

Lakeview Community Schools *Viking Voyager*

September 2025

Issue 1



From the Desk of the Superintendent

A new year brings new beginnings. I know that may sound cliché, but isn't that what we always say each year, each milestone, each change? This year is certainly a big change for me personally, but instead of focusing on that, I want to talk about something that matters for all of us: the **Power of Moments**.

As students, staff, and parents step back into the structure and the hustle of school life, it's easy to get swept up in the daily grind, always looking ahead to the next week, the next game, the next quarter. But when you stop and think about what really sticks with you, it's usually not the big things. It's the little things.

Think back over just the last week. What stands out? Chances are, it's the small stuff: when someone offered a kind word, when you figured something out that felt tough, when you were recognized or simply felt seen. When we look back it reminds us that those are often the things that matter most. Unfortunately, they're also the easiest to overlook. One negative event can feel so loud that it drowns out dozens of positives.

So, as we start this year, I want to challenge you to give those small, positive moments the spotlight. At the end of each day, pause to remember at least three things that made you proud, made you smile, or reminded you of the good in your day. What you'll discover is that once you start looking, you'll find far more than three. Even better, look for ways to create those little moments for others.

This year will bring plenty of milestones: many "firsts" for our youngest students, and some bittersweet "lasts" for our graduating seniors. Let's not rush past them. Let's celebrate the small things, hold onto the good moments, and, most importantly, be the reason someone else has one to remember.

We are Lakeview!

Rick Meyer
Superintendent
Lakeview Community Schools

SUPERINTENDENT **First Year Follies**

Every month, I'll share one of my "rookie mistakes" as a way of keeping things light and reminding us all that learning never stops, even for superintendents.

Here's my first: this city slicker had no idea what a lagoon was actually used for. Thankfully, I googled it before doing any first-hand "exploring." Let's just say that was a moment I'm glad to have avoided!

LAKEVIEW FBLA NEWSLETTER

EDUCATION



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UPCOMING EVENTS

* Membership

Join Today! Membership forms are due by October 1st with your \$15 dues.

* Blue Pride Cards

Blue Pride Cards will be available for purchase mid-September. The cost is \$10 and all profits benefit the student's trips & activities!

* Fall Leadership Conference

The officer team will be traveling to Midland University on October 1st to attend workshops and enhance their leadership role.



National Leadership Conference

Five FBLA members attended the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA June 27th - July 2nd. At the conference, students attended workshops, networked with others, and competed at the highest level. A highlight of the conference was being recognized during the opening session in front of 12,000 attendees for our Lead4Change projects (picture below) and being selected to meet the keynote speaker, Thrive Causemetics CEO Karissa Bodner (picture above).

While in Anaheim, students got to visit the beach, spend a day at Disneyland, and tour Los Angeles. Thank you to Lakeview Community Schools, Lakeview Booster Club, and parents for allowing these students to compete at the national level.

Computer Applications: Vivienne Mulder

Community Service Project: Lexi Blaser & Brooklynn Jarecki

Local Chapter Annual Business Report: Elle Badstieber & Abby Ellsworth

Electronic Career Portfolio: Lexi Blaser



Lakeview High School

Lead4Change Grant

Columbus Area Holiday Spirit, Team December to Remember

COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be shared through the following methods of communication. If you ever have any questions about a scholarship, please reach out to Mrs. Paige Rambour at the information below.

- School email: as scholarships come through my office, I will email out the application and deadline to allseniorsviatheir schoolemail.
- CounselorWebsite: The linkwilltakeyoutomyscholarshipwebsite.Allscholarshipinformationwillbe posted herealong with deadlinesandeligibilityinformation.

ACE (Access College Early) Scholarship

- Does your student qualify for free and reduced lunch and is currently taking a college or dual credit course? They could be eligible for the ACE scholarship to help cover their tuition cost.
 - <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/access-college-early-ace-scholarship-program>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Lakeview High School Graduation Requirements:

English.....	40 credits
Mathematics.....	30 credits
Social Studies.....	30 credits
Science.....	30 credits
Physical Education I.....	5 credits
Intro to Business Communications.....	5 credits
Info Technology Applications.....	5 credits
Information Technology Fundamentals.....	5 credits
Speech Intro.....	5 credits
Health.....	5 credits
Careers	5 credits
Personal Finance.....	5 credits
Electives.....	70 credits
TOTAL.....	240 credits

*Each semester class is worth 5 credits, with the exception of a TA or study hall

Instagram:

Stay up to date with counseling information by following @lhsvikingscounselor



I will post scholarships, events going on in the counseling department and opportunities for students to help provide one more avenue of communication for students and parents. Follow me!

NEW FAFSA INFORMATION

The FAFSA is expected to open October 1st, 2025



First Steps

FAFSA: New High School Graduation Requirement

What is the new state law?

Starting with the class of 2025, Nebraska law requires all public high school students to complete and submit a FAFSA (or actively opt out) as a graduation requirement. This is known as Universal FAFSA.

Why does this law exist?

Universal FAFSA ensures that all Nebraska seniors complete the FAFSA, unlocking federal financial aid and encouraging them to consider further education beyond high school.

Why is completing the FAFSA a graduation requirement?

Completing the FAFSA informs students about their financial aid options, enabling them to make smarter decisions about their post-secondary education.

How will this benefit Nebraska students?

In 2022, half of Nebraska graduates didn't file the FAFSA, missing out on an estimated \$23 million in aid. This initiative helps reach the goal of 70% of Nebraskans earning a diploma, degree, or industry credential by 2030.

Where can I direct questions about Universal FAFSA?

Contact the Nebraska Department of Education:
<https://www.education.ne.gov/fafsa>

How to Create a Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID)

Before you complete the FAFSA, you and the parent(s) who provided the most financial support will need to create FSA IDs. They must be verified by the Social Security Administration, which can take up to 3 days.

Follow these steps:

1. Go to studentaid.gov and click on Create Account.
2. Enter personal information.
 - Legal name, date of birth, Social Security Number.
 - Email address, mailing address, mobile phone number.
 - Both you and a parent will need individual email accounts. Don't use a high school email account.
3. Answer challenge questions. Select answers that are easy to remember and won't change over time.
4. Enter validation codes to confirm your mobile number and email, or set up the Authenticator App.
5. Save your information.

Student Username: _____
Password: _____
Backup Code: _____
Parent Username: _____
Password: _____
Backup Code: _____



Omaha
402.391.4033

Lincoln
402.475.5222

Kearney
308.234.6310

Scottsbluff
308.708.7199

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What if I choose not to complete the FAFSA?

For parents that choose not to complete the FAFSA, there will be an opt out form that will be available to families. The school will share this form with families in December after the FAFSA has been made available.

FAFSA HELP

Do you have questions or need assistance on filling out the FAFSA? EducationQuest is a great resource for Nebraska families. They have offices in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney, but also do phone or virtual appointments to assist families outside of those areas. EducationQuest has put together a series of videos with details on each step of the FAFSA process. I highly encourage parents and families to view these videos and reach out to them for assistance, if needed. All EducationQuest services are free.

<https://educationquest.org/>



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High School Counselor

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Level Up: 2025-2026

ACT Test Dates



*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

 Test Date

 Regular Registration Deadline

 Late Registration Deadline (fees apply)



No Time To Register?

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Fechas de examen para 2025-2026

 AGO. 1	 SEP. 6	 SEP. 12	 OCT. 18	 NOV. 7	 DIC. 13
 AGO. 19		 SEP. 30		 NOV. 24	
 ENE. 9	 FEB. 14	 MAR. 6	 ABR. 11	 MAYO 8	 JUN. 13
 ENE. 23		 MAR. 24		 MAYO 29	
 JUN. 5	 JUL. 11				
 JUN. 24					

**No hay centros de examen programados para la fecha de examen de julio en Nueva York.*

-  Fecha de examen
-  Fecha límite de inscripción normal
-  Fecha límite de inscripción tardía (con costo)

¿No tienes tiempo para inscribirte?

¡Regístrate para recibir un recordatorio de las fechas límite para la inscripción!

act.org/bts



Mejora tu preparación para los exámenes

ACT ofrece preparación para el examen para cada estilo de aprendizaje con lecciones de video en vivo, preguntas de práctica interactivas, exámenes de práctica completos y tutoriales a demanda. Explora tus opciones de preparación para el examen, incluido un examen de práctica gratuito, en act.org/prep.



Platte Center Elementary August Birthday Assembly

Platte Center Elementary School honored students who celebrated their birthdays during the summer months of June and July, along with those who have birthdays in August. We recognized a total of eleven students with June birthdays, six students with July birthdays, and twelve students with August birthdays.



Platte Center Elementary August Birthday Assembly

Platte Center students have the opportunity to earn the Viking Way Award by following the Viking Way Expectations. August award winners Oaklynn Sprunk from the third grade class and Deco Espiritu from the first grade class. Oaklynn was chosen because she is such a tremendous helper in her classroom and leads with a quiet strength, always following directions and showing respect for the rules. She takes pride in her work, and it shows in the effort and care that she puts into everything she does. She especially shines when it comes to helping classmates who need extra support—her kindness and patience make such a difference. With strong character, a positive mindset, and academic dedication, she is a wonderful role model who makes the classroom a better place. Deco always comes into the classroom with a smile and is ready to work hard. He is a good friend, a great helper, and on task and ready to learn, and he does a great job following the Viking Way. His teacher knows that she can count on him to make good choices and do the right thing.



Students at Platte Center also have the chance to earn the Integrity Award for demonstrating the right behavior, even when no one is watching. The August Integrity Award was presented to Maisie Rice, a Kindergarten student. Maisie is a quiet yet diligent student who consistently tries her best to follow the rules, puts forth her best effort, and treats her classmates with respect and kindness. Her sweet and thoughtful nature make her a valued member of her class.

Platte Center Elementary August Birthday Assembly

This year, Mr. Nygren opted for a refreshing change from the usual dance-off competition. For August, he introduced a friendly trivia contest. A student was selected from each of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. The first student to answer three trivia questions correctly earned the pipe puppy and traveling pineapple for their class to showcase and name until the next assembly. Aubriella from the sixth grade was the first to successfully answer three questions.



CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH;
BREAK FORTH INTO JOYOUS SONG AND SING PRAISES! PSALM 98:4

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Christ Lutheran Happenings

"Welcome back to another great school year! Our theme this year is Make a Joyful Noise, and we plan on doing just that on Education Sunday when our school choir sings for the first time. We hope you can join us as we bless our backpacks, give Bibles to our new preschool students and 2nd graders, catechisms to our 3rd graders, and commission our teachers for another year in the classroom. We have a wonderful team this year, we are truly blessed with the best!

Ashley Frese - Upper Grades, VB Coach

Colleen Belitz - Middle Grades

Cassandra Splittgerber - Lower Grades, Head Teacher, Music Director

Abigail Huntley - Pre-Kindergarten

Katie Nelsen - Preschool

Megan Stromberg - Teacher Aide

Ann Hart - Preschool Aide

Upcoming Dates

- Sep 1st - NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY
- Sep 8th - Granparents Day
- Sep 9th - School Picture Day!
- Sep 21st - Education Sunday: Sunday School at 9AM, Worship at 10AM



**Our Monday Morning
Devotions! A tradition that
gets us off to a great week!**



**Our theme for the Year
Designed by Ashley!**



**Kindergarten and 1st
grade girls having fun!**

St. John's Lutheran School Newsletter

"Fruits of the Spirit"

We're off to a fantastic start at St. John's after a seemingly short Summer break! The first day back was all about getting to know our teachers and routines, and we welcomed four new kindergartners and an eighth grader to our wonderful school family. After unpacking their new school supplies, the children got acquainted with each other. Pastor Paul led everyone in a chapel service, followed by fun activities centered around this year's theme: Fruits of the Spirit. The students created fruit bead keychains, acting out Fruits of the Spirit charades, solving puzzles, and creating artwork related to the theme. They also enjoyed a healthy snack of delicious fruit salad! The preschool back-to-school Open House was held on August 14th, and their first day of classes was Monday, August 18th. Preschool and PreKindergarten welcomed 12 students this year. We are excited to be back and are eagerly anticipating Grandparents' Day on Sept 5th and the upcoming Burger Bash/Theme Sunday on Sept 21st.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" Galatians 5:22-23









LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Special Education Para-Educator (Shell Creek)
 - Part-Time Kitchen Help (Shell Creek)
 - Student Services Driver (District)
 - Head Boys Soccer Coach
 - Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
 - Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach
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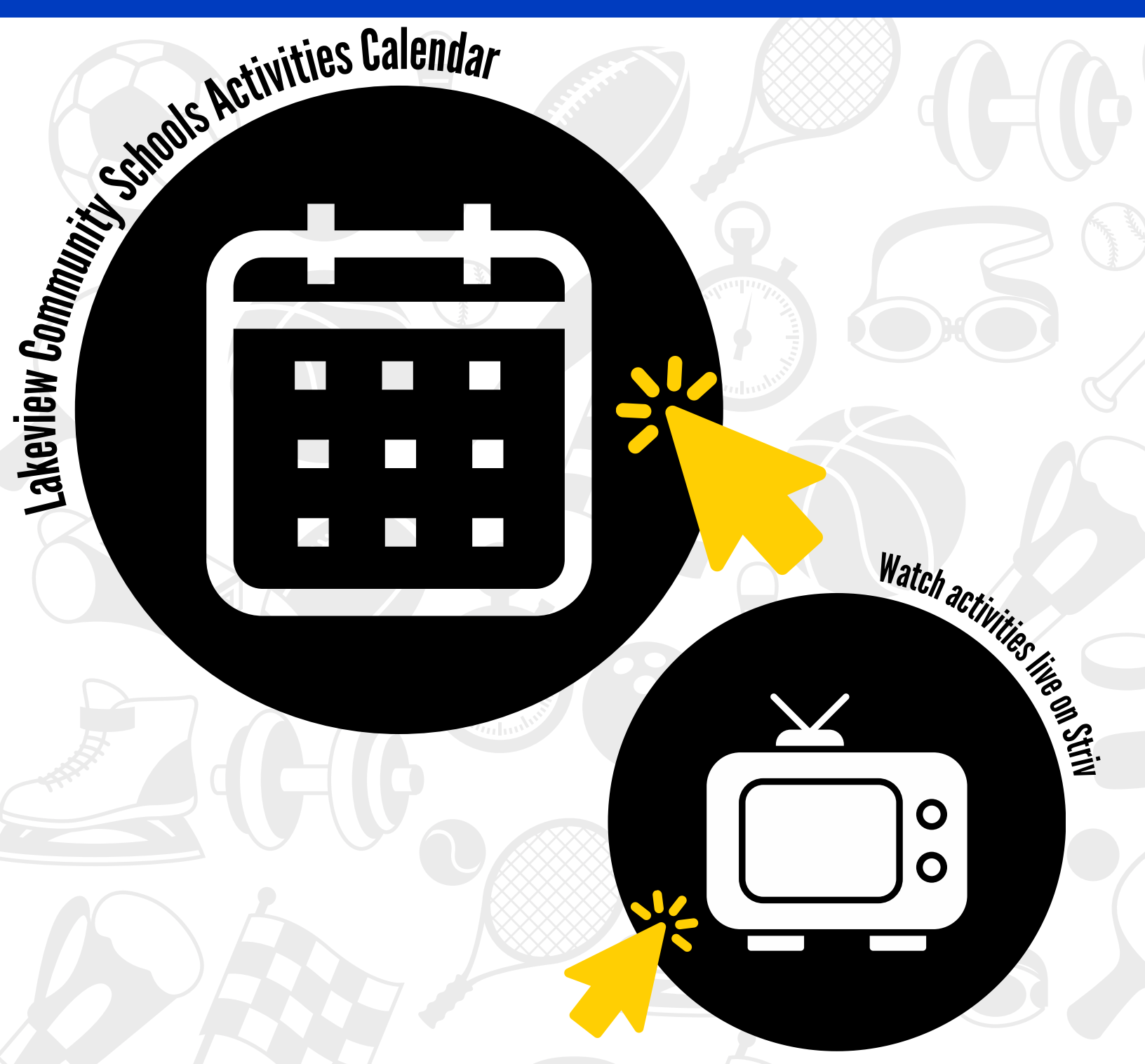


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For more information about these opportunities, please visit our website at www.lakeview.esu7.org

Lakeview Community Schools

ACTIVITIES



Community Resources

[Columbus Area Mental Health and Counseling Services](#)

[Community Response](#): to assist children, youth and families to be healthy and resilient through a prevention network of community resources.

[Community Response contact information:](#)

Email: rmiksche@columbusunitedway.com

Office: 402-564-5661

Locations:

1119 B Street
Schuyler, NE

3214 25th St, Ste 2
Columbus, NE

[Columbus Area Service Directory](#)

Lakeview Resources

- Need to talk to someone? Does your family have any basic needs that are not being met?

➔ Mrs. Mollie Rambour, Junior High & Platte Center School Counselor

➔ Mrs. Hellbusch, Shell Creek School Counselor

➔ Mrs. Paige Rambour, High School Counselor

[99 Coping Skills](#)

[Mindfulness Practice Cards](#)

[101 Positive Things to Say to Myself](#)

[Your Life Your Voice Website](#)

Hotlines/ Helplines

Your Life Your Voice- Boystown National Hotline:

☎ 1-800-448-3000

 Text "Voice" to 20121

Crisis Response- use in case of an emergency or mental health crisis:

☎ (402) 564-3264

National Suicide and Crisis Hotline:


☎ 988
☎ 800-273-8255 (TALK)

DHHS Child Abuse and Neglect:

☎ 800-652-1999

211 Helpline:

☎ 2-1-1 or 402-444-6666

 Text your zip code (68601) to 898211

September 2025

Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 Meatball sub Sun chips Baked beans	3 Cheeseburger casserole Peas Bread stick	4 Popcorn chicken Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	5 Pizza Green beans Cookie	6 Fruit & Veggie bar offer daily
7	8 Hamburger Fries Carrots	9 Cream chicken Biscuit Mixed veggies	10 Hotdog Mac cheese Peas	11 Chicken Quesadilla Green beans Cookie	12 Sloppy joes Baked beans Sun chips	13 Grab n go meals offered daily 7-12
14	15 Pizza Peas Cookie	16 Pulled pork Baked beans Sun chips	17 Baked pasta. Green beans Bread stick	18 Chicken nuggets Fries Carrots	19 Hamburgers Mac cheese Corn	20 Offered daily obj milk and water
21	22 Mandarin orange chicken Rice Broccoli Fortune cookie	23 Ham cheese sandwich Tri potatoes Baked beans	24 Grab N Go lunch	25 Corn dogs Mac cheese Peas	26 NO SCHOOL	27 This institution is <u>a</u> equal opportunity employer
28	29 Breaded beef steak Mashed potatoes Mixed veggies Roll	30 Pork nachos with Cheese sauce Refried beans Corn				

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school events, lunch
account information,
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**¡Las Escuelas
Comunitarias de
Lakeview quieren
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**Para recibir
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importantes sobre cierres
de escuelas, cambios de
horario, eventos
escolares, información de
la cuenta de almuerzo y
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