



Loveland Leader



Loveland Elementary School Newsletter Dec. 1, 2017

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Mission

The mission of Loveland Elementary School, in partnership with our actively involved community, is to promote excellence and instill a desire for learning by challenging each individual within a safe, supportive environment.

Dear Loveland Families,

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of 2017 and moving quickly into a New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season. The holiday season is a great time for reflection and appreciation. I am very thankful for all of our students and their families. The students bring so much energy and fun to our building. They make it a great place to come to work everyday. I am also extremely thankful for our staff at Loveland. Their commitment and passion for their students is inspiring to me. I love being in the classrooms and seeing all of the amazing things our students do during the school day. Please enjoy the time with your families over the winter break.

Ms. Hornung

Loveland's Expectations

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

Begin Their Day Bright!

Classes start at 8:40 am everyday.

Please make sure your children are here BEFORE the morning bell rings to give them a happy start to their day.

Getting to school on time helps them feel relaxed and prepared for learning all day, and gives your student the life-long lessons of following rules and procedures.

News Briefs

Wednesday Dismissal

Don't forget...Students will be dismissed every Wednesday at 3:00. Please be prompt as teachers are scheduled to leave the building each week to participate in professional learning communities.

Guests Must Sign In...

Please remember to sign in and take a visitor badge every time you visit our school!

Cold Weather

As the first official day of winter approaches, we want to remind you of the winter weather recess policies our district has in place. During periods of extreme cold and/or thawing conditions, we request that children wear warm clothes. Please send your children to school each day prepared to go outdoors. When the temperature/wind chill is ten degrees or less, students will stay indoors.

Calendar Reminders

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| Dec. 4 Band/Strings concert/Gym 2:40 pm | Dec. 8 CC Mtg. 7 pm |
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| Dec. 7 Geography Bee/Gym 1:25 pm | Jan. 15 MLK Jr. Day/ No School |
| Dec. 12 Kdg. Art Smart trip/Joslyn 9:30 am | Jan. 18 1st Gr. Art Smart trip/Joslyn 9:30 am |
| Dec. 13 2nd Gr. Art Smart trip/Joslyn 9:30 am | Jan. 31 5th Gr. Field Trip/Holland 9 am |
| Dec. 14 Student Co. Mtg./Library 8 am | |
| Dec. 18 5th Gr. Strings Concert/WHS 7 pm | |
| Dec. 19 6th Gr. Strings Concert/WHS 7 pm | |
| Dec. 22 Winter Parties 2:15 pm | |
| Dec. 25-Jan. 5 Winter Break No School | |



MAP Tests 3-6 Grade

Loveland will be administering the second round of MAP tests December 4th-December 22nd. One of the benefits is that students, staff, and parents will be able to see growth from the first test in September to this upcoming test. As a school, we utilize the information gained from the results to help with grouping for math and reading small groups. Thank you for helping in reinforcing the importance of these assessments.

Thank You

Thank you Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Bosworth for the great band and musical performances!

A Note From the Nurse

It's cold and flu season. Please remember to practice healthy habits at home.

- Get plenty of rest
- Eat healthy foods
- Sneeze into elbow
- Wash hands often

When children are ill, we expect that they be kept home until they are fever-free and symptom-free without medicine for 24 hours.

Lost and Found

Please check out the Lost and Found! We have LOTS AND LOTS of jackets and coats. It really helps if you will label your child's coat, jacket, hat and gloves. All items in the Lost and Found will disappear over winter break.

Box Tops

CALLING ALL BOX TOPS!

Congratulations to Jesse Deegan in Mrs. Schuemann's class! He was the winner of our Orange Leaf drawing in October. There is currently a November/December classroom competition happening. The class turning in the most Box Tops by DECEMBER 19 will win a prize. Remember to send in TRIMMED, UNexpired, box tops with your name and teacher's name. You may use the December "cozy" collection sheet, or simply return the Box Tops in a baggie. Let's keep the fundraising fire roaring and smoke out all those box tops hiding at home!

The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive

Loveland Elementary is once again sponsoring a fundraiser for the Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive campaign.

The *Pajama Program (in partnership with Carter's and Scholastic Book Club) is a national 501(c)3 organization that provides new pajamas and books to children in need, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted. Snuggling up in cozy new pajamas with their very own new book gives these children a secure and nurturing 'Good Night' at bedtime. You can help by joining our campaign to deliver One Million Good Nights to children who need them most. Here's what's needed:

- Brand-new (unused) pajamas in all sizes, from newborn to adult (up to age 18-Adult sizes Small to XXXL!)
- Pajamas must be complete sets—a top and bottom or an appropriate nightgown.
- Pajamas for all seasons, but especially for the winter months.

Items can be brought to the school's office between now and December 8th. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile cause.

Noteworthy News

A HUGE thank you to all of you for coming to support our 4th, 5th and 6th graders as they traveled through Rock 'n' Roll history! What a fun concert that was, and the kids did an outstanding job! I'm truly thankful for the opportunity to enjoy music with them.

Our next big events are coming at the beginning of the new year! On January 31, 2018 all 5th graders will be traveling to the Holland PAC for the symphony's concert for youth. Second and third grade will be performing HATS! on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 at the Middle School. Lion King Kids performances are Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24 (more details to come). And Kindergarten and 1st grade will be singing to us about how their garden grooves on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm at the Middle School. Last, but not least, the 6th graders will be attending the District's Festival of Music on Tuesday, March 27 (more details to come). Have a great month of December! Please email or call if you have any questions!

Martha Bosworth
Vocal Music Teacher

Counselor's Corner

Dealing with Grief During the Holidays

Adapted from The Center for Loss and Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.

Holidays can be difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Rather than being times of family togetherness, sharing and thanksgiving, holidays can bring feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness. Here are a few things to remember during this time of year:

Talk about your grief

During the holiday season, don't be afraid to express your feelings of grief. Ignoring your grief won't make the pain go away and talking about it openly often makes you feel better. Find caring friends and relatives who will listen—without judging you. They will help make you feel understood.

Be tolerant of your physical and psychological limits

Feelings of loss will probably leave you fatigued. Your low energy level may naturally slow you down. Respect what your body and mind are telling you. And lower your own expectations about being at your peak during the holiday season.

Eliminate unnecessary stress

You may already feel stressed, so don't overextend yourself. Avoid isolating yourself, but be sure to recognize the need to have special time for yourself. Realize also that merely "keeping busy" won't distract you from your grief, but may actually increase stress and postpone the need to talk out thoughts and feelings related to your grief.

Be with supportive, comforting people

Identify those friends and relatives who understand that the holiday season can increase your sense of loss and who will allow you to talk openly about your feelings. Find those persons who encourage you to be yourself and accept your feelings—both happy and sad.

Embrace your treasure of memories

Memories are one of the best legacies that exist after the death of a loved one. Holidays always make you think about times past. Instead of ignoring these memories, share them with your family and friends. Keep in mind that memories are tinged with both happiness and sadness. If your memories bring laughter, smile. If your memories bring sadness, then it's all right to cry.

Kara Lane
Professional School Counselor
Loveland & Prairie Lane Elementary

Westside Community Schools and Children's Behavioral Health Partnership

A valuable collaboration is in place between Westside Community Schools and Children's Behavioral Health at Children's Hospital & Medical Center. This partnership allows us to address the mental health needs of our children and families districtwide. The services offered through the Student Assistance Program include **free assessments and short term counseling**, where students and their parents are invited to complete two free face-to-face sessions. Children's Behavioral Health therapists are able to help you address any cognitive, emotional, developmental or personal issues that your student or family might be facing. Students and families have two options:

- Contact your Counselor, Social Worker or School Psychologist for information about Children's Behavioral Health
- Call Children's Behavioral Health directly at 402-955-3900 to schedule an appointment. Children's Behavioral Health is located at 1000 North 90th Street (southwest corner of 90th & Western Streets.)

Parent Seminar Offerings

Westside Community Schools will host several free parent seminars offering valuable information from experts at Children's Hospital & Medical Center. All seminars run from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.

- December 12, 2017 @ Westside West Campus Topic: Trauma
- January 23, 2018 @ Westbrook Elementary Topic: Coping Skills
- February 20, 2018 @ Paddock Road Elementary Topic: Anxiety
- March 7, 2018 @ Westside Middle School Topic: Test Anxiety
- April 18, 2018 @ Oakdale Elementary Topic: Social Media
- May 8, 2018 @ Sunset Hills Elementary Topic: Self-Harming Behaviors

We believe this partnership with Children's Behavioral Health will continue to enhance the existing mental health supports for students and families within the Westside Community Schools.

McMillan Math Contest



On November 22, nineteen students representing 7 Westside elementary schools competed in the McMillan Magnet Math contest. There were 44 total teams that competed in a written test and a quiz bowl competition. All Westside mathletes were in the top 10!

The Loveland team of Evan Agulla, Simon Sanchez-Soto, Kate Stevens, and Jady Anderson earned 1st Place on the written test and the quiz bowl competition.

The team of Henry Sullivan from Sunset, Jacob Harding from Westbrook, and Christopher Whittle from Oakdale earned 2nd place on the written test and the quiz bowl competition.

The Sunset team of Paul Wood, Jonathan Wood, Brianna Buscher, and Charlie Henningsen earned 3rd place on the written test and the quiz bowl competition.

The team of Lucas Fehr from Loveland, Eli Parsonage from Rockbrook, Trevor Spady from Sunset, and Robert Owen from Westgate tied for 3rd place for the written test.

The team of Luke Protzman, Weston Siebler, and Katie Berry of Swanson and Marigold Helvey from Loveland came in 8th place on the written test.

DECEMBER 7
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
WESTSIDE
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
LIBRARY

REGISTER HERE: [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/FAMCODENIGHT](http://tinyurl.com/famcodenight)

Loveland Geography Bee

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Loveland Geography Bee!

Jasmine Palikhya
Emre Gedik
Evan Agulla
Zoey Carlberg
Annie Wang
Kate Stevens
Ethan Brooks
Jady Anderson
Josh Cain
Kalea Scott
Lucas Forman
Cameron Rich
Austin VanDyke

The Bee will take place on Thursday, December 7th at 1:25 pm in the gym. Family members are welcome to attend, but should not arrive earlier than 1:20 pm.

Thank you for supporting these wonderful opportunities for our students!

The EY Team

Email

Email is a great way to communicate with your child's teacher. The Westside format is as follows:

lastname.firstname@westside66.net

Sample: hornung.stephanie@westside66.net

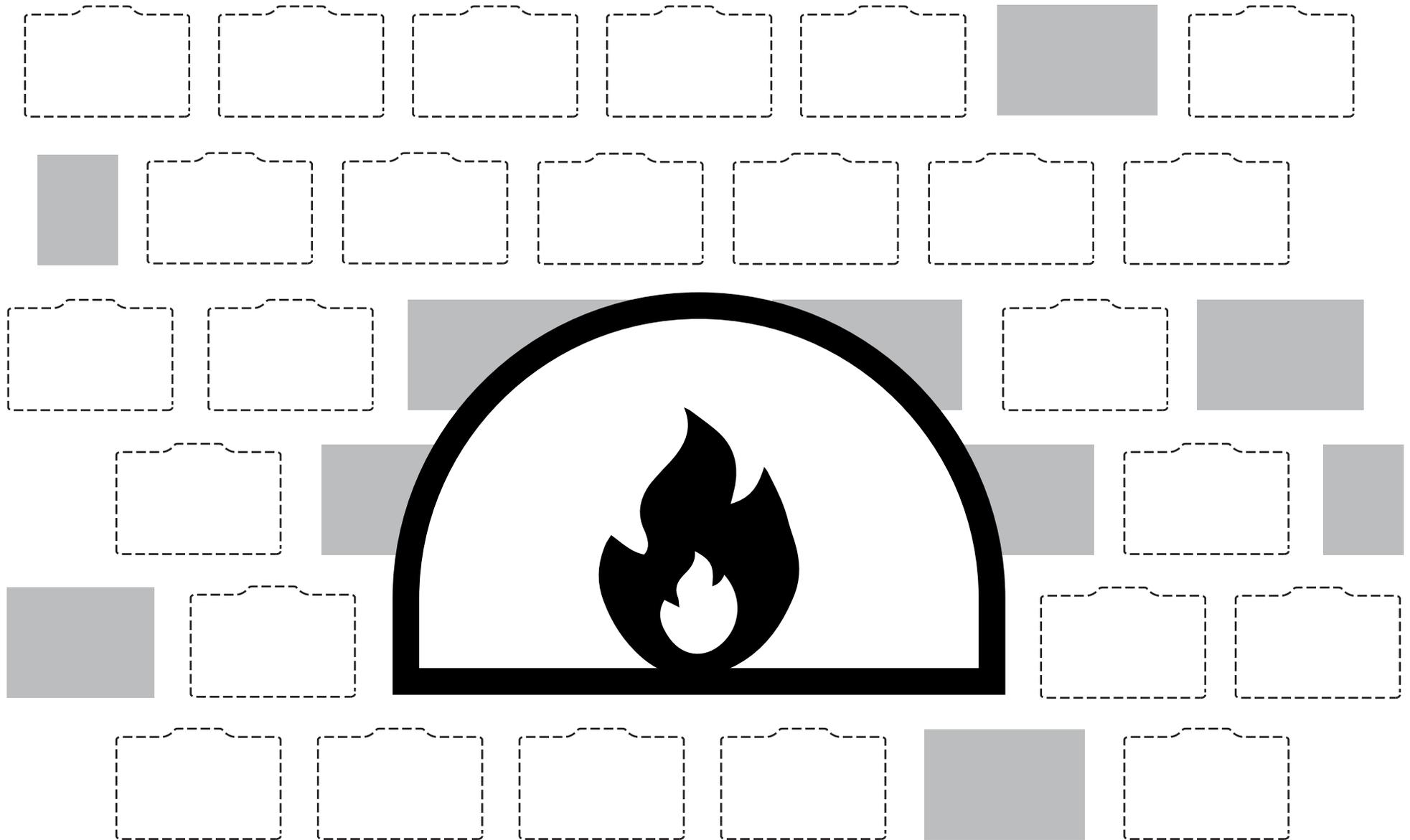
EY EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH

THE EY TEAM IS PASSIONATE ABOUT DEVELOPING THE INTERESTS AND TALENTS OF ALL LEARNERS. ONE OF THE WAYS WE ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL IS BY POSTING ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON OUR BLOG. CHECK US OUT AT [HTTP://EY.WESTSIDE66.ORG](http://ey.westside66.org)

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