

Lamoni Community School Newsletter November 2017

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**School Board Meeting
Mon Nov 13th 6:00 pm**

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 30- Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7
1pm dismissal

Nov 2- Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7
1pm dismissal

Nov 3- Comp Day- No School

Nov 1- Picture Retakes

Nov 6- Literacy Night 6pm

Nov 7- Fall Sports Banquet 6:30pm

Nov 9- SIAC Meeting 5:30pm

Nov 11- Veteran's Day Assembly 9am
Breakfast 8am

Nov 22- Prof Development - No School

Nov 23-24- Thanksgiving - No School

See the full calendar of events at:

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

Veteran's Day Breakfast and Assembly

Lamoni Schools will honor our veterans with a Veteran's Day assembly on Fri, Nov 10th at 9am in the high school gymnasium. This assembly will honor all current and past veterans. Breakfast will be served free of charge to the veterans and their spouses beginning at 8:15 am in the Herald Hall Media Center. Veterans do not have to be a graduate of Lamoni Schools to be honored. We want to recognize the sacrifices of all veterans and their families.



From the Desk of Mr. Coffelt

Lamoni Community,

In the 1950s, Iowa had over 4,000 school districts. Students could walk to their neighborhood school and transportation costs were nonexistent for Iowa school districts. As budgets have tightened and enrollments continue to decline, Iowa now has 333 districts (FY 2017) with varying square miles per pupil and hugely varying transportation costs.

Iowa's current school funding formula does not recognize the sparseness of population, square mileage or route miles for school districts, the number of students transported, or variance in road or geographic conditions. As a result, districts with large transportation costs cover those costs out of the school general fund, negatively impacting the amount spent on educating students in the classroom.

The following statistics describe current transportation inequities today from the latest available Transportation Report from the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2015:

FY 2015 State cost per pupil was \$6,366. There were an estimated 41 Iowa school districts that required at least 10% of that general fund cost per pupil for transportation expenses.

- The range in transportation expenditures varies from a low of \$57.82 to a high of \$980.87 per student enrolled. During this same year, Lamoni spent \$582.56 per student enrolled.
- Square miles per district range from a low of 2 to a high of 555 square miles, and route miles range from a low of 4,771 to a

high of 1,264,105 miles. Lamoni traveled 25,399 during this same period for regular and activity routes.

General fund dollars spent on busing would otherwise be available for staff and teachers (salary, benefits, training, and support), curriculum, programs, technology, and energy. Lack of resources in all of these areas creates an unequal educational opportunity for students in rural districts.

As one action to address continually increasing transportation expenses, Lamoni began leasing their buses through Thomas Bus Sales this school year. This change from Durham School Services provided a net decrease in costs of \$35,000 on an annual basis.

The District will continue to look at routes, route miles and all associated expenses in order to provide a safe and efficient ride for our students and student-athletes this school year.

The Iowa State Legislature also looked at a bill last year that would change the funding formula to help address this inequity for school districts, allowing us to focus our resources on serving students in the classroom. While it did not pass out of committee, I am hopeful the bill will garner more attention and support this legislative session.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chris

From the Desk of Dr. Dykens

From the Desk of Dr. D

Welcome to November. It is almost time for turkey and I couldn't be more excited. The weather is starting to turn, but we are still making the most of our opportunities outside. As a district we have had the opportunities to participate in a Walking School Bus day and our annual Red Ribbon Week. The Walking School Bus was especially exciting for our students as several Graceland Student-Athletes joined them on our walk to school. Red Ribbon Week was also a very powerful reminder of our fight against drugs and alcohol. Our students participated in several daily themes and events including tying ribbons on our fence to display our support of "Saying NO", and listening to local law enforcement share with us about drug-related items and incidents. The theme for this year, "Your Future is Key, to Stay Drug Free", was well received by each of our students. Many thanks go to our school nurse, Alice Sweeten, for her work on these events.

Our athletic teams have now officially wrapped up their fall campaigns. The volleyball team had a great season as they made it to regional play. This team was once again Bluegrass Conference Champions and played extremely well all year. They were a lot of fun to watch as they continually fought, as a team, for each point. Congratulations on a great season. We are very proud of you.

The football team was no less exciting as they continued to fight and improve in every opportunity that they had. They had a great competitive season and represented our school and each other

very well. We are also very proud of them.

Our school has many more activities to look forward to as the month progresses. We will be hosting a Literacy Night at the school on November 6th. A world-renowned folktale storyteller will be with us to provide entertainment and enjoyment for reading within our community. We will also be celebrating our Veterans with our annual Veteran's Day Assembly the morning of the 10th at the school. Our fall sports banquet will be occurring on November 7th and our winter sports will be getting started. Our students are busy taking the MAP test and starting the 2nd quarter of the school year. All in all we are very busy and loving every minute of it.

As we move forward into the holiday season, may we be truly thankful for what we have and mindful of those who might be less fortunate. May we continue show PRIDE – In All We Do, as we allow our students to be unique in their educational endeavors, respectful and responsible for their actions, and exhibit a care and compassion for all. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school.

With Demon Pride,

Dr. D



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Menu Subject to Change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Yogurt, Fruit & Juice offered at breakfast Cereal & Toast 2 nd choice Milk offered with meals	Menu subject to change		1 Long John/Cheese Stick Calzone Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar	2 Egg, Bacon, Toast Sloppy Joe/Chips Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	3 No School	4
5	6 Pancakes w/Sausage Mr. Rib/Bun Wedges Fruit & Veggie	7 Muffin w/Cheese National Color Orange Day Cheese Pizza/Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar	8 Donut & Boiled Egg Haystack Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	9 Biscuits & Gravy Chicken Alfredo Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	10 Cinnamon Roll/Fruit Chili/Stuffed Bread Stick Fruit & Veggie Bar Veteran's Day Breakfast	11
12	13 Pop Tart/Boiled Egg Chicken Patty/Bun Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar	14 Pancakes & Bacon Hamburger/Bun Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	15 Sausage/Egg/Ch Biscuit Chicken Nuggets Calico Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	16 Mini Bagel Crispito Corn Fruit & Veggie	17 Muffin & Cheese Thanksgiving Dinner	18
19	20 Oatmeal & Toast Pizza Rice Fruit & Veggie Bar	21 Mini Bagel BBQ Turkey/Bun French Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25
26	27 Biscuit & Gravy Salisbury Steak/Roll Potatoes w/Gravy Fruit & Veggie Bar	28 Pop Tart & Boiled Egg Stuffed Pizza Rice Fruit & Veggie	29 Long John/Apple Slices Spaghetti w/Meatballs Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar	30 Bacon, Egg, Cheese Toast Sloppy Joe/Bun Wedges Fruit & Veggie Bar	01	02 In accordance to Federal Law we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability

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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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