



The Lesher Difference

Welcome to THE SHIP!

Message from the Principal

Hello Lesher Families and Community,

Happy November! The second quarter is upon us, and we are as busy as ever here at Lesher Middle School. One HUGE celebration is that we had 545 students on the Blue and Gold Honor Roll. That is 75% of our student population setting high expectations for academic excellence. We also had 233 students participate in fall sports, which is 32% of our student body. This does not take into account our club participation as well. Needless to say, I am beyond amazed at our participation, school pride and desire to be a part of something bigger! Boys' basketball will start their games Monday, November 7th. They have been busy practicing and getting ready for the season. Our National Junior Honor Society is busy working on their turkey round up, food drive and adopt-a-family as we gear up for the holiday season. It is also the start of the School of Choice season in PSD. The School of Choice window opened November 1st and will be open until December 15th. Please look at our website for more information. Lesher will be hosting an Open House for families interested in attending Lesher next year on November 10th from 6:00-7:30. Thank you for all of your support this school year. Our staff and students feel the love from everyone around us. It's a great day to be a Lesher Viking!

All the best,

Don Kotnik
Principal

Happy Thanksgiving

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OPEN HOUSE

VISIT THE HOME OF THE VIKINGS

Leshar Middle School welcomes families and students to learn firsthand about the incredible Leshar experience!

Special sessions with Principal Kotnik and our Student Panel begin at 6:00pm, 6:30pm, or 7:00pm. Curriculum fair, a club gallery, and tours will be available all night.

Go to bit.ly/WhyLeshar for more information on our Open House, private tours, registration, and more.

**Thursday, November 10
6:00-7:30pm**

Be the first to get your application in for the 2023-2024 school year. Poudre School District's School of Choice begins Nov. 1 through Dec. 15.

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The Fort Collins chapter is currently welcoming 6th - 9th grade girls and their mothers to join for 2023-2024.

Informational meetings will be held 10/20/22, 11/17/22, 1/12/22, and 2/23/22

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

[NationalCharityLeague.org/
chapter/fortcollins](https://NationalCharityLeague.org/chapter/fortcollins)

PROMOCIÓN DE PROGRAMAS EDUCATIVOS

VISITA LA CASA DE LOS VIKINGOS

¡La Escuela Intermedia Leshar da la bienvenida a las familias y a los estudiantes para que aprendan de primera mano sobre la increíble experiencia de Leshar!

Las sesiones especiales con el Director Kotnik y nuestro panel de estudiantes comienzan a las 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. y 7:00 p.m. Feria de programas de estudio, una galería de clubes y recorridos estarán disponibles durante el evento.

Visite bit.ly/WhyLeshar para obtener más información sobre nuestra Promoción de Programas Educativos, recorridos privados, registro y más.

**Jueves, 10 de noviembre
6:00-7:30pm**

Sea el primero en obtener su solicitud para el año escolar 2023-2024. La Escuela de Elección del Distrito Escolar de Poudre comienza del 1 de noviembre al 15 de diciembre.

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LESHER MIDDLE SCHOOL 5TH GRADE TRANSITION EVENTS

◆ 11/10/22 6:00PM - 7:30PM

LESHER OPEN HOUSE

Visit Lesher and see what makes us an incredible middle school. We invite families and students to learn more about the Lesher experience. Special sessions with Principal Kotnik and our student panel begin at 6:00pm, 6:30pm, or 7:00pm. A curriculum fair, a club gallery, and tours will be available all night.

◆ 11/1/22 - 12/15/22

SCHOOL OF CHOICE

School of Choice Applications are being accepted during this time. See the PSD district website for details.

◆ 11/1/22 - 12/15/22

PARENT TOURS & STUDENT SHADOWING

Parents may sign up to receive a tour of Lesher Middle School. Students may also attend one of our shadowing days to spend a morning experiencing how great it is to be a Lesher Viking.

Spaces are limited, check out bit.ly/WhyLesher for more information

◆ 1/23/23 - 1/27/23

REGISTRATION

Lesher's counselors visit feeder elementary schools for registration and course selection. Students will learn about what they can expect as a 6th grader at Lesher Middle School

◆ 5/12/23

MIDDLE SCHOOL VISIT DAY

Incoming 5th grade students who plan to attend Lesher Middle School will visit and learn all about the Viking experience!

Visit our website for more information on 6th grade transition, registration, and additional events at: bit.ly/WhyLesher



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8th Grade Video Collage

Hello Families of Lesher 8th Graders!

At the end of the school year, a video collage presentation is compiled to celebrate all out-of-school / extracurricular activities that our 8th graders participate in. This video montage will be shown during the end of the year celebration just for our departing 8th graders.

Do you have a short action video snip (10 seconds or less) of your 8th grader? Maybe you have a moment from a sporting event, engaged in favorite hobby at home, playing with a pet, doing something adventurous -- or a fun moment from a vacation? Anything goes, as long as we can see your child in the video! Horseback riding, theater, magic tricks, biking, hiking, skiing, volleyball, dance, football, surfing, cross country, wrestling, water sports, ziplining, basketball, softball, baseball, track, soccer, trampoline jumping, baking, gymnastics, rubik's cube speed, unicycling, musical instruments, chess, gaming, disc golf, and weightlifting are several of the moments that have been received and used in years past!

If your child has an event, be sure to grab a few seconds of video and send it along! Ideally this video montage will have a 2-10 second ACTION video of EVERY 8th grade student! You can submit 2 snips if you can't pick your favorite- I will try to get all of them in. This is a chance for students to shine in ways that aren't seen during the school day.

Please email your short video snips to the 8th Grade Day Variety Show Coordinator, Ms. Thompson - juliat@psdschools.org - she will be collecting them throughout the year, up until May 1st.



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Schedule Your Appointment Today!

November is Homeless Youth Awareness Month

Join PSD's Efforts to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness.

During the 2021-2022 school year, Poudre School District identified **1,312 students** K-12, or over **4% 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. 12-20 (<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.

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November is Homeless Youth Awareness Month (en Español)

Formen parte del esfuerzo que está llevando a cabo PSD para apoyar a los estudiantes sin vivienda

Durante el año escolar 2020-2021, el Distrito Escolar Poudre (PSD, por sus siglas en inglés) identificó a **1,312 estudiantes** entre kínder y 12.º grado, es decir más del **4% de nuestra población estudiantil**, que experimentó algún tipo de falta de vivienda y calificó para los servicios de McKinney-Vento.

McKinney-Vento es una ley federal y un programa del PSD diseñado para proporcionar recursos y protección a los estudiantes que carezcan de vivienda, y a los que vivan en condiciones de inseguridad habitacional. El enfoque principal es eliminar las barreras educativas que enfrentan estos estudiantes, haciendo énfasis en la inscripción escolar, la asistencia a clases y el éxito escolar, de inmediato. Los servicios de McKinney-Vento están disponibles para todos los niños y jóvenes del PSD, desde su nacimiento hasta los 21 años, que carezcan de una residencia fija, regular y adecuada en la noche. Pueden encontrar más información en [la página web de McKinney-Vento del PSD](#).



¿Qué pueden hacer para ayudar?

- **Crear conciencia** – Noviembre es el MES NACIONAL DE CONCIENTIZACIÓN ACERCA DE LA JUVENTUD SIN VIVIENDA. Entre el 12 y 20 de noviembre se celebra la SEMANA NACIONAL DE CONCIENTIZACIÓN SOBRE EL HAMBRE Y LAS PERSONAS SIN VIVIENDA (<https://hhweek.org/>). Compartan esta información con sus familias, amigos, vecinos y colegas, y tomen la iniciativa de informarse más con respecto a la carencia de vivienda de la juventud, y los desafíos que enfrentan.
- **Vestirse de verde** – El color oficial del MES DE CONCIENTIZACIÓN ACERCA DE LA JUVENTUD SIN VIVIENDA es el verde. Nuestro personal de McKinney-Vento, junto con las personas de contacto de McKinney-Vento en las escuelas, se vestirán de verde todos los miércoles, durante el mes de noviembre, para ayudar a crear conciencia sobre la problemática de los niños, jóvenes y familias sin vivienda en nuestra comunidad. Los invitamos a participar en esta demostración de solidaridad.
- **Donar** – El programa McKinney-Vento del PSD acepta donaciones monetarias que se utilizan para comprar artículos como tarjetas para gasolina, tarjetas para comestibles, útiles escolares, ropa interior/calcetines, prendas de vestir, abrigos, artículos de higiene, artículos para el hogar, alimentos, material para la Inscripción Simultánea (Concurrent Enrollment) y mucho más. Nuestro objetivo es brindar servicios que eliminen barreras, y creen un ambiente escolar acogedor y seguro, con el propósito de que los estudiantes puedan asistir a la escuela, estén motivados para aprender y tengan éxito.
 - **Cómo hacer donaciones:**
 - Mediante cheques: Escriban un cheque a nombre de Poudre School District, y anoten McKinney-Vento en la línea de notas. O
 - Por medio de School Pay: Utilicen el *Fondo de Apoyo de Emergencia (Emergency Support fund)*, en School Pay, para hacer donaciones a estudiantes que carezcan de vivienda.
- **Informarse más sobre McKinney-Vento en el PSD** – Comuníquense con Whitney Reid, Especialista del PSD del Programa de Educación para Estudiantes Sin Vivienda, llamando al teléfono 970-490-3242, o enviando un mensaje de correo electrónico a wreid@psdschools.org.

Leshar Cross Country

Congratulations to the 2022 Leshar XC team who had an incredible season. Saturday Oct. 2, the team competed in the Colorado Middle School State XC meet and the boys placed 2nd! With an Undefeated regular season, a district championship and 2nd at state these runners had quite the season to remember! Thanks for all the support this season!

Cameron Beggs
Oliver Singleton
Drake Haws

Emmet Brennan
Ian Tiley
Aiden McCarthy

Mateo Costanigro
Joseph Zukowski
Carlyle Tomlin

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National Junior Honor Society

Leshar's National Junior Honor Society wants to help the Food Bank of Larimer County provide food for people in need this holiday season, and we need your assistance! Leshar will have a food drive from November 7-17. You may bring in canned, boxed, or bagged non-perishable food that isn't expired, and drop it off at the display that will be outside of the front office.

Then, the morning of **November 17** is the big moment! It's the final can collection time AND the **turkey round up!** On the 17th, you may bring in a frozen turkey, ham, chicken, or vegetarian alternative in the morning from 7:15-8:00am and drop it off at our collection site by the bike racks. NJHS members will help load up both the turkeys and the cans, and we will deliver them to the Food Bank.

This is such a great way that Leshar can help our Fort Collins community! Start talking with your family about the possibility of donating canned goods and a frozen turkey in the upcoming weeks.

Want to help but can't donate food items? Make a nice card or sign wishing the people at the Food Bank a happy Fall.

Leshar Science & Engineering Fair

Save the date!

Leshar Science & Engineering Fair is January 18. Registration opens November 14. Check the Leshar Website next week for specific details and registration forms.

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER

"THOSE WHO ARE HAPPIEST ARE THOSE THAT DO THE MOST
FOR OTHERS." -BOOKER T. WASHINGTON



Catalina Island

Leshar IMPACTS is an 8th grade environmental leadership class at Leshar. This Fall (2022), we took our 14th group of Leshar IMPACTS students to Catalina Island, California to visit the Catalina Environmental Leadership Program (CELP). Students learned about and explored a new ecosystem and found ways that we can live within our planet's ecological limits. We explored the island by foot, kayak, and snorkel during the day AND night. Along the way, we helped with several service projects and built our leadership skills so that we are ready to return home with a newfound knowledge and inspiration to make an impact in our communities.



Fort Collins Reads Contest Winners

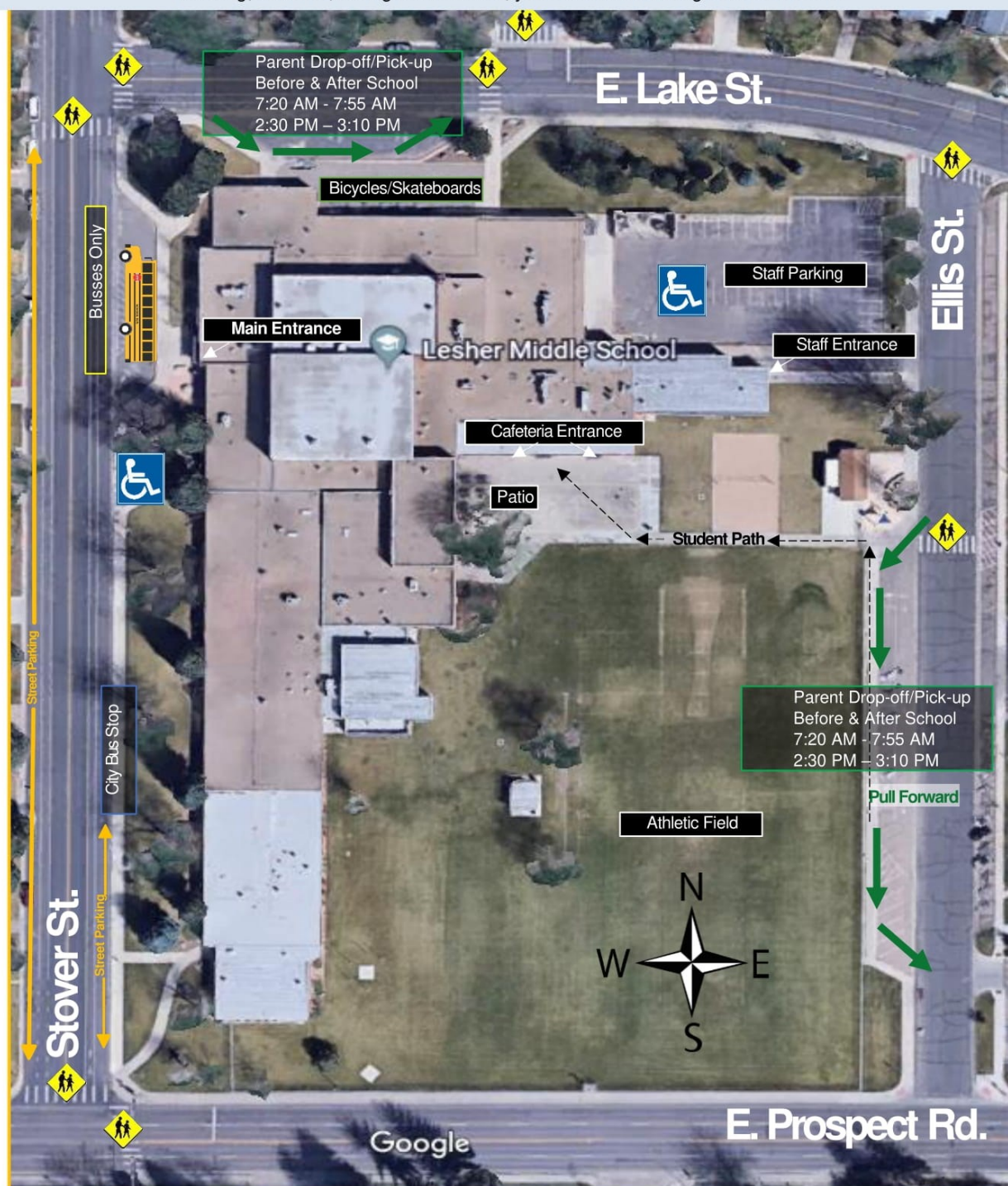
The Fort Collins Reads Essay Contest announced their winners recently and 3 of the 7 winners were Leshar students! They chose a 12th grader, 9th grader, 8th grader and 4-6th graders from across the district from secondary students and Leshar had 3-6th grade student winners. They were recognized November 3rd at a ceremony. When you see Alice Parks, Lucas Dowling or Norah Wolk, please give them a high five and congratulate them.



Traffic Safety at Lesher Middle School

1400 Stover St. | Fort Collins

To help streamline drop-off and pick-up, please adhere to Lesher's Traffic Safety. The area directly in front of the main entrance is designated to busses only. The main entrance and cafeteria entrance are the only entry points to the building; however, during school hours, you must come through the front office.



Drivers

- Slow down
- **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**

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

Want to volunteer as a crossing guard? Contact our Office Manager,
970-472-3803, jeanniem@psdschools.org

