

# Lamoni Community School Newsletter March 2017

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**School Board Meeting**

**Wed Mar 13th 6:00 pm**

## Nurse's Notes

The I-Smiles ladies will be here at the school for grades PreK-8th to do dental screenings and fluoride varnish treatments. The dental hygienist will look at the teeth and mouth for any problems and will also place a fluoride varnish on the teeth. Papers have to be filled out in advance so if parents missed this they need to call Alice Sweeten, RN at 784-3422.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> - Health Fair

Mar 9<sup>th</sup> - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr  
K-8 Strings Recital 6:30 in Safe Room

Mar 13&14- Parent/Teacher Conf 3-7pm  
Dismissal 1pm

Mar 17- Comp Day No School

Mar 20-24- Spring Break No School

Mar 29- Preschool Family Night

Mar 30- FFA Banquet

## Health Fair

Lamoni Community School District is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Health and Safety Fair. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM in the high school gym. We have 17 different organizations coming to educate our students on health and safety issues. Some of Mrs. Carpenter's students will be having a table to show health demonstrations. We would like to invite the public to come and join in making this an educational and FUN event.

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

Lamoni Community,

As I write this article, we have no snow on the ground and above normal temperatures. I'm not complaining, as I am ready for spring. This weather does make me wonder what the end of March will be like if we are starting "like a lamb". While I consider what spring may bring, I also consider the work we have left in order to finish this school year successfully.

April 15 is a significant date for the school district this spring, as this is when our district budget must be certified. The certified budget establishes the levies for each of our school funds and corresponding tax rates. As we develop our budget, our primary goal is to use the financial resources we have to continue to provide a quality educational program for the students and families we serve. We balance this primary goal with two secondary goals: 1) Maintain funding that provides for the long-term stability and vitality of the district. And, 2) Be a good community partner through the maintenance of an appropriate school district property tax levy. This commitment can be evidenced through a continued a trend downward from the 2011 property tax levy rate of \$18.77 per mil to this year's current \$17.86.

Providing a quality educational program, living within district revenues and maintaining good financial health requires constant monitoring throughout the year to ensure sound budget management. The preparation of the budget actually commences in October, with the certified enrollment count of students we serve. The certified enrollment provides the

basis upon which the district receives property tax and state aid for the following fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Our district enrollment increased 15 students this year, providing for a total count of 322 students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Fiscally sound practices and 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. We will continue to strategically focus staff and resources on programs and services that provide the greatest educational impact on student learning and achievement.

My hopes are for not only for continued warmer weather, but continued student success academically and athletically as well this spring. Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, our staff and this District.

Sincerely,

Chris

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

As winter rolls along interspersed with some 70-degree days, I am hopeful for the coming of spring and the reinvigoration of "life" in nature. We are currently undergoing our own reinvigoration in the Lamoni Community Schools with our Demon Pride Program. We are focusing back in on our own Red and Black tradition. Our school has been based on this aspect of our community for several years now and it is time for us to celebrate who we are. So we are excitedly making

some changes, and are asking for your help.

We have our Demon Pride Program every Friday. We are asking every student, faculty member, staff member and anyone associated with the school to wear Red and Black. We want our stakeholders to know that we are proud to be at Lamoni, and we want to celebrate that. So we are also asking for your help. This is a community-based school system, and we want to be involved and incorporated within the fabric of this community. So what ideas do you have? Let's talk about what else we can do to involve each stakeholder of this community for this full-blown Red and Black attack. The vision is for our stands to once again be a checkerboard pattern of Red and Black. We want our community members to have Red and Black signs in their yard or flags on their flagpoles, or car / truck stickers on every vehicle. We want and desire the sidewalks to roll up at night when there is a school function and for our school system to have a place that is too small for the community members wanting in. We have great kids here, and we have a great community. Working together we can accomplish anything. So let's brainstorm. What can we do to make this happen? The sky is the limit, and we want to aim that high.

Our school system is finishing up their Iowa Assessment Testing, and our kids are actively engaged in focusing on this aspect. We know, and they know, that this is a very important aspect of our growth, and our kids are demonstrating that they are working hard at their academic endeavors. We are in an athletic season change and track and field and golf are beginning to get ramped up for their seasons. Our school is preparing

for a spring play (Café Murder) that will surely be a new and exciting mystery of events. Our Jazz Band has qualified for State Competition in April and is continually setting the bar higher and higher for competition. The latest Pops Concert was a huge success as the HS Orchestra, Choir, Band and Jazz Band demonstrated their unique talents and put on a show that according to some spectators was one of the best they have ever heard.

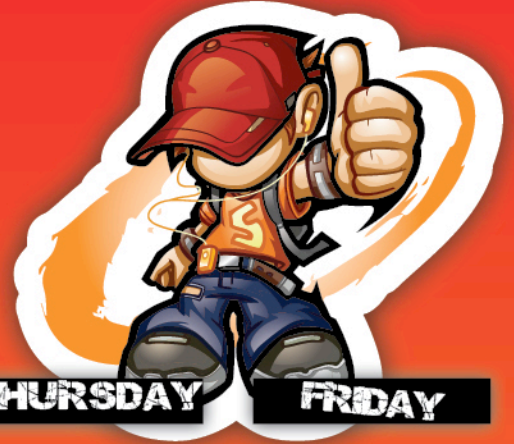
We also have been actively involved in academic programming and events such as bringing in our local celebrity artist and song writer, Chad Elliott, for a workshop on literacy and song writing along with a concert in the evening focusing on the works produced by our own students. Our FFA just finished up their annual FFA week complete with a farmhand competition. I won't mention who won the competition, but I will say that our Faculty Team was AWESOME! Our academic team is preparing for Conference Tournament action, and our Battle of the Books teams are undergoing final preparations for their competitions. All in all, our students are heavily involved not only in extracurricular activities but also in the classroom.

We are proud of who we are, but we are not satisfied with where we are. We want to strive for excellence. We want to strive for success. We want to be Uncommon!

With Demon Pride,

Dr. D

# March 2017



**MONDAY**      **TUESDAY**      **WEDNESDAY**      **THURSDAY**      **FRIDAY**

<p><b>Offered At Breakfast:</b></p> <p>Cereal &amp; Toast Fruit, Yogurt, Juice Skim and 1% low fat white milk</p>	<p>Menu subject to change</p>	<p>Oatmeal &amp; Toast <span style="float:right">1</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>BLT Wrap &amp; Carrots <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Olives, Tomatoes, Cucs, Peppers Applesauce or Strawberries</p>	<p>Biscuits &amp; Gravy <span style="float:right">2</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Goulash w/Breadstick <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Cucs, Broc, Strawberries or Pears</p>	<p>Egg, Sausage, Biscuit <span style="float:right">3</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Hotdog &amp; French Fries <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Onion, Celery, Cheese Cubes Pears or Grapes</p>
<p>Muffin &amp; Cheese Stick <span style="float:right">6</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Cheese Pizza &amp; Green Beans <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Pepperoni, Cucs, Pears or Apples</p>	<p>Oatmeal &amp; Toast <span style="float:right">7</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Sloppy Joe &amp; Tots <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Celery, Cucs, Broc Apple or Orange</p>	<p>Pancake &amp; Sausage <span style="float:right">8</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Chicken Gravy w/ Biscuit Carrots <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Broc, Celery Cucs, Peppers Oranges or Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>Omelet &amp; Toast <span style="float:right">9</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Hamburgers &amp; French Fries <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots Peppers, Cucs, Broc Mixed Fruit or Strawberries</p>	<p>Apple Fruit Pie &amp; Cheese <span style="float:right">10</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Taco Wrap w/Corn <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Cucs, Broccoli Strawberries or Grapes</p>
<p>French Toast &amp; Sausage <span style="float:right">13</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Stuffed Bread Stick &amp; Peas <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Broc Peppers, Cucs, Celery Apples or Peaches</p>	<p>Biscuit &amp; Gravy <span style="float:right">14</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Hot Ham &amp; Cheese Baked Beans <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Onion Peppers, Tomato, Broc Peaches or Applesauce</p>	<p>Egg, Bacon &amp; Toast <span style="float:right">15</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Pizza &amp; Rice <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Broc Cucs, Peppers, Tomato Applesauce or Bananas</p>	<p><b>Cooks Choice</b> <span style="float:right">16</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Cooks Choice</b></p>	<p>No School <span style="float:right">17</span></p>
<p>SPRING <span style="float:right">20</span></p>	<p>BREAK <span style="float:right">21</span></p>	<p>SRING <span style="float:right">22</span></p>	<p>BREAK <span style="float:right">23</span></p>	<p><span style="float:right">24</span></p>
<p>Oatmeal &amp; Biscuit <span style="float:right">27</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Turkey Corndog &amp; Carrots <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Cucs, Olives, Diced Egg Pineapple or Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>Breakfast Pizza <span style="float:right">28</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Maccaroni &amp; Cheese <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Broc, Peppers, Celery, Cucs Mixed Fruit or Apples</p>	<p>Long John &amp; Boiled Egg <span style="float:right">29</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Crispito , Refried Beans <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Broc Peppers, Celery, Cucs Apples or Peaches</p>	<p>Apple Fruit Pkt &amp; Cheese <span style="float:right">30</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Chicken Drummys Broc and Cheese <b>Salad Bar</b>- Romaine, Carrots, Cucs, Broc, Peppers, Celery, Peaches or Strawberries</p>	<p>Muffin &amp; Cheese Stick <span style="float:right">31</span></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Enchilada Bake <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine, Carrots, Olives Celery, Peppers Strawberries or Grapes</p>
<p>1%, Strawberry and Chocolate lowfat milk offered at lunch</p>	<p>Menu Subject to Change</p>			<p>In accordance to Federal law we do not discriminate on the basis of race,color,national origin,sex, age or</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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