



# The Lesher Difference

*Welcome to THE SHIP!*



## Message from the Principal

Hello Lesher Families and Community,

Wow, what a busy start to the year! I can't believe that it's September already. Soon, we'll see leaves falling, autumn weather setting in (hopefully), cool nights, and pumpkin spice. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank this community for the love and support that's been coming our way since July. Thank you for your positive feedback and collaborative problem solving as we navigate a new school year with a new administration. Thank you for your participation in check-in days and our back-to-school night. Our staff keeps commenting on the positive start of the year and it's a result of this community's commitment to the success of Lesher, both academically and culturally. It's also a result of our students' effort, attitude, and engagement. Thank you to the Lesher staff for putting in the time and planning to be ready for students to return. I am constantly in awe of the creativity, consistency, and commitment to student learning that this staff displays on a daily basis.

I am proud to stand beside this community, our students, and our staff.  
I am proud to be the principal of Lesher Middle School.  
And I'm proud to be a Lesher Viking.

Thank you!

Mr. Don Kotnik

**Lesher Middle School**  
1400 Stover St.  
Fort Collins, CO 80005

**970-472-3800**  
Main Office

**970-472-3815**  
Attendance

**Don Kotnik**  
Principal

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## September Dates

**September 5**

**Labor Day, No School**

**September 14**

Fall Catalina Trip Parent Meeting  
(see Spear and Mayer for info)

**September 16**

**No School (Teacher Work Day)**

Link to PSD's School Calendar:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bV8L44qHpa9A7zTWfEwJAFwZIm9aCfNx/view>

## Health Office Information

Hello Lesher Families! Please remember, if you have not turned in an updated shot record for your student's 6<sup>th</sup> grade TDaP booster or any other recently received vaccinations, please provide the most up-to-date shot record you have to the Lesher Health Office. THANK YOU!!

Hola Familias Lesher! Recuerde, si no ha entregado un registro de vacunas actualizado para el refuerzo TDaP de 6to grado de su estudiante o cualquier otra vacuna recibida recientemente, porfavor entregue el registro de vacunas más reciente que tenga a la Oficina de Salud de Lesher. ¡¡GRACIAS!!

Please remember that students CANNOT Self-Carry their own medications without a MD order. The ONLY medications that MS students are allowed to Self-Carry are antihistamines (i.e. Benadryl, Zyrtec), EpiPens/AuviQs, and albuterol inhalers. Even cough drops are not allowed to be Self-Carried! We are happy to keep all other meds (including cough drops!) in the Health Office once we have the required MD orders/forms. There forms can be found on the Student Health page in the PSD website, or are available for pick-up in the Health Office.

An advertisement for The Women's Clinic of Northern Colorado. It features two small images at the top: a woman sitting on a couch using a tablet, and a pregnant woman sitting on a bed. Below the images is the clinic's logo, which consists of a stylized 'W' and the text "The Women's Clinic of Northern Colorado". At the bottom, there is a dark blue button with the text "Schedule Your Appointment Today!".

**Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!**

**Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school!**

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# SCARY STORY

## Contest 2022

### A 30 year plus Leshar tradition

Write an original scary story around **500-700 words**.

**THE WORD REQUIREMENT IS IMPORTANT.**

STORIES NEED TO BE TYPED AND INCLUDE STUDENT NAME, GRADE, AND TEACHER. THEY ARE DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 24.

**Purpose:** To entertain! To scare! To creep-out your teachers and your classmates! They can also be funny.

**Audience:** your classmates, families, teachers, and the judges, retired Leshar teachers Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Steinbach, who started the contest many years ago.

Please make sure the stories are **family friendly and school-appropriate**. If you don't want Mr. Kotnik, your little sister, or your grandma to read what you've written, it probably isn't family and school appropriate.

STORIES FROM EACH CLASS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED IN A PDF FILE BY TEACHERS TO:  
[martymmarsh13@gmail.com](mailto:martymmarsh13@gmail.com)

Of course, there will be prizes for the winning writers!

**Worried something is wrong?**

they're behavior is very odd

**THEY SEEM UNUSUALLY AGITATED**

These may be symptoms of psychosis and it's more common than you think. We provide support to youth (15-29) experiencing FEP (first episode psychosis).

Find out more:  
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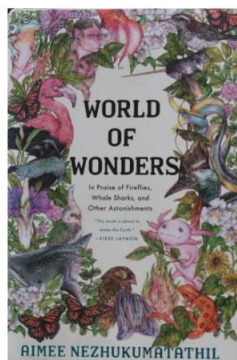
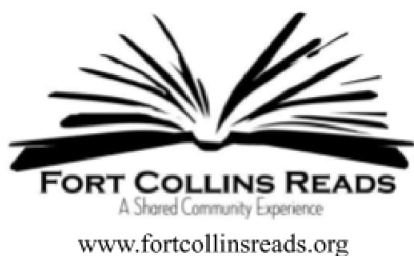
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## Fort Collins Reads Essay Contest



August 2022

For the twelfth year Fort Collins Reads is sponsoring a writing contest for 6th-12th grades in celebration of our visiting author, Aimee Nezhukumatathil.

### Essay topic for 2021:

In the beautiful book of essays "World of Wonders" by Aimee Nezhukumatathil, the author reflects on memories of growing up and the meaningful experiences she had in nature. Tell a story about the outdoors—of a special place of yours/your family's, an experience in nature or with an animal, and what you learned.

### Submission:

Submit using this form: <https://forms.gle/q2W95DcQCsjZd8dV8>

### Deadline:

October 17th, 2022

### Adjudication:

Judges will be Front Range Community College writing students.

### Winners:

Prizes include tickets to the author event where you will be recognized, a gift card for Old Firehouse Books, and a journal. Our 2022 author will receive copies of the winning essays.

If you have questions, please contact Nick Peterson, PSD Community & Business Development Coordinator at [npeterson@psdschools.org](mailto:npeterson@psdschools.org) or Marty Marsh from Fort Collins Reads at [martymmarsh13@gmail.com](mailto:martymmarsh13@gmail.com).

## Picture Retakes

Date for picture re-takes will be coming soon.

## September's Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) Challenge

"Your Presence is our Present" This month's challenge is to **Be On Time for Every Class!** The grade level with the least amount of tardies will be rewarded with an outdoor ELO recess party and food!



## "Be the Sunshine"

Know someone who has gone out of their way to help someone? See someone picking up trash, helping without being asked, or being a positive role model? Staff and students can nominate students who demonstrate kindness to be entered into a drawing for prizes. See link below!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBdk4rI4b35o4OU1ZGFLQr7bwZYfLvFAXIfhRtgRI7H7H8ow/viewform>

## Athletics

Athletics are up and running - literally!  
Check out our website for information about upcoming games, tryouts, participation requirements and more!

<https://les.psdschools.org/athletics-activities>

**We are here for your child's health!**

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## Appropriate Dress

Responsibility for the dress and appearance of students generally rests with the individual students and their parents. Student appearance should reflect pride in themselves when attending school and school-sponsored events. As stated in district policy, students must wear: a shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides underneath the arms, midriff should not show); pants or the equivalent (e.g. a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress, or shorts); and shoes (e.g. sandals, boots, or athletic shoes).

- Clothing choices need to allow for the participation in all school related activities (e.g. flip flops, Crocs, and sandals are okay for school, but students should bring athletic shoes when they participate in P.E. and health classes due to the activity level).
- Students who wear shirts with inappropriate statements or pictures that cause or have the potential to cause disruption to the learning of others will be asked to wear the shirt inside out or will be provided with another shirt if one is available. They may also call home and ask their parents to bring a different shirt or top.
- Hats or hoods that do not obscure a student's face or ears are permitted. We need to be able to see your eyes and ears.

For a full review of the district's policy on student dress code, click here:

[https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/school\\_services/Student%20Rights%20and%20Code%20of%20Conduct/SRCC\\_2022-23\\_eng.pdf](https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/school_services/Student%20Rights%20and%20Code%20of%20Conduct/SRCC_2022-23_eng.pdf)

## Social Media Links

Make sure to follow us on social media



@Leshar\_MS



@leshervikings



<https://www.facebook.com/LesharMiddleSchool>



## Supporting our Schools



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## Yearbook

**Leshar Yearbook SPECIAL BACK TO SCHOOL**

**offer: \$45**

(Free icons available with the purchase of personalization).

This offer is available online until September 9.

Link [here](#)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:**

**Send your 8th-grade student off in STYLE!**

**Order an 8th baby ad! Limited space, so orders yours now. This is a yearly Leshar tradition!**

**Baby Ad Link [here](#)**

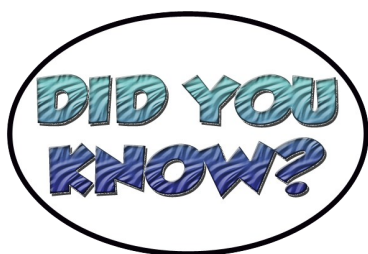


## Viking Volunteer PTO Information

If you'd like to subscribe to our Viking Volunteer PTO email list, please follow the link below. You will receive information about once a quarter on meeting times, our competitive grant program, volunteer opportunities, and events.

Sign up with this link:

<https://psdschools.us9.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=776027d65abba9319d0b9c862&id=d027b8fe16>



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**Celebrations**

# ***Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Leshar Jazz Band Members!!***

*\*\*\*Names listed by section, in alphabetical order\*\*\**

**CLARINET:**

LOGAN ILLIG

**TUBA:**

LUCAS HOISINGTON

**ALTO SAX:**TERRAN KLEIN-AMES  
MATTHEW YOUNG**GUITAR:**

MILO SHANNON

**TENOR SAX:**

LEV ACHTER-PRIES

**PIANO:**MAYA LEISZ  
(\*\*\*MAY DOUBLE ON VIBES\*\*\*)  
SITO MCKAY**TRUMPET:**LIBBY BROECKLING  
LILA DHAKAL  
NESHA MCKAY  
CESAR MORALES  
LILA RESTREPO**BASS:**

ROWAN CHRISTIANSEN

**HORN:**

INARA WINTER

**TROMBONE:**JOSH FOLLETT  
YASH KARAN**DRUM SET:**COLLIN CARLSON  
ZEKE GARCIA

**RESULTS STILL PENDING FOR SOME SECTIONS...THIS LIST WILL BE UPDATED  
WITH NEW MEMBERS!**

*continued...*



## Celebrations, continued...

**Congratulations!****ADVANCED CHAMBER ORCHESTRA***2022-2023 School Year Leshar Middle School***VIOLINS**

Samyie Wu\*\*

Nate Miller\*\*

Wes Davis

Teagan Davis

Dylan McShane

Sam Bren

Michelle Lora Pardo

Kaleb Bravo

Ronak Patel

**VIOLAS**

Delaney Haws\*

Tina Kerr

Kathy Galvez Moreno

Brittany Gutierrez

Cuevas

Scarlett Del Muro

Sara Anne Gerhardt

**CELLOS**

Hannah Freeman\*

Sophia Del Muro

Julian Pallickara

Vi Biegert

Emily Mehaffy

Charlie Swanson

**STRING BASSES**

Rowan Christiansen\*

Miles Cloven

\*\* = CO-Concert Masters

\* = Section Leaders





## Photo Fun



**Thank you W.E.B. Leaders!**



**Prize winners for picking up trash, having their planners filled out, arriving to class on time, or just being recognized by staff and students for being awesome!!**



## Previous Communications

Weekly Communication 1: <https://www.smores.com/1u5ad>

Weekly Communication 2: <https://www.smores.com/4pqjt>

## Young Entrepreneur Tournament

The Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development (LCEWD) is very excited to announce the Young Entrepreneur Tournament is BACK and now accepting applications for the October 2022 session.

The Young Entrepreneur Tournament (YET) helps young people 18 and under to develop their ideas into winning business plans. This four-week journey will encompass everything from idea generation to business launch strategies and will culminate in a business pitch competition where winners will take home cash prizes (over \$2,200 in prize money to give away)!

Participants will once again work with Charisse Bowen, a high-energy entrepreneur, the founder of Colorado State University's Venture Accelerator Program, and founder of Biz Doula LLC, to learn how to turn an idea into a winning business.

We are hosting a YET pre-tournament orientation and ideation session on Wednesday, September 21st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the 1st floor of 200 West Oak Street in Fort Collins. Charisse will talk about what to expect, how to prepare, and how best family and friends can support your young entrepreneurs. All interested parties and their friends and family are welcome to attend. We will provide pizza and snacks while you learn more about

The Young Entrepreneur Tournament and begin developing your winning idea.

The tournament will run on consecutive Saturdays, October 1st, 8th, 15, & 22nd from 10 AM to 3 PM (Lunch and snacks will be provided each day) on the 5th floor of 200 West Oak Street in Fort Collins. The final pitch event will occur on October 29th.

To learn more, see videos of past tournaments, and to APPLY, please visit: [www.larimer.org/ewd/yet](http://www.larimer.org/ewd/yet)





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**i** Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

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También puede optar por no recibir estos mensajes en cualquier momento simplemente respondiendo a uno de nuestros mensajes con "Stop".

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# **WE WANT YOU**

## **ACADEMIC TUTORS**

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-  **COLLABORATE WITH TEACHERS**
-  **PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION**

### **QUALIFICATION**

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- WILL SEEK PSD SUBSTITUTE AUTHORIZATION
- MINIMUM BACHELOR DEGREE
- 1-2 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD

## **QUESTIONS/INTERESTED?**

Amanda Sutton

### **CONTACT**

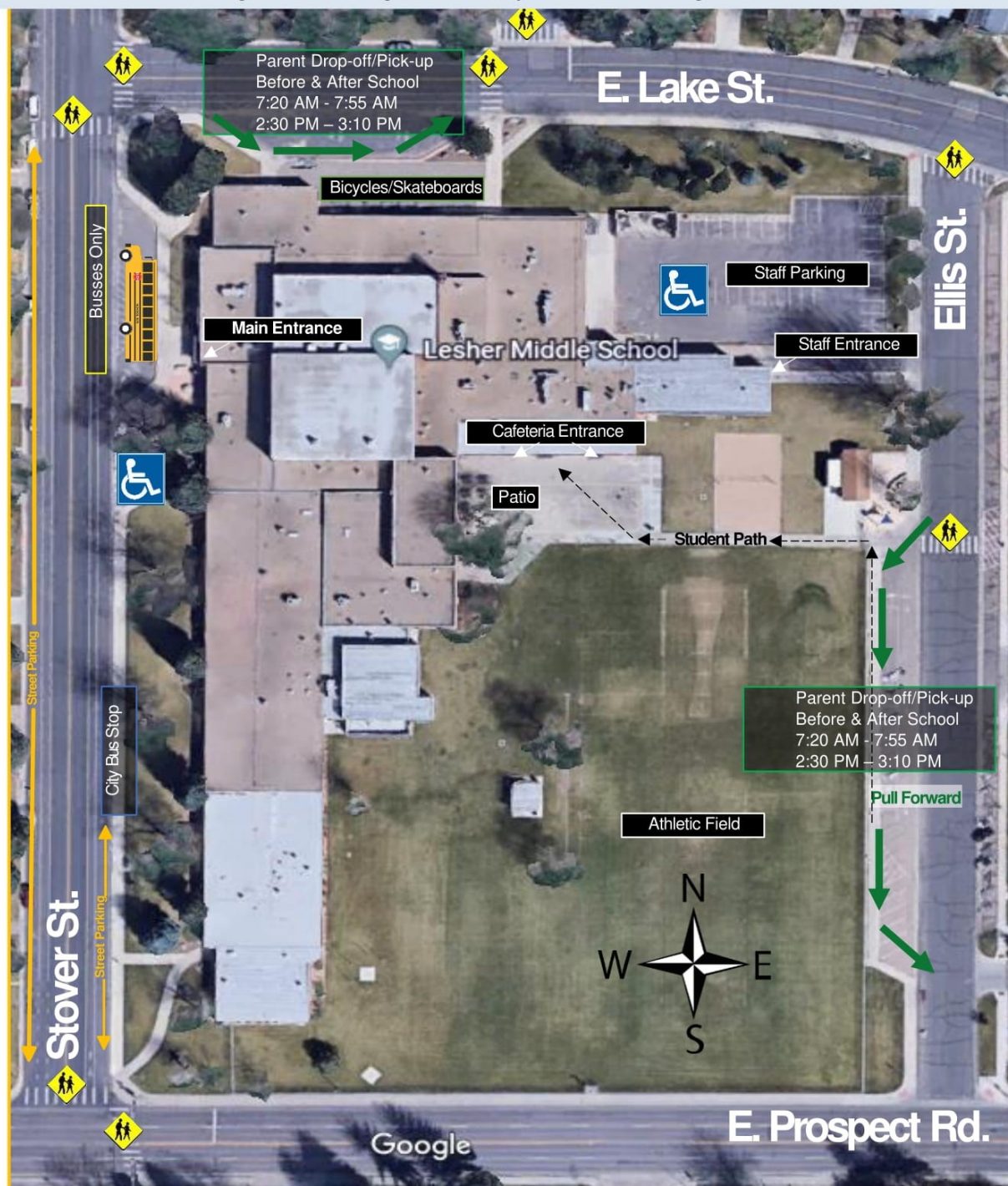
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## Traffic Safety at Leshar Middle School

1400 Stover St. | Fort Collins

To help streamline drop-off and pick-up, please adhere to Leshar'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

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