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Monthly Newsletter

LANE INTERMEDIATE



THE PATRIOT WAY

At Lane Intermediate, we believe that being **kind**, having **respect**, being **responsible** and becoming successful members of the **community** are the four things needed by our students. By adding these shared values and goals into our school we are creating a positive school climate where students can learn and grow.

★ Lane ★ Patriots	Academic Skills	Self-Management Skills	Social Skills	Life Skills
Kind	We are actively engaged in our learning.	We accept our strengths and leverage them to overcome our weaknesses.	We help each other throughout our school day.	We create trusting relationships by listening respectfully and treating each other with kindness
Respect	We adapt to meet the expectations of different settings.	We reflect to understand the impact of our choices on the community.	We take ownership of our actions and words and their impact on the community.	We support all members of our learning community.
Responsible	We establish (learn) & utilize organizational and study skills.	We are self-directed learners that complete work independently, know how to ask for guidance, and accept feedback as a learning tool.	We create short and long term goals and work towards them to improve ourselves and the community.	We believe (know) that learning happens through challenging ourselves and working together.
Community	We advocate for each other and use our resources.	We excel by managing our time and behavior appropriately so that all can learn.	We empathize with our peers and positively contribute to our school and our community.	We collaborate to achieve personal and group success allowing for all voices to be heard.

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★ KIND ★ RESPECT ★ RESPONSIBLE ★ COMMUNITY ★

Principal Pledl's Ponderings

November 2020



Whew...Please take a second to pause and take a deep breath. November is here and it has been a fun and challenging first two months of the school year, but we are doing this together. Earlier in the year I talked about the importance of communication, flexibility and understanding to get through these challenging times, and I wanted to take a moment to thank you for embracing those characteristics as we navigate what is the 2020-2021 school year.

I have seen examples of communication, flexibility and understanding from everyone in the Lane community. From our students, to our parents, to our staff and our community. I am extremely grateful for that, and I am honored to be a part of such a supportive school community.

November is a time to give thanks, and I have been reflecting on things that I am grateful for this year. While the pandemic is challenging I am thankful that I have been able to be more present for our two year old son and our one month old daughter. I am thankful for the support from our parents to hold us accountable as a school and to encourage us to get better. I am thankful for the many conversations that I have had with parents where I was able to slow down and laugh with them about our circumstances. I am thankful for our students that are demonstrating tremendous resilience and grit as they go through this pandemic. Even in hard times there are things to be thankful for, and most importantly I am thankful to be your principal.

As a staff we have begun our evaluation and professional development process for the year. We have been having conversations around things you are proud of this year and things that are challenging. Through these conversations there have been many instances where a teacher has told me that due to the challenges of virtual learning they have had to get better in an area of their practice. While virtual learning is hard there is also tremendous opportunity to grow and improve what we are doing as a school, to provide our students with a better educational experience.

I challenge you to take some time to reflect on some things that you are thankful for this year, and I challenge you to take some time to contemplate how the challenges of the pandemic have allowed you to grow as a person. In order to get through this it is essential to keep your self talk positive. Please join our staff in trying to maintain a focus on the opportunity and positives that are all around us during these challenging times.

Dare to be great,

Josiah Pledl

Principal Lane Intermediate School



STUDENT SERVICES

November 2020

As a Student Services Team, we want to wholeheartedly thank you for the support and learning you have provided for your child(ren) in the virtual learning environment. We recognize the dual role and difficulty in overseeing your child's education at home and taking care of your family as a parent. You are so valued and appreciated.

A main goal of Student Services is to maintain ongoing communication with our families to facilitate the academic, emotional, and social growth of all our Lane students. A number of resources and activities have been implemented in this endeavor and are highlighted below.

Academic Study Hall.

Communication was sent via email to all Lane families about our academic study hall held on Wednesdays at four different times throughout the day. Both teacher advisors from WEB and FBLA and peer tutors are available to help your child get back on track academically. Students with two or more Fs in core academic classes or three or more Fs in classes overall will be assigned to study hall. You have either been contacted or will be contacted by your child's school counselor for assignment to the study hall. Other students are encouraged to use this resource as may be needed.

Click here for: [Academic Study Hall Sign Up](#)

Counseling Services.

Some of our families have been able to navigate this challenging time with more ease than others. We have seen this through results of our parent family survey and from many conversations with our families. Please know therapy services are available for students and can include work with families. All sessions are held virtually. The emotional and mental well-being of our students is vital to their learning. Please contact one of the Lane School Counselors to make arrangements.

Click here for: [Crisis/Hope & Help Lines](#)

Lunch Bunch.

Snack Attack Lunch Bunch. Every Tuesday and Thursday during sixth grade lunch and Global lunch time, sixth graders can eat, share a laugh, and form friendships. This is a great time for our youngest students to socialize and feel a deeper connection to their peers and Lane.

Social Emotional Learning.

During October and early November, counselors delivered lessons on the signs of suicide to all our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. As we head toward winter, with the pandemic still unresolved, there is a rise in feelings of isolation, anxiety, and depressive symptoms among students now more than ever. To lessen this difficulty, counselors will continue to be available to your child(ren) and families to provide resources and support as needed as well as present continued classroom lessons to all our students. Future lessons include coping with anxiety, communication skills, AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse), coping with anger and resolving conflicts. In some instances, teachers will lead the lessons in the classroom and in others teachers and counselors will lead the lessons together. Please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to be of service to our Lane students and families.

Lane Student Services Team:

Christine Piotrowski, Counselor/Student Last Names: A-L (piotc@wawmsd.org)

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Denise Meyer, School Psychologist (meyerd@wawmsd.org)

Jason Grabner, At-Risk Teacher (grabnerj@wawmsd.org)

Nicole Hazelton, Social Worker (hazeltonn@wawmsd.org)



Lane Calendar

November 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL Virtual Open House (More Information to come)	4 Pick Up/Drop Off Day 7:15am- 4:00pm	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18 Parent-Teacher Conferences (More Information to come)	19	20
23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30	31			

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Do these words describe you?

Creative Strategic Thinker
Abstract Reasoner
Patient Calm Under Pressure
Good Sportsman Problem Solver

If they do.....
Come learn the basics of chess rules and strategies. Join us playing online games and competing against each other.

For more information contact Mr. Brown
brownnd@wawmsd.org




Gardening Club

Like to get your hands dirty?
Join us in learning about the importance of protecting the environment.
Have fun learning about conservation and how to create a garden!

Gardening Club will start meeting in the Spring.

See Ms. Hibbard or email her if you are interested in joining in on the fun.
hibbardl@wawmsd.org



MAKERSPACE

Makerspace provides students with a variety of hands on opportunities to create, explore, and share ideas.

Do you like 3D printing, T-shirt designing, Sphero robots, breakout escape boxes, computer design, coding, and much more?

Contact Mrs. Smith for more information on joining this creative, technological club.
smitj@wawmsd.org



Interested in playing games?
Join other classmates in a fantasy role-playing game!

Advisors: Mr. Gaza & Mrs. Staplin
Email: GazaC@wawmsd.org or send a message in Google Hangouts or go to Google Classroom and add the class using the class code: rn25hnl



Travelers Club

Like to run, walk, bike, jog?
Join us on our journey of traveling cross country.

The goal is for students to travel from Virginia Beach, VA to Mission Beach, CA. As students log miles, they will make pit stops and explore the areas virtually. People from all over the USA have volunteered to create videos and send pictures in to show the students where they are "traveling" through. Take part in traveling through our beautiful country.

For more information contact:
Mrs. Kanugh kanughc@wawmsd.org or Mr. Malin malink@wawmsd.org



kindness

Show your kindness by participating in multiple community events within our school and surrounding areas

Promote positivity and equity among all individuals

Meetings will be on Fridays
To find out more information, contact Mrs. Piotrowski piotc@wawmsd.org or Mrs. Smith smitj@wawmsd.org



MATH Club

Like Math.....Want to have fun?

Meeting: Mondays
Time: 3:05pm - 4:00pm

Advisor: Mr. Kloiber

Email: kloiberj@wawmsd.org to get the zoom link to join



Future Business Leaders of America

Come learn about business and see the "real world" through interactions with business leaders from across the country! You will discover the secret of being able to talk confidently with prospective employers, and experience the chance to test your business skills in state and national competitions. Acquire the skills you need to become a business leader by creating opportunities for leading within our school.

Advisors: Mrs. Kanugh
Email: kanughC@wawmsd.org

Bike Club

Like to work with your hands?
Learn new things?

Lane Bike Club is for you!
Lane Bike Club focuses on business, creativity, and empowerment. Students will learn to fix bikes while growing their leadership and interpersonal skills.

Meetings will begin in Spring
Advisors: Mrs. Kanugh & Mr. Acaba
Email: kanughC@wawmsd.org acabag@wawmsd.org

Book Club

Like to read!
Join us in reading for fun and then getting together to discuss and express our thoughts on a variety of different topics.

For more information Contact
Mrs. Katz & Mrs. Ustruck
Email: katzs@wawmsd.org ustruckm@wawmsd.org

Are You Interested In Joining

Student Council?

Join Today & Make a Difference

Let Your Voices be Heard.
Help us plan and organize for our school and build a community together

For more information, contact Mrs. Ustruck. Apply to run for an office position by November 15th, 2020. Ask Mrs. U for details.
Email: ustruckm@wawmsd.org



Rainbow Club

A Just World For All

Join our student-led club aimed at creating a safe, welcoming, and accepting school environment for all students at Lane.

This club is open to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Meeting: Thursdays at 7:10 - 7:40am
For more information, email your advisors Ms. Myers and Ms. Hibbard or join them on Zoom.



MEAL DISTRIBUTION

In partnership with Sodexo, healthy grab and go meals will be available for any child up to 18 years old.

Meal distribution will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. 3 days of food will be distributed on Monday and 4 days of food on Wednesday. This will cover all 7 days of distribution.

- **Meals are free!**
- Children do not need to be enrolled in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District or live in the communities we serve to be eligible.
- Parents or children can drive-through or walk-up to get meals from any site.
- Any child or adult with a child in need of meals is welcome!

Pick Up Locations:

Horace Mann Elementary School - 6213 West Lapham Street - West Allis

- Distribution will take place curbside in front of school on 62nd Street.

Irving Elementary School - 10230 West Grant Street - West Allis

- Enter the bus drop off area on 102nd Street. The line will form going east.

James E. Dottke High School - 7815 West Lapham Street - West Allis

- Enter the drop off lane on the east side of the building from 78th Street. The line will form going north near the gym entrance.

Jefferson Elementary School - 7229 West Becher Street - West Allis

- Enter the drop off lane on the south side of the property from West Grant Street. The line will form going north and exit onto Becher Street.

Madison Elementary School - 1117 South 104th Street - West Allis

- Distribution will take place in front of the school entrance.

Nathan Hale High School - 11601 West Lincoln Avenue - West Allis

- Enter the small parking lot in front of the building from Lincoln Avenue. The line will form heading east towards the cafeteria.

Pershing Elementary School - 1330 South 47th Street - West Milwaukee

- Distribution will take place curbside on South 47th Street. Turn north onto South 47th Street from West Greenfield Avenue. Form a line on the right.

Wilson Elementary School - 8710 West Orchard Street. - West Allis

- Enter off of 87th Street. Distribution will take place out of the Field house.