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Message from the Principal

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

Thank you everyone for your support and teamwork the past 9 weeks as we come back faster, perform higher, and get stronger together. I appreciate all the parents and guardians who attended Student-Led Conferences on Tuesday, 10/5 and Monday 10/11. With the end of the 1st quarter on Thursday, 10/14, our teachers will finalize grades in Synergy by Wednesday, 10/20, and we will upload 1st quarter report cards in ParentVUE and mail home hard copies on Wednesday, 10/27.

We have gotten back to the business of doing school in-person, and it's been awesome! Student-initiated and school-sponsored clubs are up and running, and athletics are back in play. Our boys and girls cross country teams both finished as District Runners Up, our 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball teams both finished in 3rd place, (105), boys tennis finished as District Runner Up while the girls were 4th, and 7th and 8th grade boys and girls football have a week left of their seasons. Our choir, band, and orchestra programs are also having their end-of-the-quarter concerts, which serve as their summative assessments.

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Message from the Principal, continued...

We continue to prioritize Larimer County Dept. of Health and Environment (LCDHE) protocols regarding mask wearing, contact tracing, quarantining, etc. Poudre School District has created a district Covid Response Team (CRT) that has processed many of our recent cases and they are getting more and more efficient. This new team allows the Lesher administration to focus on academic and social-emotional teaching and learning. Thank you, students, parents and staffulty as we work out the kinks transitioning some of this responsibility to the PSD CRT, and for supporting the mask mandate as we need your help and are constantly reminding students to wear their masks correctly. Lastly, Lesher will have a CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Mobile Bus Vaccine Clinic on campus during Vikings Night Out Friday, 10/22 from 2-6 pm in the east side staff parking lot off Ellis St. Registration link: https://fortcollins-1022-mvu1.youcanbook.me . PSD staff are not administering the vaccines or coordinating the appointments. PSD encourages staff and students, ages 12-17, to be vaccinated, but it is not a requirement. Appointments are available first-come, first-serve. After receiving the 1st dose, a 2nd-dose appointment will automatically be scheduled for 21 days later on Friday, 11/12 when the Mobile Bus Vaccine Clinic will be parked again at Lesher during the same time window. Flu shots will also be available at the clinic for free. To be vaccinated, individuals must be at least 12 years old, and a parent or guardian must be present to provide consent. Students 18 and older do not need parental consent. The mobile clinic will be open to all members of the greater community, as well as our school community. Because CDPHE's mobile clinic is parked outdoors, no one will need to enter Lesher to access it. The following are some vaccine resources:

- "5 Things to Know" about COVID-19 vaccines
- COVID-19 Vaccines Questions and Answers

Thanks for being part of our Lesher F-A-M-I-L-Y... Forget About Me I Love You!

Shine on,

Dr. Tom Dodd, Principal

Upcoming Events and Opportunities at Lesher!

No School - SLC Exchange Day- Friday, 10/15



Viking Volunteers (VV) Mtgs.- Mondays, 10/25, 11/29, 2/28, 4/11, 5:30 – 6:15pm, Media Center

School Accountability Committee (SAC) Mtgs.- Mondays, 10/25, 11/29, 2/28, 4/11, 6:15 – 7pm, Media Center









Fall Sports: Stories of Success

Lesher's Cross Country Running Team takes 2nd place at District Championships to end a great season!

We are incredibly proud of the team for all the hard work, support, and fun they brought to every day of the season. This is truly a special group and it showed at our final race of the season. Here are a few highlights from our District Championship race:

- Over 90% of the team ran a personal best at Districts!
- The boys team finished in 2nd place, 4 points behind Kinard, and were led by Oliver Singleton who finished in 4th place (out of 250 runners), Jake Kirby in 6th place, Ian Tiley in 7th place, and Max Abernathy in 11th place. All these boys ran 2 miles in under 12 minutes!
- The girls team also finished in 2nd place and were led by Gracyn Redmon who finished in 7th place overall (out of over 200 runners), Juliet Koenig in 8th place, Kendall Montross in 9th place, and Ayslee Stone in 10th place! All these girls ran the 2-mile race in under 13 minutes!
- Amazingly, Lesher had 7 boys and girls in the top 10! That is more than any other school in Fort Collins!



WAY TO GO VIKINGS?



Fall Sports: Stories of Success, continued...







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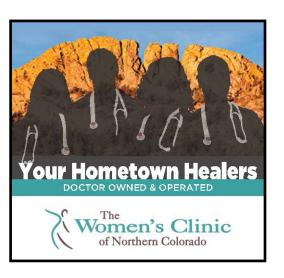




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Fall Sports: Stories of Success, continued...

Our Tennis teams *love***d their experiences this season!** Varsity players spent Thursday, October 7th at the District Tournament, and our boys team tied for District Runners-Up! A day, and a season, well spent. Congrats to all our athletes!













Fall Sports: Stories of Success, continued...

Girls Volleyball Teams were Victorious... Both our 7th and 8th grade Girls Volleyball teams finished their seasons with a 7-2 record, finishing the season strong with exciting 3 game matches to secure their 3rd place district finish. Teamwork made the dream work- way to go, girls!





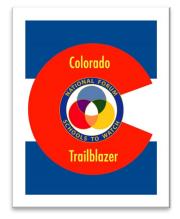
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2021-22 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Information

7th and 8th grade students interested in Boys' Basketball should have signed up in Main Office last week, but please finish your registration by completing the following steps:

PRIOR TO OCTOBER 14th ALL students (including those currently in a Fall sport) must:

- 1) Complete the Online Athletic Registration at https://www.psdathletics.org/msreg (AGAIN if you are in a fall sport);
- 2) 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
- 3) Pay the **Athletic fee** of \$120 unless charter/private/homeschool fee is \$132, or free or reduced lunch eligible student- fee is waived**. Fee will be refunded if you do not make the team.

**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 Lesher's main office.

Preseason Boys Basketball Open Gyms: Tuesday, 10/12 and Thursday, 10/14 from 3-4PM in Gym

Preseason Boys Basketball Camp: Monday-Friday 10/18-10/22 from 3-4PM in Gym

Tryouts are Monday, October 25th – Wednesday, October 27th Cuts will be made on Tues. & Wed.

7th grade tryouts (must attend every day) ► Monday-Wednesday Time: 3:15-4:45PM

8th grade tryouts (must attend every day) ► Monday-Wednesday Time: 4:45-6:15PM

**After School, by 3:10PM, if you are not in tryouts or practice, you should go to Mr. Peitz' room (14) or Mr. Silvas' room (17).
No Exceptions

Practices will be Monday-Friday, after tryouts, and teams will rotate between the early (3:15-4:45PM) and late (4:45-6:15PM) practice times each week.

Parent Meeting after tryouts: Friday, 10/29 7th grade at 4:45PM, 8th grade at 6:15PM in cafeteria

Additional Questions?

Eric Peitz (8th Grade Head Coach) <u>epeitz@psdschools.org</u> or 472-3835 Matt Silvas (7th Grade Head Coach) <u>msilvas@psdschools.org</u> or 472-3843 Waren Morrow (AP/AD) <u>wmorrow@psdschools.org</u>



Yearbook wants your photos!

Lesher Families,

The Yearbook Team is asking for your sports photos to add to our sports section and First Day of School Pictures for our "Back to School" feature.

Please consider sending us pictures of your student in athletic and First Day modes!

Here is a google form to upload the pictures showing your Viking pride. Thanks for all your support!

https://forms.gle/kYR2rCbo6e2jHPxJ9

Picture Retake Day

If you missed our original School Picture Day in August, or just need a second shot at school pictures, please plan on getting ready for your close up on **Thursday**, **October 14**, **from 8** – **10:30** am in the Media Center. Yearbook wants every student's school picture featured, so let's help make that happen!

Vikings Night Out

The first STUCO VIKINGS NIGHT OUT (formerly called a school dance) of the year will be held on **Friday, October 22nd from 4 – 6pm**. Due to COVID protocols, this will be an ALL-OUTDOOR event. This is open to all 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. There will be a DJ with live music and dancing on our outdoor basketball court/patio, backyard games, food trucks and/or Kona Ice, and a professional obstacle course run by <u>TrainOC!</u> You must fill out a <u>waiver</u> to run through the obstacle course. Have fun and be safe!

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 **Lesher 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-thefort3 and fill out PSD's required volunteer sign-up https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers. Please arrive ~15 minutes before the event so Mrs. Martinez can give an overview about rules and procedures. Thank you and Go Vikings!

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)

Breaking Out of Spanish - ¡que interesante!

Sra. Thompson's Spanish 2 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 box secured with 7 different types of combination locks. The students role-played as Spanish detectives and needed to collaborate and solve clues (written in Spanish) to save "kidnapped" Olympic athletes. The winning 8th grade group was able to successfully complete the mission in 54 minutes: rescuing the athletes and capturing the crime ring responsible.



River Watch Club Is Up and Running (like water...)

If you are interested in being a part of a very real and important science project, River Watch is for you! If you like rivers, River Watch is for you! If you care about a healthy planet and want to be a part of the solution, River Watch is for you!

Lesher's River Watch club has started, and we would love to have you! Each month, we collect and test water from Spring Creek. Anyone can participate, we meet on the third Tuesday of each month during the 2021 - 2022 school year during ELO and after school until 4 pm. There is no cost to join, you don't need any prior knowledge of water testing, *and* it is okay if you missed the first meeting in September!

If you have any questions, click <u>here</u> or ask Ms. Spear (<u>rspear@psdschools.org</u>) or Mr. Mayer (<u>bmayer@psdschools.org</u>) for more information

From the Health Office...

Parents of 6th Grade Students: A reminder that the TDaP vaccination is required for all 6th grade students. If you have not already, please schedule an appointment with your Doctor ASAP, ask for documentation of this shot, and provide a copy to the Lesher Health Office.

If you will request a Medical or Non-Medical Immunization Exemption, visit https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions or call the Lesher Health Office for more information.

The deadline to meet immunization requirements is **November 1st**, so please don't wait! Schedule your appointment today!

Don't have a primary care provider to schedule with? Back-to-school vaccines will be available at no cost on upcoming Saturdays at the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment in Fort Collins for students who have Medicaid, health insurance that does not cover vaccines, and those who do not have health insurance. COVID-19 vaccines will also be available for anyone who is age 12 and older.

Families must have an appointment for their student.

- Who: Youth who have Medicaid, insurance that doesn't cover vaccinations, and those who do not have health insurance are eligible
- What: No cost for immunizations
- When: Saturdays, 10/9, 10/23, 11/06, from 9am-3pm
- Where: Larimer County Health-Fort Collins, 1525 Blue Spruce Dr, Fort Collins
- How: Appointments only. Sign up here: https://larimerhealth.secure.force.com/schoolVaccine

Students who have private health insurance should visit their healthcare provider or a local pharmacy for vaccines.

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 <u>do</u> 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!



From the Café

Our Child Nutrition Crew is hard at work in the Café ensuring our students are served healthy breakfasts and lunches every school day. We thank them for their hard work- encourage your young Vikings to do the same when they pick up their meals! A few reminders and resources regarding school meals:

- Meals are free this year to all currently enrolled PSD students. However, if you believe your family may qualify for the Free and Reduced Meal Program, we encourage you to submit your application today by visiting https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application. Those who qualify for benefits are eligible for school fee/charge waivers, possible P-EBT payments, and their school will also receive additional student funding. Many community programs and businesses (City of Fort Collins Parks and Rec, Comcast, Fort Collins Soccer Club) also waive or reduce fees with proof of free or reduced meal eligibility. Families can also apply for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (FCC BB information | FF BB Information Spanish">https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application
 Spanish) that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying households. A qualification is a household that is approved under the free and reduced school lunch or breakfast program.
- Currently, unprecedented food shortages are impacting PSD and school districts nationwide, so some menu items may not be available as planned. Our Café Crew works hard to ensure that students still have a variety of delicious dishes. Our students can't ever say there's "nothing to eat" here at Lesher... Encourage your student to explore the available options, or bring a meal from home, in order to stay fed, fueled and ready to succeed during the school day!



About 89,000 Colorado families use SNAP food assistance. You can, too. Visit <u>Colorado PEAK</u> for more information, including how you could get money each month for nutritious meals.

There are other food resources available to our families as well- contact the Counseling Office (970-472-3804) to get connected to community programs and partners!

Parents, looking for a part time or full-time position in PSD? Consider a career in Child Nutrition! Visit https://www.psdschools.org/careers to see opportunities available now. Let's get cooking!

Apply to Substitute in PSD!

Are you interested in gaining valuable work experience? Would you like a flexible schedule and the opportunity to make a difference?

Have you considered working for Poudre School District as a substitute?

We want to meet you!



For more information, pay scales and an application link, visit: https://www.psdschools.org/careers/substitute-teachers

Once your application has been processed, you will be invited to sign up for an orientation.



Questions? Contact subs@psdschools.org

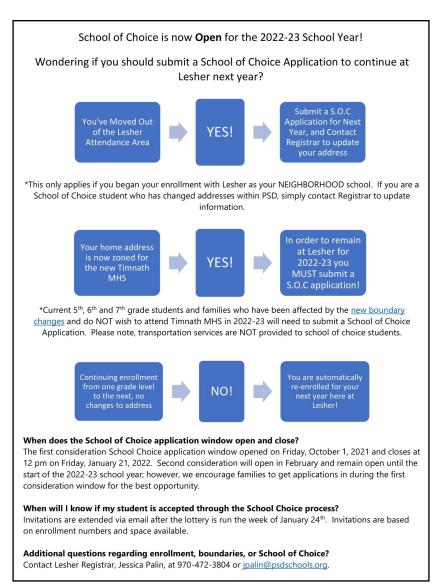


School of Choice Application Now Open for 2022-23

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!







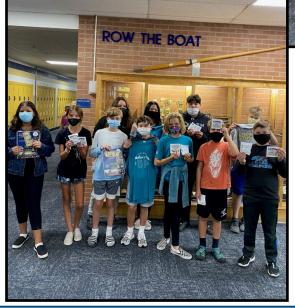
Morning Fresh Cash for Caps

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 <u>here</u> or ask Mr. Mayer (<u>bmayer@psdschools.org</u>) for more information.

Why You're Awesome! Planner Powerball and Trash Powerball

Date	Planner Power Ball	Trash Power Ball	Why You're Awesome
10/8/2021	6 th – Lila Dhakal \$10	Kiah Bautista	Dorothy Rapley
	7 th – Shaw Applegate \$10	Jenny Munguia	Isaac Flores Vargas
		Ashton Hallam	Addie Peifer
		Jack Auriemma	
		Collin Carlson	
		Rylan Speer	
		Kai Lauritz	
10/1/2021	6 th – Nathan Branchflower \$10	Jacob Shtulman	Mridula Ravikumar
	7 th – Kathryn Rizza \$20	Ethan Coleman	Greta Ridgeway
		Jake Leonowicz	Justice Emery
		Colton Kiblen	Addison Peifer
		Thomas Lynn	Halle Hoxie
		Hibatullah Dogan	Myles Boyle
		Hakim Abdelsalam	Esmeralda Martinez
9/24/2021	6 th – Rozalyn davie \$10	Ronan Dix	Mason Bush
		Jacob Shtulman	Greta Gartner
		Jace Kershner	Fernanda Lopez Herrera
		Anjorin Unuigbey	Eryk Domanski
		Kathryn Rizza	Patrick McCollum
		Lydia Blackburn	Jackson Schneider
		Luella Tomlin	Jake McGinnis
		Sawyer Gerholt	









Mobile Bus Vaccine Clinic

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is hosting the following voluntary clinics from its mobile bus:

- 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12 at Boltz Middle School in the south parking lot at 720 Boltz Drive in Fort Collins
 - o Registration link: https://fortcollins-1012-mvu1.youcanbook.me
- 2-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at Lesher Middle School on the east side of the building off Ellis St. in the parking lot at 1400 Stover St. in Fort Collins
 - o Registration link: https://fortcollins-1022-mvu1.youcanbook.me

PSD encourages staff and students, ages 12-17, to be vaccinated; although, it is not a requirement.

Appointments are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. After receiving the first dose, a second-dose appointment will automatically be scheduled for 21 days later.

Flu shots will also be available at the clinics for free.

To be vaccinated, individuals must be at least 12 years old, and a parent or guardian must be present to provide consent. Students who are 18 years or older do not need parental consent. Anyone in a PSD facility is required to wear a face mask, regardless of immunization.

These CDPHE mobile clinics are open to members of the greater community, as well as our school community. Because CDPHE's mobile clinic is parked outdoors, no one will need to enter the school to access it.

If you have any questions about the vaccine, parental consent, or have problems registering, please refer to these frequently asked questions.

To be clear, PSD staff are not administering the vaccines or coordinating the appointments. The district is communicating this opportunity. Information about vaccine clinics is posted on the COVID-19 Vaccines web page.

The following are some vaccine resources:

- "5 Things to Know" about COVID-19 vaccines
- COVID-19 Vaccines Questions and Answers

Clínicas móviles de vacunación en autobús

11 de octubre de 2021

Estimada comunidad del PSD:

El Departamento de Salud Pública y Medio Ambiente de Colorado (CDPHE, por sus siglas en inglés) está organizando las siguientes clínicas móviles de vacunación voluntaria en autobús:

- De 2 a 6 p.m., el martes 12 de octubre en Boltz Middle School, en el estacionamiento sur situado en 720 Boltz Drive, en Fort Collins.
 - o Enlace para registrarse: https://fortcollins-1012-mvu1.youcanbook.me
- De 2:30 a 6 p.m., el viernes 22 de octubre en Lesher Middle School, en el estacionamiento situado en la parte este del edificio en 1400 Stover St., en Fort Collins. (Se entra al estacionamiento por la calle Ellis.)
 - Enlace para registrarse: https://fortcollins-1022-mvu1.youcanbook.me

Aunque no es un requisito, el Distrito Escolar Poudre (PSD, por sus siglas en inglés) anima al personal y los estudiantes de 12 a 17 años a que se vacunen.

Las citas están disponibles de acuerdo con el orden de llegada. Después de recibir la primera dosis, se programará automáticamente una cita para la segunda dosis, la cual tendrá lugar 21 días más tarde.

También la vacuna contra la influenza estará disponible durante estas clínicas de vacunación, y será gratuita.

Para recibir la vacuna, las personas deben tener por lo menos 12 años de edad, y uno de sus padres o su tutor legal tiene que estar presente para dar su consentimiento. Los estudiantes de 18 años en adelante no necesitan el consentimiento de sus padres. Dentro de las instalaciones del PSD es obligatorio que todas las personas usen tapabocas, sin importar su estatus de vacunación.

Estas clínicas móviles del CDPHE estarán disponibles para todos los miembros de la comunidad en general, así como para nuestra comunidad escolar. Debido a que la clínica móvil del CDPHE estará estacionada al aire libre, no habrá necesidad de entrar al edificio de la escuela.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la vacuna, el consentimiento de los padres o tiene problemas para registrarse, consulte estas <u>preguntas frecuentes</u>.

Queremos aclarar que el personal del PSD no está administrando las vacunas ni coordinando las citas; el Distrito está dando a conocer esta oportunidad de vacunación. La información sobre las clínicas de vacunación está publicada en la página web de vacunas contra la COVID-19 (COVID-19 Vaccines website).

A continuación se presentan algunos recursos informativos referentes a las vacunas:

- "5 cosas que deben saber" sobre las vacunas contra la COVID-19
- Preguntas y respuestas sobre las vacunas contra la COVID-19

Cordialmente,

Distrito Escolar Poudre

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

