

# **Lamoni Community School Newsletter April 2018**

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**School Board Meeting**

**Wed April 9th 6:00 pm**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 11- Sports Physicals

April 12- Band Concert 7:30pm

April 18- Spring Pictures

April 23- Elementary Music Concert 6:30

April 25- 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Midterm

See the full calendar of events at:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar>

## **From the Desk of Mr. Coffelt**

Lamoni Schools Community,

As we look forward to the sense of renewal that arrives with spring and “April showers”, not only do we work to successfully end the school year, we also begin to make preparations for next school year. Among these preparations, one of the most significant responsibilities assigned the Board of Education is the development of an operating budget for the upcoming school year.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following the required public notice and hearing. The Lamoni Board of Education establishes and approves next year’s budget by April 15, although the budget may be amended during the year utilizing statutorily prescribed procedures.



The District Certified Budget has four major classes of expenditures known as functional areas, which consist of: Instruction, Support Services, Non-Instructional programs and Other Expenditures. The Code of Iowa also provides that district expenditures in the General Fund may not exceed the amount authorized by the Iowa School Finance Formula. Overall, our operating budget is approximately \$11 million dollars on an annual basis. Revenue sources for the budget consist of local, state and federal funds, and provide expenses such as staff salaries, instructional supplies, transportation and all other district service areas.

The preparation of the budget actually begins in October, with the certification of the number of students we serve. The certified enrollment, which is approximately 325 students this year, provides the basis upon which the district receives property tax and state aid for the following fiscal year beginning July 1. The certified budget establishes the levies for each fund and corresponding tax rates. In addition, the certified budget establishes the anticipated maximum spending to provide our services.

The budget process is also ongoing throughout the year and affected by a variety of factors. As conditions change, the budget may need to be modified to adapt to these changes. Providing a quality educational program, living within the district revenues and maintaining good financial health requires constant monitoring throughout the year to ensure sound budget management. As we respond to these factors, we have published our district property tax levy for this next fiscal year at \$18.33/mil.

Fiscally sound practices and strategic review of our budget throughout the year ensure we not only meet the needs of the students and families we currently serve, but also those needs of future generations of students and families. It is no small feat then, that even in the midst of limited funding at the state level, we continue to experience the success we have seen in our classrooms, our activities and in our athletic programs. I appreciate the support you provide on a daily basis and look forward to continued success as a district.

Sincerely,  
**Chris**

### **From the Desk of Dr. Dykens**

Spring is in the air. OK, maybe not. We just got thrown a curveball with this weather, but we are moving forward with a list of activities that are “spring” related anyway.

Congratulations go out to our Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Lucas Trainer, as they will compete in the Iowa Jazz Championships this coming Thursday. They earned a qualification spot based on their level of performance which goes to show the hard work and dedication that each of these students have displayed over the last several months. This ensemble is comprised of students in grades 7-12 and practice in the mornings at 7:00 am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They have a wonderful performance set of 3 songs that feature several soloist and small group ensembles. These students have represented the Lamoni Community Schools very well

and we are very proud of their accomplishments. Good Luck at State!

Track and Golf are getting into full swing as meets and competitions are quickly approaching. The athletes and coaches are working hard to put forth a very fine competitive team and we wish them the best, as the season starts this week. Really spring sports are here regardless of the snow!

We are finalizing our spring semester and field trips, concerts, plays and events are abundant. We invite you to continue to check out our website at [www.lamonischools.org](http://www.lamonischools.org) for further information about our schools activities. There is always something happening at the school and we invite you to come and watch our young people in action. They will make you very proud.

Academically, our students are staying on course. They are working hard and finding a lot of success in all aspects of class and competition. This is attributed to our great students and our wonderful faculty and staff that place such a high emphasis on academic achievement. We have just finished up our initial rollout of our chrome books for our high school students. This is the first time that our school system is able to be in a 1 to 1 computer arrangement and this is really exciting. Our teachers have been learning new and innovative ways of utilizing this technology and allowing our students to explore and formulate ideas rather than memorize conclusions. This creates higher order thinking skills and excitement in the educational world we live in. Thank you for your attendance at these rollouts and our parent-teacher conferences. We are moving forward

rapidly and it is exciting to see. Our future is bright.

With Demon Pride,

Dr. D



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## Lamoni Community School District

Menu Subject to Change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Cereal & Toast Also Served Yogurt 4oz, 100% Juice 6oz, Fruit 4oz	2 Muffin & Cheese Stick Popcorn Chicken/Carrots Romaine, Carrots, Beets Peppers, Pasta Apples	3 Pancake Sausage Stick Burrito/Corn Romaine, Carrots, Diced Eggs, Olives, Pasta Pears	4 Biscuits/Gravy Pulled Pork /Baked Beans Romaine, Carrots, Pasta, Cucumbers Pineapple	5 French Toast/Sausage Chicken Gravy/Biscuit Green Beans, Romaine, Cucumbers, Peppers, Pasta, Berries	6 Poptart/Boiled Egg Pizza/Rice Romaine, Carrots, Cucs Peppers, Pepperoni Grapes	Milk offered with meals
	9 Breakfast Pizza Cheese Sticks/Corn Romaine, Carrots, Pasta Peppers, Diced Ham Oranges	10 Oatmeal & Biscuit Beef & Noodles/Peas Romaine, Carrots, Cucs Pasta, Beets Apricots	11 Omelet, Hash Brown, Toast Burrito, Refried Beans Romaine, Carrots, Celery Peppers, Pasta, Apples	12 Bacon Egg Ch Biscuit Turkey Patty, Green Beans, Romaine, Tomato, Celery Pasta, Beets, Peaches	13 Muffin/Boiled Egg Corn Dog, Carrots Romaine, Tomato Cucumbers, Pasta, Strawberries	
	16 French Toast/Sausage Popcorn Chicken/Peas Romaine, Carrots, Beets Cucumbers, Pasta, Pineapple	17 Mini Bagel/Boiled Egg Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap Romaine, Tomato, Olives Peppers, Cottage Cheese Strawberries	18 Breakfast Pizza Orange Chicken/Noodles Green Beans, Romaine Carrots, Pasta, Peppers Oranges	19 Pancake/Bacon Mr. Rib/Tator Tots Romaine, Carrots, Celery Pasta, Diced Chicken Peaches	20 Poptart/Cheese Stick Pizza/ Corn Romaine, Carrots, Beets, Cucs, Pasta, Strawberries	
	23 Sausage Pancake Stick Chicken Sandwich/Peas Romaine, Tomato, Cucs Pasta, Peppers Apples	24 Biscuit & Gravy Fish Sticks/Mac & Cheese Romaine, Tomatoes, Broccoli, Peppers, Pasta Oranges	25 Muffin/String Cheese Hamburger w/Wedges Romaine, Tomato, Pasta Carrots, Cottage Cheese Banana	26 Cook's Choice Cook's Choice Romaine, Carrots, Peppers, Pasta, Cottage Cheese, Pears	27 Breakfast Wrap/Sausage Brats/Hotdog/Bun Chips, Romaine, Carrots Diced Chicken, Pasta Grapes	We are an equal opportunity school
	30 Egg & Biscuit Sloppy Joe/Chips Romaine, Carrots, Pasta Broccoli, Pork & Beans, Peaches	1 Poptart/Cheese Crispito/Refried Beans Romaine, Carrots, Olives Cauliflower, Pasta, Apples	2 Egg, Hash Brown, Toast Tenderloin/Bun/FF Romaine, Tomato, Onion Broccoli, Pasta, Banana	3 Pancake/Sausage Walking Taco Romaine, Tomato, Onion Black Beans, Pasta, Fruit Mix	4 Muffin/Boiled Egg Cook's Choice Romaine, Carrots, Pepper, Broccoli, Pasta, Grapes	