

### **Principal's Message**

The first semester flew by at a fast pace. For students, the winter break is a good time to reflect on what worked well for them and what they would like to improve. It is a great time to reflect on previous goals that were set and to set new goals for the second semester. We encourage our students to reach out to their teachers or counselors if they feel like they need additional help. I also want to remind parents that help is available from teachers every morning from 7:10 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. and there are still a few spots available in our after school program.

We have many important events coming up during the second semester. Scholars Bowl will have their first competitions in January, boy's basketball will begin practice, and counselors will begin visiting classes to talk about pre-enrollment for next year. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on February 7 and 8 and a sign-up for those conferences will go out towards the end of January. We have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming semester.

We want to wish all of our families Happy Holidays! We hope everyone enjoys their break and we look forward to having students return to us on Wednesday, January 4.

- Scott Chrisman, Principal

### **School Board Appreciation Month**

January marks the start of a brand new, exciting year. It is also when we celebrate School Board Appreciation Month, a time to express our gratitude to the dedicated individuals who serve on our Board of Education(BOE).

In addition to welcoming our newest board member, January is also a time to look forward and set goals for the coming year. Follow us on social media as we feature what our board members are looking forward to in 2024. Their excitement for our district demonstrates their ongoing commitment to provide the best possible education for our students and helps us get to know them a little better.

As we move into the new year, let us remember to celebrate the achievements of our district and to support our BOE in their ongoing efforts to provide a high-quality educational experience for our students. Together, we can finish out the school year strong!



### 7/8 Lady Mustangs Finish 3rd

The seventh grade basketball team finished their season at the League Tournament on Monday, December 11, against Goddard. It was an exciting rematch with the Mustangs winning 35-26 and earning 3rd place in the tournament. The B-Team ended the season with a record of 12 wins and 4 losses and the A-Team finished with 9 wins and 7 losses.





The eighth grade team headed into the tournament as the 5th seed. On Saturday, December 10, they knocked off the 4th seeded Goddard team to secure them a place in the 3rd place game against Goddard Eisenhower. They won the game 30-24 and also finished in 3rd place in the league tournament. The B-Team ended the season with a record of 12 wins and 2 losses and the A-Team finished with 6 wins and 9 losses. Awesome job to both basketball teams!

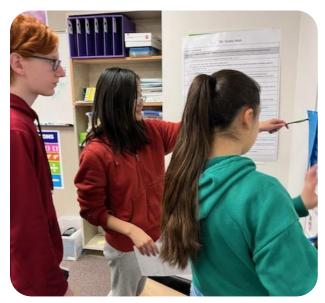
### **Mustang Wrestling Recap**

Wrestling season at Lakewood was full of success and moments to learn. Overall the team went 2-8 in team duels with some close losses. Our athletes showed up and gave maximum effort for all of their matches, the athletes did not disappoint with effort and tenacity.



Lakewood hosted the division two league tournament and as a team, the Mustangs entered the tournament tied with the least number of athletes yet ended the tournament in 4th out of 6 teams. The team battled through numerous obstacles to have 2 league champions and 1 league runner-up. The season was a success with a lot of hope for future seasons.





#### **LMS Math Department**

Students have been working hard to develop their perseverance and resilience as they increase their knowledge and ability working with ratios, proportions, rates, unit rates, percentages, functions and inequalities.

The end of the semester brings the winter interim state assessment practice tests and the mid-year iReady math checkpoint, which will both give good data on how students are progressing towards mastery of grade-level standards.

### Monthly Breakfasts with BLT Held During the First Semester

Students are invited monthly to have breakfast with Building Leadership Team members and discuss all matters Lakewood. Hearing our students' voices help create a culture of ownership & teamwork for both staff and students.



### **LMS Science Department**

The eighth grade students are working on forces and laws of motion. The seventh grade just finished a study on plant and animal behavior. They also conducted labs on dissection and discovery. The sixth grade finished the first semester with a squid dissection.



#### **Second Quarter S.T.a.R. Culture Incentives**

The administration and staff take pride in the Safe, Teachable, and Respectful culture at Lakewood Middle School. Second quarter was a filled with numerous incentives being awarded to students who are adding to that S.T.a.R. culture...WAY TO GO MUSTANGS!

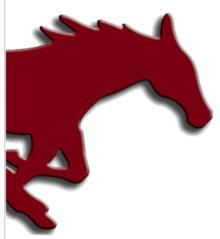
- Quarter 2 Building Goal "Zero Missing Assignments" Afternoon Snacks Incentive
- Quarter 2 S.T.a.R. Culture Drawings
- Quarter 2 Lunchroom S.T.a.R. Behavior Pizza Incentive
- Top Chocolate Sales Catered Lunches











## LMS S.T.a.R. Student Incentive Drawings

Week: 11/27 - 12/1 Goal: Zero Tardies



6th Georgia Thomas



6th Kayson Cash



7th Ava Bailey



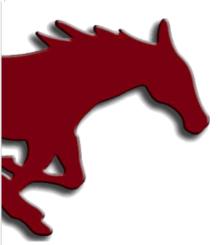
7th Kaid Nightingale



8th Nayeli Lemaster



8th Abigail Davis



# LMS S.T.a.R. Student Incentive Drawings

Week: 12/4 - 12/8

Goal: Zero Missing Assignments



6th Alana Larson



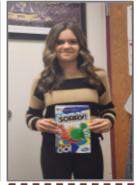
6th Gabby Ostmeyer



7th Obbed Gonzalez-Mendez



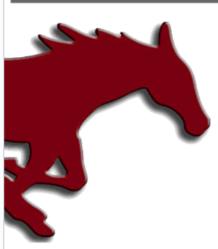
7th Aida Thomas



8th Briah Wallace



8th Eden Arb



### LMS S.T.a.R. Student Incentive Drawings

Week: 12/11 - 12/15

Goal: Zero Tardies & Missing Assignments













6th Maya Brown-Mereles

6th Ryan Dupy

7th Nahely Moreno -Belmarez

7th Raylin Jensen

8th Imani De La Cruz

8th Carlie McMichael

### The Lakewood Mustang "S.T.a.R." Culture

Expectations are set for students at Lakewood Middle School to come to school and conduct themselves in a Safe, Teachable, and Respectful manner. By doing so, learning and growth can take place for all students. Our incentive program is designed to acknowledge students who add to this culture and show success in their academic and social/emotional growth.

We are proud of our MUSTANGS!

- Mr. Chrisman



### **Building Resilient Schools and Homes**

Learn how to create safe, connected and problem-solving environments that allow adults and kids to function in their best brain state! Who Should Attend? Free and open to all adults

Through this social-emotional program, we will learn to discipline ourselves to help our children learn. Conscious Discipline provides an array of behavior management strategies that anyone can use to **turn everyday situations into learning opportunities.** 

Building Resilient Schools and Homes is a 10-week E-Learning course from Conscious Discipline. Attendees will be provided with:

- One graduate credit from MidAmerica Nazarene University is available to certified staff. Information will be given at the first class.
- FREE KDHE Hours are also available for sessions attended in person.
- Material resources
- Individual registration for E-Learning course
- · Free childcare for ages 2+, limited slots available
- Snacks

### **Ouestions?**

Contact Jody at jody.craddockiselin@usd305.com



Register by scanning the QR code. Registration will close one week before the first day of class.







January 2024

### January 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
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- · Classes Resume on January 4
- · January 8: Scholars Bowl, 3:30 p.m. @ Maize
- January 9: Spelling Bee, 4:00 p.m. @ Lakewood
- January 11: Scholars Bowl, 3:30 p.m. @Haysville West
- January 15: NO SCHOOL
- Boys Basketball 4:00 p.m. @ Hays
- · January 16: Scholars Bowl 4:00 p.m. @ Haysville
- · January 18: Site Council, 12:00 p.m. @ LMS
- January 22: Boys Basketball, 5:00 p.m. @ Andover Central
- January 23: Scholars Bowl, 4:00 p.m. @ Prairie Hills, Boys Basketball, 5:00 p.m. @ Great Bend
- January 25: Boys Basketball, 5:00 p.m. @ Hutchinson
- · January 27: Boys Basketball, 9:00 a.m. @ LMS
- January 29: Boys Basketball, 4:00 p.m. @ Andover
- January 30: Scholars Bowl, 4:00 p.m. @ Circle



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