

The Charger Wire

March 1, 2026

Notes from Administration



Dear Leman Families,

As we welcome the warmer weather and see more green around our town, it's hard to ignore that Spring is just around the corner! As we begin Trimester 3, we are gearing up for some of the busiest weeks of the school year. Standardized testing is underway, and the transitions for our eighth graders moving on to high school and our incoming sixth graders are picking up pace. On top of that, we have exciting spring events like the musical, field trips, and spring concerts, which will keep us busy well into

the evening.

Spring is also a great time to remind families of the importance of consistent school attendance. Research shows that absences can have a significant impact on a student's learning over time. In fact, students who are chronically absent in sixth grade often have lower academic achievement compared to their peers. By high school, a student who has been chronically absent is 7.4 times more likely to drop out. Now is the time to solidify strong attendance habits to set our students up for success!

As we look forward to Spring Break at the end of this month, we hope your family can take some time to relax and enjoy each other's company. Should you need any support, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of my administrative team. We're here to help!

Wishing you a wonderful start to spring and a productive end to the school year!

Maggie Lay

Principal

Important Dates

Upcoming Important Dates

- 3/6: Trimester 2 Grades live in powerschool.
- 3/11 + 3/12: IAR Testing
- 3/11: No after school activities
- 3/16: Pack the Place: Unified Basketball 4:30PM
- 3/17: Parent/Teacher Conference- No school for students
- 3/18: Trimester 2 Honor Roll Ceremony 5-6PM
- 3/20: Seventh Grade Social 6-8PM
- 3/26: Literacy Night 6-7:30PM
- 3/27: One School One Book!
- 3/30-4/3: No School- Spring Break

Save the date - Spring Musical: April 17-18, STEM Fair: April 28

Wear It Wednesday - March

Each week, our students and staff dress up for Wear It Wednesday. Here are our themes for this month:

- 3/4: Western Day- Wear western gear in support of the Unified Basketball Team
- 3/11: College Day
- 3/18: St. Patrick's Day- Wear green, gold or orange
- 3/25: Baseball Day



PBIS: Status Update



At Lemman, we use the PBIS program to proactively teach, model, and reinforce positive behaviors. Each year, we evaluate our PBIS implementation by examining four key areas: Team Composition, School and Classroom Practices, Systems and Engagement, and Data.

PBIS Walkthrough Success at Lemman

On February 18th, our district's PBIS coach conducted a walkthrough to evaluate our current PBIS practices. During this visit, the coach interviewed students and staff about PBIS at Lemman. Impressively, all participants could name and provide examples of the 5 Lemman Values! While most are using bolt bucks and the bolt bucks store, we are focusing on further recognizing students who consistently and successfully follow the Lemman Values.

The Lemman Values are:

- Readiness to Learn
- Responsibility

Orderly Transitions

Positive Interactions

Respect for Others

Ask your child if they can name all of the values!

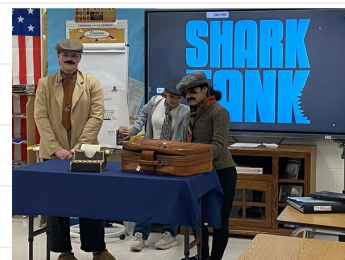
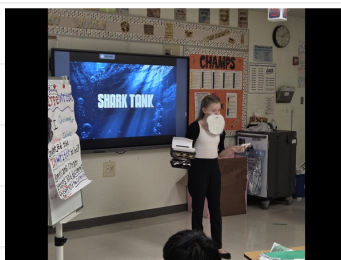
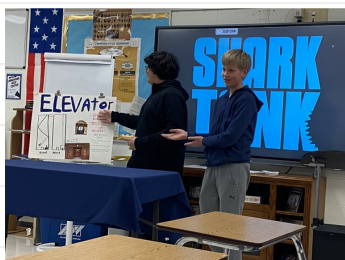
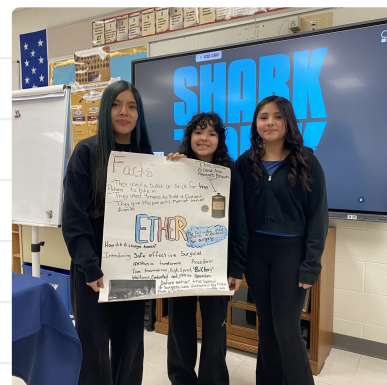
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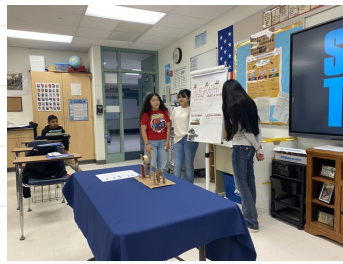
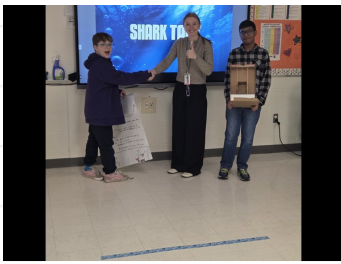
Melanie (7th grade) and Victoria (8th grade) in Ms. Fox's ELL Language Arts class earned Honorable Mentions in a national writing contest for English language learners (grades 7-12). Their Spanish and English essays explored identity, culture, language, heritage, and/or immigration in response to the prompt, "Who am I?" This is an impressive achievement - please join us in congratulating these talented writers!



Curriculum Highlight: Shark Tank

Students in 7th grade social studies participated in a Shark Tank style presentation on an invention from the Industrial Age to connect to our Immigration and Urbanization Unit. Students acted as the inventors, created a poster, and a prototype. Inventions included products from industries such as medical, transportation, business, farming, and communication. Groups could create a handmade model of their invention prototype or create a 3D model using the TinkerCAD program. The 3D model allowed students to use augmented reality to place the model in the classroom for students and Sharks to view. Teachers from the building played the part of our Sharks. Our Sharks listened to presentations, asked each group questions about their invention, and potentially invested in their new product. Students were able to show off their skills in writing, listening, speaking, reading and research, teamwork, and thinking on their feet.





WICOR

At LMS, we have been successfully implementing WICOR strategies across all content areas for the past two years. WICOR stands for:

- **Writing**
- **Inquiry**
- **Collaboration**
- **Organization**
- **Reading**

Each area of WICOR is supported by a building-wide strategy. We will go over a different strategy each month to share and demonstrate how these strategies are being utilized at LMS.



Collaboration: We have implemented "Numbered Heads Together" as a collaborative learning strategy across our school. In this approach, students are organized into groups of four, with each member assigned a number from 1 to 4. The groups work collaboratively to discuss a given question and reach a consensus on the answer. Then, a number is randomly selected, and the student with that number shares the group's response with the class. This method enhances teamwork, promotes collaboration skills, and fosters accountability among students.

Congratulations, Lemman Leaders!

In February, our Lemman Leaders award was presented to students who showed the Lemman Value of Orderly Transitions. Congratulations to Justice, Giovan, and Hassani!



Instructional Coach Corner

Leman Middle School's LITERACY NIGHT

Thursday, March 26th
Enter on Joliet Street
6pm-7:30pm
Theme: 1960s

Free Event Includes

- Dinner
- Cruise Cars
- Fun Family Activities
- Vision Screenings
- Raffle Prizes
- Book Fair

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Literacy Night and One School One Book

It is almost time for LMS' annual Literacy Night! Come join us on Thursday, March 26th from 6:00-7:30pm. The evening will feature fun activities from Leman staff and partners in our community, plus dinner, prizes, parent sessions, the book fair, and even a display of cruise cars! While registration is not required, it is extremely helpful. Please let us know you are coming by filling out

this form or scanning the QR code on the flyer.

We will also be conducting our 6th annual One School, One Book program on Friday, March 27th! The title is still a surprise, but students will be receiving hints during our morning announcements. This year, we will be starting the book during the school day, where students will engage with fun activities and even a virtual author visit! Students will then be able to take their copy home to finish over spring break. Happy reading!





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