

# Lamoni Community School Newsletter November 2016

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**School Board Meeting**

**Mon Nov 14th 6:00 pm**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 1 & 3 – Parent Teacher Conf 3-7  
Dismiss at 1pm

Nov 7 – Fall Sports Banquet

Nov 11- Veterans Day  
breakfast 8:15 am & program 9 am

Nov 16 – Financial Aid Night for  
Seniors & Parents

Nov 17 – HS Fall Music Concert

Nov 24 & 25 –Thanksgiving No School

Nov 28- Donuts with Dad breakfast

Nov 30- Gravy with Grandparents  
breakfast

Dec 2- Muffins with Mom breakfast

## Attention all Seniors and Senior Parents:

We are having a Financial Aid Night on  
November 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

This will be at Lamoni School in the  
Media Center. We will have a presenter  
from the Iowa College Access Network  
with a lot of information on how to plan  
and prepare for college. Please mark this  
on your calendar and plan to attend.

Thank you.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

## From the Desk of Mr. Coffelt

Lamoni Community,

As we transition into November, cooler days and evenings remind me that winter is right around the corner. As we prepare for this transition, I'd like to reflect on our work this school year.

Throughout the year, we have many different organizations that support our students and schools. As an example, community volunteers work with the Iowa Food Bank to provide weekend snacks to students in food scarce homes, ensuring they have one less thing to worry about while away from school.

As we wrap up this first quarter and prepare to share progress with families during parent/teacher conferences, I am reminded about the importance of this event. Parent/Teacher Conferences are an important time not to start a conversation, but to continue a conversation and build upon the relationships we have cultivated with the families we serve. This relationship started in August with Back to School Night and has continued with notes, phone calls and emails in September and October. The conference solidifies our relationship and gives us the opportunity to highlight not only where a student is, but what our plan is to help that student excel this year and how the parents can partner in this process.

We have recently certified our enrollment at the state level for this school year, which is highlighted in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	23	33	24	26	24	27	28	30	28	26	20	34	15	338

Key considerations relative to this enrollment include the following:

- Our enrollment is up 25 students from last year.
- We have over seven times as many students open enroll into our District (44 students) as compared to students who open enroll out (6 students).
- We serve 23 students in our Lamoni Early Education Program (LEEP).

These trends are important to monitor as student enrollment provides the basis for a majority of our state aid and a significant component of our general fund budget, impacting staff and student programs and decisions regarding future needs.

Currently, the District is in a positive financial condition and excels in providing quality instruction and programs. We must remain vigilant though as how best to utilize available funding sources in order to serve our students' needs and District priorities. While we may not be able to directly influence our enrollment, our focus is on continued and improved quality programming, instruction and facilities, so that students and families will continue to choose Lamoni Schools.

Toward that end, the Board of Education has started a visioning process to develop a strategic district plan, aligning our beliefs, values and actions as a school community over the next three - five years. We will conduct a community needs assessment and involve our staff through this process and firmly believe this document is a critical step in achieving our vision of working with each of our students to

unlock and realize their potential. Thanks for your continued

support. I look forward to great things this year!

Sincerely, Chris

### From the Desk of Dr. Dykens

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 alcohol-related items and incidents. The theme for this year, "You Only Live Once", 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 the regional championship game. This type of team does not come along very often and our girls made the most of their opportunity and made this school and community very proud of them. 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 and cross-country teams were no less exciting as they continued to fight and improve in every opportunity that they had. Each of them 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 having a school play, "Alice@Wonderland", in the Shaw Center at Graceland University on November 11 and 12. We will also be celebrating our Veterans with our annual Veteran's Day Assembly the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> at the school. Our fall sports banquet will be occurring and our winter sports will be getting started. Our students are busily taking the MAP test and starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 to be UNCOMMON, as we allow our students to be unique in their educational endeavors, respectful and responsible for their actions, and exhibit pride in all they do. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school.

With Demon Pride,

Dr. D

## **Lamoni Fall Athletic Banquet**

Your family is invited to attend the Fall Athletic Awards Banquet on Monday, November 7 at 6:30 in the basement of the Community of Christ Church. The Lamoni Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring the potluck dinner to honor athletes involved in the Summer and Fall sports of Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Cross Country, Cheerleading and Football. Awards will be presented to participants in all six sports, so please be sure your son or daughter attends, even if you are unable.

Each family attending is asked to bring two large dishes to share and their own table service; drinks will be provided. If you son or daughter is a freshman or a sophomore, please bring meats or salads. If your son or daughter is a junior or senior, please bring vegetables or desserts. If you have any questions please contact Jen Adams-Potter at 641-414-3780.

## **SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS AND DELAYS DUE TO BAD WEATHER**

In case of bad weather, avoid calling your child's school; instead, please check the following media. Information is available starting at approximately 6:30a.m. Unless you see or hear an announcement, assume school is running as usual.

KAAN RADIO FM 95.5  
WHO RADIO AM 1040  
Channel 5-WOI-TV Des Moines  
Channel 8-KCCI-TV Des Moines  
Channel 13-WHO-TV Des Moines

## **No Child Left Behind Requirement Parents'/Guardians' Rights Notification**

Parents/Guardians in the Lamoni Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher/paraprofessional: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher/paraprofessional, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program or if your school operates a schoolwide Title I program. Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling 641-784-3351 or by sending a letter of request to the Office of the Superintendent, 202 N Walnut, Lamoni, Iowa 50140. The Lamoni Community School District ensures that parents will be notified in writing if their child has been assigned, or has been taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not considered highly qualified.



## School Bus Safety

National School Bus Safety Week is an education program that addresses the importance of school bus safety. Designed to promote school bus safety, school districts throughout the country observe School Bus Safety Week. Students learn about bus safety and practice evacuation in case of an emergency.

Brenda Phelps (Director of Transportation) and Judy Waddell (Bus Driver) spent Tuesday morning, October 18, demonstrating and teaching children about bus safety.



### **Getting On the Bus:**

1. Line up away from the street or road as the bus approaches
2. Wait until the bus has stopped and the doors opens before approaching the bus
3. Use the hand rails when boarding

### **Behavior On the Bus:**

1. Don't speak loudly or make loud noises that could distract the driver
2. Stay in your seat
3. Keep aisles clear of books and bags
4. Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat

### **Getting Off the Bus:**

1. Use the handrail when exiting
2. Make sure the driver can see you
3. Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing
4. Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver signals it is safe
5. Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times

Miss Judy showed the students how to open the windows and a hatch in the roof to exit in case of an emergency. She also set off the alarms to show the kids the sound they make if the hatch or the windows are opened unauthorized.

Each child had to exit out the back door with the bigger kids helping the younger kids out. The rule is to sit and slide out.





## DONUTS WITH DAD

Come and enjoy breakfast with your child on Monday, November 28. It will be a great way to start your day. Fill out this form and return it to school or call the elementary office at 784-3422 so the kitchen staff can plan accordingly. Breakfast is served from 7:30-8 a.m. An adult breakfast costs \$1.95. We hope to see you here!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_



## GRANDPARENTS' BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST

Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren for breakfast on Wednesday, November 30. Breakfast is served from 7:30-8 a.m. An adult breakfast costs \$1.95. Please fill out this form and return it to the school or call the elementary office at 784-3422 so the kitchen staff can plan accordingly. We hope to see you here!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

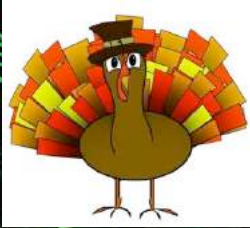


## MUFFINS WITH MOM

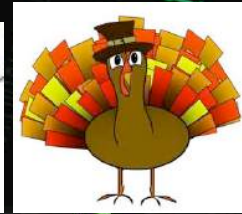
Come and enjoy breakfast with your child on Friday, December 2 from 7:30-8 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. Return this form or notify the elementary office at 784-3422 if you plan to attend so the kitchen staff can plan. It will be a great way to start your day. An adult breakfast is \$1.95.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_



# November



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

	1 Breakfast Pizza ----- Crispito, Refried Beans Salad Bar Romaine Mix, Carrots, Broccoli, Celery, Califlower, Peaches	2 Waffles & Strawberries ----- Sloppy Joe/Bun,Peas Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Tomatoes, Celery Broccoli, Apples	3 Omlet, Bacon, Toast ----- Chicken Gravy/Biscuit Carrots Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Celery Mixed Fruit (leftovers)	4 No School
7 Omelet & Toast ----- Corn Dog & Baked Beans PK: Popcorn Chicken Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Cucs Peppers, Broc, Apples	8 Poptart & Cheese ----- Cheese Pizza & Rice Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Broc, Celery, Peppers, Pep-roni, Bananas	9 Saus Pancake Stick PK cereal & toast ----- Goulash & Bread Stick Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Celery Peppers, Mixed Fruit	10 Scram Egg, Saus & Bisc ----- HayStack & Peas Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Celery Peppers, Cucs, Oranges	11 Biscuits & Gravy <b>Veterans Breakfast</b> ----- Beef Nuggets & Carrots Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Pears Anything left for week
14 French Toast/ Sausage ----- Crispito & Refried Beans Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Cucs Olives, Peppers, Celery Pineapple	15 Breakfast Pizza ----- Ch Burger/Bun, FF Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Brocc Tomato , Peppers, Cauliflower, Oranges	16 Egg,Cheese Muffin ----- Popcorn Chicken Green Beans Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Cucs, Peppers, Celery, Apples	17 Oatmeal & Toast ----- Cooks Choice	18 Muffin/Boiled Egg ----- Thanksgiving Dinner
21 Mini Bagel ----- Pancake Sausage Stk PK:Chicken Nuggets Warm Apples Salad Bar Romaine ,Carrots, Pears	22 Bac-Egg-Ch Muffin ----- HayStack & Green Beans Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Cucs Beets, Peppers, Peaches	23 Cook's Choice ----- Cook's Choice Salad Bar Anything left for week	24 No School	25 No School
28 Donut & Cheese Stick <b>Donuts With Dad</b> ----- Crispito & Corn Romaine, Carrots, Celery Cucs, Peppers, Olives Peaches	29 Saus-Egg-Ch Muffin ----- BBQ Sandwich French Fries Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots Celery, Peppers, Apples	30 Biscuit & Gravy <b>Gravy with Grandparents</b> ----- Pepperoni Pizza & Rice Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Pears	1 Oatmeal & Toast ----- Tomato Soup& GrCheese Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots, Cucs Peppers, Oranges	2 Muffins & Cheese Stick <b>Muffins with Mom</b> ----- Hotdog/Bun,PorknBeans Salad Bar Romaine, Carrots Anything left for week
Yogurt, Fruit Juice & 1% Milk Offered At Breakfast	Salad Bar Items Lettuce Mix Fresh and Canned Fruit Peppers, Celery Carrots, Cucs,Pasta Subject to Changes			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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### C. Instruction by Highly Qualified Teachers 2016-17

All teachers employed by the Lamoni Community School District are highly qualified. Each teacher holds a teaching license or certificate, which he/she has received from meeting specific standards of the State of Iowa Board of Educational Examiners. In order to teach in a public school in the State of Iowa, a teacher must hold a current teaching license from the State of Iowa.

Shyra Ogier	Preschool Early Childhood Spec Ed Junior Kindergarten	BA in Elem. Education Early Childhood Endorsement Reading Endorsement Early Childhood SPED Endorsement Instructional Strategist I Masters in Special Education
Mary Anne Martin	Preschool Special Education K-1 Junior Kindergarten	BA in Elem. Education Early Childhood Endorsement Early Childhood SPED Reading Endorsement Coaching Endorsement
Alma Mickelson	Kindergarten	BA in Elem. Education Early Childhood Endorsement Reading Endorsement
Leslea McKillip	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	BA in Elem. Education MA in Elem. Education Reading Endorsement Early Childhood Endorsement
Sandy Ranney	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	BA in Elem. Education Early Childhood Endorsement
Sarah Burke	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	BA in Elem. Education Reading & Language Arts Endorsements
Brandy Boswell	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	BA in Elem. Education Reading Endorsement
Josh Culberson	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BA in Elem. Education Reading Endorsement K-8 Social Studies Endorsement
Cindy Pitt	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BA in Elem. Education Early Childhood Endorsement MA in Counseling
Liz Carpenter	Middle School Science	BA in Elem. Education MS in Effective Teaching Reading Endorsement Math Endorsement
Michelle Cray	Title I	BA in Elem. Education Reading Endorsement Early Childhood Endorsement
Linda Edwards	Title I	BA in Elem. Education Early Childhood Endorsement Reading Endorsement
Lynda Farnham	Media Specialist, TAG	BA in Elem. Education Music K-6 Endorsement Masters in Lib. Science
Shanci Craig	Special Education 2-3	BA in Elem. Education Reading Endorsement Early Childhood Endorsement Instructional Strategist I



Julie McElroy	Special Education 3-6 Special Education Coordinator	BA in Elem. Education Early Childhood Instructional Strategist I
Jean Patience	K-12 Art	BS in Fine Arts K-12 7-12 Language Arts
Ryan Olson	K-12 Physical Education	BA in Physical Education Health K-12
Lucas Trainer	Vocal Music/Band	BA in Music Education
Kerry Cox	Orchestra/Vocal Music	BA in Music Education MA in Music Education
Nathan Silver	Middle School Social Studies	BA in History 5-12 World History 5-12 American History 5-12 American Government
Judi Daily	MS/HS Special Education	BA in Physical Education 5-12 Physical Education Instructional Strategist I 5-12 Multi-categorical Resource Mild 5-12 Mildly Disabled K-12 Athletic Coach
Linda Perkins	MS Language Arts & Literature	BA in Elem. Education Reading Endorsement
Holly Howell	MS/HS Math 9-12 SPED	BA in Social Sciences & Math 5-12 World History 5-12 US History 5-12 Mathematics 5-12 Instructional Strategist I
Gayle Ramaeker	HS Science	BA in Biology, Chemistry & Science Teaching 5-12 Biology, Chemistry, Physics Class B license- Earth Science
Susan Williams	HS Business & Technology Credit Recovery	BA Business Education MBA
Jen McKinney	HS Math	BA in Mathematics
Kyle Leonard	HS Social Studies	BA in 5-12 Social Studies
Maria Cummings	9-12 Language Arts/9-12 Spanish	BA in 5-12 Spanish 5-12 English
Scott Edens	10-12 <sup>th</sup> Language Arts	BA in Secondary English Education
Jon Hampton	Family & Consumer Science	BA in K-12 Health & Physical Education 6-12 Family & Consumer Science Endorsement
Ted Smith	K-12 Dean of Students	BA in Physical Education Math Minor Masters in Counselor Education
Karie Foster	K-12 Counselor	BS in Psychology Professional School Counselor K-12 Endorsement Masters in Education
Lacey Whitaker	Vocational Agriculture	BS in Agricultural Education
Alice Sweeten	School Nurse	Registered Nurse

Alan Dykens	PK-12 Principal	BA in Biology, PE, General Science Coaching Endorsement Masters in Educational Administration Doctorate in Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis
Chris Coffelt	Superintendent	BS in Elementary Education Masters in Educational Leadership Education Specialist in Educational Leadership and Policy Services

**Paraeducators Certified**

The following paraprofessionals are certified as paraeducators:, Jennifer Rowland, Kim Lilienthal, Jami Vogel, and Joyce Tilford. Shelly Waugh, Melody Schipper, Connie Carrall, and Carol Shields are in the certification renewal process.

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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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