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
Health Office Information

Hello Lesher Families! Please remember, if you have not turned in an updated shot record for your student's 6th 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, por favor 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.

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

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

Want to sponsor this school?

Please contact Joe Mivshek at SchoolNewsletterCompany@gmail.com or (970) 420-7163.
SCARY STORY

Contest 2022

A 30 year plus Lesher 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 Lesher 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

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

Essay topic for 2021:
In the beautiful book of essays "World of Wonders" by Aimee Nezhukumatahil, 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 or Marty Marsh from Fort Collins Reads at martymmash13@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/1FAIpQLSdBdk4rl4b35o4OU1ZGFLQr7bwZYfLVFAX1fhRtgRl7H7H8ow/viewform

Athletics

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

https://les.psd-schools.org/athletics-activities

We are here for your child's health!
Schedule your school or sport physical today!
We have the COVID vaccine for your entire family.

Salud Family Health Centers
(303) 697-2583
1635 Blue Spruce Dr | Fort Collins, CO

Our Care is Dino-Mite!
Medical - Pediatrics - Dental - Behavioral saludclinic.org

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Click on the Ads in this Newsletter
...to learn more about these great companies!
**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)

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**Social Media Links**

Make sure to follow us on social media

- @Lesher_MS
- @leshervikings
- [https://www.facebook.com/LesherMiddleSchool](https://www.facebook.com/LesherMiddleSchool)

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**Supporting our Schools**

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**COLORADO**

**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

[Image of Colorado state flag with school logos]
Yearbook

Lesher 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

8th 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 Lesher 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=776027d6abba9319d0b9c862&id=d027b8fe16
Celebrations

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Lesher Jazz Band Members!!
***Names listed by section, in alphabetical order***

**CLARINET:**
LOGAN ILLIG

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

**TENOR SAX:**
LEV ACHERT-PRIES

**TRUMPET:**
LIBBY BROECKLING
LILA DHAKAL
NESHA MCKAY
CESAR MORALES
LILA RESTREPO

**TROMBONE:**
JOSH FOLLETT
YASH KARAN

**TUBA:**
LUCAS HOISINGTON

**GUITAR:**
MILO SHANNON

**PIANO:**
MAYA LEISZ
("MAY DO DOUBLE ON VIBES"")
SITO MCKAY

**BASS:**
ROWAN CHRISTIANSEN

**DRUM SET:**
COLLIN CARLSON
ZEKE GARCIA

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

Congratulations!

2022-2023 School Year
Lesher Middle School

ADVANCED CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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!!
**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)
Parents and Guardians
You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!

Just send “Y” or “Yes” to 67587

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:
SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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Nuestra escuela utiliza el sistema de SchoolMessenger para entregar mensajes de texto, directamente a su teléfono móvil con información importante sobre eventos, cierres de escuelas, alertas de seguridad y mucho más.

Usted puede participar en este servicio gratis* con sólo enviar un mensaje de texto de “Y” o “Yes” al número de código corto de nuestra escuela, 67587.

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

SchoolMessenger es compatible con el Student Privacy Pledge™ (Compromiso Con La Privacidad de Los Estudiantes). Puede estar seguro que su información es segura y nunca será entregada o vendida a nadie.

Opte por recibir mensajes de texto en su teléfono móvil ahora! Sólo tiene que enviar “Y” o “Yes” a 67587

* Información sobre los mensajes de texto SMS y códigos cortos:
SMS significa “servicio de mensajes cortos” y comúnmente se conoce como un “mensaje de texto”. La mayoría de los teléfonos celulares son compatibles con este tipo de mensajes de texto. Nuestro proveedor de notificación, SchoolMessenger, utiliza un cierto protocolo SMS desarrollado por la industria de las telecomunicaciones específicamente para enviar mensajes de texto en masa, referido como mensajes de texto “código corto.” Este método es rápido, seguro y muy confiable, y está estrictamente regulado por los proveedores de servicios inalámbricos y sólo permite el acceso a los proveedores aprobados. Si alguna vez ha enviado un voto de texto para un programa de televisión a un número como 46999, usted ha usado los mensajes de texto de código corto.

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☑ WORK WITH SMALL GROUPS
☑ COLLABORATE WITH TEACHERS
☑ PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION

QUALIFICATION

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

QUESTIONS/INTERESTED?
Amanda Sutton

CONTACT
asutton@psdschools.org
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