

# Lamoni Community School Newsletter March 2018

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**School Board Meeting**

**Wed Mar 21st 6:00 pm**

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 5- PK-12 Parent's Night 6:30 gym

March 6- Health & Safety Fair

March 12-16 Spring Break No School

March 27 & 29- Parent-Teacher Conf 3-7  
1 pm Dismissal

March 30- Comp Day No School

See the full calendar of events at:

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

## Walking School Bus

The "Walking School Bus" for students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be on Tuesday, March 20th. We are going to "March into Spring". The purpose of the Walking School Bus is to encourage our students to make healthy choices. School buses will stop at 7th and Clark Street and the students will walk to school from there. We will have volunteers at several locations along the route and our local police will be at the corner of Hwy 69 and Elm Street to assist students across the street.

Alice Sweeten RN

  
**Happy**  
**St. Patrick's Day**



### FFA Leadership CDEs

Lamoni FFA members participated in leadership CDEs. The Conduct of Meetings team consisted of Katelynn Gerke, Matthew Burton, Bode Dykens, Ryeann Phelps, Brenna Pierce, Ashten Adams, and Blake Hawk. They received a silver ranking. Chloe Boyce presented the FFA Creed and received a silver ranking. The chapter quiz team Brooke Salmi, Sara Stevenson, and Skye Franklin received a gold and are alternates to districts. The Greenhand Quiz Team of Ryeann Phelps, Ashten Adams, Blake Hawk, Chloe Boyce placed with a silver and are alternate to districts.

We also had two members attend to support the other teams, Trevor Waddell and Mark Richards. Proud of all FFA members!



### From the Desk of Mr. Coffelt

Dear Lamoni Schools Community,

In light of the recent school tragedy in Florida, concerned parents and community members have reached out to the school system regarding safety protocols in our schools. We all mourn the loss of life in this senseless act of violence, and we are left wondering how it can be avoided in the future.

Although there is no absolute guarantee that something like this will never happen again, I want you to know that the safety of students and staff in our schools is a top priority for our system. Lamoni Community School District (LCSD) considers our school campus among the safest places in the community, and the system takes many measures to reduce the probability of an incident that could harm students or staff.

Consider the following measures the District has in place in order to maintain a safe learning environment:

- **Visitor Registry:** All visitors have to register with the front office before having access to the building and are required to wear a visitor sticker in the building.
- **District Identification Badges:** All district staff wear district ID badges at all times when at school.
- **Emergency Training:** We conduct a variety of emergency preparedness training each semester for students and staff. Such training includes “shelter,” for severe weather; “evacuation,” for fire emergencies; “reverse evacuation,” for dangerous issues requiring an expeditious return to

the building; “lockdown,” in which an imminent danger towards students exists within the school property; and, “lockout,” in which there is a dangerous situation away from the campus, but which could impact the campus.

- **Multi-hazard Emergency Operations Plan:** The District has developed an emergency operations plan that encompasses many issues designed to prepare us for a variety of emergency events. Our staff discuss these issues throughout the year in order to be prepared to respond in a timely and accurate manner should the need arise.
- **Community Collaboration:** We manage an extremely collaborative relationship with law enforcement and other county officials who are an extension of LCSD operations. As a group, our system is continually evaluating safety protocols across every level throughout each school year.
- **Communications Plan:** Parents and other stakeholders can be informed within mere moments through the use of JMC School Messenger for a variety of school announcements. The goal is to quickly and accurately communicate essential information to first responders, district staff, and parents and community members such that the safety of your children is maintained throughout an event.

Further, it is important to recognize that everyone plays a critical role in school safety. Students, staff and the community are encouraged to be observant and let an

adult know if they see or hear something that makes them feel uncomfortable, nervous or frightened, and especially if they hear threats of dangerous behavior. If you ever have any doubt, contact law enforcement immediately.

Finally, I know we can all agree that violence is never a solution to any problem; however, we must prepare in every way for how it could affect our lives. To that end, you should feel assured that LCSD operates daily with safety as a top priority for everyone who sets foot on our campus and into our buildings.

Sincerely,

Chris Coffelt

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

From the Desk of Dr. D

My thoughts this month keep coming back to recent unfortunate news events pertaining to school safety. First and foremost, our thoughts go out to those affected by these terrible events. Nothing we say can overcome the loss experienced and the level of concern brought on by such an event. However, we can talk about what we have been doing at Lamoni Community Schools.

The Lamoni Community School District has been very proactive in our approach to preparing for any event causing a concern for the safety for our schoolchildren. The district started about two years ago with trainings designed to help eliminate these types of threats. The process the school district is supporting and further training on is the ALICE training. ALICE training is a new standard of operational planning designed around researched based

survival principles. ALICE stands for the following: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The ALICE principle has currently been taught to our administration, faculty and staff and will be introduced to our parents at the parents meeting in March. We will then proceed to implement and practice this plan with our students.

The school district has also been taking a very hard look at some of our current practices, facilities and emergency operations. This work is allowing our district to evaluate pros and cons of all details of our system and formalize areas of concern and appropriate practices. This in-depth evaluation will allow us, as a district, to put into place “best practices” for the safety and wellbeing of each of our students, faculty and staff alike. Current, “best practice” examples already initiated include: mandatory visitor / parent sign-in at office, wearing of visitor badge or sticker, locking of exterior doors (with exception to main office doors), faculty hallway and classroom observation between classes and wearing of faculty/school district credentials. These are just a few of the many initiatives that we have already implemented to maintain and ensure the safest possible learning environment.

As we continue to move forward we will be further communicating additional information and having additional conversations concerning the safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff. We know that this community is a safe and caring community. We know that we have great students that care for each of their peers. We know that we have a faculty that will do anything for their students. But we also know that if we do not prepare, we are setting

ourselves up for failure. We will prepare, but just hope we never have to implement our training.

With Demon Pride!

Dr. D

In ALL We Do – PRIDE!



### **Lamoni Health Fair**

Lamoni School hosted the 2018 Health and Safety Fair on Tuesday, March 6th from 10 AM - 2 PM in the high school gym. Various health-related entities provided demonstrations and information. Fresh fruit was provided for all students and staff as they went through the fair. Students were given papers for a scavenger hunt as they visited the booths.

Alice Sweeten, School Nurse

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## Lamoni Community School District

Menu Subject to Change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> choice at Breakfast: Cereal &amp; Toast Also offered juice, yogurt &amp; fruit Milk offered all at meals</p>				<p>1 <u>Breakfast Pizza</u> Beef &amp; Noodles Romaine, Carrots, Peas Peppers, Oranges</p>	<p>2 <u>Pancake Sausage Stick</u> *BLT Wrap/Chips Romaine, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Peppers, Pasta, Grapes</p>	<p>3 *Other M/MA offered</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 <u>Egg, Bacon &amp; Toast</u> Mr. Rib/Bun, Hashbrown Romain, Carrots, Peppers, Pasta, Oranges</p>	<p>6 <u>French Toast &amp; Sausage</u> Pizza &amp; Rice Romain, Carrots, Cucumbers, Peppers, Pasta, Peaches</p>	<p>7 <u>Poptart &amp; Boiled Egg</u> Goulash, Peas Romain, Carrots, Peppers, Diced Ham, Pasta, Pears</p>	<p>8 <u>Muffin &amp; Cheese Stick</u> Haystack, Green Beans Romain, Carrots, Peppers, Cucumbers, Pasta, Pears</p>	<p>9 <u>Pancake &amp; Sausage</u> Cook's Choice</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 <u>Spring Break</u></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 <u>Breakfast Pizza</u> Popcorn Chicken, Carrots Romain, Carrots, Cucumbers, Peppers, Pasta, Peaches</p>	<p>20 <u>French Toast &amp; Bacon</u> Fajitas, Corn Romain, Carrots, Cucumbers, Peppers, Pasta, Oranges</p>	<p>21 <u>Eggs &amp; Toast</u> Fish Sticks Mac &amp; Cheese Romain, Carrots, Beets, Peppers, Pasta, Bananas</p>	<p>22 <u>Biscuit &amp; Gravy</u> BBQ Chicken Green Beans Romain, Carrots, Celery Cucumbers, Pasta, Apples</p>	<p>23 <u>Saus, Egg &amp; Cheese Biscuit</u> Corn Dog, Baked Beans Romain, Carrots, Peppers, Cucumbers, Pasta, Grapes</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 <u>Muffin &amp; Cheese</u> Tater tot Casserole Carrots Romain, Broccoli, Cucumbers, Peppers, Pasta, Oranges</p>	<p>27 <u>Oatmeal &amp; Toast</u> Hamburger French Fries Romain, Tomato, Peppers, Beets, Pasta, Apricots</p>	<p>28 <u>Mini Bagel &amp; Cheese Stick</u> Pork Fritter Potatoes &amp; Gravy, Roll Romain, Carrots, Pasta Peppers, Cucumbers, Peaches</p>	<p>29 <u>Poptart &amp; Boiled Egg</u> Walking Taco Romain, Tomato, Olives Onion, Cucumbers, Pasta, Apples</p>	<p>30 No School</p>	<p>31 We are an Equal Opportunity Provider.</p>

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#### MISSION STATEMENT FOR LAMONI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Through our collective efforts in a caring environment, we will prepare students for a life-long process of learning, which promotes the ability and motivation to contribute to a better world.

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