

# LEWIS & CLARK LEDGER

*Learning Creates More Success*

February/March 2012

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**February**

- 9 6th Gr. Band/Orch Concert 7pm Lg Gym
- 10 Dance 2:45-4:00
- 14 PTSA Meeting 7:00PM
- 20 No School
- 21-22 Scoliosis Screening

**March**

- 13 PTSA Meeting;7pm
- 16 Dance 2:45-4:00
- 16 PACE Presentations
- 15 7 & 8th Pre Festival Concert 7pm Lg Gym
- 23 Full Day of School
- 26-30 Spring Break

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have begun 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and it is hard to believe that the conclusion to the school year is rapidly approaching. When I reflect on the school year, I think about how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to work with your students. The academic, social and physical growths that we witness throughout the year are a few of the highlights that we experience on a regular basis. The entire staff is very proud of the students that attend Lewis and Clark Middle School.

At this time of year, there are many exciting things going on. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have begun their PACE project and are researching a possible future career. This project culminates with oral presentations in late March. It is definitely an exciting opportunity for students to take pride in the work that they have completed.

The pre-registration process is underway. Counselors will be visiting classrooms to discuss course offerings and pre-registration paperwork for next year. There are specific deadlines for completion of the paperwork so that we can begin our process of building our master schedule for next year. Careful review of your student's course selections is necessary at this time because we do make scheduling decisions based on student request. It is more difficult to make changes in August. We appreciate all that you can do to help your student with the selection process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's counselor.

On a final note, it is important to address the traffic flow in front of the school when students are being dropped off or picked up. Safety for all is essential, and it is imperative that extreme consideration and attention is given to students who are entering or exiting the school. Students should only exit vehicles in the drop off/pick up lanes and use caution when exiting these lanes. Also, please do not park in the drop off/pick up lanes, as parked vehicles create unnecessary congestion. Thank you for putting student safety first.

We look forward to a wonderful remainder of the year.

Sincerely,

Kelly Davies  
 Principal

*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.*

# 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](http://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.

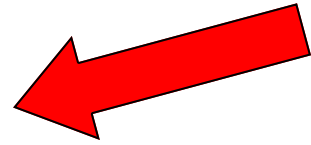
For a complete explanation of requirements, please review the policy on the District website. [www.meridianschools.org](http://www.meridianschools.org)

# 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](http://www.meridianschools.org)

**Click on:** (Parents / Power School Parent)



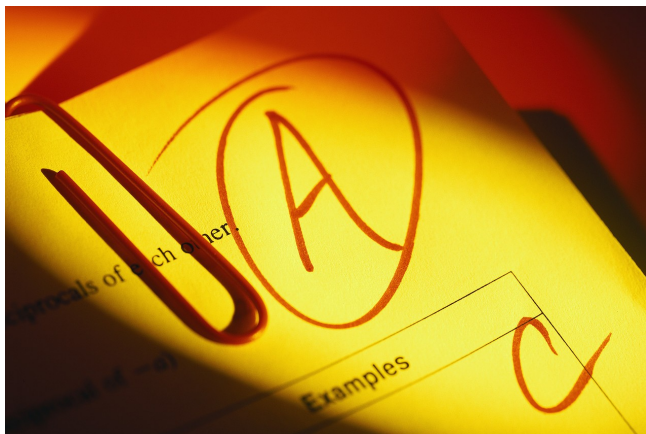
Login information was shared at registration. If you missed getting your login information, it can be found on your student's schedule. You may also contact the office for assistance at 350-4270.

## Progress Reports & Report Cards

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

### Semester 2 Dates

February 17	Progress Reports
March 23	End of Quarter 3
April 27	Progress Reports
May 25	End of Quarter 4



# 8th Grade PACE

8th Grade students have started working on their PACE projects.

## Overview:

- PACE is required assessment for all 8th grade students in the Meridian School District
- Attendance in school is critical. Please avoid absences when possible.

## Important Dates:

February 24 Rough Draft Research Paper Due

March 2 Final Draft Research Paper Due

March 9 Power Point Due

March 16 PACE PRESENTATION DAY— Students are expected to dress nicely for presentations.

It is crucial that students meet all the deadlines throughout the PACE process. If students are

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## Library & PACE

Research in the library for PACE 8 has begun! Students are using print and web sources as they develop their research papers and PowerPoint presentations. This research is coordinated through English 8 classes and students are assisted by their teacher and the librarian. The library opens at 7:25 (later on Wednesday to accommodate Collaboration) and remains open until 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Many students take advantage of this additional time to focus on their

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## 8TH GRADE CELEBRATION MAY 25TH



### REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND VIVAMOS GRANDE:

- Meet the credit requirements for promotion to 9th Grade
  - 16/20 Credits in Core Classes (Math, English, W. Geo., Health, Science).
- No more than 6 absences per semester
  - All absences except school excused or extraordinary/waived are counted in the six allowable days.
- Good Citizenship
  - No truancies, major discipline offences, or multiple office referrals.

*Students not meeting the requirements to attend Viva will be notified and given an opportunity to submit a written appeal to a review panel consisting of teachers, administrators, and counselors.*

## Registration for 2012-13 School Year

Sixth and seventh grade counselors will be visiting classrooms in February to share registration information with students.

Registration packets will be sent home with your student for you to complete. Course Description Handbooks are available online through the LCMS website. Students may also check out a Handbook from their Science/World Civ teachers.

Please discuss with your student their choices and assist them in completing the registration form. This is an exciting time as they look ahead to next year.

**Please be sure to update your address and contact information!**

### 6th to 7th Grade

February 13-17 Classroom Visits

Registration Form Due by February 22

### 7th to 8th Grade

February 6-10 Classroom Visits

Registration Form Due by February 14

If you have questions, please contact our registrar or the grade level counselor.

## Crossroads Middle School

Crossroads Middle School is a school of choice for 7-8 grade students. It was specifically designed to assist students in seventh and eighth grade who struggle in a large, traditional middle school. Students gain confidence by experience a specialized structure with hands-on learning, smaller class size, block scheduling, and integrated technology.

For more information contact your student's grade level counselor or visit the CMS website at [www.meridianschools.org](http://www.meridianschools.org)

## High School Registration Timeline

Feb 13-15: World Geo/Health teachers and the counselors will present an overview of high school requirements and the 4 year planner. Students can take home registration packets on Feb 15.

Feb 22: High school registration forms and 4 year planners will be due to World Geo/Health teachers.

Feb 23: MVHS online registration in the computer lab.

Feb 28: CHS online registration in the computer lab.

Mar 6: All High Schools Freshman Open House at 6:30

## Tips for Parents and Caregivers

### Talk to your child.

Parents and caregivers often ask children where they are going and who they are going with when they leave the house. You should ask these same questions when your child goes on the Internet. Because children are reluctant to disclose victimization for fear of having their Internet and cellular phone privileges revoked; develop solutions to prevent or address victimization that do not punish the child.

### Develop rules.

Together with your child, develop rules about acceptable and safe behaviors for all electronic media. Make plans for what they should do if they become a victim of electronic aggression or know someone who is being victimized. The rules should focus on ways to maximize the benefits of technology and decrease its risks.

### Explore the Internet.

Visit the websites your child frequents, and assess the pros and cons. Remember, most websites and on-line activities are beneficial. They help young people learn new information, interact with others, and connect with people who have similar interests.



### Talk with other parents and caregivers.

Talk to other parents and caregivers about how they have discussed technology use with their children. Ask about the rules they have developed and how they stay informed about their child's technology use.

### Connect with the school.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to work with their child's school and school district to develop a class for parents and caregivers that educates them about school policies on electronic aggression, recent incidents in the community involving electronic aggression, and resources available to parents and caregivers who have concerns. Work with the school and other partners to develop a collaborative approach to preventing electronic aggression.

### Educate yourself.

Stay informed about the new devices and websites your child is using. Technology changes rapidly, and many developers offer information to keep people aware of advances. Continually talk with your child about "where they are going" and explore the technology yourself.

Technology is not going away, and forbidding young people to access electronic media may not be a good long-term solution. Together, parents and children can come up with ways to maximize the benefits of technology and decrease its risks.

For more information, please contact:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion • Division of Adolescent and School Health  
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control • Division of Violence Prevention  
• Adolescent Health Goal Team

1-800-CDC-INFO • [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) • [cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov)

## FROM THE YEAR BOOK STAFF

Dear Parents,



It's not too late! Please send in photos of your LCMS student participating in a sport or club outside LCMS.

Once again the LCMS yearbook will include photos of students enjoying a sport, such as hockey, soccer, karate, etc. or a club, such as Scouts. The only way we can do this, however, is if you submit pictures to the yearbook staff. There are two ways to do this: 1) attached a digital photo to an e-mail, and send it to [smith.carla@meridianschools.org](mailto:smith.carla@meridianschools.org). 2) Have your student bring in the photo, and drop it off with Mrs. Smith, in Room 213. It will be scanned, and the original photo will be returned.

The final deadline to submit your pictures is coming soon – February 20, 2012.  
Thanks so much for your help!

Sincerely, LCMS Yearbook Staff

The seventh grade language arts teachers are seeking donations of watercolor markers (fine or regular tip) as well as colored pencils for their poetry book projects. **THANK YOU.**

## 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!



## Spring Sports

**\*\*7, 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRLS ONLY INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL**

**\*\*7, 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS ONLY INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL**

**Scheduled dates: Informational meeting; during advisory Jan. 13**

**Start Date: Girls Jan. 30 – Feb. 10**

**Boys Feb. 13- Feb. 24**

**2:45- 4:00 daily in your date listed above.**

**Must have short/t-shirt to participate along with court shoes.**

**Must have parent permission signed before playing.**

Purchase Activity Card- (see Mrs. Simpson)

*Intramural basketball is a great way to improve your basketball skills and compete with your friends. Boys and girls teams will participate in skill work, ball handling, shooting, offense and defensive strategies and play in games and tournaments.*

Parent Release form must be picked up and signed by parent in order to participate.

If you have questions contact Ms. Wilkins or Mr. Kaldenberg



### **MANDATORY TRACK/FIELD & TENNIS PARENT MEETING**

**MARCH 5TH**

**6 PM IN LARGE GYM**

**PARTICIPATION FEE TO PAID AT MEETING**

**TRACK/FIELD & TENNIS**

**OPEN TO 6,7,8**

**START DATE: MARCH 12**



**QUESTIONS:**

**CONTACT RICKY**

**APPELL; ATHLETIC**

**DIRECTOR**

## Thanks for Supporting the LCMS Bands and Orchestras!

A thousand thanks to the parents, grandparents, friends, patrons, students, teachers and others who generously gave monetary donations at the LCMS winter band and orchestra concert! Four-hundred and sixty-eight dollars were donated to help purchase music, send groups on tour to elementary schools, purchase instruments, and attend festival. The experience students have in music is priceless, but the cost to provide quality equipment and activities can be expensive. The gifts received are deeply appreciated by the students and Ms. Matsuura!

If you did not get to make a contribution at the concert and are interested in giving, donations may be given to Ms. Matsuura or Renae Simpson, LCMS bookkeeper. Checks should be written to LCMS. All donations are tax-deductible.

## Music Events in February and March

March is Music in Our Schools Month and the months of February and March are music-filled for LCMS band, choir, and orchestra students. Come see performances at feeder elementary schools, Mountain View High School, Meridian Middle School and at LCMS. See the list of events below. All events are free to the public. If you would like more information about LCMS music programs, please contact Katie Matsuura (band and orchestra) at [matsuura.kathryn@meridianschools.org](mailto:matsuura.kathryn@meridianschools.org) or Matt Thayer (choir and guitar) at [thayer.matthew@meridianschools.org](mailto:thayer.matthew@meridianschools.org).

Event	Date	Time	Location
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Orchestra Concert	Thursday, February 9	7:00 PM	LCMS Gym
Band & Orchestra Elementary School Tour	Friday, February 10	During school day	Pepper Ridge, River Valley, Ustick, Spalding Elementaries
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Combined Band Concert	Thursday, February 23	7:30 PM	MVHS Auditorium
District III Solo & Ensemble Festival	Saturday, March 3	All day	Lone Star Middle School, Nampa
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Festival Concert	Thursday, March 15	7:00 PM	LCMS Gym
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Festival	Tuesday, March 20	During school day	Room 125
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Festival	Wednesday, March 21	During school day	MMS Auditorium
String Orchestra Festival	Thursday, March 22	During school day	MMS Auditorium

## From the Nurse

Dear Parents:

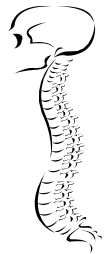
The 6th grade girls and 8th grade boys and girls in the Meridian School District will be screened for **SCOLIOSIS** (curvature of the spine) by the school nurses during their regular physical education class during the months of February and March. This screening is done to detect possible spinal problems. Lewis and Clark Middle School will have their scoliosis screening on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The procedure is a simple one. The nurse inspects the spinal column, the shoulders, hips, and back while the student stands and then bends forward. If a spinal concern is detected the student will bring home a note. At a later date you will receive notification in regard to a Scoliosis Clinic held by the school nurses and an orthopedic physician. There is no charge for this service.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the school nurse at #350-4270 ext 1040.

Thank you,

Nicole Kopping, RN



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## To Parents/Guardians of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Revised Idaho state immunization requirements have been approved by the state legislature. The following new requirements went into effect April 7, 2011

**New immunizations for all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade (in addition to current requirements)**

**1 Tdap**

**1 Meningococcal**

Please review your student's immunization status with your physician to ensure that your student will meet the new school immunization requirements. Immunizations must be complete and **PARENTS MUST PROVIDE THE SCHOOL WITH RECORD OF NEW IMMUNIZATIONS** for students to enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade. **Please provide the school with documentation of required immunizations as soon as possible. Students will not be allowed to register in the fall for 7<sup>th</sup> grade without proof of these immunizations.** Please plan ahead as some doctor's offices have a long waiting period. To avoid delay in the registration process for your student in the fall, immunizations need to be done and turned in to the nurse before the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact me at 350-4270.

# ***PTSA Update***

## ***WANTED: Parents willing to share their time and talents!***

Are you an enthusiastic person willing to work with other LCMS parents on projects that make a difference in the lives of our students? If so, we need you! Please consider serving as a PTSA board member or committee chairperson for next year (2012-2013). Roles include:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Chairperson
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Boogie Bash Auction/Raffle Coordinator
- Concessions Coordinator



For more information, please speak to a current board member or email Jeanine Rueb @ jrueb@cableone.net. Elections and appointments for 2012-2013 will be made at the March PTSA meeting.

## **Reflections Update:**

PTSA would like to recognize the following students for their outstanding efforts in the Reflections Arts Competition:

The following students received awards at the school level:

### **Visual Arts:**

Hunter Sims-Douglas

Kayden Cabinaw

Maddie Dowdle

**Film:** Taylor Foerster

### **Musical Composition:**

Jaylynn Love

**Literature:** Brialee Turner

**Photography:** Brialee Turner,

Aiden Schwenson, Molly Huntsinger

## ***Upcoming PTSA meetings:***

PTSA Meetings are held in the LCMS library. Please come and be part of our efforts to enhance our school.

***February 14 at 7pm***

***March 13 at 7pm***

***April 11 at 7pm***