



Lakewood Middle

Home of the Mustangs

Principal's Message

In the month of December, we will begin administering a couple of important benchmarks for learning. The first week in December, students will take a Fastbridge eReading assessment. This is a computer-administered adaptive screening that measures broad reading ability and predicts overall reading achievement. In order to take an Advanced Reading class (7th grade) or Advanced ELA class (8th grade) a student must score in the college proficiency range (70th percentile) and score at a 3 or 4 on the Kansas State Assessment.

Students will also take the Kansas State Assessment Interim in Math and English from December 7-12. This assessment gives us a good understanding of the critical skills a student may be lacking and allows our staff to get a better understanding of what skills need to be retaught.

Lastly, on January 10 students will take their iReady winter benchmark in Math. This diagnostic will show us how much each student has learned so far this year in Math. Our goal is for each student to show at least 50% of a years growth by the winter diagnostic. If a student is interested in taking Advanced Math as a 7th or 8th grader, they must score at a 3 or 4 on the Kansas State Assessment and score in the 80th percentile on their winter iReady diagnostic.

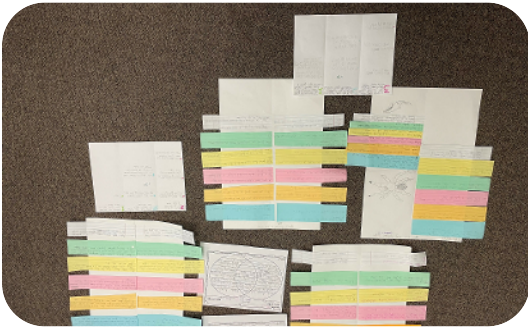
Our goal is to create an environment where students and staff have a growth mindset and use the results of these assessments to celebrate how far they have come and to challenge themselves with future learning goals. If you are wondering how you can help your student with Math, you can always have them login to their personalized learning path in iReady. Students login to this through Clever.

We encourage all of our students to do their best on these assessments!

- Scott Chrisman, Principal



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LMS Reading

Intensive Reading students are learning to recognize text structures. They recently read two passages, made a comparison chart, and finally a venn diagram showing similarities and differences. Reading 6 students are beginning a novel study on a book called "Touching Spirit Bear" by Ben Mikaelson. Reading 7 students are reading "The Outsiders."



LMS Orchestra

Seventeen LMS seventh and eighth grade orchestra students were selected for the Wichita Suburban League Honor Orchestra this year! The students traveled to Andover Central Middle School on November 11 to rehearse with a guest clinician and give a concert. Congratulations to Imani De La Cruz, KaraJo Kingsbury, Carlie McMichael, Yashika Vashisth, Lilly Ramirez, Jennifer Divas, Mekayla Ashiedu, Kathryn Johnson, Brylee Swanson, Lennon Chronister, Izabella Tatro, Eden Arb, Timothy Rose, Kevia Pennyfeather, Soyer Morgan, Ryley Smith, and Avry Hendricks.



LMS FACS

In Ms. Stone's class, FACS 1 is working in the culinary field with labs that allow students to make homemade biscuits, butter, and no bake cookies. FACS 2 is working with homemade pasta and pesto, sushi, and soft pretzels. At the end of December, students will be completing a holiday cookie decorating contest. In Ms. Carraway's class, students have recently completed learning necessary skills for healthy eating and living a healthy life while also learning basic kitchen safety and cooking skills. Students have been working on interior design by creating a digital "dream home."



Lakewood Student Flea Market

On November 8, all seventh graders participated in a Flea Market in Mr. Brungardt and Mr. MacKinney's social studies classes. Students were able to bring in small items from home and trade with other students throughout the hour for items that they thought were bigger and better than what they started with originally. The goal of the activity was to allow students to understand how trading works on a small scale and then be able to relate it to larger scale trading among countries.



LMS Science Teachers Attend National Conference

Lakewood sixth grade science teachers Ashley Humiston and Renee Toms traveled to Kansas City at the end of October to attend the National Science Teacher Association's National Conference. They attended many workshops that covered a variety of topics and participated in a dissection workshop that demonstrated the functions of organs. They learned how to drive instruction based on natural phenomenon that occurs on Earth and the importance of creating authentic learning opportunities within the middle school science classroom. They brought back a few critters, including caterpillars that are currently turning into butterflies, animal organs to help demonstrate organ function, and many resources from science vendors to help enhance instruction.





Chocolate Sales Incentive Party Celebrates Lakewood Students

On Friday, November 17, students attended an incentive party for their participation in the all-school fundraiser, selling the popular Words Finest Chocolate Bars. For each box sold, students received an incentive.

During the party, students had ice cream, competed in contests for prizes, had chances to spin the "money wheel," listened to music, and played games. *Thank you Mustangs for supporting your school!*



Lakewood Jazz Band Performs at Festival

The Lakewood Jazz Bands recently performed at the McPherson College Jazz Festival. The groups played pieces of contrasting styles and were judged by jazz professionals and given feedback on stage.

The LMS 7th grade Jazz Band got a rating of an excellent "2", and the LMS Eighth Grade Jazz Band received all superior "1" ratings and a plaque. Students got to see jazz bands from other schools perform as well as experience a college campus and cafeteria for lunch. Students were excited to experience jazz and see how they stacked up against the other schools.





Teacher of the Month



Chelsey Crawford-Cline
8th Grade United States History



Students of the Week



Hailey Wilson

8th Grade



Ava Gunderson

7th Grade



Journi Leones

6th Grade



Irene Grugnale

6th Grade



December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Calendar of Events

2: Robotics Competition at 8:00 a.m

5: Orchestra Concert at 7:00 p.m.
(Central High Auditorium)

18: Band & Vocal Concert at 7:00 p.m.
(LMS Big Gym)

19: End of Second Quarter

20-29: Winter Break: NO SCHOOL

Classes Resume on **JANUARY 4**



New graduation requirements will begin with the class of 2028. The changes are designed to enhance students' post-secondary success and help them reach their potential and thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Check out the Frequently Asked Questions for more information: <https://www.usd305.com/cms/one.aspx?pageId=23647450>

(You can also look under the Students tab at the top of our website or read the featured story on our homepage, www.usd305.com.)



LMS Robotics Competition

We want to wish our LMS robotics team good luck at their regional tournament on Saturday, December 2. The competition will take place at Lakewood Middle School. Robotics is a fantastic way that our students improve proficiency and enthusiasm for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).

Whether a student is interested in aviation, AI, medicine, programming, or any of the other applications robotics are used in, Robotics is a way we can generate interest in STEAM careers. Our robotics students recently went to the Hangar Clinic and learned about prosthetics for their innovation project (pictured below).

Good luck Mustangs!



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