Director, Warren Morrow, with any questions. Thank you and Go Vikings!

2020-21 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Coed Track and Field Information

- 6th, 7th and 8th grade students interested in track and field will sign-up at tinyurl.com/LesharTF21 between Monday, March 8th and Friday, March 12th.
- There is a MANDATORY ATHLETE Meeting on Friday, March 26th from 2:20-2:55 during ELO in the main gym.
- There will be MANDATORY PARENT/Athlete information sent to you to review prior to the season.

To participate, the following items must be turned-in or completed by Thursday, April 1st:

- 1) Sign up for Track and Field at tinyurl.com/LesharTF21; 2) Complete the Online Athletic Registration at <https://www.psdathletics.org/msreg>
- 3) Turn in a hard copy of Current Physical from your Doctor's office to Mrs. Downing in the main office. Physicals cannot be uploaded or completed online. A physical is good for 364 days; and
- 4) Pay the Athletic fee of \$120 unless charter/private/homeschool – fee is \$132, or free or reduced lunch eligible student- fee is waived**.

**If you are on waived fees you must re-apply each school year for waived fee status at the following address: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>. Once you have qualified for waived fees you must log into Parent Vue, click on forms, and click permission to share under your student's name. This allows us to waive the athletic fee. If you are on waived fees you must still process a payment through school pay (log into school pay, select your students sport, add that sport to the cart and it will show up at \$0.00 dollars due), process the payment and bring receipt in with your doctor's signed physical to Leshar's main office.

- Preseason Camp 4/6-4/8 from 3:10-5:10PM. Meet in the Main Gym.
- Practices begin Monday, April 12th and are Monday-Friday from 3:10-5:10PM.

Additional Questions?

- Jonette Dixon (Head Coach) jonetted@psdschools.org or 472-3844
- Becca Spear (Assistant Coach/Team Management *primary contact for email communication, absences, eligibility requirements, etc.) rspear@psdschools.org or 472-3838
- Josh Swann (Assistant Coach, Hurdles) jswann@psdschools.org or 472-3819
- Lee Oldenburg (Assistant Coach, Throws) ldoldenbu@psdschools.org or 472-3859
- Tanner Orth (Assistant Coach, Throws) tanner.orth@comcast.net
- Kenzie Kerr (Assistant Coach, Jumps) khelmink@psdschools.org or 472-3862
- Karen Downing (Athletic Secretary) kdowning@psdschools.org or 472-3801
- Warren Morrow (AP/AD) wmorrow@psdschools.org 472-3802

Thank you and Go Vikings!



THE LUNCH LAB

March 16 - March 20
TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

10am - 1pm

FORT COLLINS FRESH FOOD PANTRY

1301 Blue Spruce Drive

LOVELAND FRESH FOOD PANTRY

2600 N. Lincoln Avenue

Grab and go meals for kids 18 and under

No registration or identification required



Kids Eat Free
Niños comen gratis

THE LUNCH LAB

marzo 16 - marzo 20

Martes a Sabádo

10am - 1pm

DESPENSA DE COMIDA FRESCA EN FORT COLLINS

1301 Blue Spruce Drive

DESPENSA DE COMIDA FRESCA EN LOVELAND

2600 N. Lincoln Avenue

Comida para llevar para niños menores de 18

No registraci3n o identificaci3n requerida



Kids Eat Free
Niños comen gratis



THE CLUB

Teens will have access to

- Free Wi-Fi and access to technology
- Recreational games and activities
- Teen lounge, a full gym and more!



**FREE
TO
ATTEND!**

**MON - FRI
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

Fort Collins Club
1608 Lancer Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80521



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TYLER AT 970-484-5198.



THE CLUB

Los adolescentes tendrán acceso a

- Wi-Fi y acceso a tecnología
- Juegos y actividades recreativas
- ¡Salón para adolescentes, un gimnasio completo y más!



**¡GRATIS
PARA
ASISTIR!**

**LUNES - VIERNES
7:30 AM - 7:00 PM**

Club de Fort Collins
1608 Lancer Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80521



PARA MAS INFORMACION Y PARA INSCRIBIRSE VISITA:
[HTTPS://WWW.BEGREATLARIMER.ORG/LOCAL-CLUBS/FORT-COLLINS/](https://www.begreatlarimer.org/local-clubs/fort-collins/)