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# Winter Newsletter

## LAMBERTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



### PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Veteran's Day was a great celebration at our school! Student performances and volunteer involvement made it a great tribute to our veterans. A special thanks to Christina Alfeiri and Mrs. Williams for organizing this event.

Great job Lambertton students! You earned over \$450.00 for our school during the first box-top competition. 7G collected the most box tops and won a pizza party. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for helping to earn money for Lambertton! Remember to collect box tops over the Christmas holidays to prepare for the next Box Top competition, which ends in February.

The Valentine's Day Social is on Wednesday, February 14 from 2:45-4:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, food and open gym. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to donate food or chaperone.

*Thank you so much for the continued support!!* The next Parent Association meeting is Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the library.

### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK ESSAY

Congratulations to Ina Salkic! Ina won the 6th grade American Education Essay titled Human Rights: Defending Marginalized Groups. She was recognized at the School District Board Meeting held in November.

Congratulations to Roma Cervino, whose winning essay about tolerance and diversity represented 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at Lambertton Middle School. Roma was honored at the November School Board Meeting. Her name has been added to a plaque preserved for the winners past, present and in the future. Roma also received a gift certificate to Whistlestop Bookstore.

### SPELLING BEE

The annual spelling bees are being conducted at LMS. There will be four representatives from Lambertton who will go on to the next level in Harrisburg. The written bee will be held on January 20. More information will be forthcoming, as the grade-level winners are determined.

### 2018 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SCHOOL BEE

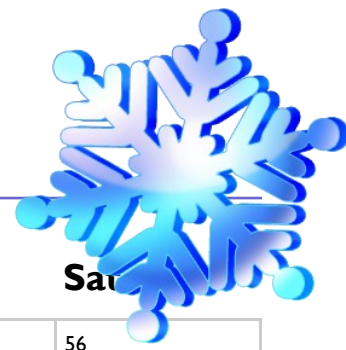
On Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Brady Jansik, Atticus Renault, Ina Salkic, Bennett Shine, Ruby Frazier, Ian McBride, Issac Fisher, Graham Lively, Nick Stiltner, and Kirsten Weirich participated in the 2018 Final National Geographic School Bee at Lambertton Middle School. Congratulations to Bennett Shine for placing first and becoming Lambertton's Geography Bee Champion. We wish Bennett the best of luck as he now takes an online geography test to see if his score qualifies for the State Geography Bee Competition. In addition, we would like to congratulate Graham Lively for placing second and Ina Salkic for placing third. Again, congratulations to all the finalist!

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Graham Lively, Bennett Shine, Ina Salkic

# January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	56
7	8	9	10 GeoBee 7pm	11 End of 1st Semester End of MP 2	12	13
14	15 MLK Day No School	16	17	18 8th Gr. Tours High School	19 CASD Science Fair Drop-off 4-5:45pm -Sweet Frog Fundraiser 4-9pm	20 CASD Science Fair 1-3pm
21 CASD Science Fair 1-3pm	22 Parent Assoc. Mtg. 7pm	23 Email Report Cards	24	25	26 8th Gr. Awards Ceremony 11am	27
28	29	30	31			

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6th Gr. Awards Ceremony 8am 7th Gr. Awards Ceremony 1:10pm	2 8th Gr. Course Selections Due	3
4	5 LMS Spring Pictures -8th Gr, Panoramic Picture 2pm	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Social 2:45-4pm	15 In-Service Day – No School	16 In-Service Day - No School	17
18	19 Presidents Day - Snow Make-up Day	20 Interims Emailed	21 8th Gr. Accl. English Field Trip	22	23	24 Quiz Bowl
25	26	27	28			

## NOTES FROM THE NURSE

### 6th Grade Physical Exams

Physical exam forms for 6th grade students are now over-due. Please be aware that if a physical form is not completed by your child's primary medical provider and returned, your child will be unable to participate in activities such as the school musical or field trips. [Physical forms are available on the school website.](#)

### 7th Grade Dental Exams

Dental exam forms for 7th grade students are now overdue.. [Please be aware that this is a requirement by the state.](#) If a dental form is not completed by your child's dentist and returned, your child will be unable to participate in activities such as the school musical or field trips. Dental forms are available on the school website.

### 7th Grade Scoliosis Checks

Students in the 7th grade will be examined for scoliosis by the school nurse in [the spring](#). This is a screening exam to determine if your child needs to be seen by his or her physician. During the exam the students will line up in the nurse's office in their PE clothing so that the nurse can measure the angle of any curvature in their spine. Please contact Mrs. Hume or Mrs. Ledgett at 7170340-6800 ext. 15807 if you do not wish your child to receive this screening.



## 8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION

Course selection is going to be an entirely online process this year. Your student will use PowerSchool to choose 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

- Teachers have until **January 19** to make their recommendations in PowerSchool.
- On **January 18**, the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade will go to the high school for the day. They will take tours, meet teachers and administrators, hear from department chairpersons about the electives that their departments offer (including art, music, school publications, world languages, and careers and technology).
- After that presentation, your student will have access to their course recommendations in PowerSchool.
  - o They will be choosing their core classes (Science, History, Math, and English). What their teacher has recommended for them will be in **BOLD** on the course requests screen.
  - o They will be choosing their electives also. They will only have room for two electives in their schedule. However, we ask them to choose six so that if they do not get their top two choices, we have their next choices.
- On **January 22 at 6:30 PM**, there will be a course selection presentation at the high school (in the McGowan Auditorium) for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. At this meeting, parents will have an opportunity to hear about the academic programs offered at the high school. Department chairs, principals, high school counselors, and Ms. Hughes will be present.
- Your students have been asked to share their course recommendations and requests with you between **January 18 and January 26**.
- I will be meeting with **8G and 8W** students individually during the week of January 22 to review their course selections. Once their selections are in PowerSchool, I will print a copy and send it home with them for you to sign and return. I'd like them returned to me by **Friday, February 2**.
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## IN THE ART ROOM

Sixth graders from marking period one participated in a statewide drawing contest honoring Youth Art Month which occurs every March. The drawing contest requires students to use their design skills to create a flag design that fits a specific theme and showcases the state of Pennsylvania. This year's flag design theme was "Building Community Through Art." Congratulations to Eframara Fernandez from 6G!! Her winning design will represent Lambertton! Eframara's flag design will be entered into the next round of the statewide contest. GOOD LUCK!

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the DOODLE FOR GOOGLE design contest! Students in grades K-12 are invited to take part in the 2018 Doodle 4 Google contest, and create an uplifting doodle that tells the world "What inspires me." From crayons to clay, graphic design, or even food, young artists can utilize any materials to bring their creation to life. Like all Google Doodles, each doodle must incorporate the letters G-o-o-g-l-e. One national winner will receive a \$30,000 college scholarship, a \$50,000 technology package for their school/non-profit organization, and a behind-the-scenes experience with the Doodle team to transform their Doodle into an interactive experience on Google.com. The contest is open for entries from January 8th – March 2nd, 2018 – only 8 short weeks! See Mrs. Pagel for materials or more information.

### SAVE THE DATE:

March 16th - CALC Youth Art Month Student Exhibit  
April 8, 2018- CASD Annual Spring Art Show

## LMS MUSIC NEWS

### Cumberland County Band Festival

Several LMS band students were chosen to participate in the Cumberland County Middle School Band. This festival will be held at Messiah College on January 5th and 6th. The following students were selected by a committee to participate in the 2018 County Band:

Flute – Lydia Ring & Helen Candland

Clarinet – Victoria Parkes, Forrest Rozelle & Ella Bowman

Trumpet – Ian Galbraith

French Horn – Connor Alfeiri

Tuba – Evelyn Duque

Congratulations to all these students good luck at this year's festival.

## Jazz Band

Auditions for the Jazz Band were held in November at both Lambertton and Wilson Middle Schools. Congratulations to the following students for successfully auditioning into the Carlisle Middle School Jazz Band:

Alto Sax- Nick Frutsche & Tanner Forbes

Trumpets- Ian Galbraith & Bennett Shine

Trombone- Bryson Adams, Andrew Eisenberg and Evelyn Duque (Tuba)

Drum Set– Nick Warren

## Parade Band

Congratulations to all who participated in this year's Parade Band and Color Guard. This group performed in the Carlisle Halloween Parade, the Mt. Holly Halloween Parade and with the High School Marching Band at a home football game. Look for this group to perform in the Memorial Day Parade in May, 2018.

## Orchestra News

Semester 2 will bring a slight schedule revision, due to the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade elective class. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade lessons will occur on Day 2 during semester two, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will resume small lesson groups on Day 6. More detailed schedules will be provided to students as that time arrives.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE NEWS

### FRENCH

French students are busy learning the concept of subject-verb agreement and how to conjugate verbs. Our focus is on the present tense and question formation. The students have been discussing activities they enjoy in their leisure time and learning to extend an invitation to a friend. They are also comparing how the French spend their leisure time and which sports and activities are popular. Students are using the verbs in sentences. They gave presentations about their likes and dislikes in class. They will be learning the conjugation of the irregular verbs «être» and «faire».

Students are encouraged to practice outside of class using the links provided on my web page.: «Notes Culturelles»

## SPANISH

Students began a unit about schools and school systems in the weeks leading up to winter break. They are learning how to describe what school is like, what classes are like and what they do in class, what they need for classes and when and where things are. They have been completing a variety of school related listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities and this unit is contextualized in Mexico. The unit will conclude with the students' first speaking assessment! Hope you had a wonderful holiday!

## GIFTED SUPPORT

The gifted support classes completed their first unit of the year with the question, 'Is immigration a right or a privilege?' Students looked at this question at different times in history and the present. They spent a wonderful, but rainy day on Ellis Island touring the immigration museum, and saw the Broadway smash hit *Matilda in NYC*. The second unit, Tutorials, focuses on different applications and technology for recording video and creative editing. Students will be experimenting with different programs and creating their own 'how to' tutorial.

All gifted students should be working on a science fair or history project, or scholastic writing. Open to all students are trivia lunches (day 1) and creative discussion lunches (day 5) in room 301 B.

## SCHOLASTIC WRITING

Lambertton Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have submitted approximately 50 writing entries to the prestigious Scholastic Writing competition. Our Scholastic writers have gone beyond what is expected in the classroom to "polish" their pieces for contest submission. The history of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is rich with notable alumni. The list includes artists like Andy Warhol and John Baldessari, whose work has influenced the course of art history worldwide, and writers like Sylvia Plath and Joyce Carol Oates, whose writing has changed contemporary literature. The list of notable Alums is quite impressive and also includes Richard Avedon, Truman Capote, John Updike, Stephen King, Zac Posen, Lena Dunham, and many more. The judging of the entries takes place during the month of January, with results traditionally released the first week in February.

## LMS PARTNERS WITH CARLISLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year we are fortunate to have representatives from the Carlisle Police Department sharing special presentations with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Six different sessions will cover the topic, You and the Police: Police Officer Conduct and Your Response. The course is designed for 8<sup>th</sup> grade level students to educate students about police operations, police authority and limits of authority, search and seizure, police use of force, traffic stops and how to interact with police to avoid conflict or confrontations.

Over the past year, there have been numerous highly publicized police-citizen encounters which have resulted in death, injury and strained relations between the police and communities they serve. This course is intended to build bridges and improve communication between the police and young people in the community.

The Carlisle Police Department, Cumberland County District Attorney, Hope Station and the Carlisle Area School District are co-sponsoring this program.

We are thankful for our continued partnership with Carlisle Police Department, and for this special opportunity for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

## HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help is available for students from 2:30-3:30 Monday and Wednesday in Lamberton's library. Please encourage your student to attend for tutoring, help with organization, or supervised homework time. Dickinson College tutors as well as staff are present to support your student/s. Students may attend one day a week or every day that it is offered. If they need to leave prior to 3:30pm please send them with a note indicating this, so that they may be safely dismissed. For more information feel free to contact Mike Gogoj, Assistant

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## CASAC SCIENCE FAIR

The annual Carlisle Area Science Advisory Committee Science Fair will be held January 20 and 21 at Carlisle High School. It is open to the public from 1-3 pm on Saturday, January 20 and 1-3pm on Sunday, January 21. Registration is Friday, January 19, 2018 between 4:00-5:45pm. No Early Check In. Science Fair rules are available at: [www.casac.us](http://www.casac.us). Projects may be picked up Sunday, January 21, 2015 3:00-4:30pm.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL

Lamberton will once again host an exciting day of academic competition on Saturday, February 24. Teams from Lamberton, Wilson, Mechanicsburg Middle School, Yellow Breeches Middle School, Shippensburg Middle School, Saint Patrick School, and several other schools will participate in this awesome annual event. Every year an incredible slate of volunteer moderators and judges from the U.S. Army War College, the Carlisle Area School District, and other community organizations are impressed with the vast knowledge of this very talented group of student competitors. Plan to drop by for awhile to enjoy the competition and support the Lamberton teams. Another way to support this event is to place an ad in the program. If you would like to show your support for the Lamberton teams or if you have a business that you'd like to advertise in the program, please email Laurie Smith (Middle School Quiz Bowl Director) at [smithl@carliseschools.org](mailto:smithl@carliseschools.org). Ads cost \$25 for 1/2 page and \$50 for a full page. All ads must be received by February 2.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Students have kept the library busy this year, checking out books and working on projects. We received iPads for students to use to check the catalog and do online research. Thank you to all who visited the book fair to support the library. Mrs. Batzer has begun working with students who are writing essays for Black History Month, and The Diversity Book Club will start meeting after school on Jan. 8. If you would like to see more about the library, visit the library website at [http://www.carliseschools.org/academics/library/middle\\_school\\_libraries](http://www.carliseschools.org/academics/library/middle_school_libraries)

and click on the link for the website. You can also email Mrs. Batzer from the website.

## INTRAMURAL NEWS

Stay tuned for up-coming winter intramurals events. If there is an intramural you are interested in seeing at Lamberton, please contact Miss Knight via email, [knighta@carliseschools.org](mailto:knighta@carliseschools.org). Students should listen to the morning announcements and check the intramural bulletin board for information on upcoming activities. Information may also be found on the intramural website at [www.carliseschools.org](http://www.carliseschools.org) Click on Schools, Lamberton, Students, Intramural Activities.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**PSSA dates have been posted. Please mark your calendar to be sure your child will attend school these days**

**-April 10-12, 2018 English/LA PSSA**

**-April 17-18, 2018 Mathematics PSSA**

**-April 24, 2018 Science PSSA**

**-May 15-16, 2018 Keystone Alg. I Exam (For all student's currently enrolled in Alg. I)**



## YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are available for purchase on **balfour.com** for **\$26.00**. Preorder your book now, as purchase after January 15 will not guarantee a yearbook will be available. Sales will be open until all available yearbooks are sold. Don't be left out! Preorder your book now for delivery in May.

## WEATHER NOTIFICATION

As we approach the winter months, we remind parents that inclement weather and hazardous road conditions may result in the delay of the start of school, or cancellation of classes for the day. District officials will review the road and weather conditions and if hazardous, parents will be notified through School Messenger regarding a delay or cancellation by 6:00AM. We also urge parents to listen to the early morning news, as other events, heating system failures, and water main breaks, may also occur, and result in the cancellation of classes for an individual school.

## ABSENCES

When students have been absent from school, it is required that a written excuse be submitted to the office within three days of the student's return to school. There have been increased numbers of unexcused absences because students have not been handing in their notes. Please follow this procedure:

(1) for any absence, call 240-6800 ext. 15815 on the day of the absence to report the absence.

(2) Write a note on the day the child is returning to school.

When children get home following their return to school ask, "Did you hand in your excuse to the office?" The call itself is not enough. A written excuse is always required for the absence to be considered excused.

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