

Lamoni Community School Newsletter

September 2019

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School Board Meeting

Wed Sept 11th 6:00 pm



Reminder:

Sept 16th

Fall School Picture Day

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 3rd - 1st Day of Preschool

Sept 16- School Picture Day

Sept 20- Prof Dev No School

Sept 23-27- Homecoming Week

Sept 24- 1st Qtr Mid-term

Congratulations to the Homecoming Court:

Freshman Attendants: Trevor McDole
Emma Shields

Sophomore Attendants: Jack Greenwood
Audrey Lloyd

Junior Attendants: Ryder Rowland
Chloe Boyce

Queen Candidates:

Maddy Maedel, Pheaby Banister,
Loralei Jackel, Sara Stevenson

King Candidates:

Stephen Ansong, Michael Millslagle
Ethan Owen, Patrick Savage

Princess: Aleah Hepburn

Prince: Lucas Bell

From the Desk of Mr. Coffelt

Lamoni Community,

I had the chance to attend an event last week, in which US Congressman Dave Loebsack announced \$331,252 in grant funding through the Federal Aviation Administration for the Lamoni Municipal Airport. This funding will be used to extend the runway at the airport, is essential for growth of the airport, and provides a significant economic boost to the community. This event also gave me the opportunity to reflect on the variety of ways Lamoni School District provides meaningful learning experiences for our students.

The District received a Monsanto Farmer's Grow Rural Education grant last year, using the funds to purchase a flight simulator. In addition to allowing students to experience the thrill of flying via this simulator, the District plans to expose students to the many careers associated with aviation. The intent is to begin with a club format and eventually expand to a more formal program, allowing students to earn high school and college credit, which would ultimately provide a pathway to pursue aviation careers and training after high school.

The focus on aviation is only one of several efforts to provide engaging learning experiences for students. Consider the following investments that have been made:

- Students are able to access courses at Southwestern Community College and Graceland University.
- Access to technology for students throughout the District has increased, with the District

investing nearly \$60,000 last school year alone to provide a laptop for every student in grades 6-12.

- The Board of Education will continue that support this fall, purchasing new Chromebooks for every student in grades 3-5, at an estimated cost of \$35,000.
- The District applied for and received a \$110,000 USDA Farm to Table Grant this summer. A primary component of this grant is a partnership with Featherlite trailers, which will design and build a mobile farrowing trailer to educate students about pork production at school and during the Decatur County Fair. Increasing partnerships with area farmers to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables and utilize them in our school nutrition program is another component of this grant.
- Juniors and Seniors are able to enroll in Health Occupations, Construction Trades and Welding Academies through Southwestern Community College, earning high school and college credit, as well as learning skills and experience in high demand career pathways in our area.

Each of these are significant steps that provide our students the opportunity to explore and engage in careers and experiences that will allow students to better determine and explore their life passion and pursuit.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I look forward to the work ahead of us this year.

Sincerely,
Chris

From the Desk of Dr. Dykens

Welcome to another year. I cannot believe how fast 2019 is going as we are moving full swing into our fall semester. The Lamoni Community School District is heavily involved in starting up the new year in a positive manner.

Our extracurricular activities are underway with each of our teams just recently opening up their seasons. We would like to wish Coach Nowlin and the Football Team, Coach Taylor and the Cheer Squad, Coach Jeanes and the Volleyball Team, Coach Davis and the MS Football Team, Coach Daily and the MS Volleyball Team and our Cross Country Athletes a great fall campaign. We would also like to say welcome to our new Athletic Director Jon Hampton as he takes the reigns on his first season at the helm.

Academically, we are excited about several changes within our school system. As some of you already know we are utilizing a new departmentalization approach with our 3rd through 5th grades. This will involve the students rotating, about every 90 minutes, to a different subject and teacher. This will allow us to scaffold our academic approaches better and continue to meet the individual needs of our students. Each teacher will focus on one or two curricular areas to teach each day. This will allow teachers to grower further in depth with their subject area and formulate a plan for collaboration with their fellow teachers.

This approach, however different, is not new to education, but it is new to Lamoni. We are excited to bring this new educational approach to our upper elementary grades and hope it will allow us to take the next step forward in our

educational pursuits. Last year was a banner year for Lamoni Community Schools as our Elementary School received a Iowa School Profile rating of High Performing and our Secondary Schools received a Iowa School Profile rating of Commendable. Both of these ratings are representative of the hard work and dedication that our faculty and staff have exhibited over the last couple of years and reflective of our work moving forward. May 2019-2020 be another banner year.

In ALL We Do – PRIDE,

Dr. D



HAPPY FALL!!!



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*Lamoni Community School District
Vision, Mission, Values and Goals*

Mission:

We are dedicated to preparing students to realize their fullest potential for success in each of their chosen endeavors.

Vision:

We are dedicated to a culture of PRIDE through our pursuit of excellence, commitment to leadership, and lifelong learning for all students.

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