November 2021

The Lesher Difference

Welcome to THE SHIP!

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Dr. Tom Dodd

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Grade 8
Waren Morrow

Dean Grade 7
Lisa Crossland

Assistant Principal
Grade 6
Janice Martinez

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Message from the Principal

Dear Viking F-A-M-I-L-Y (Students, Parents/Guardians & Staffulty):
My favorite time of year is the start of another school year, and the energy it brings, but my favorite season is the fall. As I sit in my office composing this letter with my office window wide open, I can hear our Colorado and American flags clanking against our aluminum flagpole out front, feel the brisk autumn air blowing in with the sweet smell of a wood-burning fireplace from a University Acres neighborhood home, and hear the CSU marching band playing the school fight song in the distance at the old Scott-Lambkin Field as they get ready for the next home game. Just like the rhythm of the CSU band your Lesher staffulty is getting back into its rhythm and the cadence of in-person learning. We have re-normed our practices and procedures and are teaching kids how to do school again. And they are picking up what we're putting down.

Thank you for all your support and compliance with Larimer County Dept. of Health and Environment (LCDHE) mask wearing, contact tracing, and quarantining protocols etc. We are well-aware of the impact of ongoing quarantines and in some cases multiple quarantines for students over the past 12 weeks. We appreciate your resiliency and stamina. We remain hopeful now is not forever and we will get through these difficult pandemic times. Lesher will have a CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Mobile Bus Vaccine Clinic on campus again from 10am – 6 pm, Friday, 11/12 in the east side staff parking area off Ellis St. , 3 weeks from the last time it was here during Vikings Night Out on Friday, 10/22. We had over 100 people get a shot that day and we want to make it easy to get the follow up dose. Here's the appointment link: **REGISTER for the Lesher vaccine clinic**. The mobile clinic will be open to all members of our community.

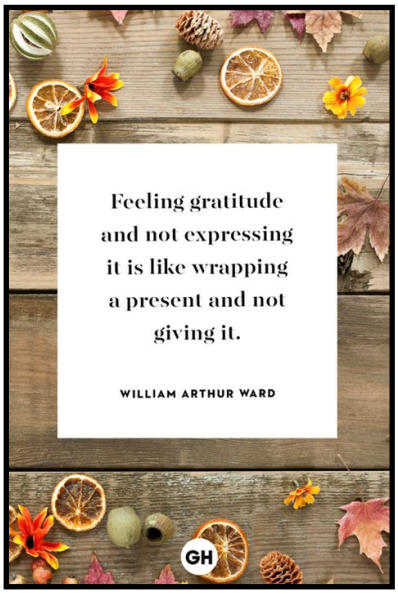
I read, listen to, and share a lot of leadership stuff. Some of you may have heard of the Maxwell Minute. If not, I'll share one with you. The work we do at Lesher, the business my staffulty has chosen, public education, can be really difficult at times. John Maxwell of the Maxwell Minute spoke to **DIGNITY** last week. He said, "It's not what happens to you… it's what happens in you." Self-talk can lead to catastrophizing and awfulizing at times. Especially over the past year and a half or so for many of us. As John Maxwell says at the very end of that 2-minute video (click the DIGNITY link to watch), choose not to surrender to the adversity in your life. Here's the bottom line: We need each other. So, let's hunker down and keep getting after it. As our staffulty continues to navigate a heavy workload and push forward toward the end of the 1st semester with our students on Friday, 12/17, let's all keep our dignity intact and work together.

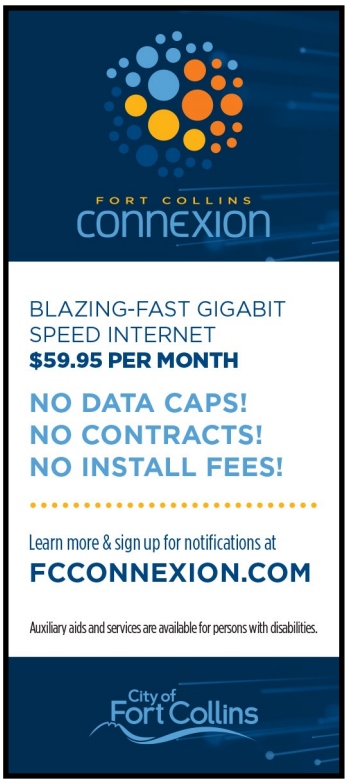
Take care and be well F-A-M-I-L-Y… Forget About Me I Love You!

Shine on,
Dr. Tom Dodd, Principal

Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude

Heading into the winter season, we are feeling very grateful for our Lesher Family! Thank you all- students, parents, guardians, volunteers, staff, community members... every one of you are an important part of the family. As we cherish and cultivate our Attitude of Gratitude, we look to opportunities for all to share in the spirit of this season.





11th Annual Adopt-A-Family Program

We're excited to announce Lesher's 11th annual Adopt-a-Family school community service project! Every year we adopt roughly 20 families, all from our feeder elementary schools, and you can see some of the good we've done in the attached pictures from previous years (taken pre-Covid era)**. This is a great community service project that <u>every adult and student</u> in our school community can participate in!** How you ask? By…

- Donating essential household items (i.e. cleaning supplies, kitchen items, toiletries, food, etc.)…the families will request specific items that will be displayed in classrooms around our building after Thanksgiving break and there is a blank needs checklist attached for you to reference;
- Donating new or like new clothing that fits specific family members (see needs' checklist);
- Donating gifts or gift cards;
- Donating wrapping paper;
- Writing cards/notes to the families (Spanish and English needed); and
- Drawing pictures for younger family members.

All items will be picked up or delivered to families on Saturday, December 11th. Please provide donations prior to Friday, December 10th. We welcome assistance from families, local businesses, and organizations. Please contact Waren Morrow (Assistant Principal) at wmorrow@psdschools.org or 472-3802; Ashley Broody (Counselor) at abroody@psdschools.org or 472-3851; Lisa Crossland (Dean) at lcrossla@psdschools.org or 472-3850 or Veronica Carrillo (Español and family liaison) at veronicc@psdschools.org or 472-3853 if you have questions or would like to assist Lesher's 2021 Adopt-a-Family project. Thank YOU and GO VIKINGS!!!

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11th Annual Adopt-A-Family Program, continued...

2021

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
Total Number of People in Family_____

Check the items you need

What kind of cereal does your family eat? _____

CANNED FOOD

_____ rice _____ flour _____ vegetables _____ spaghetti sauce _____ tomato sauce
_____ pasta _____ sugar _____ fruit _____ peanut butter _____mayonnaise
_____ dried beans _____ soup _____ mac & cheese _____ jelly _____ baking soda
_____ dry milk _____ coffee _____ tuna _____ mustard _____ ketchup
_____ salsa _____ tea **Spices, what kind?** _____

Pick a store for a gift certificate:

_____ **King Soopers** _____ **Safeway** _____ **Walmart** _____ **Target**

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

_____ bathroom cleaner _____ laundry soap _____ kitchen garbage bags _____ toilet paper
_____ toilet bowl cleaner _____ fabric softener _____ lawn garbage bags _____ bleach
_____ window/surface cleaner _____ dishwasher soap _____ quart size bags _____ light bulbs
_____ paper towels _____ dish soap _____ gallon size bags _____ sponges
_____ napkins _____ plastic wrap _____ sandwich bags _____ aluminum foil
Other:

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

_____ blankets _____ silverware _____ toaster _____ mop
_____ bath towels _____ dishes _____ mixer _____ laundry basket
_____ twin sheets _____ glasses _____ Crockpot _____ broom/dustpan
_____ full sheets _____ storage containers _____ iron _____ can opener
_____ queen sheets _____ measuring cups _____ coffee maker _____ flashlight
_____ king sheets _____ measuring spoons _____ pillows _____ smoke alarm
Other: _____ pots and pans _____ carbon monoxide Detector

PERSONAL CARE

_____ shampoo _____ soap _____ deodorant _____band aids
_____ conditioner _____ tissues _____mouthwash _____ first aid cream
_____ lotion _____ toothpaste _____ toothbrushes (how many?___)

Other:

SCHOOL/OFFICE SUPPLIES

_____ pencils _____ tape _____ scissors _____ notebooks
_____ pens _____ glue _____ dictionary _____ loose leaf paper
_____ colored pencils _____ crayons _____ coloring books _____ printer paper

Other:

If YOU HAVE A PET, DO YOU NEED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

_____ cat food: What brand? dry? canned? _____ kitty litter: What kind?
_____ dog food: What brand? dry? canned? **Other:**

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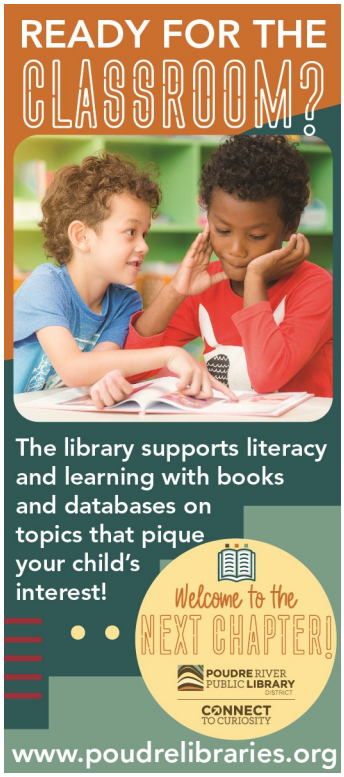

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BABY SUPPLIES

_____ diapers (size)_____ _____wipes baby _____ jabón _____ shampoo
_____ formula (type)_____ _____ lotion _____ blankets _____ baby/bottles
_____ food kind (type) _____ _____diaper rash ointment

PLEASE USE ONE BOX FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER NEEDING CLOTHES SOME WILL BE NEW, SOME WILL BE GENTLY USED.

Family Member #1

Age	Male or Female?	Clothes Needed	Size
		____ shirts	
		____ pants	
		____ coat	
		____ socks	
		____ shoes	
Other			

Family Member #2

Age	Male or Female?	Clothes Needed	Size
		____ shirts	
		____ pants	
		____ coat	
		____ socks	
		____ shoes	
Other			

Family Member # 3

Age	Male or Female?	Clothes Needed	Size
		____ shirts	
		____ pants	
		____ coat	
		____ socks	
		____ shoes	
Other			

Family Member #4

Age	Male or Female?	Clothes Needed	Size
		____ shirts	
		____ pants	
		____ coat	
		____ socks	
		____ shoes	
Other			

Family Member # 5

Age	Male or Female?	Clothes Needed	Size
		____ shirts	
		____ pants	
		____ coat	
		____ socks	
		____ shoes	
Other			

Family Member #6

Age	Male or Female?	Clothes Needed	Size
		____ shirts	
		____ pants	
		____ coat	
		____ socks	
		____ shoes	
Other			

Family Member # 7

Age	Male or Female?	Clothes Needed	Size
		____ shirts	
		____ pants	
		____ coat	
		____ socks	
		____ shoes	
Other			

Family Member #8

Age	Male or Female?	Clothes Needed	Size
		____ shirts	
		____ pants	
		____ coat	
		____ socks	
		____ shoes	
Other			

Sorry, we are not able to supply toys, furniture, TVs, or computers through this program.

2021 Referred by (name of elementary school):_____

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS
SERVING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
JOIN US TODAY

The Fort Collins chapter is currently welcoming 6th - 9th grade girls and their mothers to join for 2022-2023.

Informational meetings will be held November 21, 2021 and January 30, 2022

Interested in joining?
Contact us!
MembershipFortCollins@NCLOnline.org

NationalCharityLeague.org/chapter/fortcollins

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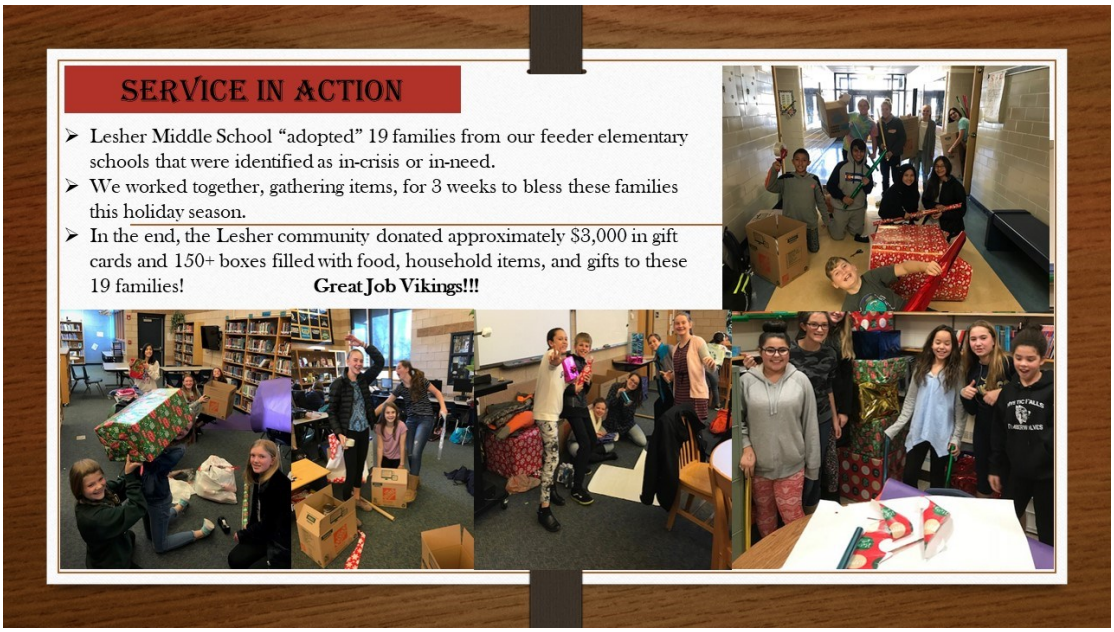

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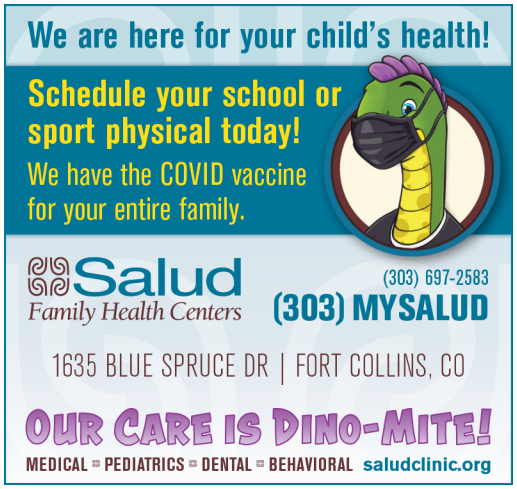

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Congratulates
2020 Colorado "Schools to Watch"

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

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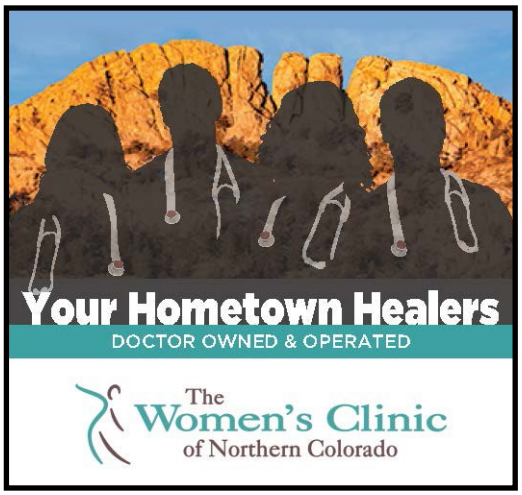
Colorado Association of Middle Level Education



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"We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give."
-Winston S. Churchill

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy." -Kahlil Gibran

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11th Annual Adopt-A-Family Program, continued...

"Have a heart, lend a hand, stand out, and make a difference!"

A special THANK YOU to:

- **Fort Collins South Home Depot for donating all the boxes!**
- **Connections Church for donating $380 in gift cards!**
- **Chick-fil-A for donating food gift certificates!**
- **Snack Shack and WEB for donating grocery store gift cards!**

Thank you to the Lesher community, students, and staffulty for donating gifts, your time, and your talents to help these families in need! WE ARE Lesher and we are making a *difference*!

A special thank you to the following students and staffulty that helped with our big pickup day for Adopt a Family!

Erica Ciardullo
Brad Cox
Margaret Davis
Rachel Eaton
Sarah Freemyer
Angel Herrick
Waren Morrow
Julieta Herrera-8th
Monica Schafer-8th
Julia Herndon-8th
Shayla Narodowg-8th
Sammy Davison-8th
Oliver Ramirez-8th
Olivia Sherwood-8th
Cade Whish-8th
Andrew Gammon-8th
Emily Beckner-8th
Sofia Leyva-8th
Zayra Coronado-8th
Sam Nosler-8th
Lizzie Narodowg-7th
J.J. Fontana- 7th
Mia Walker-7th
Abbey Ketterman-7th
Trader Verstraeten-7th
Tariq Hirchi-Vogl-7th
Mishka Little-7th
Fulin Tomanek-7th
Emily Piotraschke-6th
Henry Ciardullo-6th

Calling all Turkeys!

Lesher's National Junior Honor Society will host a canned food drive from November 9-18. These non-perishable food items will be donated to the Larimer County Food Bank along with the frozen turkeys.

It's A Turkey Round Up!

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Each year the Food Bank provides services to nearly 40,000 residents of Larimer County and many of them are PSD students. More than 2,500 turkeys are needed this fall season.
Please consider donating a frozen turkey or plant-based alternative for our families.

WHAT: Bring your ***FROZEN* turkeys** to school
WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021

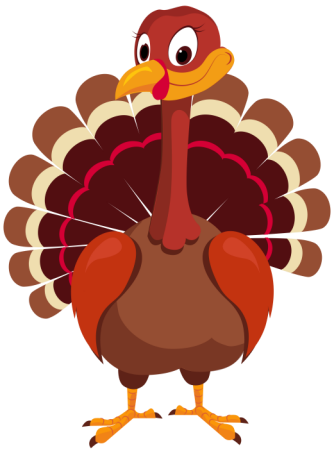
WHERE: Our school's ***Turkey Wranglers*** will meet you at the bike racks on the morning of 10/18 before school

WHY: To help our PSD families and community members share a meal this year Prefer to give a monetary donation to the Food Bank for Larimer County? You can also bring cash or check to our collection site and it will be counted toward our school total.

Our school's Turkey Wranglers are:
Mrs. Pearse, Mrs. Wind, and Lesher's NJHS members

Our Wrangler will take your donated turkey or plant-based alternative and deliver it to the Food Bank drop-off location. Thank you!

FOOD BANK FOR LARIMER COUNTY
POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT



¡Recolección de pavos!

Jueves 18 de noviembre de 2021

Cada año, el Banco de Alimentos (Food Bank) presta servicio a casi 40.000 residentes del condado de Larimer, y muchos de ellos son estudiantes del Distrito Escolar Poudre. Este otoño se necesita reunir más de 2.500 pavos. Les agradeceríamos que donaran un pavo congelado, o una alternativa a base de plantas, para nuestras familias.

DONAR: **Pavos *CONGELADOS*.** Traerlos a la escuela.
FECHA: **Jueves 18 de noviembre de 2021**
LUGAR: ***La encargada de nuestra escuela de recolectar pavos***

Mrs. Pearse, Mrs. Wind, and Lesher's NJHS members

MOTIVO: Ayudar a que las familias del Distrito Escolar Poudre y los miembros de la comunidad puedan compartir su cena este año. ¿Preferiría donar dinero al Banco de Alimentos del condado de Larimer? Ese mismo día, pueden traer dinero en efectivo o un cheque al lugar en donde estaremos recolectando los pavos; se tendrá en cuenta en el total recolectado por nuestra escuela.

FOOD BANK FOR LARIMER COUNTY
POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Encargada de nuestra escuela de recolectar pavos:
por los portabicicletas en la mañana del 18/10 antes de la escuela

La encargada de nuestra escuela de recolectar pavos, o alternativas a base de plantas, los llevará al lugar de entrega de donaciones del Banco de Alimentos. ¡Gracias!

Spanish 10/2021 – PSD TD

Viking Volunteers - Back in Business!

We are out of our Covid hibernation, slowly rebuilding our PTO, and would love for you to join us. What does a PTO in middle school look like? Four 45-minute quarterly meetings, 2-3 staff appreciation activities like a holiday cookie exchange, a soup/salad luncheon, and Valentine's treats; a competitive grant program for staff and teachers, whose requests are reviewed and voted on by the PTO, and 1-2 community building events like NordicFest and the Mother's Day 5k, so students and their parents have fun together. For 2021-2022, our goal is to restart the grant program, hold one staff appreciation event this winter, and help run the Mother's Day 5k in May.

Choose your way to get involved:

1) Sign up and read our quarterly emails: http://eepurl.com/2u_dj
2) Make a one-time donation via SchoolPay (https://psdschools.schoolpay.com) or drop a check off at the front office. A $50 donation per family is suggested, but any amount is appreciated.
3) Come to one or all of our next three meetings: we'd love to meet you! The next meetings are on Nov 29, Feb 28, and April 11: all meetings are at 5:30pm in the Media Center
4) Look for SignUp Genius emails to volunteer or donate items for one-time event
5) Jump on one of our teams: You do not need to be in charge of anything, but sharing your ideas and suggestions is great! Email Lisa Cunningham at lisa.m.cunningham@protonmail.com to chat about what works best for you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Winter Giving

Lesher's Viking Volunteers PTO invites all Lesher families to contribute in support of our amazing Lesher Staff and Students.
Invest in Lesher! Giving funds school events, teacher appreciation, and Lesher's unique grant program for teachers with ideas to make Lesher even better.
Donations are confidential and tax deductible.
Send a check or cash to the Lesher Office with the form below, or make a donation online via SchoolPay: (https://psdschools.schoolpay.com/), search "Viking Volunteers Donation".

Want to get involved? Contact: Lisa Cunningham at lisa.m.cunningham@protonmail.com

Donate Now

Name:_____

Student Name:_____

Donation Amount: ____$20 ____$40

____$75 ____$100 $____ANY

Checks should be made payable to:
Lesher Middle School,
memo line "Viking Volunteers PTO". Please contribute by December 20th.
THANK YOU

School Accountability Committee (SAC)

SAC (https://les.psdschools.org/school-accountability-committe-sac) meets quarterly to discuss, advise & make recommendations to Dr. Dodd regarding school progress, assessing & prioritizing needs, identifying resources, school spending, our School Unified Improvement Plan (SUIP), etc. 6:15 – 7pm, **Lesher Media Center, Mondays, 11/29, 2/28, 4/11**. Please consider joining this important organization.

Expect Respect Committee

BE A PART OF IMPROVING CULTURE AT LESHER: For the last five years, Lesher Middle School has implemented a Bullying Prevention and Education program thanks to a grant from the CDE. As part of the grant requirements, a committee has been established to monitor the implementation of this program. A schoolwide curriculum called Expect Respect is being taught in ELO classrooms, and the committee has been named the Expect Respect Committee in accordance with these efforts. The committee is comprised of students from all grade levels, teachers, parents, an administrator, and community members.

Currently, the Expect Respect Committee is in need of a few more parent volunteers, and perhaps their student(s), to be a part of our efforts here at Lesher. The committee meets once a month (the last Monday of the month) for about an hour each time. Some of the committee's responsibilities include:

- Establishing yearly goals for the reduction of bullying incidents at Lesher
- Reviewing and modifying current bullying policies (if deemed necessary)
- Analyzing student, teacher, and parent survey results on the overall school climate at Lesher to guide the direction of anti-bullying and climate change efforts at Lesher
- Completing the annual self-assessment provided through the Bullying Prevention and Education Grant
- Brainstorming educational events for parents and the Lesher community about the curriculum and other pertinent topics
- Helping to discover blind spots and areas of improvement when we think about keeping our students safe

Please consider being a part of this important and valued group of people shaping the future for students at Lesher Middle School. If you are interested, please fill out this **Google Form**

If you have any questions, please contact Kaiti Jones (**kaitlynj@psdschools.org**)

Thank you, Lesher Family, for your willingness to share your time and generosity with us!

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

Join PSD's Efforts to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness.

During the 2020-2021 school year, Poudre School District identified **1,432 students** pre-k through 12th grade, or **4.7% of our student population**, who experienced some form of homelessness and qualified for McKinney-Vento services.

McKinney-Vento is a federal law and PSD program designed to provide students experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity with resources and protections. The main focus is to remove the educational barriers that those students face, placing an emphasis on immediate enrollment, attendance, and success. McKinney-Vento services are available to all PSD children and youth, from birth to 21 years of age, who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Learn more about McKinney Vento on **PSD's McKinney-Vento webpage.**

What Can You Do to Help?

- **Raise Awareness -** November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, and National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is Nov. 13-21 (**https://hhweek.org/**). Please share this information with your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and take the initiative to learn more about youth homelessness and its challenges.
- **Wear Green –** Green is the official color of Homeless Youth Awareness Month. Our McKinney-Vento staff and site McKinney-Vento Contacts will be wearing green on Wednesdays throughout the month to help bring attention to issue of homeless children, youth, and families in our community. Please feel free to join us in this show of solidarity.
- **Donate -** PSD's McKinney-Vento program accepts monetary donations which are used to purchase things like gas cards, grocery cards, school supplies, undergarments/socks, clothing, coats, hygiene and household supplies, food, concurrent enrollment supplies, and much more. Our goal is to provide services that remove barriers and create a welcoming and safe school environment so that students can come to school, engage in learning, and succeed.
    - **To Make a Donation:**
        - Make check out to Poudre School District and write McKinney-Vento in the memo line. OR
        - Use School Pay to donate- Use *Emergency Support* fund in School Pay to donate to students experiencing homelessness.
- **Learn More About McKinney-Vento in PSD:** Contact Whitney Reid, PSD's Homeless Education Program Specialist, at 970-490-3242, or via email at **wreid@psdschools.org**.

Department of Language, Culture & Equity
POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

for families experiencing homelessness, doubled/tripled up or facing financial concerns

Friday
December 3, 2021
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Foundations Church

1380 N. Denver Ave
Loveland, CO
(Hwy 34 & Denver Ave)

*No documentation required

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HOMEWARD ALLIANCE

FERIA DE RECURSOS FAMILIARES

para familias sin hogar, se duplicó / triplicó o enfrenta preocupaciones financieras

viernes
3 de deciembre de 2021
5:00 - 7:00 pm

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*no se necesita documentación

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Para obtener más información visite: bit.ly/HWA-FRF

HOMEWARD ALLIANCE

National School Psychology Week

Let's Get in GEAR: National School Psychology Week 2021

Here at Lesher, we want our kids to reach their potential and develop skills to thrive in school and in life. This year, National School Psychology Week is November 8-12, the theme of which is "Let's Get in GEAR". We grow together, we engage critical systems, and we advocate and rise together. Our hope is to highlight how getting in GEAR can help lead us to positive growth. Just as we continue to grow and develop as people and with our skills, sometimes with support from others, we can develop resilience beyond stressful circumstances.

Getting in GEAR together can help us set goals for growth, engage in action steps, advocate for needs, and raise our voices in discussions to create the connections necessary for students to develop critical academic and social-emotional skills. School psychologists can assist students and staff in seeing possibilities and developing positive change to thrive in school and life.

How to Get in Gear at Home

1. Encourage goal setting and mapping out a plan for achieving the goals. Talk with your children about steps they have taken, what worked and what didn't, and what they might do next. Explain that learning and growing require trying new things and that success comes from small steps to a long-term goal.
2. Help your children develop positive relationships with peers and adults, and model respectful, caring behaviors with others.
3. Praise attempts, as well as success, and make sure that you focus on the effort or hard work put into the success. Emphasize the importance of deliberate practice and talent grows over time through skillful practice.
4. Help your child work through setbacks, or lack of self-confidence, by helping to identify how they can overcome a setback. As a parent, you can help children see what the small steps are and how rising above obstacles is a part of succeeding. Help your child realize that setbacks are not permanent or all-encompassing.
5. Seek out support systems available in the community to help your children learn new skills and thrive, such as tutoring or mentoring programs. Encourage your children to participate in community activities that may help them to develop positive behaviors. In particular, volunteer activities may encourage the development of positive behaviors. Consider participating in community events yourself as a role model.

Thanks!
Kelly Webb, Ed.S., NCSP
Lesher School Psychologist

From the Health Office

It's beginning to look a lot like Cold and Flu season! Please see the PSD website for current illness protocols: **https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/psdprotocolsCOVID19**- Scroll to the bottom of the page and look under the Return to Learn section for guidance and current PSD protocols.

COVID symptoms ***do*** include congestion, runny nose, cough, headache, nausea, and sore throat.

Thank you for working with us to keep our kiddos healthy and here for in-person learning!

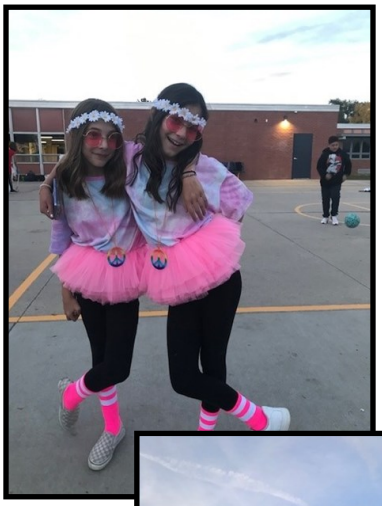
As noted in Dr. Dodd's message, the CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)* **Mobile Bus Vaccine Clinic** will be back at Lesher on Friday, 11/12, from 2-6 pm. Book an appointment here: **https://www.mobilevax.us/northeast/11%2F12---ft-collins--mvu1-**

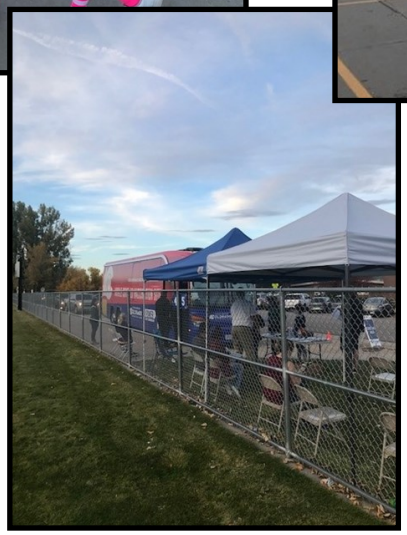
**Vaccine clinics are run by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. PSD is not administering the vaccines or coordinating appointments. Free flu shots are also available at these clinics.*

CDPHE mobile clinics are open to members of the greater community, as well as our school community. Mobile clinics are parked outside so no one needs to enter the schools. Book an appointment at Lesher above, or ***find one in northeast Colorado here.***

Vikings Night Out - Great Success!

Students and staff enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon celebrating Falloween during our Lesher StuCo's Vikings Night Out, held Friday, October 22, on the not yet Frozen Tundra of Viking Stadium. There was dancing, games, pizza, and Kona Ice, who donated a percentage of sales back to Lesher. Students, thank you for coming out to celebrate with your fellow Vikings! Parents, thank you to all who volunteered as chaperones and/or clean-up crew!





Q1 Honor Roll

As we slide into second quarter, we take a moment to congratulate our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who achieved Honor Roll for 1st Quarter- well done, Lesher Learners! Students, if you have not yet grabbed your Honor Roll sticker, please stop by the Counseling Office. Congratulations!

LESHER Q1 2021-2022 HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade

BLUE (6.0 – 6.9)

Allen, Gabriel
Aschmann, Grady
Bandapelly, Arjun
Berdakhov, Djakhangir
Bernier, Joshua
Bienvenu, Joseph
Boade, Joshua
Bodley, Bowman
Boland, Luke
Boros, Shane
Branchflower, Nathan
Branchflower, Vanessa
Brown, Jacqueline
Casady, Gemma
Champa, John
Cikara-Gocke, Vuk
Coleman, Ethan
D'Angelo, Dylan
Davie, Rozalyn
Dhakal, Lila
Diener, Ella
Dix, Ronan
Dominguez, Aaliyah
Elhaddad, Bassel
Fitzgerald, Livia
Flippen, Isaac
Follett, Joshua
Forrester, Quinn
Frisbie, Siena
Gerhardt, Sara Anne
Gonzalez Ortega, Ashley
Hamed, Fahem
Hathaway, Miriam
Hoisington, Lucas
Huffman, Amelia
Juarez, Brandon
Kelleher, Ava
Kurchinski-Maas, Greysen
Lara, Maddox
Lay, Brady
Leeper, Breck
Litel, Donovan
Little, Emory
Long, Henry
Lopez Chilel, Kaylee
LoSasso, Cooper
Luman, Nash
MacKenzie, Quinn
Margenau, Elliot
Mauldin, Eli
May, Garett
McGinnis, Jake
Mosley, Hayden
Muslo, Reece
Olenick, Patrick
Parker, Cameron
Pearl, Ayris
Polak, Olivia
Reed, River
Richen, Joshua
Sanchez, Daniela
Saler, Brynn
Schwaderlapp, Lorelei
Sernovitz, Gabriel
Shtulman, Jacob
Smith, Jannat
Spezza, Nicola
Staples, Benjamin
Tulanowski, Lucas
Williams, Summer
Williamson, Alexis
Worthen, Jett
Young, Matthew

GOLD (7.0 – 8.0)

Abernathy, Audrey
Allen-Sibold, Grayson
Aurian, Odem
Baccari, Artemis
Beggs, Cameron
Benavidez, Violet
Boschmann, Kieryn
Boyle, Myles
Bravo, Kaleb
Brown, Annabel
Brown, Kennedy
Carbajal, Annabella
Cardwell, Finn
Chlebisch, Kaiden
Cloven, Miles
Comer-Sleichen, Talum
Cram, Bryan
Cram, Felix
Crawford, Camille
Dale, Maxwell
Davis, Miles
Davis, Sara
Del Muro, Scarlett Mae
Dewlen, Sol
Donahue, Sean
Duslin, Olivia
Ehrhart, Macy
Elhemri, Mennah
Fenzi, Madison
Fontana, Casey
Galvez Moreno, Katherine
Glaser, Grant
Gutierrez Pina, Karen
Hayward, Levi
Hill, Rasean Jr.
Holubar, Jakub
Hoxie, Jack
Hunt, Quintynn
Hutchinson, Evan
Imsland, Elise
Irby, Holden
Karan, Yash
Kleier, Eden
Leisz, Maya
Llosa, Marco
Lora-Pardo, Michelle
Mahon, Ella
Malson, Laney
McKisstok, Molly
McShane, Dylan
Mohammad, Fatemah
Moll, Hanna
Mozer, Preston
Nanninga, Macy
Ongley, Isabella
Oquell, LylaMae
Palmer, Spyridon
Parry, Kiya
Patel, Ronak
Pedrosa, Madison
Petrie, Juliana
Poor, Zinnia
Price, Brayson
Rapley, Dorothy
Ravikumar, Mridula
Ray, Ashton
Restrepo, Lila
Ridley, Jason
Robinson, Maggie
Romero, Emily
Rusnak, Luke
Schneider, Haley
Shambo, Isaac
Sietsma, Kaden
Smith, Ander
Solo, Olivia
Steinbarth, Kyden
Tarry, Northern
Taylor, Olivia
Teeples, Bentley
Timock, Addyson
Wallace, Ava
Waller, Adalyn
Ward, Riley
Wera, Cecilia
Wera, Hailey
Willoughby, Avery
Winter, Inara
Wongsathapornchai, Sipun
Zadeh, Owen
Zdunek, Lily
Zukowski, Joseph

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Q1 Honor Roll, continued...

LESHER Q1 2021-2022 HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade

BLUE (6.0 – 6.9)

Adams, Wyatt J.
Allsman, Dillon N.
Baker, Anna M.
Brickner, Alexandra R.
Burlington, Zander A.
Casady, James F.
Chao, Gavin A.
Coyer, Isabel M.
Crow, Kincade A.
Del Muro, Sophia Marie R.
Dixon, Grace A.
Downing, Ellery J.
Flores, Mico
Gaddam, Diya S.
Galbreath, Lily M.
Genson, Isaac R.
Gilson, Brody P.
Goldstein, Micah A.
Good Gun, Trayson S.
Griffin, Barrett E.
Gunn, Ella J.
Hale, Sarah J.
Hallam, Ashton K.
Haskins, Olivia D.
Heitner, Zayne A.
Ismail, Sulayman A.
Jennings, Marley E.
Jones, Maxwell D.
Kerr, Valentina B.
Kershner, Jace S.
Klein, Riley F.
Konle, Pheifer A.
Larson, James A.
Lauritz, Kai L.
Leibow, Rebeka R.
Lienemann, Jacquelynn M.
Lopez, Kyara S.
Lopez, Logan B.
Lucas, Sienna H.
Lybarger, Chloe E.
Lynn, Thomas M.
Martinez Amaya, Henry G.
McCollum, Patrick G. Jr
McGee, A'miyah I.
McGill, Quinn A.
Miller, Nathaniel G.
Mills, Kaden S.
Mocke, Calla R.
Moore, Madelyn M.
Nassar, Kaila K.
Northway, Rylan G.
Piccolo, Mia R.
Pope, Isaiah J.
Ramirez, Alexzander J.
Rizza, Kathryn G.
Rodriguez Contreras, Mia
Ruiz Perez, Lily R.
Rulli, Roslyn B.
Sanchez-Ferguson, Deangelo A.
Saler, Addyson R.
Schoch, Kaya O.
Sharpe, Chace M.
Siemers, Jack L.
Sifuentes, Aubrianna B.
Swanson, Raegan
Thai, Kaylee M.
Thompson, Cooper A.
Tiley, Jillian R.
Tobin, Ella K.
Viles, Ryder O.
Vollmer, Giulianno D.
Watson, Isaac A.
Wheeler, Jake J.
Wheeler, Sierra A.
White, Exzayvier V.

GOLD (7.0 – 8.0)

Achter-Pries, Lev K.
Achter-Pries, Naomi E.
Applegate, George S.
Arabi, Aryana
Aladero, Owen F.
Atkinson, Taylor J.
Averett, Bella N.
Barna, Josephine J.
Beavers, Henry J.
Bello, Olivia G.
Biegert, Violet L.
Blackburn, Lydia R.
Bolte, Griffin
Broccardo, Ryan J.
Broeckling, Libby P.
Brown, Adrian L.
Burden, Juliet I.
Burton, August N.
Christiansen, Rowan J.
Cox, Brynn L.
Davis, Teagan A.
Davis, Wesley M.
Dirvonas, Evan M.
Emery, Justice H.
Epling, Finley G.
Evans, Nyla B.
Fardal, Kekoa M.
Fine, Brady M.
Fine, Oliver J.
Fischer, Aidan T.
Flashner, Ella D.
Fonte, Opal M.
Foster, Madison N.
Franco, Lavinia S.
Freeman, Hannah R.
Galleau, Kenna L.
Gauthier, Charley E.
Gutierrez Cuevas, Brittany
Gutierrez Cuevas, Luis A.
Hannah, Jackson W.
Harrison, Hannah E.
Haws, Delaney M.
Heikes, Indigo Z.
Hess, Thomson S.
Holbrook, Sterling A.
Huntington, Eliot D.
Jarquin, Pamela G.
Jimenez Campos, David
Julian Miranda, Fernando D.
Kenny, Harper G.
Klein-Ames, Terran E.
Lavelle, Baird E.
Lewis, Logan J.
Lienau, Kylie M.
Little, Jackson F.
Long, Ava M.
Lopez, Tobin M.
Lynch, Avery K.
Maino, Katelyn
Marshall, Lincoln C.
Mason, Rowan E.
McCarthy, Aiden J.
McCollum, Jersey K.
McKay, Denknesha A.
McKay, Sitola J.
Mehaffy, Emily J.
Miller, Mason J.
Mitchell, Beckett J.
Montross, Kendall P.
Newman, Verona L.
Norgard, Keegan R.
O'Brien, Jane D.
Paige, Madeline
Pattickara, Julian R.
Parker, Gwyneth V.
Pawelski, Tennessee
Peifer, Addison J.
Radman, Jameson C.
Raine, Jackson P.
Ramos-Laffitte, Rafael A.
Rapley, Tobin K.
Redmon, Gracyn P.
Reich, Jaya A.
Ridgeway, Greta J.
Rios, Gabriela C.
Rogers, Annemarie
Sacks, Chloe
Sander, Clementine
Santiago Toro, Luna I.
Schneider, Elijah R.
Singleton, Oliver
Solick, Xali M.
Stenger, Benjamin A.
Stone, Ayslee R.
Stuard, Althea
Sutton, Josiah D.
Swanson, Charles S.
Swanson, Coleby J.
Szekely, Simon E.
Tiley, Ian J.
Tomlin, Carlyle D.
Tomlin, Luella B.
Van Alsburg, Emily R.
Vanoil, Thomas I.
Vega Chavez, Valeria
Wilson, Drake S.
Worley, Sean M.
Wu, Samyle
Zadeh, Olivia A.
Zareen, Subah
Zuniga, Isla M.

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Q1 Honor Roll, continued...

LESHER Q1 2021-2022 HONOR ROLL

Eighth Grade

BLUE (6.0 – 6.9)

Abdelsalam, Abdelhakim S.
Arhouma, Gana Z.
Bdawi, Ibrahim E.
Beggs, Owen W.
Canizalez, Daniela
Carbajal, Daniel T.
Cruz, Amhia M.
Dunn, Pele M.
Elkriwi, Mohamed F.
Fischer, Aidan H.
Fuhrman, Bradley D.
Garcia, Izaiah M.
Garza, Sofia J.
Gold, Cooper C.
Gonzales, Syncere I.
Gonzalez, Adrian M.
Halhaway, Dominic R.
Hough, Cooper C.
Jones, Jake E.
Kee, William R.
Lambourne, Cooper J.
Lilel, Liam J.
Little, Luke R.
Lucia, Sophia S.
Macqueen, Jessica P.
Monloya, Domenik J.
Munoz, Zavier N.
Murphy, Madelyn J.
Najera Vazquez, Erick G.
Nelschke, Wyatt D.
Newman, Joseph R.
Nyman, Gary B.
Obele, Kai K.
O'Dell, Lyla M.
Oropeza, Lakin I.
Park, Lance M.
Pettis, Liam R.
Piolraschke, Joshua J.
Ralazzi, Josef R.
Reynoso, Brighlee T.
Rojas, Jacquelyn G.
Ruble, Cloe L.
Sandler, Paige E.
Seely, Owen M.
Soderberg, Chais E.
Solis, Kyrun J.
Sommers, Trapper A.
Solo-Rodriguez, Manuel
Stafford, Kaija M.
Terrell, Joshua P.
Torres, Yamil
Van Horn, Saydee P.
Vega, Diego A.
Velasquez, Isaiah A.
Viescas Lopez, Isabel S.
Von Fischer, Peter
Wacker, Andrew M.
Wilson, Chloe A.
Young, Daniel D.
Young, Harley A.
Younger, Norah M.
Zhou, Matthew

GOLD (7.0 – 8.0)

Abdelgawad, Attia M.
Abernathy, Max D.
Abshire, Kyleigh D.
Adamson, EmmaLou D.
Allamirano, Jasmine E.
Bain, Isabella J.
Bain, Micheleda
Battaglia, Justin T.
Baulista, Kiah Louise N.
Beauprez, Ellia C.
Britt, Religion L.
Burington, Zachary E.
Carta, Daniel T.
Cikara-Gooke, Anja
Coleman, Lydia M.
Coleman, Noah J.
Cooley, Abraham P.
Crawford, Brendan J.
Crawford, Bryce A.
Cripe, Caitlin A.
Cumbers-Wenzel, Maya L.
Dang, Linh N.
Daniels, Matthew R.
Dogan, Hibatullah B.
Domanski, Eryk M.
Dowling, Jackson M.
Eakins, Aspen A.
Ehrhart, Zachary H.
Elhemri, Ganah M.
ElKabaili, Doua Y.
Faris, Jackson P.
Fleming, Brayden M.
Fontana, Jake M.
Forsyth, Travis R.
Frakes, Sabina K.
Fremstad, Finian J.
Fuchs, June A.
Gibbs, Jack H.
Gregory, Theodore M.
Gutierrez, Camila
Hayes, Ellis D.
Helgerson, Olivia A.
Hill, Harmony E.
Hogan, Miles J.
Hood, Brianna L.
Hoxie, Halle L.
Huff, Danika A.
Hughes, Charli E.
Johnson, Izzy M.
Johnson, Kiara E.
Jupiter, Violet S.
Kalai, Miles N.
Keen, Willow M.
Kemp, Maya J.
Kennedy-Hamilton, Aidan J.
Kirby, Jake T.
Kleier, Caleb P.
Klein, Gillian R.
Koenig, Juliet H.
Krueger, James M.
Kruger, Ethan J.
Lara, Maya R.
Larsen Peed, Porter H.
Luna Ortiz, Ashlee
Macqueen, Charlotte A.
Margenau, Molly B.
Martin, James-Dennis M.
Martinez Gonzalez, Julian
Maxey, Catalina L.
McCormac, Casey R.
McDonagh, Andrew J.
McShane, Declan D.
Miller, Henry J.
Monloya, Sonny K.
Moore, Evan S.
Morgan, Zola W.
Ni, Karen
O'Brien, Varick J.
Olenick III, Mark N.
Petri-Beshore, Lucien G.
Price, Ryland M.
Priebe, Coy L.
Pursley, Audrey C.
Ray, Jamison M.
Ricci, Lucas A.
Richter, Jacob D.
Ridley, Rowan J.
Robinson, Natalie G.
Rose, Ian F.
Rusnak, Alexandra R.
Sampera, Figo J.
Schell, Jake M.
Schelly, Olive E.
Schlicting, Justin C.
Schmierer, Lucca E.
Schneider, Jackson L.
Schulz, Hannah E.
Schulte, Rex A.
Smith, Hadley A.
Snyder, Matthew J.
Solomon-Gavin, Sierra
Souders, Kaden R.
Slanevich, Oliver Z.
Staples, Daisy P.
Suarez Rodriguez, Valentino
Sullivan, Raleigh K.
Swann, Lillian V.
Toole, Caroline A.
Tornatzky, Leo B.
Tulanowski, Benjamin H.
Van Alsburg, Ryan P.
Velez, Savannah S.
Wallace, Capri R.
White, Liam J.
Wick, Asher S.
Windsor, Isabelle A.
Wold, Amiah M.
Wu, Garyle
Yatin, Julia A.
Young, Hope E.
Zdunek, Amelia J.
Zimbron-Leon, Ana I.

School of Choice Application Now Open for 2022-23

Did your student come to Lesher as a School of Choice student? If so, do they have a 5th grade sibling hoping to join them here on The Ship? Then it's time to submit your application for School of Choice for the 2022-23 school year! Parents of 8th graders interested in attending a High School that is NOT your school of attendance should also submit Choice applications for your student's preferred school(s). The application, and more information, can be found by visiting **https://www.psdschools.org/schools/school-options-choice**.

Some special circumstances dictate that current Lesher students also submit a Choice application to return to Lesher next year. Check out the below flyer for more information!

School of Choice is now **Open** for the 2022-23 School Year!

Wondering if you should submit a School of Choice Application to continue at Lesher next year?

You've Moved Out of the Lesher Attendance Area → YES! → Submit a S.O.C Application for Next Year, and Contact Registrar to update your address

*This only applies if you began your enrollment with Lesher as your NEIGHBORHOOD school. If you are a School of Choice student who has changed addresses within PSD, simply contact Registrar to update information.

Your home address is now zoned for the new Timnath MHS → YES! → In order to remain at Lesher for 2022-23 you MUST submit a S.O.C application!

*Current 5th, 6th and 7th grade students and families who have been affected by the new boundary changes and do NOT wish to attend Timnath MHS in 2022-23 will need to submit a School of Choice Application. Please note, transportation services are NOT provided to school of choice students.

Continuing enrollment from one grade level to the next, no changes to address → NO! → You are automatically re-enrolled for your next year here at Lesher!

When does the School of Choice application window open and close?
The first consideration School Choice application window opened on Friday, October 1, 2021 and closes at 12 pm on Friday, January 21, 2022. Second consideration will open in February and remain open until the start of the 2022-23 school year; however, we encourage families to get applications in during the first consideration window for the best opportunity.

When will I know if my student is accepted through the School Choice process?
Invitations are extended via email after the lottery is run the week of January 24th. Invitations are based on enrollment numbers and space available.

Additional questions regarding enrollment, boundaries, or School of Choice?
Contact Lesher Registrar, Jessica Palin, at 970-472-3804 or jpalin@psdschools.org.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
LESHER MIDDLE SCHOOL

24 HOUR ATTENDANCE LINE

970-472-3815

BE HERE,

GET THERE.

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL MATTERS.

ATTENDANCE:
970-472-3815
MAIN LINE:
970-472-3800

1400 STOVER ST
FORT COLLINS,
CO 80524

LESHER VIKINGS

We want every student to be successful at Lesher Middle School, and the path to success starts with regular school attendance. It is difficult, if not impossible, to replace or replicate the learning that happens on any given school day. Makeup work is helpful, but not a substitute for classroom instruction and interaction. Regular and on time attendance are good habits that should be expected, and appreciated, at all school levels.

Students should attend every day, except in cases of illness or emergencies. We strive for an attendance rate of 97% for each and every student. The 3% absence rate includes both excused and unexcused absences. Letters of concern will be sent to parents/guardians when your student has reached the 3% absence rate. This letter is meant to serve as notice that your student(s) attendance may be becoming an issue, and documentation may be requested to excuse further absences.

Absences (and late arrivals) are either EXCUSED or UNEXCUSED.

EXCUSED: An absence due to illness, an appointment, a serious illness or death of a family member, observance of religious holidays, and absences pre-arranged with the school. Students may request make-up work upon their return to school. Students are allowed one day to make up work for each day of absence.

UNEXCUSED: An absence in which your student is out of school that does not qualify as excused or explained as detailed at left.

*Because of the academic importance of attendance, we kindly request that you plan doctor and dentist appointments before or after school hours when possible.

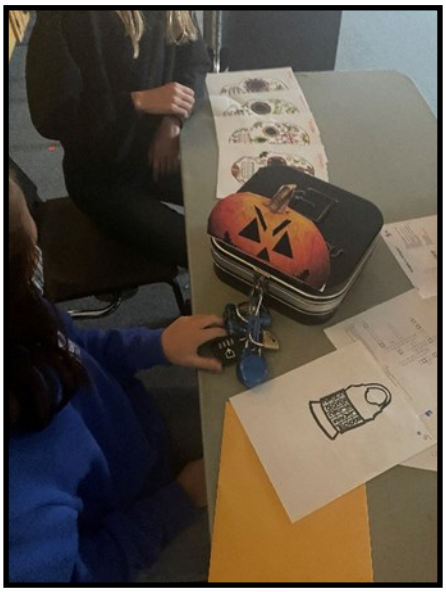
What can parents and guardians do to support strong school attendance?
Help your child get to school on time, ready to learn every day.
Notify the 24-hour attendance line before 12 pm on the day of an unexpected/unplanned absence. Calls received after 12 will be taken care of the following day.
Notify the 24-hour attendance line of any planned or prearranged absences as soon as possible.
If you believe an attendance mark from a class may have been made in error, please contact the teacher to verify or correct the absence. Please allow up to 48 hours for the change to take effect.
Absence corrections can only be backdated 2 weeks, so please keep a regular eye on your student(s) attendance and notify the attendance line of absences in a timely manner.

Little Shop of Physics

8th grade students recently had the opportunity to check out over 50 hands on science experiments with CSU's Little Shop of Physics! Thank you to our 8th Grade Science Team and CSU for partnering to make Physics fun!

¿Otra caja de conexiones? ¡Ay caramba!

Sra. Thompson´s Spanish 1B class participated in a Breakout box activity. A Breakout box is like an escape room, but in the reverse – instead of trying to get out of a room, students attempted to get into a 2 boxes secured with 8 different types of combination locks. The scenario was based upon a compare/contrast of Halloween and Día de Muertos. Jealous Jack (O'Lantern) captured La Catrina and students needed to collaborate and solve clues (written in Spanish) to save la calavera icónica.



MathCounts Comes Back to Lesher

MathCounts is a math competition club. We practice math problem solving each week at our meetings, and then in February and March compete against other schools. Students who seem to enjoy MathCounts the most are those who like learning math and who would like some extra challenge in math, however MathCounts is open to any Lesher student. We meet on Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 in Room 25, Ms. Lang's room. Check out flyers posted in all Math teachers rooms for more information.

Check out the attached document for a list of ALL Lesher sponsored clubs and activities this year.

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MathCounts Comes Back to Lesher, conintued...

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
	KLIB VIKING NEWS (6th-8th grades) September-May Membership: Application Process 1st Quarter ELO Class in Media Center No Fee Contact: Andrew Reyes areyes@psdschools.org or 472-3879								
		RIVER WATCH (6th-8th) September-May Meetings: 3rd Tuesday/month During ELO and after school till 4PM Room 12 No Fee Contact: Ben Mayer bmayer@psdschools.org or 472-3829; Becca Spear rspear@psdschools.org or 473-3838							
		ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB (6th-8th grades) Meetings: Tuesdays, 2nd - 4th Quarters, 3:00-4:00 Room 14 No Fee Contact: Eric Peitz epeitz@psdschools.org or 472-3835							
		MATHCOUNTS (6th-8th grades) October-March Meetings: Thursdays, 3-4PM Room 25 Contact: Lynn Ann Johnson lynnj@psdschools.org							
		SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (6th-8th grades) October-April ELO Class 2nd-4th quarters Fee: $25 Contact: Sarah Freemyer sfreemye@psdschools.org or 472-3833							
	CHESS CLUB (6th-8th grades) September-April Meetings: Tuesdays 3:00-4:00PM Room 3 Fee: $85/semester Register: chessmatesfc.com/school/lesher Contact: Gary Warchola gwarchola@psdschools.org or 472-3814								
		ROCK CLIMBING CLUB (6th-8th grades) Meetings: Tuesdays/Fridays, 3:15-4:45PM Fee: $10-12/session Meet at Lesher then go to Genesis Miramont North Climbing Gym Contact: Amanda Sutton asutton@psdschools.org or 472-3861							
		ODYSSEY OF THE MIND (OM) (6th-8th grades) October-April Meetings: TBD (Once a week after school) Fee: $40 Teams form during 1st semester Contact: TBD							
		DESIGN CLUB (6th-8th grades) October-March Meetings: TBD Contact: TBD							
ROBOTICS (6th-8th grades) Aug.-Nov. Meetings: TBD Contact: TBD									
STUDENT COUNCIL (6th-8th) August-May Meetings: Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 No Fee Contact: Jennifer Jennings jjennings@psdschools.org or 472-3868; Kaiti Jones kaitlynj@psdschools.org or 472-3867									
SOCCER CLUB (6th-8th grades) Boys: September-October Girls: March-April Meetings: Monday-Thursday 3:00-4:45PM Fee: $75 Contact: Dominic Buttice dbuttice@psdschools.org or 472-3820; Becca Spear rspear@psdschools.org or 472-3838									
JAZZ BAND (7th-8th grades) September-May Auditions in late August Uniform Fee Meetings: TBD Auditorium 7:15-7:45AM Contact: Charlotte Boyce cboyce@psdschools.org or 472-3813									
ADVANCED CHAMBER ORCHESTRA and ADVANCED STRING ORCHESTRA (6th-8th grades) Auditions Late Aug./Early Sept. Uniform Fee Meetings: TBD Auditorium 7:15-7:45AM Contact: Loni Obluda lobluda@psdschools.org or 472-3882									
LESHER SOUTHWEST EXPEDITIONS (6th-8th grades) October (current year)-September (following year) Year Long Commitment ***TRIP TBD DUE TO COVID*** Expenses: ~$1,800 Fundraising optional Meetings: As needed during the year and 4th quarter ELO class. Contact: Josh Swann jswann@psdschools.org or 472-3819									
	NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (7th-8th grades) September-May No Fee Membership: Selected by GPA, character & teacher recommendations. Induction in November. Applications due late fall. Meetings: As needed during the year. Contact: Allison Pearse apearse@psdschools.org or 472-3827; or Karen Hammann khammann@psdschools.org or 472-3863								
	eSports (6th-8th grades) Meetings: TBD Fee: TBD Contact: Lee Oldenburg loldenbu@psdschools.org or 472-3859								
Questions? Please contact Club Sponsor or Assistant Principal/Activities Director- Waren Morrow wmorrow@psdschools.org or 472-3802.									

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MathCounts Comes Back to Lesher, conintued...

ATHLETICS

August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
					7th & 8th WRESTLING 1/18-3/5 Practices 3:00-5:00PM Contact: Matt Moeller mmoeller@psdschools.org or 472-3845 Joey Heersche jheersche@psdschools.org or 472-3876 Lee Oldenburg loldenbu@psdschools.org or 472-3859				
6th, 7th & 8th CROSS COUNTRY 8/16-10/2 Practices 3:00-4:45PM Contact: Ben Mayer bmayer@psdschools.org or 472-3829 Jo Dixon jonetted@psdschools.org or 472-3844							**7th & 8th GIRLS SOFTBALL 2/28-4/21** Practices at Spring Park 3:15-5:15PM (Girls walk over from Lesher) Contact: TBD		
7th & 8th FOOTBALL 8/16–10/19 Practices 3:10-5:30PM Contact: Lee Oldenburg (8th) loldenbu@psdschools.org; Matt Silvas (7th) msilvas@psdschools.org; Amanda Sutton (Team Management) asutton@psdschools.org or 472-3861							**6th, 7th & 8th GOLF 3/21-5/11** Matches and Practices: TBD Contact: Beth Wilms bwilms@psdschools.org or 472-3821; Matt Mitchell mmitchell@psdschools.org or 472-3836		
7th & 8th TENNIS 8/16–10/8 Practices at Edora Park Tennis Facility 3:30-5:30PM Contact: Janna Dickerson jdickerson@psdschools.org							**6th, 7th & 8th UNIFIED BASKETBALL 4/4-5/4** Practices during ELO Contact: Megan Simpson msimpson@psdschools.org or 472-3856; Kelly Webb kwebb@psdschools.org or 472-3830		
7th & 8th GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 8/16-10/4 Practice Times vary between 3:00-6:30PM Contact: Annie Wind (8th) annew@psdschools.org or 472-3870 Nicole Sietsma (7th) nsietsma@psdschools.org or 472-3818			**7th & 8th BOYS BASKETBALL 10/25–12/13** Practice times vary between 3:00-6:30PM Contact: Eric Peitz (8th) epeitz@psdschools.org or 472-3835; Matt Silvas (7th) msilvas@psdschools.org or 472-3843		**7th & 8th GIRLS BASKETBALL 1/4–2/23** Practice times vary between 3:00-6:30PM Contact: Greg Schulz (7th) gschulz@psdschools.org or 472-3860 Ryan Van Roekel (8th) rvanroekel@psdschools.org or 472-3869		**6th, 7th & 8th TRACK 4/4–5/17** Practices 3:10-5:10PM Head Coach: Jo Dixon 472-3844 or jonetted@psdschools.org; Assistant Coaches: Becca Spear (team management) at rspear@psdschools.org; Ashley Broody (distance) abroody@psdschools.org; Josh Swann (hurdles) at jswann@psdschools.org; Kenzie Kerr (long/triple jump) at kkerr@psdschools.org; Lee Oldenburg (throws) at loldenbu@psdschools.org; Kirsten Weissman (sprints/relays)at kweissman@psdschools.org		

CHaracter in Athletics Make it a Priority

Prior to participation, PHYSICALS must be turned in to the main office, FEES may be submitted online or in the main office, and PSD REQUIRED PAPERWORK must be submitted online.
All Middle School Athletic Information and REQUIRED PAPERWORK can be found here: https://www.psdathletics.org/

PSD athletic fees: $120 for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students; $70 for unified basketball; $132 for students attending private, charter or homeschool; fee waived for F&R lunch eligible students with completed waiver. Questions? Please contact Head Coach, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director- Waren Morrow wmorrow@psdschools.org or 472-3802; Athletic Secretary- Karen Downing kdowning@psdschools.org or 472-3801.

6TH GRADE SPORTS- Cross Country, Golf, and Track and Field at Lesher Middle School. Other sports through **many competitive clubs in northern Colorado** or **recreationally** through the City of Fort Collins Recreation Department. 6th grade **Tackle Football** Aug.-Oct., 6th grade **Volleyball** Aug.-Oct., 6th grade **Boys Basketball** Oct.-Dec., 4th-6th grade **Wrestling** Dec.-Feb., 6th grade **Girls Basketball** Dec.-Feb., 5th-6th grade **Indoor Tackle Football** Oct.-Dec., and 6th grade **Softball** Apr.-May. Register at least 1-2 months prior to the season start date by going online (www.fcgov.com/recreation), calling 221-6655, or stopping by EPIC (1801 E. Riverside), Aztlan Center (112 E. Willow), Mulberry Pool (424 W. Mulberry), or Senior Center (1200 Raintree Drive).

LESHER VIKINGS

Employment Opportunities at Lesher

Do you love seeing what our students are doing at school? Do you want to be a part of the Lesher Family in a different role than parent/guardian? Lesher currently has the following **4 vacancies** to fill. If you know someone interested, please encourage him/her to apply at **https://psdschools.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx**.

Job Title	Posting Date	Type	Location	
Child Nutrition Team Member - Lesher Middle School	11/02/2021	Child Nutrition	Lesher MS	Apply
Health Technician - Lesher Middle School	11/01/2021	Classified	Lesher MS	Apply
Custodian Head Large Middle School - Lesher	10/29/2021	Facilities/Maintenance/Custodial	Custodial Services	Apply
In-Building Floating Support - Lesher Middle School	10/28/2021	Classified	Lesher MS	Apply

Student Laptop Usage at Home

Hi! My name is Becky Knips and I am our Educational Technology Coordinator at Lesher. I was our computer science teacher for the past 14 years and am excited to help integrate technology throughout our classrooms this year!

Laptop distribution and an overview of expectations happened at the beginning of the school year. Students may need a few reminders of what they can and can't do on their school-issued laptop while they are at home. To help them remember, here are a few examples:

Yes - you can...

- Check your grades, PSD email, or work on homework
- Use Microsoft Teams to chat with a classmate about an assignment
- Play an educational game that a teacher has specifically assigned

No - you can't...

- Use Microsoft Teams/Google Hangouts/email to have personal conversations or chats with friends
- Play games (Roblox, Minecraft, or other online games)
- Watch random videos on YouTube (unless a teacher assigns it)

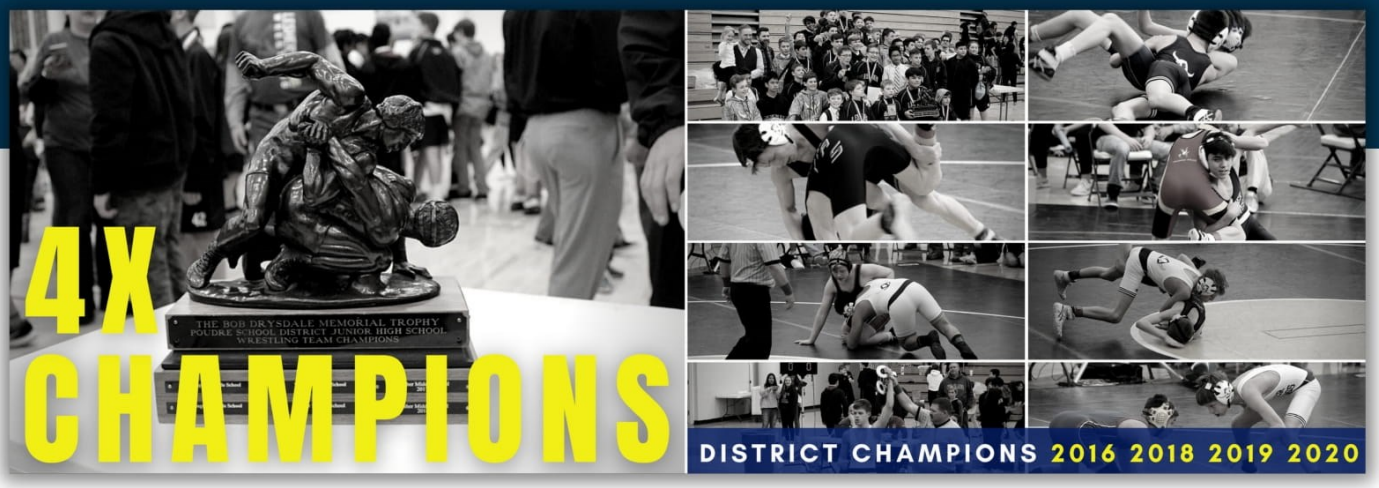
We emphasize that school-issued laptops are to be used as a **tool to learn**. If you are wondering if what your child is doing is school-related, ask them to show you where it's assigned or follow up with an **email or phone call to that teacher**. **Google Classroom** and **StudentVUE/ParentVUE** are great places to check what is assigned. Bringing a **fully charged laptop** every day is an expectation and will help your child utilize their laptop as a tool to learn.

The school-issued laptop is **not to be used as a tool to solve boredom**. It is very tempting to access movies, games, and chat at the click of a button. Having your child use the laptop in a visible location can help minimize those distractions.

Our laptops are an invaluable tool in the classroom but can also be a source of frustration for parents, students, and teachers. If you have any questions about your child's laptop usage, please reach out to me at 970-472-3840 or **rknips@psdschools.org**.

LESHER WRESTLING

2021 Open Mat Information



Viking Wrestling Family,

To assist with individual growth and development, the Lesher Wrestling program will be holding OPEN-MAT opportunities for all Lesher Student-Athletes planning on participating in the upcoming wrestling season. Anyone planning on participating should plan on attending. These sessions are free and will be supervised by coaches. All sessions will be held in the wrestling room (small gym) and will run from 3:15 - 5:15 pm. The official season will begin on Tuesday, January 4th, the day that we return from winter break. All participants MUST have wrestling shoes and workout-appropriate clothing.

Coach Matt Moeller
mmoeller@psdschools.org
Office Number: (970) 472-3845

WHAT OPEN-MAT SESSIONS

WHO OPEN TO 7TH AND 8TH GRADES ONLY

WHEN 3:15 – 5:15 PM

NOVEMBER
Tuesday **November 2**
Wednesday **November 3**
Tuesday **November 9**
Wednesday **November 10**
Tuesday **November 16**
Wednesday **November 17**
NO OPEN MATS THANKSGIVING WEEK!
Tuesday **November 30**

DECEMBER
Wednesday **December 1**
Tuesday **December 7**
Wednesday **December 8**
Tuesday **December 14**
Wednesday **December 15**

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PARENT
NIGHT SERIES

Are you interested in learning more about how drugs and alcohol affect teenagers?

Do you have questions about current trends in the community?

Please come and learn the differences between teenage and adult drug use with the Poudre School District Drug and Alcohol Specialists.

Dinner will be provided, no students or children please.

Hosted at Fort Collins High School 6p-7p

3400 Lambkin Way - Fort Collins, CO

November 17th – Prescription Drug Misuse & Abuse
December 1st – Marijuana, Vaping, and Trends
December 15th – Alcohol

A staff member will be at the South Entrance (by The Tower) from 5:45-6:05p letting people in, all other entryway doors will be locked without someone to let you in.

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. Mayer. 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. Mayer (**bmayer@psdschools.org**) for more information.

Why You're Awesome! Planner Powerball and Trash Powerball

Date	Planner Power Ball	Trash Power Ball	Why You're Awesome
10/14/2021	6th- Lorelei Schwaderlapp- $10	Alex Jamison	Ian Tiley
		Summer Williams	Theodore Gregory
		Madison Pavon	Pete Dunn
		Sasha Herrera Butnor	Isabella Bain
		Zinnia Poor	Emily Hernandez-Vasquez
		Jacob Shtulman	Delaney Haws
10/22/2021	6th – Sandi Salmeron Marquez - $10	Chloe Sacks	Gillian Klein
	7th – Zander Burington - $20	Lucas Tulanowski	Nathaniel Webber
		Henry Long	Jillian Tiley
		Adrian Gonzalez	Raegan Swanson
		Josh Richen	Lakin Oropeza
			Lucien Petri-Beshore
10/29/2021	6th – Quinton Kemp -$10	Dylan Weiss	Oscar Michelle Fastabend
	7th – Ramiro Diaz-Patricio -$10	Haley Schneider	Ky'Rei Kincaid
		Ella Mahon	Rowan Ridley

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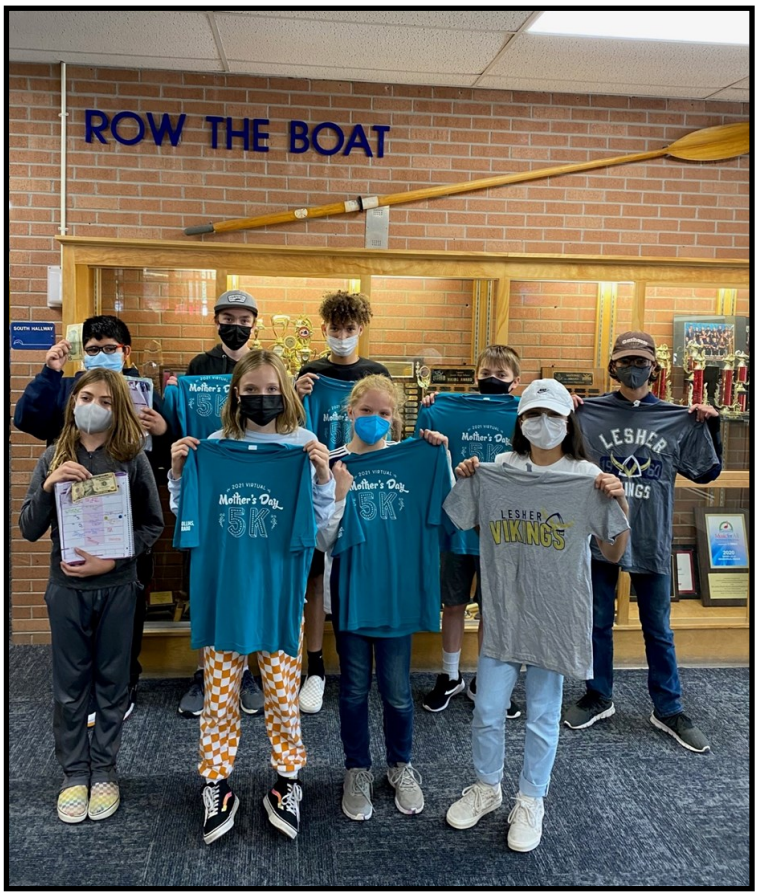
Why You're Awesome! Planner Powerball and Trash Powerball, continued...



Parent Drop Off and Pick Up

Parent drivers, please use the parent drop off and pick up area along Ellis St. on the east side of our building. We have a crossing guard at the Ellis St. drop off/pick up and you may also use the church parking lot to drop off/pick up, or exit. Please PULL FORWARD, yield to the buses, obey traffic signs and speed limits, DO NOT block crosswalks or driveways, make U-turns, or leave a vehicle unattended in a handicapped space. Our 4 buses drop off and pick up on Stover St. (West) and Lake St. (North) and we prefer to keep parent traffic away from the buses as much as possible.

Traffic Safety at Lesher Middle School

1400 Stover St. | Fort Collins

In the interest of student, parent, & staff safety:

Drivers

- Slow down
- Drop-off/pick-up students at designated times & places
- **PULL FORWARD** in the drop-off/pick-up area
- Yield to pedestrians & crossing guards in crosswalks
- **DO NOT BLOCK** the roadway, bicycle lanes, handicap spaces, bus entrances, or driveways
- NO parking, stopping, or standing at **RED CURBS**
- DO NOT make u-turns on streets around the school

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

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