



APRIL 2022

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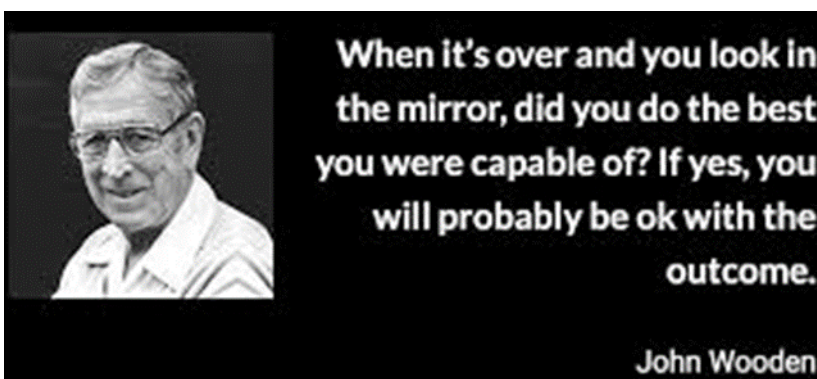
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Message from the Principal

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

Happy spring! One of the telltale signs of spring every year is the arrival of March Matness (I'm a college wrestling fan – go Penn State!) and March Madness (Unfortunately my upset basketball teams in the women's and men's tourneys – UAlbany and Davidson – didn't get the Ws.). As a student of leadership, I find myself reading about the various coaches' leadership journeys and how they got their respective programs to "the dance." There are few coaching resumes that compare with famous UCLA mentor John Wooden's, which is one the reasons our Asst. Principal/Athletic Director Mr. Morrow gives each one of our coaches, regardless of sport, a copy of the book [Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections On and Off the Court](#). Wooden was mentioned by another one of my influencers, John Maxwell, in his recent podcast, [You're Only as Good as Your Last Effort](#). Click the link to check it out. Maxwell referenced his relationship with Wooden who once said, "Make every day your masterpiece. Life is now. Life is not later on." It's hard to keep [pushing on the flywheel](#) everyday (Good to Great by Jim Collins, 2001) when you are discouraged, or get criticized, but we need to. The bottom line is we shouldn't rest on our best. Yesterday ended last night. We need to do our best today. By doing so we honor the past, energize the present, and plan for the future. We may not be able to correct yesterday, but today is ours to win, and if we do that our tomorrows will turn out better. So, let's go win the day!

Better yet, let's win every one of the final 30 days of this 2022 school year!



Shine on,

T. DODD

Dr. Tom Dodd, Principal

Leshar Middle School Presents our 6th Annual Fort Collins Mother's Day 5K...

Saturday, May 7 at 9AM

This fun, family event is back in person with a virtual option for those interested and/or out-of-state.

The race will take place Mother's Day weekend,
Saturday, May 7 at 9AM.

Checkout our website and sign-up today!

www.FortCollinsMothersDay5K.com

WE NEED HELP WITH COURSE SUPERVISION for the race –
please sign-up today and come be a part of this fun
morning with your Leshar Family!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baca92ca4fb6-thefort4>.

Thank you and Go Vikings!




LESHER MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE 6TH ANNUAL
**FORT COLLINS
MOTHER'S DAY 5K**

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND
**9:00 AM SATURDAY
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Planner Powerball 3/4/2022

Date	Planner Powerball	Trash Power Ball	Why You're Awesome
3/4/2022	6 th – Ethan Coleman	Hailey Martinez	Sabina Frakes
		Summer Williams	Caroline Toole
		Joel Vasquez	Emerson Palumbo



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LESHER'S GENIUS WEEK

We want YOUR middle schooler at this year's Genius Week,
May 31-June 3, 2022!

Registration begins April 14th on Leshar's website! Spread the word!

Contact us with questions:

Lisa Crossland - lcrossla@psdschools.org

Sherise Dawkins - sdawkins@psdschools.org

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Math Counts

The MathCounts Club is wrapping up a fabulous season and had a great performance in the Chapter Competition which was held online this year. Two of our Mathletes, Finian Fremstad and Theo Gregory, placed first and second out of 84 students in Northern Colorado and earned invitations to the MathCounts State Contest. They traveled to University of Denver and competed against students from across Colorado. Congratulations, Finian and Theo!



Planner Powerball 3/4/2022

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3/11/2022	6 th – Joseph Bienvenu	Cameron Parker	Emerson Palumbo
		Teagan Davis	Hailey Martinez
		Spiro Palmer	Rylan Northway



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Athletic Season Information

Check out our Athletics and Activities webpage (<https://les.pedschools.org/athletics-activities>) for all current and upcoming season information. Softball, Golf, Unified Basketball and Track and Field sign-ups have concluded and all athletic competitions are listed online. Please complete all registration requirements prior to the start of any season, and by the date noted for each sport. Questions? Contact Mr. Morrow (Athletic Director) at wmorrow@pedschools.org or 472-3802, or Ms. Roth (Athletic Secretary) at laurenr@pedschools.org or 472-3801.



COVID Testing Protocols

Symptom and Testing Protocols have changed. A negative Covid test is now required in order to return to school. Please e-mail a picture of test result to cmossel@pedschools.org. Please click this link for detailed information - [state health department's new "How Sick is Too Sick" protocols](#)

Los protocolos de síntomas y pruebas han cambiado. Ahora se requiere una prueba de Covid negativa para regresar a la escuela. Haga clic en este enlace para obtener información detallada - [state health department's new "How Sick is Too Sick" protocols](#).

Give Next

Leshar Middle School and Give Next

Give Next is a school-based youth grantmaking program for middle and high school students in Larimer County. Each year, our Give Next Class is given \$5,000 to award to nonprofits that align with our mission statement. Give Next grants are made possible through the collaborative efforts of Bohemian Foundation, the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, the Give Next Advisory Committee, the Serimus Foundation, and Leshar Middle School. Leshar's Give Next Award Ceremony will be held on May 3rd from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Media Center.

Leshar's Mission Statement 2021-22

"Leshar Middle School's Give Next Program wants to prevent discrimination in Northern Colorado. We want to support nonprofits that address racism, sexism, and discrimination of sexual orientation."

Organizations to receive funding:

La Cocina

Grant Amount: \$2,590.00

The funds will be used for Latinx Grupo. L-Grupo is a bilingual and bicultural program for young people ages 14-18 that focuses on mental health. La Cocina wants to improve mental health services for BIPOC youth from Larimer County.

Intercultural Community Builders

Grant Amount: 2,410.00

The funds will be used to train teen and adult facilitators to lead workshops in Northern Colorado called Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens. The workshops help create positive changes that help eliminate prejudice and discrimination and promote intercultural understanding.

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Biking Vikings

Calling all biking Vikings! The 14th annual Leshер Bike Week 2022 is less than 1 month away - May 2-6! Do you have special talents related to bicycling?? Contact Amanda Sutton if you are interested in helping with bike week this year or use the form below to sign up to volunteer! asutton@psdschools.org



<https://bit.ly/LeshерBikeWeek2022>

STUCO Viking Night Out

Our next **STUCO VIKINGS NIGHT OUT (formerly called a school dance)** of the year will be held on Friday, April 29 from 5 – 7pm. This is open to all LESHER students that have no out-of-school suspensions or multiple classroom behavioral incidents resulting in school consequences, and that do not have excessive tardies or absences since our last Vikings Night Out celebration. There will be a DJ with live music and dancing, backyard games, karaoke, a movie in the auditorium, and our School Store will be open!

We enjoy having parents chaperone these fun events. Yes, fun! We have a long history of fun, high energy, low to no drama school events where kids come and socialize with their Leshер FAMILY – Forget About Me, I Love You! It's also a good opportunity for parents to volunteer and see our school culture and your child's place in it. All grades are invited to the dance. Parents/Guardians, please click here to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baca92ca4fb6-october> and fill out PSD's required volunteer sign-up <https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers>. Please arrive ~15-20 minutes before the event so we can give an overview about rules and procedures. Thank you and Go Vikings!



Yearbook

The 2021-2022 Leshер Viking Yearbook is completed! Only a limited number of extra copies were ordered. We expect to be **sold out** by yearbook distribution in May.

BUY NOW while supplies last at Jostens.com, on SchoolPay, or bring your money into the front office to Mrs. Mitchell.

If you already bought a book, **thank you!**





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Science Olympiad

Congratulations to the 33 students that traveled to the University of Colorado Colorado Springs for the state science Olympiad competition on Saturday, March 2nd.

Leshar's two teams placed 8th and 9th in the state of Colorado.

We had several students place in the top 5 of their events:

Event	Students			Place
Bio Process Lab - B	Andrew McDonagh	Jackson Schneider		2
Codebusters - B/C	Samyie Wu	Jamison Ray	Leo Tornatzky	4
Crime Busters - B	Izzy Johnson	Samyie Wu		3
Disease Detectives - B/C	Daniel Carta	Jamison Ray		5
Electric Wright Stuff - B	Terran Klein-Ames	Gavin Chao		5
Food Science - B (both teams did well!)	Sterling Holbrook, Luella Tomlin	2	Samyie Wu, Sipun Wongsathapornchai	4
Meteorology - B	Julian Martinez Gonzalez	Ben Tulanowsky		4
Road Scholar - B	Ben Tulanowsky	Julian Martinez Gonzalez		3
Sounds of Music - B	Lev Achter-Pries	Gavin Chao		4

Here is the complete list of competitors:

Lev	Achter-Pries	7
Odem	Aurian	6
Collin	Carlson	6
Daniel	Carta	8
Gavin	Chao	7
Indigo	Heikes	7
Sterling	Holbrook	7
Evan	Hutchinson	6
Izzy	Johnson	8
Terran	Klein-Ames	7
Maya	Leisz	6
Marco	Llosa	6
Ava	Long	7
Logan	Lopez	7
Julian A.	Martinez G.	8
Aiden	McCarthy	7
Andrew	McDonagh	8

Wyatt	Netschke	8
Julian	Pallickara	7
Ronak	Patel	6
Jamison	Ray	8
Jaya	Reich	7
Lila	Restrepo	6
Ian	Rose	8
Clementine	Sander	7
Jackson	Schneider	8
Kaya	Schoch	7
Luella	Tomlin	7
Leo	Tornatzky	8
Ben	Tulanowski	8
Sipun	Wongsathapornchai	6
Samyie	Wu	7
Subah	Zareen	7

Grade Showcase

6th Grade Showcase is here!

Davis and Wind classes: Tuesday, April 12 at 3:15-4:30.

Swann and Reyes classes: Wednesday, April 13 at 3:15-4:30.

The Showcase will take place in organization hallway and the cafeteria. See you there!

Parent-Teacher Organization

Last 2 Viking Volunteers Parent-Teacher Organization (VVPTO) and School Accountability Committee (SAC) meetings of the year:

VVPTO - Monday, 4/11, 5:30 – 6:15pm, Media Center

SAC - Monday, 4/11, 6:15 – 7pm, Media Center

No School for Students

Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) Exchange Day - Fri., 4/15

Teacher Workday - Mon. 5/17

Planner Powerball 4/1/2022

Date	Planner Powerball	Trash Power Ball	Tardy Powerball	Why You're Awesome
4/1/22	6th - Gabriel Allen	Sara Davis	6th -Ashton Ray	Kiah Bautista
		Xander Caruth	7th - Tennessee Pawelski	Attia Abdelgawad
		Mico Flores	8th - Trapper Sommers	Gana Arhouma



Planner Powerball 3/25/2022

Date	Planner Powerball	Trash Power Ball	Tardy Powerball	Why You're Awesome
3/25/22		Jake Fontana	Lily Swann	Thom Lynn
	7 th – Isla Zuniga	Ava Kelleher	Linh Dang	Hailey Martinez
		Jonathan Herrera	Yash Karan	Jomar Swan



CHAMP - Character in Athletics - Make it a Priority

Every athletic season, coaches pick 1 or 2 students from each team or level to recognize as their CHAMP (Character in Athletics – Make it a Priority) recipient. So far this year, we have recognized 20 student-athletes for going above and beyond in school and on their athletic teams. Of those 20 student-athletes, our staff and coaches voted on one male and one female student to be recognized at the Northern Colorado annual CHAMP breakfast at the Hilton. Congratulations to Molly Margenau and Yamil Torres for being chosen out of an amazing group of student-athletes! Go Vikings!



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- NO parking, stopping, or standing at **RED CURBS**
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Bicyclists/Skateboarders

- Bicycles should use bicycle lanes & obey traffic laws
- Dismount your bicycle/skateboard on the sidewalk in front of the school & walk
- Secure your bicycle/skateboard on the racks at the north side of the school

Pedestrians

- Use crosswalks
- Make eye contact with drivers prior to crossing

