



MAY 2022

The Leshers Difference

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Message from the Principal

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

Nine months ago, in our summer 2021 edition of *The Leshers Difference* newsletter I referenced the Olympic motto Citius, Altius, Fortius – Communter (Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together) as the XXXII Olympiad summer games had just concluded. We've worked hard this year to come back faster, perform higher, and get stronger together. In just the past two weeks we:

- ✓ Celebrated Bike-to-School Week with lots of activities thanks to Amanda Sutton, Josh Swann, Ben Mayer, Eric Peitz, Ryan Van Roekel, etc.!
- ✓ Awarded \$5,000 in Give Next grants to two community organizations on Tue., 5/3 thanks to Dominic Buttice and Jennifer Jennings!
- ✓ Had nearly 600 students attend Vikings Night Out on Fri., 4/29 thanks to Jennifer Jennings, Kaiti Jones and our Student Council!
- ✓ Had close to 100 people attend our Social Media Awareness Night (with a free dinner) on Thu., 4/28 thanks to Counselor Kelsey Prather and SRO Cole Zempel!
- ✓ Co-organized Noche de Ciencias at CSU's Power House Energy Campus on Wed., 4/27 thanks to our Science Dept. and Family Liaison Veronica Carrillo!
- ✓ Took 60 students to the Catalina Island Environmental Leadership Program (CELP) the 3rd week of April thanks to Ben Mayer, Becca Spear, Annie Wind, Kelly Webb, Josh Swann, Eric Peitz, Sarah Freemyer, and Ryan Van Roekel!
- ✓ Had high rates of participation (and hopefully performance) for 3 weeks in April on our annual CMAS testing thanks to Asst. Principal/Assessment Coordinator Janice Martinez!
- ✓ Have over 200 students competing in Leshers spring sports (softball, track, golf & unified basketball) thanks to 15 in-building coaches!
- ✓ Have over 100 students participating in after-school clubs and activities (Dungeons & Dragons, Divine Dancers, Art Journals, Book Club, Debate, Fellowship, Chess, GSA, etc.) thanks to Jen Flippen, Annie Wind, Petr Holubar, Ashley Broody, Kelly Webb, Gary Warchola, Kelsey Prather, etc.!
- ✓ Continue to build culture around our Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions that include Why You're Awesome Drawings, Be The Sunshine Nominations, Staff BINGO, Rubber Duck Surprises, etc. thanks to Kaiti Jones!

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Message from the Principal, continued...

Our dedication to our collective mission is evident at every turn in our school, but it hasn't been easy. We have responded to considerably more disrespectful behavior, vandalism, and general defiance than pre-pandemic years. I'm grateful for our staff's commitment to lead efforts to find solutions to big and small challenges. We check our egos at the door and roll up our sleeves. We're honest and vulnerable with each other. Great schools do this AND maintain student success as the constant. The strength of any school is in direct proportion to the strength of the adult relationships. As we wrap up this year, we continually examine what we are doing aboard The Viking Ship while scanning the horizon for the next up work as we move mountains for kids.

Those who know me best would describe me as a passionate, mission-driven person, maybe to a fault. I love what I do, trying to make good things happen for other people. John Maxwell talks about this in his book, [Leadershift](#). He says some wake up to an alarm, some wake up to a calling. Let that sink in for a minute. Some jump out of bed to do important work like ours, and some hit the snooze button. We try our best for our kids, colleagues, and school. I am grateful to be surrounded by folks that found their calling at Lesher. Citius, Altius, Fortius - Communiter.

Two weeks to go. Anchor Down!

Shine on,

T. DODD

Dr. Tom Dodd, Principal

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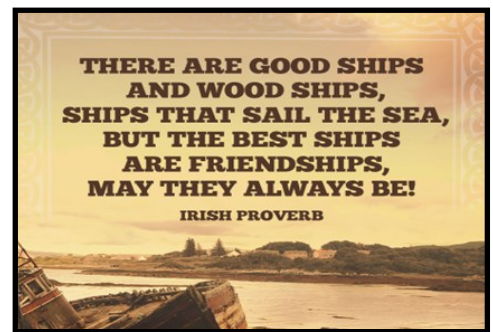
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Leshar's Genius Week

Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3, 2022

Leshar Middle School's 6th Annual [Genius Week](#) Registration is OPEN!

This fun, creative first week of summer enrichment is for students just finishing grades 5-8 aboard the Viking Ship (and their friends)! We are sailing again after Covid and want to get our learning on with your students!

Check out the [course catalog](#) and then [register](#) soon as the hottest classes are filling fast. Contact Lisa Crossland (lcrossla@psdschools.org or 970-472-3850) with questions. See you there & Go Vikings!

Leshar IMPACTS and the Field Trip to Catalina Island, CA

7TH GRADERS APPLY NOW for your 8th grade year (2022 – 2023)!

Leshar IMPACTS is an environmental Leadership ELO class that includes a field trip to Catalina Island, CA. The field trip takes us to the Catalina Environmental Leadership Program for 6 days and includes adventure (snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, and more), environmental education, leadership development, service projects, and travel. 7th graders interested in the field trip to Catalina Island, CA during their 8th grade year (2022 – 2023) are encouraged to apply NOW. Applications are due on Friday, May 13th. Click [here](#) for more information, for the application, and to see pictures and videos from previous trips.

There are 3 parts to the application – create a resume, write a cover letter, and submit them on the survey. Make sure to follow the directions carefully so you don't miss a part. If you have any questions, ask Mr. Mayer (bmayer@psdschools.org) or Ms. Spear (rspear@psdschools.org) for more information.



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Summer Enrichment Opportunities

PSD is providing opportunities for students to receive additional support in math and literacy. If you are interested in additional support for your child in math or literacy, please fill out the following form. This is NOT a commitment yet -- just information/interest gathering. Each group would be 1-4 students, three times per week for 6-10 week sessions. Attendance will be tracked and monitored because our tutors are only paid if students are attending.

What is High Dosage Tutoring?

Research-based, intentional scaffolded tutoring delivered in "high doses" with certain features in place to build students' knowledge & skill base.

- **Highly trained tutor or licensed educator.
- **Serving 4 or fewer students per session.
- **Tutoring occurs a minimum of 3 times a week for 30-60 minutes
- **Focus on Literacy and Mathematics
- **Tutor collaborates with teachers on student goals & content.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in now or later for your child, please fill out the form below and more information will be sent out as times, dates, and tutors are available.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Sutton via email at asutton@psdschools.org <https://bit.ly/hdtlesherenglish>

Summer Enrichment Opportunities (en Español)

El PSD brinda oportunidades para que los estudiantes reciban apoyo adicional en matemáticas y alfabetización. Si está interesado en apoyo adicional para su hijo en matemáticas o alfabetización, complete el siguiente formulario. Esto NO es un compromiso todavía, solo información/recopilación de intereses. Cada grupo sería de 1 a 4 estudiantes, tres veces por semana durante sesiones de 6 a 10 semanas. La asistencia será rastreada y monitoreada porque a nuestros tutores solo se les paga si los estudiantes asisten.

¿Qué es la tutoría de dosis altas?

Tutoría escalonada intencional basada en la investigación que se entrega en "dosis altas" con ciertas características implementadas para desarrollar la base de conocimientos y habilidades de los estudiantes.

- **Tutor altamente capacitado o educador autorizado.
- ** Sirviendo a 4 o menos estudiantes por sesión.
- **La tutoría ocurre un mínimo de 3 veces a la semana durante 30-60 minutos
- **Enfoque en Alfabetización y Matemáticas
- **El tutor colabora con los maestros en las metas y el contenido de los estudiantes.

Si esto suena como algo en lo que podría estar interesado ahora o más adelante para su hijo, complete el formulario a continuación y se enviará más información a medida que haya horarios, fechas y tutores disponibles.

Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Amanda Sutton por correo electrónico a asutton@psdschools.org <https://bit.ly/hdtlesherespanish>

VISITOR INFO

New Visitor/ Volunteer Sign In Procedure

We have a new PSD visitor/volunteer sign in procedure. Please bring a valid driver's license or photo ID with you when come to visit. It will be scanned, and a badge will be printed for you to wear while in the building. At the conclusion of your visit, please return the badge to the main office. If you have questions, please contact the main office (970)472-3800.



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PSD Honor Band, Honor Choir and Honor Orchestra

CONGRATULATIONS to the students that participated in the Poudre School District Honor Band, Honor Choir and Honor Orchestra on Friday, April 29! All performances were fantastic!!

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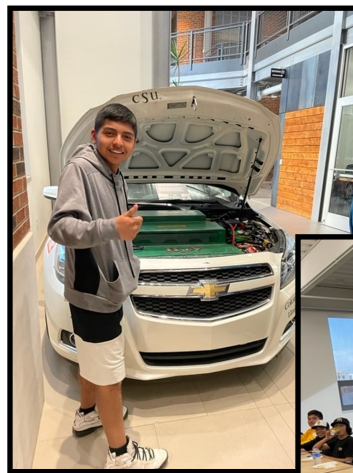
8th Grade Video Snips!

Thank you to all the parents who have submitted a short action video snip of their 8th grader for the Video Montage! We still are missing videos from about 100 students though! Please share a 2-10 second video of your student doing one of their favorite activities, sports - or anything of them in action. All videos will be compiled into a 5-minute video and shared during 8th grade Celebration Day (5/24)- and we would love every 8th grader included in the video.

Please email your short video snips to Julie Thompson - juliat@psdschools.org

Noche de Ciencias STEM

Lesher Middle School hosted our 5th annual Noche de Ciencias STEM Night on Wednesday, April 27th at the CSU Powerhouse Energy Campus! This was a fun-filled, educational evening focused on STEM activities for underrepresented populations in STEM. The event was fully supported by Lesher's ELD staff (Veronica Carrillo, Maggie Rodriguez, and Dominic Buttice), PSD's Department of Language, Culture and Equity, and CSU's Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - <http://www.shpe.org/>. 12 CSU engineering students, many who are all first-language Spanish speakers, put on half a dozen STEM activities to generate excitement and perspective for our middle school students. There was also a CSU financial aid presentation for parents and guardians where roughly 25 families were able to receive information and ask many questions about pursuing college enrollment. This was an AWESOME opportunity for Lesher families and a great way to encourage participation in STEM fields. Thank you to everyone that supported this event and Go Vikings!



Planner Powerball 4/8/2022

| Date | Planner Powerball | Trash Power Ball | Tardy Powerball | Why You're Awesome |
|------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 4/8 | 6th - Brady Lay | Xoe VanBuren | 6th - Olivia Soto | Zach Burington |
| | | Molly McKissick | 7th - Ava Long | Diego Salazar |
| | | Summer Williams | 8th - Micheleda Bain | |



Planner Powerball 4/22/2022

| Date | Planner Powerball | Trash Power Ball | Tardy Powerball | Why You're Awesome |
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| 4/22 | 6th - Ashton Ray | Austin Bystrom | 6th Casey Fontana | Jake Wheeler |
| | 7th - Madeline Paige | Ava Kelleher | 7th Hannah Harrison | Greta Ridgeway |
| | 8th - Zach Ehrhart | Vanessa Branchflower | 8th Venice Pate | Addie Peifer |



Media Center End of Year Collection Dates

End of the Year Collection Dates

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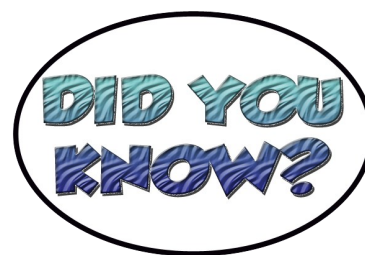
All laptops and chargers
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**Wednesday, May 18th
& Thursday, May 19th.**

If your student lives in more than one house, please help them collect everything from both houses to return their items on time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

Jen Flippen, Librarian
jflippen@psdschools.org
970-472-3811

Becky Knips, Ed Tech Coordinator
rknips@psdschools.org
970-472-3840



Social Media Awareness

Leshar held a Social Media Awareness night Thursday, April 28. If you missed that presentation, but are interested, here is the recorded link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-3-63DRCz64aBmI8G15Z8WerDjxpLb0T/view>



Free and Reduced Meals

2022-23 school year: Applications accepted beginning August 1.

For the upcoming 2022-23 school year, students will no longer receive free meals unless they have been approved for the Free and Reduced Meals program. Apply here:

<https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals/free-and-reduced-meals>

This is a change from this year (the 2021-22 school year) with free meals being offered to all PSD students. The program that helped make that possible (related to the pandemic) is ending. For the 2022-23 school year, families must apply and be approved for the Free and Reduced Meals program to receive benefits. **Applications for the 2022-23 school year will be accepted beginning Monday, Aug. 1.**

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6th grade check in – Thursday, August 11, 2022, 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM

7th grade check in – Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

8th grade check in – Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

6th Grade Transition Day – Monday, August 15, 2022

1st Day of School for all Students – Tuesday, August 16, 2022



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