

Lewiston News

September 2018

Mr. Meyer's Message

Dear Families,

I would like to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! This is such an exciting time for students, parents, and the staff at Lewiston Elementary School! We all return with a renewed sense of enthusiasm, excitement, and positive energy. We welcome all of our returning students and families and are glad to see you again! If you are new to Lewiston, we are glad you are with us and look forward to getting to know you and your family. We look forward to working together to reach your full potential as a student this year!



Thank you for taking your time to read a little bit about me! I am very honored to be the Principal at Lewiston Elementary School. I come into this position with a goal to live out our district mission where we are committed to the success of every student! I see myself as an educational leader, coach, and facilitator of academic achievement who will impact the lives of all who come through the doors of Lewiston in a positive way. I hope you'll find me welcoming, positive, caring, and invested in our common cause, student growth.

I earned my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2001. I moved to Minnesota, married my high school sweetheart Liz, and began my teaching career. While in Minnesota I taught 5th-8th graders, kindergarteners, and 2nd graders. In 2006, Liz and I decided to move closer to family and ended up in Reedsburg, where we currently reside. I was hired at John Muir Elementary School in 2006 to teach 6th grade students. I loved teaching the 6th graders for three amazing years and in 2009 switched roles within the school and became the Dean of Students and Student Achievement Coach. I learned something new each day in this role and gained a wealth of experience and knowledge with school-wide systems, curriculum, and assessments. I earned my Master's Degree from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and my Educational Leadership Certification from Viterbo University. In 2013 I became the Principal at John Muir and have enjoyed every moment of my time there! I look forward to my new calling to serve the students, families, and staff here at Lewiston!

When I am not at Lewiston with my school family, I am at home with my own family! My wife and I have two amazing children, Jack and Madeline, our six year-old twins. We enjoy spending time together as a family riding bikes, going for walks, or playing games. Jack and Madeline have become an indirect member of the school family because they star in many of my teaching videos for students and staff. As Principal, I see the education of your children through the lens of an educator but also a

parent. I always ask myself the question-"Would this be good enough for my children?" Success for all children at Lewiston Elementary is what I strive for each and every day. I know we can achieve many great things together in the coming years!

Sincerely,

Jason Meyer
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 21: Count Day for the Portage School District.

Please be in attendance.

Sept. 24: No School. Teacher Inservice

Oct. 2: 4th Grade Trip to the Capitol

Oct. 4: PTO Meeting at 5:30 in the Lewiston Library

Oct. 5: Homecoming Parade in the afternoon (more details to come soon)

Oct. 10: Seal A Smile

Oct. 22: Parent Teacher Conferences 4 to 7 pm

Oct. 23: Parent Teacher Conferences 4 to 7 pm

Oct. 25: No School. Fall Break

Oct. 26: No School. Fall Break



Office News

Our School Day is 8:00-2:55. Students are considered late/tardy after 8:10 AM.

All tardy students must be walked into the main office and signed in by a parent/guardian.

For planned absences, please contact our office for pre-authorization forms.

If your child will be absent please contact the main office by 8:00 AM. 608-742-2524

Important Volunteer/Chaperone Information

Chaperones or volunteers need to complete an annual background check online at least two weeks prior to volunteering. Please use this link to locate the form.

<http://www.portage.k12.wi.us/district/volunteer-opportunities.cfm>

If you need help with this process, please call the Lewiston office at 742-2524.

The Elementary Handbook is located online

You may view it by going to

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FNybogXI_jfCS9WACDITeCtk4bqHIBInJYnAlPazkwc/edit

A Handbook form will be coming home with your child today. Please review the handbook with your child/children. **Please return the handbook form by 9-21-18.**



Cafeteria

Please click on the link for September Lunch Menu.

<https://www.portage.k12.wi.us/district/lunch.cfm>

Please ask the office for Free and Reduced applications any time throughout the year.



Nursing

Medication at School

Students who require medication during the school day must have a Medication Request/Consent form on file and complete before any medication may be given to a student. The school nurse will review the order before any medication is given to a student. These forms must include a signature from the parent or legal guardian.

Medications must come in the original package. The pharmacy label must be attached and include:

Child's name

Name of medication

Date

Dose

Route

Time to be given

Prescriber



Please refer to School Board Policy 540A for details.

Please click on the link to view/print Medication Request/Consent form.

<https://www.portage.k12.wi.us/district/medication.cfm>

All staff who give medication to students have had the Department of Public Instruction required training as well as a skill competency with the school nurse. Staff are expected to follow district procedures related to administering medications to any student. The parent or legal guardian is expected to provide any and all medications for their child. The district does not provide any medications to students.

Options for self carry, self administration of medications at the elementary level are included in the policy. Both parent/guardian and prescriber must agree to self carry, self administer and indicate this on the school form.

Medications shall not be sent to and from school via a child, unless the medication is a self carry, self administer and paperwork is on file in the school office. Students shall not share medications with others as listed in the student handbook.

The school nurse is available to you as a resource, please do not hesitate to call for support and guidance. Mrs. Hon covers all elementary buildings and may be reached at 608/742-4867, ext 4131, 608/697-4912, or honv@portage.k12.wi.us

Backpack Program

The goal of the program is to provide nonperishable food items for students to take home on the weekends and long breaks during the school year.

The Backpack Program hopes to reduce food anxiety so that students can have more positive social, emotional, and academic outcomes in school.

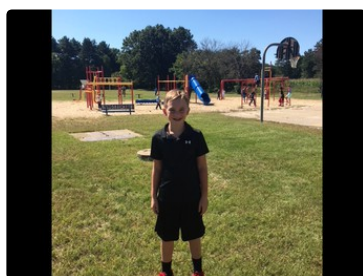
For more information about this program please visit
<https://sites.google.com/portage.k12.wi.us/portage-community-schools-back/home>

Portage Community Schools Backpack Program



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portage.k12.wi.us/lewiston



**Lewiston School
wins Summer
Reading Trophye!**



**Dawn Foster
presents the
Summer Reading
Trophy to
Lewiston students!**



**Lewiston students
win Summer
Reading Trophye
for the second year
in a row! Woot!
Woot!**

