

Lamoni Community School Newsletter April 2017

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**School Board Meeting
Mon Apr 10th 6:00 pm**

April 12- Spring Pictures

April 19- 4th Quarter Mid-term

April 20- Sports Physicals

April 28 & 29- Spring Play

From the Desk of Mr. Coffelt

Lamoni Schools Community,

As we look forward to the sense of renewal that arrives with spring and the May flowers that our April showers will bring, 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 a 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.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the Certified Budget are based on four major classes of expenditures known as functional areas, not by fund or fund type. These four functional areas are:



IMPORTANT DATES

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 \$7.3 million dollars on an annual basis and includes, local, state and federal revenues, funding staff salaries, instructional supplies, transportation and all other services we provide as a district.

The preparation of the budget actually commences in October, with the certified enrollment of students taken on the first of the month. The certified enrollment, which continues to maintain around 350 students, 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 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 in the district revenues and maintaining good financial health requires constant monitoring throughout the year to insure sound budget management. Lamoni responds to external factors and maintains a focus on our local context by continuing to work to lower or maintain the school levy rate in district property taxes. This can be evidenced through this year's rate of \$17.75 per mil, which continued a trend downward from 2008 property tax levy rate of \$18.80 per 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. The weather is changing and we are racing into spring activities fast and furiously. The number of events that we have here at the school the last couple of months are staggering, so let's get started.

Congratulations go out to our Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Lucas Trainer, as they competed in the Iowa Jazz Championships. 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 4 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.

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 will be underway very shortly. Our spring play production “Café Murder” is also in full preparation. This play will include a possible dinner theatre option as this play is centered in a café or diner. The production is a mystery and includes possible audience participation. This will be one you do not want to miss.

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 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 the course. They are working hard and finding a lot of success in all aspects of class and competition. Our Academic Competition Team is finding that they are placing in conference meets and our Battle of the Books teams has qualified again for state competition. This is attributed to our great students and our wonderful faculty and staff that place such a high emphasis on academic achievement. We are moving forward rapidly and it is exciting to see. Our future is bright.

With Demon Pride,
Dr. D



SPRING PLAY

The Lamoni High School presents Café Murder as the spring play. On Friday April 28th the performance will be at 6pm in the High School gym. Saturday’s performance will be at 12:30 pm in the gym. There will be a meal along with the play. Ticket information will be coming soon.

FFA Awards

The FFA Chapter held their awards banquet on March 30th. Those receiving awards were:

Greenhand Degree- Mathew Burton, Maddy Maedel, Skye Franklin, Shoalie Neibauer, Brooke Salmi, Kylera Grabill, Christian Parsons, Katelynn Gerke, Amie Guy, Josh Jordison, Madison Eakes, Sara Stevenson

Star Greenhand- Mathew Burton

Chapter Degree- Kallie Kinney, Payton Vanderflight, Curtis Roberts, Sara Swank, Tyler Martin

Star Chapter Farmer- Cameron Thorpe

Appreciation Awards- Larry Swank, Mary Anne Martin, Kris & Leanna Stevenson

Outstanding Senior Award- Cameron Thorpe

Top 3 Fruit Sales- Cameron Thorpe, Jessica Elliott, Grace Martin

Honorary Chapter Degree- Roger Thorpe

April 2017



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

<p>3 French Toast & Sausage ----- Burrito & Corn Romaine, Carrots, Olives Peppers, Cucumbers Apple or Peaches</p>	<p>4 Breakfast Wrap & Bacon ----- Pizza & Rice Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Cucumbers, Celery Oranges</p>	<p>5 Omelet & Toast ----- Taco Wrap, Refried Beans Romaine, Carrots, Tomatoes Olives, Sweet Peppers Pears</p>	<p>6 Fruit Pocket & Cheese ----- Haystack & Peas Romaine, Carrots, Cucumbers Broccoli, Peppers Apples</p>	<p>7 Pizza Breakfast Slider ----- Stuffed Breadstick Calico Beans Romaine, Carrots, Cucumbers Peppers, Celery Grapes</p>
<p>10 French Toast & Bacon ----- Crispito & Corn Romaine, Carrots, Broccoli Peppers, Olives Apples or Pears</p>	<p>11 Egg, Bacon & Toast ----- Fish Sandwich, Wedges Romaine, Carrots, Broccoli Cauliflower, Peppers Peaches</p>	<p>12 Donut & Boiled Egg ----- Hot Beef & Green Beans Romaine, Carrots, Broccoli Peppers, Cauliflower Oranges</p>	<p>13 Breakfast Pizza Slider ----- Burrito & Refried Beans Romaine, Carrots, Broccoli Peppers, Olives Bananas</p>	<p>14 Pancake Sausage Stick ----- Mr. Rib & Carrots Romaine, Carrots, Broccoli Cauliflower, Peppers Grapes or Strawberries</p>
<p>17 Poptart & Cheese ----- Pizza & Rice Romaine, Carrots, Cucumbers Broccoli, Cheese Cubes Apples</p>	<p>18 Oatmeal & Toast ----- Cooks Choice Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Celery, Cucumbers Pears</p>	<p>19 Biscuits & Gravy ----- Ham & Cheese Sandwich Calico Beans Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Broccoli, Cauliflower Oranges</p>	<p>20 Muffin & Cheese Stick ----- Pork Fritter/Gravy Potatoes, Roll Romaine, Carrots, Cucumbers Beets, Celery Bananas</p>	<p>21 Oatmeal & Biscuit ----- Turkey Corndog & Tots Romaine, Carrots, Broccoli Cucumbers, Cottage Cheese Grapes</p>
<p>24 Mini Bagel & Boiled Egg ----- Chicken Drumsticks & Corn Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Cauliflower, Cucumbers Oranges</p>	<p>25 Long John & Cheese ----- Chicken Gravy w/Biscuit Green Beans Romaine, Carrots, Celery Peppers, Cauliflower, Cucumbers Bananas or Strawberries</p>	<p>26 Omelet & Toast ----- Sloppy Joe & Baked Beans Romaine, Carrots, Peppers Cucumbers, Celery, Broccoli Pears</p>	<p>27 Cook's Choice ----- Cook's Choice Romaine, Carrots, Broccoli Peppers, Cucumbers, Celery Apples or Oranges</p>	<p>28 Pancake Sausage Stick ----- Hotdog/Bun & Chips Romaine, Carrots, Olives Sweet Peppers, Broccoli, Grapes or Oranges</p>
<p>Offered at Breakfast Cereal & Toast Also: Fruit, Yogurt, Juice Skim & 1 % low fat Milk ----- 1%, Strawberry & Choc 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 disability</p>



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