

LEWIS & CLARK LEDGER

Learning Creates More Success

December / January 2010-2011

4141 E. Pine Street
Meridian, Idaho 83642
208.350.4270 Office
208.350.4284 Fax
208.350.4271 Attendance
Administrators
Kelly Davies
Todd Brumbach
Rhonda McDonough

IMPORTANT DATES:

December

- 7 Band/Orch. Winter Concert 7pm
- 10 Dance 2:35-4:00pm
- 13 PTSA Meeting
- 15 Choir Holiday Concert 7pm
- 17 Full Day of School
- 20-31 Holiday Break

January

- 3 School Resumes
- 3 8th Grade Boys Basketball Starts
- 10 PTSA Meeting
- 13 Gallery Night 5-8pm
- 17 No School—Human Rights Day
- 18-20 Semester/ EOC Exam Schedule
- 21 No School End of Quarter

From the Principal

Dear Parents,
Our students had a successful quarter one, with more than fifty percent being recognized for their academic achievements in our honor roll assemblies at the start of November. It is always a pleasure to join in the celebration of the hard work of our students, and we recognize that their achievements are in large part due to the support of their parents and teachers. We have seen improvement in students work habits this quarter and expect to see further progress as students become more independent and responsible about their schooling. While we will continue to have homework interventions in place, such as Morning Intervention Academy (MIA) and Thursday After School Session, we ask for your support in helping your student develop a nightly routine for completing assignments and for studying for exams. We fully recognize that some students will require additional intervention and support through the learning process and will therefore require retesting or time extensions. We would like to see students arranging this with teachers prior to the due dates or testing dates, not waiting for the conversation to come to them. We appreciate your support as we continue to educate about responsibility. Attendance is also crucial for your student's academic success

and regular attendance is a requirement of the Middle School Credit policy (603.30). Please monitor your student's attendance, call in absences (350-4271) and provide doctor documentation for extraordinary absences. While students benefit directly, they also benefit indirectly with increased *average daily attendance* (ADA). If district ADA increases by one percent, an additional eighteen teachers can be hired. Please note that on the main district webpage, you can access the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school calendars. These calendars will provide valuable information for you for future planning. The district has created a link on the main webpage that allows community members to donate to specific needs within our district schools. It is called *Class Wishlist* (<http://www.meridianschools.org/Community/EducationFoundation/DonateToTheClassroom/>) and teachers can submit requests for classroom needs. Community members can browse the webpage and choose to contribute to a specific identified need. At Lewis and Clark, we are in the process of adding 21st century technology, such as document cameras, smart boards and projectors, in our classrooms and we seek innovative ways to teach through the use of technology. When you visit the *Class*

Wishlist website, you will note that LCMS teachers have submitted several technology wishes. Please consider this opportunity to donate as you are planning future charitable contributions. We are approaching the middle of quarter two. Progress report grades can be accessed by viewing your student's PowerSchool account. We encourage you to check this regularly with your child as a tool to monitor their progress and engage in conversations about good study and work habits. The end of the quarter is shortly after we return from winter break with semester exams on January 18-20. A special testing schedule will be followed on these days to allow adequate time for End of Course exams and semester testing. Students will have study guides to prepare in advance for these cumulative tests. With the holidays approaching, we are reminded of the many things to be thankful for. We feel blessed daily to work in such a supportive and positive school community. We are grateful for your partnership and support. Enjoy your family over the holidays and travel safely.

Sincerely,
Kelly Davies

Our Mission: Lewis and Clark Middle School exists to guide the unique, academic, physical, social and emotional needs of students in order to achieve independent success.

Winter Sports

8th Grade Boys Basketball

Starts January 3 Head Coach: Mr. Kaldenberg,
kaldenberg.brian@meridianschools.org

6th Grade Intramural Girls and Boys Basketball

Information Meeting Jan. 20th during advisory

Dates: Jan. 27, 28, 31. Feb. 3, 4, 11, 14, 18, 23

Contact: Mr. Appell, appell.ricky@meridianschools.org



After School Activities Expectations

- Students waiting for after school activities should be seated in the gym or near the field in a supervised area.
- Once the game or match begins, students must be in the gym or at the game watching the event.
- Students may leave to go to another gym or game, the concession stand, or restroom. Wandering around campus or hanging out in the hallways or other unsupervised areas are not allowed.
- All student spectators will demonstrate sportsmanship and adhere to the Spectator Code of Ethics found on page 11 of the Student- Parent Handbook.
- School rules apply at after school activities.
- The locker rooms will not be available for student spectators. Students must keep their belongings with them.
- Students not adhering to the guidelines will be sent home and lose privileges to attend future events.

Toys for Tots Drive

Advisories will be collecting money and new unwrapped toys.

Dates: November 29—December 10th

The money will pooled together for a shopping spree. Last year our Builder's Club & NJHS shopped for toys with over \$2000 donated by our students!

The Marines are counting on us!



Builder's Club Needs Your Help!

LCMS receives 10 Cents for every box top we mail in! That adds up quickly!

We do all the work, we just need you to send in your box tops from products you probably use daily, and already have at home!

Builder's Club will also be collecting Campbell's Soup UPC codes all year long. Please clip them from any product that you have at home and send them with your student to give to their Advisory Class. There will be awards given to the Advisory Class with the most number collected!

We will also be recycling INK JET CARTRIDGES and CELL PHONES!.

Bring these items into the Front Office or Mrs. Harris ' Room #209 INSTEAD of the landfill!!



The Yearbook Needs Your Help!

This year we are planning to highlight "Exceptional & Extraordinary Explorers" in the yearbook. To do this, we need parents' help. We would like to honor those Explorers who do exceptional things, like "Extraordinary" community service, or donating money they raised for a cause. We would also like to honor those students who participate in "Exceptional" sports, such as dance, karate, gymnastics, etc. So, if your student is one of these "Exceptional Explorers" please e-mail pictures and information to the yearbook advisor, Carla Smith, at smith.carla@meridianschools.org.

Thank you so much for your help!



Notes From Technology



WE NEED LEGOS!

Exploring Technology classes are looking for used Legos. As you clean closets, under beds or toy chests, please keep us in mind as you come across any Legos. Any brick, any color, any size will be appreciated.



Bring them in to Mrs. Meisner.

Library News

There's So Much Happening in the Library!

Thanks to all students, parents, and faculty for your support of the Scholastic Book Fair held Nov. 1—11. The profits are being taken in Scholastic Dollars, resulting in many new books on the library shelves and additional selections available in students' classrooms. A special thank you to all who contributed to the One For Books collection box. Over \$150 was donated by individuals and clubs. Purchases were made at the book fair to add to Operation Wish Book for Christmas baskets.

Roaring Springs has invited LCMS to participate in the Roaring Reader Program. Each student who completes 600 minutes of recreational reading receives a free Roaring Springs day pass! Distribution of student information will be in early January, 2011.

The library continues to be a hub of research activity. Eighth grade students have researched Unsolved Mysteries (English) and Alternative Energy (Science). History Day research has begun, as well as a 6th grade unit on Survivors. PACE 8 Careers (English, Math) begins after Christmas Break, culminating with presentations scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2011.

X Time draws many students to the library to check out books, read, work on research projects, collaborate with peers on a class project, and practice keyboarding skills. It's a sight to see as many as 80 students so involved in using the library!

The library and computer lab scheduling calendars are available for viewing from any computer. Just go to the LCMS home page and click the link to the library, then "<Links to LCMS Resources." The calendars are shown at the top of the library home page. This new feature allows you and your child the opportunity to keep up with his/her Reading class visitation dates, library research dates, and when his/her class is scheduled for a computer lab.

- Mrs. Delle, Librarian



From the Counselors

Here's an important story from The Love and Logic Institute to help you manage your child's electronics.

"I know a mother and father who eat a lot of cold food—all thanks to certain electronics corporations and their teen's single-minded obsession with the darn things. Yes! Nearly every night, these parents beg him to turn off the computer, turn off (or pause) the t.v., put down the video game controller, or unplug from the music. Their pleas fall on deaf ears.

It's not so much that the young man is blatantly defiant. He acknowledges them, at least with a grunt or the universal "just a second." But he's so engrossed in electronics land, that he truly has a hard time ripping his mind away from the device to join the family at the table. Of course, his parents get more and more frustrated as they experience less and less success wooing him from his high-tech goodies. Obviously, this trend is not healthy for the young man or for the evening family meal.

Some parents have discovered a magical Love and Logic enforceable statement to help with this type of electronics abuse: "We provide _____ for kids who _____.

- We provide computer time for kids who shut it down the first time they are asked.
- We provide television time for kids who have chores and homework done.
- We provide cell phones for kids who refrain from texting during the sermon at church.

As parents, we do provide these things, don't we? And when is a good time to remind kids of all the things that we provide? In a long-winded lecture when we are frustrated? How about before the item or privilege is abused, or with lots of empathy when it has been removed?

The key to success with this phrase is our willingness to follow-through and the empathy in our voices, and on our faces, when kids lose the use of the device when it is abused. Thanks for reading!"

For more great tips visit Love and Logic's site at www.loveandlogic.com.



Health Video Preview

8th grade Health Preview

All materials used for the Human Sexuality , HIV/AIDS, and STD/STI lessons will be available for parent to preview on January 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please check in at the main office

Please contact Tisha Johnson at Johnson.tisha@meridianschools.org if you have questions.

Middle School Credit System

The goal of Joint School District No. 2 is to ensure that each student exiting middle school demonstrates learning competencies prior to transitioning to high school. The required competencies will be in English, literature and strategies (seventh grade), math, and science, and successful completion of a performance assessment (eighth grade). Additionally, it is expected that students will attend school on a regular basis regardless of their academic standing as defined by the credit standards. Students that demonstrate difficulty in meeting one or more of the standards will be required to follow an improvement plan and/or strategic interventions in order to be successful.

*Commencing with the 2010-2011 school year, all **eighth grade students** are required to have met the following by the end of the school year:*

- ▶ Each 8th grade student must attain a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the total credits attempted in order to be eligible for promotion to the next grade level. Each 8th grade student must earn at least 16 out of a possible 20 credits
- ▶ No more than 6 absences per semester

*Commencing with the 2010-2011 school year, all **seventh grade students** are required to have met the following by the end of the school year.*

- ▶ Each 7th grade student must attain a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the total credits attempted in order to be eligible for promotion to the next grade level. Each 7th grade student must earn at least 16 out of a possible 20 credits
- ▶ No more than 6 absences per semester

7th and 8th grade students who do not meet the minimum credit requirements will be given the opportunity to recover credits or complete an alternate mechanism in order to become eligible for promotion to the next grade level. Credit recovery options include, but are not limited to, lab classes, scheduled intervention, and summer school.

For a complete explanation of requirements, please review policy 603.30—*Middle School Credits* on the District website. www.meridianschools.org

Attendance Policy

Please report absences using the Attendance Line 350-4271

The laws of the state of Idaho require all youth to attend school regularly. Joint School District No. 2 defines regular attendance as missing **NO MORE** than **SIX (6)** days per semester.

Proper documentation provided by a medical or dentist office and/or legal verification for any absence must be turned in within five days of the absence to waive the absence.

Parent phone calls inform the school that the student is absent but does not waive the absence.

All absences except school excused or extraordinary/waived are counted in the six allowable days.

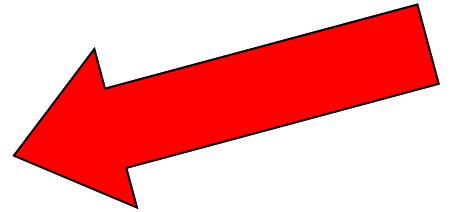
For a complete explanation of requirements, please review the policy on the District website. www.meridianschools.org

Power School

Power School Parent is a valuable online resource that allows you to see your student's grades, attendance, teacher assignments and notes. It also allows you to set up an email account to receive progress reports.

Go To: www.meridianschools.org

Click on: (Parents / Power School Parent)

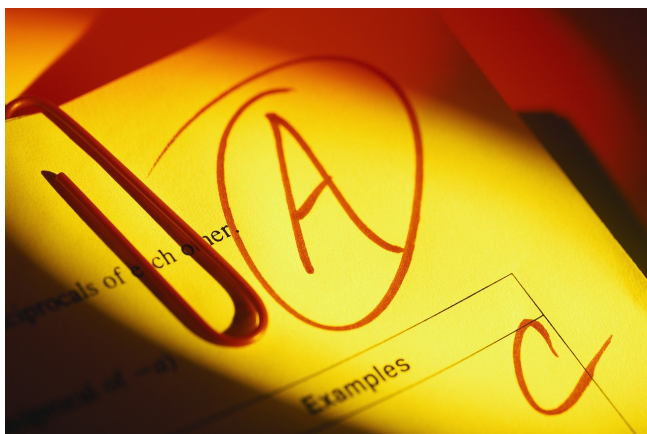


Login information was shared at registration. If you missed getting your login information, it can be found on your student's schedule. You may also contact the office for assistance at 350-4270.

Progress Reports & Report Cards

Report Cards and Progress Reports will not be mailed home, but can be pulled and printed from Power School.

Sept. 30	Progress Reports
Oct. 29	End of Quarter 1
Nov. 3	Parent/Teacher Conference, 5-8 PM
Nov. 4	Parent/Teacher Conference, 1-4 and 5-8 PM
Dec. 8	Progress Reports
Jan. 21	End of Quarter 2
Feb. 23	Progress Reports
Mar. 25	End of Quarter 3
May 4	Progress Reports
June 8	End of Quarter 4



Common Grading Policy

Lewis and Clark Middle School
Common Grading Policy
Creating a Culture of Responsibility
2010-2011

Learning is a process. Assignments/Practice and assessments/evidence are valuable components in mastering content and demonstrating understanding.

Assignments/Practice

It is expected that assignments/practice will be turned in by the due date.

- Students may establish a new deadline by communicating with teachers in advance of the due date. Work turned in will receive full credit.
- Extra credit assignments will not be offered.
- There will be no deductions for no name papers.

Assessments/Evidence

It is expected that students study and prepare for assessment/evidence as scheduled.

- Assessment/Evidence re-takes are required for students who fail to demonstrate understanding or fail to earn a 70% on the given assessment/evidence. Timeline and criteria will be established by teacher.
- Enrichment questions are permitted, but limited to 5% of the total assessment/evidence grade.
- Final Exams and EOC exams cannot be re-done.



After School Homework Support

Students struggling with missing and incomplete assignments will be assigned to After School Thursdays.

Guidelines:

- After School Thursdays will be held from 2:45-4:30 PM every Thursday.
- Student will be assigned by teachers or administrators on a weekly basis.
- Attendance is mandatory.
- If a student is unable to attend, a note or phone call from parents is required.
- School personnel will be present to supervise and assist students.

Explorer TIME Tutorial — X TIME

Overview:

X Time is a school wide weekly tutorial session. Sessions are used to re-teach essential standards, retake tests, offer remediation, provide homework help, make up assignments, labs, tests, or quizzes, conference with students, offer enrichment, and extracurricular opportunities.

How it Works:

- Every Wednesday all students attend X Time.
- X Time is a 35 minute period between 2nd period and Break.
- There are open and closed sessions.
- CLOSED - Must be X'd OPEN – Anyone can attend until full.
- Teachers assign students to attend sessions by putting an X Time Mark in the students' agendas prior to Wednesday.
- Students are required to attend the session that is X'd in their agendas.
- There are a lot of reasons a student could get X'd. For example, it may be a student who needs to make up an assignment, turn in work, take or retake a test, re-teaching or more help.
- Students who are not X'd will have the privilege of choosing the session they attend.
- Open sessions will be a variety of homework help, project work time, tutoring, computer time, book check out, and enrichment.
- X Time is an opportunity for students to get the help that they need, stay current on assignments, or enjoy new activities.

MIA: Morning Intervention Academy

What is MIA?

Morning Intervention Academy (MIA) is a program we are offering to assist students who are failing or at risk of failing a class or classes as a result of missing or incomplete assignments. Teacher will assign students they believe will benefit from additional time and support.

Guidelines:

- MIA will be held in the cafeteria every morning from 7:30am-8:10am. If a student rides the bus, he/she must report within 5 minutes of arrival.
- Students will be assigned by teachers or administrators for two week periods. Parents may contact teachers regarding placement in MIA.
- Attendance is mandatory.

Failure to attend will result in disciplinary consequences.

- School personnel will be present to supervise and assist students.

PTSA update

PTSA Membership: As a member, you are part of the largest child advocacy group in the world. PTSA is parents, teachers, staff, and students working together on behalf of our children. Together we can do great things for our school, our community and our country. If you aren't a member of LCMS PTSA, it's not too late to join. Contact Molly (stumps@q.com) or visit <http://lcms.meridianschools.org/> and click on the PTSA tab.

Upcoming PTSA meetings:

PTSA will not meet in December. The next meeting is **Monday, January 10** (7pm in the library).

CONCESSIONS REMINDER:

The Concessions Stand is now open! Stop by during any home sporting event to purchase a snack. Parent volunteers are needed to help sell concessions. Days vary, but help is usually needed from 3:45 until 6:15pm. Contact Virginia for more info: vbenavid@aol.com

Teacher Luncheon

Thank you to the generous families who provided food for the teachers during November parent-teacher conferences. The delicious soups, salads and desserts were a wonderful treat for the staff and were very appreciated!



Boogie Bash! It was a blast!

A sincere THANK YOU to all of our wonderful parents, students, teachers, staff members, and community supporters!

We could not have done it without you!



The Boogie Bash success is a direct result of everyone who attended the event and helped. Your generous financial and volunteer support helped raise nearly \$3000 for the various clubs at LCMS and over \$6000 in PTSA funds. PTSA funds will be used to fill teacher requests, purchase supplies and materials to support student academics, and fund programs and events for our students. To learn more about how PTSA supports the school, please feel free to join us for PTSA meetings, watch for PTSA news via email, or contact Jeanine at jrueb@cableone.net.

Thank You

Lewis & Clark PTSA would like to thank

★AAA Idaho

ABU Games

Applebee's

Ashley Furniture

★Aventura Fitness

Avon

Back Porch

Baja Fresh

Baskin Robbins

Bella Aquila

Ben & Jerry's

★Best Buy

Blaine Smart

Blimpie Salads & Subs

Blue and Orange Store

Blue Sky Bagels

Bogus Basin Mountain Resort

Boise Art Museum

Boise Little Theatre

Boise State University Alumni

Boise Towne Square

Boise's Best Fundraising

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar

Cascade Raft and Kayak

Cheerleaders

Cheesecake Factory

Chicago Connection

Chili's Grill & Bar

Chiropractic Health Clinic

Cold Stone Creamery

★Country Inn & Suites

★Courtyard by Marriott

Craft Warehouse

Curves

★Debbie Meisner

Dinner Thyme Solution

Discovery Center

★Disneyland

Divotz Discount Golf and Range

Dominos Pizza

Dunkley's

Dutch Bros Coffee

Edible Arrangements

Einstein's Oilery

Elements Therapeutic Massage

Elite Fitness

Emerald City Smoothies

Entertainment Publishing

FastLane Indoor Kart Racing

Flicks Movie Theatre

Flying Pie

Fred Meyer

Goodwood Barbecue Company

Great Harvest Bread Co.

Greensleeves

Guymon Orthodontics

H3 Pet Food

Hawks Baseball

Idaho Stampede

Idaho Steelheads

International Marketplace

Jackson's Food Stores

Jaker's

JB's Family Restaurant

Jordan's Hallmark

★Kohl's A-Team

Krispy Kreme

Lardo's Grill & Saloon

★Leap Fox (Quick Computer Services)

Lia Sophia (Linda Delle)

★Lowe's

Mandy Hansen

Marie Callender's

McDonalds

Meridian Adventure Boot Camp

Meridian Cycles

Meridian High

Meridian Lanes

Meridian Symphony

Mountain View High

Moxie Java - Five Mile

Moxie Java - Silverstone

Neat Spaces

Office Depot

Old Chicago

Opera Idaho

The Boogie Bash dinner was a big success, thanks to large donations and support from:

United Dairymen, Olive Garden, and Winco