

# Lamoni Community School Newsletter October 2016

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**School Board Meeting**

**Wed Oct 10th 6:00 pm**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming

Parade 11:30am followed by Pep  
Rally, dismiss at 1pm

Oct 18-22- National FFA Week

Oct 21- End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

## Walking School Bus

Our Walking School Bus Event was very successful. We had a beautiful day for walking. Several volunteers, teachers, school bus drivers and Dr. Dykens walked with students and joined in the fun. Police Chief Bob Bell stood at the corner of Elm and Main to direct students and turning traffic. A special thanks to everyone who participated in our walk. We will have another Walking School Bus on Friday, October 21.

## Homecoming Court

King Candidates:

Cameron Thorpe, Will Greenwood

Chase Potter, Omar Alcorta

Queen Candidates:

Daryn Nowlin, Hannah Gruich

Emma Taylor, Jennifer Eason



## From the Desk of Mr. Coffelt

Lamoni School Community,

As we begin October, the shorter days, cooler nights and changing leaf colors emphasize the transition from summer to fall. One of the more significant fall rituals in Lamoni is Homecoming. School spirit is strong this week as students and staff engage in activities and competitions during the week, culminating with our parade Friday and game that evening against Murray. Thank you to all in the community of you who provide support during this week.

October is also a month in which we focus on student wellness. The District Wellness Committee intends to have students and staff participate in initiatives that promote student health and safety, including:

- Step it Up, October 5
  - Lamoni is joining other schools and agencies throughout the state by having students and staff participate in Step It Up, as a part of the Healthiest State Walk. With this initiative, we are excited to make strides toward better health and healthy habits at an early age by having students walk one kilometer around the campus.
- Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15
- Bus Safety Week, October 17-21
- Red Ribbon Week, October 24-28

We also continue the work we have engaged in over the past year at the District level. Last school year, the board engaged in a process of identifying and prioritizing facility and infrastructure projects that would best support our students and staff, allowing the school to continue to serve as the center of the community. This needs assessment resulted in the development of potential short, medium and long-term projects. While we are not finished with the development of the plan, we have completed a couple of “quick wins” on the list already this fall. The roof of the agriculture building and greenhouse frame were both replaced. Additionally, the district is working with KCL Engineering to create a solution to address the electrical load issues at the middle school. We are also designing and plan to build a playground that serves the developmental and social needs of our preschool age children.

The facilities needs assessment process led the board to engage in a visioning session this September, in which we focused on the development of a district strategic plan. This conversation focused on hopes for our students, where we wanted to be as a District in the next ten years and what we would like our students to know and be able to do as graduates. The Board will continue to refine their vision and mission, working with staff to develop a strategic plan that defines our focus and work over the next few years.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It’s an exciting time at Lamoni Schools, where Demons have pride!

Chris

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

The school year is flying by. I can't believe that we are already in October. Fall weather and homecoming are upon us and we are off to a great start. The fall sports are making our school and community proud.

Volleyball is off to a remarkable start, as they will be hosting the Conference Tournament opening round and District play within the coming weeks. Look for these dates on our website. Congratulations ladies (and Brett) on a job well done. Football is competing extremely well with a group of young men who are exciting to watch. The defense is flying around and the offense is clicking and putting up big plays and points. A very close game last week and a great match-up for homecoming keeps everybody on the edge of their seats as the boys continue in conference play. Our cheer squad is growing in numbers and keeping the crowd enthused while our cross-country runners are keeping pace with the best in the area. Put it all together, and we have a great start for our Demon Athletics.

School pride is rising as our students are displaying characteristics that will make any community proud. Our FFA students are competing well in

their competitions. Our band is sounding tremendous. Our new drama club is underway with their rehearsals for their upcoming musical Alice@Wonderland, and each of our students are treating others with respect and dignity.

Most importantly the academic achievement of our students is on the rise. We are seeing a decline in the number of deficiencies on our progress reports, and our teachers are thinking "outside the box" with their academic offerings. An example of this was our Outdoor Day for our middle school students. Our students had an opportunity to learn skills applicable to the real world as they learned various skills in orienteering, canoeing, archery, cooking and craft-making. Here they were able to apply principles learned in the classroom to other practical applications. The day was a great success.

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

**Local Farmers Help Lamoni  
Community School District Win a  
\$10,000 Grant to Improve STEM  
Education**

*Grant from the America's Farmers  
Grow Rural Education Program,  
sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, will  
provide enhanced learning opportunities  
for Lamoni students to develop  
important and leading skills – helping to  
shape the future of agriculture*

- **Lamoni Community School District will utilize funds to purchase microscopes.**
- **Farmers from across the U.S. nominated and selected the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant recipients**
- **In 2016, the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program is awarding \$2.3 million to rural public school districts to benefit science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs**

Lamoni, Iowa Oct 7, 2016 – To feed the world's rapidly growing population and tackle many other global challenges, our country's next generation of leaders will need to be highly-skilled in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). That's why the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, has awarded the Lamoni Community School District with a \$10,000 grant.

The Lamoni Community School District plans to use the funds to purchase microscopes.

“We are truly blessed to have the generous support of our local farmers and the Monsanto Fund to provide a substantial contribution for our students. Without this additional support many of our students would not have the opportunities that they now enjoy. Looking into the ‘small world’ around us will give our students a greater perspective of the building blocks of life and how they can ultimately effect the larger world we live in today” said Alan Dykens, PK-12 Principal.

Earlier this year, Lamoni farmers Rex Stoll, Leon Kessel, and Lacey Whitaker nominated the district for consideration. After the nomination, the district developed its submission to enhance its STEM education offering through It's A Small World. A group of science and math teachers reviewed each submission and selected Lamoni Community School District as a finalist.

Next, the Program's [Farmer Advisory Council](#), which is composed of approximately 30 farmer leaders from across the country with an interest in agriculture and education, selected Lamoni Community School District for one of the Grow Rural Education Grants. Grant applications were judged based on the merit of the application, need and community support.



# October 2016

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

<p>Cereal &amp; Toast also offered for Breakfast 1% milk,yogurt juice &amp; fruit</p>		<p>1%,Choc &amp; Skim milk offered at Lunch Menu subject to change</p>		<p>In accordance to Federal law we do not discriminate on the basis of race,color,national orgin,sex,age or disability</p>
<p>3 Brkfast Pizza <b>Lunch</b> Mr.Rib/Bun &amp; Calico Beans <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots,Bro&amp; Cali,Cucs &amp; Peaches</p>	<p>4 Poptart w/cheesestick <b>Lunch</b> Walking Taco <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix Carrots,Peppers, Apples,Pasta Salad</p>	<p>5 Omelet &amp; Toast <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Nuggets &amp; Carrots <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots, Broc,Cucs,Peaches Pasta Salad</p>	<p>6 Biscuits &amp; Gravy <b>Lunch</b> Pepperoni Pizza &amp; Rice <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix&amp; Carrots Anything remaining for week</p>	<p>7 <b>Homecoming</b> Muffin &amp; Cheese Cubes <b>Lunch</b> K-12 Sack Lunch</p>
<p>10 Pancakes &amp; Strawberries <b>Lunch</b> Crispito &amp; Corn <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots Cucs,Olives,Peaches Broc Bacon Salad</p>	<p>11 Oatmeal &amp; Toast <b>Lunch</b> BBQ Pork &amp; Baked Beans <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots Cherry Tomatoes,Peppers Pasta Salad, Pears</p>	<p>12 Mini Bagel &amp; Boiled Egg <b>Lunch</b> Meatloaf &amp; Scalloped Potatoes,GrBeans,Roll <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix Carrots,Tomatoes Peppers,Pineapple</p>	<p>13 Bac,Egg,Ch,EnglishMuffin <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Burger/Bun &amp; FF <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots Tomatoes,Broc,Celery Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>14 PancakeSausage Stick <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Pizza <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots, Diced Pepperoni Anything leftover this week</p>
<p>17 Long John &amp; Cheese <b>Lunch</b> BLT Wrap &amp; Tots <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots Tomatoes,Peppers Broc,Califlower Peaches</p>	<p>18 Egg Patty,Sausage,Biscuit <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Patty/Bun &amp; Peas <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots Snow Peas,Broc,Tomatoes Pasta Salad, Oranges</p>	<p>19 Omelet and Toast <b>Lunch</b> Mr. Rib/Bun &amp; Wedges <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots,Cucs Broc,Tomatoes Apple Slices</p>	<p>20 Muffin and Boiled Egg <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Gravy/Bisc,Carrots <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots,Broc Peppers,Cucs,Tomatoes Bananas</p>	<p>21 Cinn Roll &amp; Cheese <b>Lunch</b> Pork Fritter, Potatoes Gravy,Roll Salad Bar Romaine Mix,Carrots Anything leftover this week</p>
<p>24 Oatmeal &amp; Toast <b>Lunch</b> Goulash &amp; Corn <b>Salad Bar</b> RomaineMix,Carrots Broc,Peppers,Cucs Pears/Oranges</p>	<p>25 Biscuit &amp; Gravy <b>Lunch</b> Sloppy Joe &amp; FF <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots Peppers,Cheese Cubes Peaches/Apples</p>	<p>26 ScrEgg,HB,Toast <b>Lunch</b> Burrito &amp; Corn <b>Salad Bar</b> Romaine Mix,Carrots,Cucs Olives,Broc/Cauliflower Applesauce</p>	<p>27 Pancakes &amp; Sausage <b>Lunch</b> BBQ Chicken/Bun &amp; Wedges <b>Salad Bar</b> RomaineMix,Carrots Cherry Tomatoes,Pears</p>	<p>28 Cinn Roll &amp; Cheese <b>Lunch</b> Tomato Soup &amp; GrCheese <b>Salad Bar</b> RomaineMix,Carrots Celery,Broc Anything leftover this week</p>
<p>31 Muffin &amp; Boiled Egg <b>Lunch</b> Haystack &amp; GrBeans <b>Salad Bar</b> RomaineMix,Carrots Celery,Beets,Broc Pears</p>	<p>November 1 Brkfast Pizza <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Gravy/Biscuit Carrots <b>Salad Bar</b> RomaineMix,Carrots,Broc Celery,Califlower,Peaches</p>	<p>November 2 Waffle/Strawberries <b>Lunch</b> Sloppy Joe/Bun &amp; Peas <b>Salad Bar</b> RomaineMix,Carrots CherryTomatoes,Celery Applesauce</p>	<p>November 3 Omelet, Bacon &amp; Toast <b>Lunch</b> Crispito &amp; Refried Beans <b>Salad Bar</b> RomainMix,Carrots,Broc Celery,CherryTomatoes Mix Fruit Anything leftover for week</p>	<p>November 4 No School</p>



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