

Lewistown Elementary

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Important Dates

- September 7- first day for students
- September 9- Home and School Meeting LES Library at 6:30
- October 7- Home and School Meeting LES Library at 6:30.
- October 15- Act 80 Day
- October 21- 5:30-7:00 Open House
- November 11- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 12- no school for students
- November 24- early dismissal (K-7 1:15)

Welcome New Staff Members

Julie Yerger - 1st Grade
Beth White - 2nd Grade
Jillian Kochenderfer - 3rd Grade
Denaye Wyland - 3rd Grade
Emily Simons - 3rd Grade
Janel Ciancarelli - Autistic Support
Cassandra (Casey) Goss - Emotional/Autistic Support
Amanda Yoder - Paraprofessional
Elizabeth Pent - Floating HRA

Same Faces - New Places

Leslie Sweeney - Title Reading
Amy Remy - Title Reading
Erica Bell - Computer Technology Facilitator
Alison Treaster - Computer
Karin Muir - Title Math
Rob French - Kindergarten
Nicole Hosler - HRA

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Reminders

- A parent/guardian **MUST** be at the bus stop to meet their child at the conclusion of the school day. ☐
- A written excuse is due to the main office within three days of the student absence. Failure to submit an excuse can result in an unexcused absence.
- Please display your hanger tag when picking up your child! Student pickup begins at 2:30.

Home and School

Our Home and School will meet monthly at 6:30 PM . The first meeting will take place on September 9 at 6:30 in the LES library. The Home & School Association supports many exciting activities at Lewistown Elementary, working closely with the principal, faculty and staff to provide enriching programs for students. There are many ways for parents to be involved! Meetings will be announced via the school website, LES Class Dojo page, Facebook page, and monthly newsletters.

How Was Your Day?

You can use these questions to guide instruction with your child after school!

Can you share with me what is in your backpack?

Who did you play with at recess?

What was something that made you proud?

What's one thing you learned today?

Were you **Respectful, Responsible, Ready,** and **Safe** today?

Open House

LES Open House is currently scheduled for October 21 from 5:30-7:00. We will share more information once it's finalized!

Barcode Tags and ID Numbers

Have you noticed a barcode tag on your student's backpack? Every day about 200 students eat breakfast at LES. All students are served in about 25 minutes. To help things move faster at the cashier, we have put barcode tags on kindergarten and first grade students' backpacks so they can be scanned. We are asking that you don't remove the barcode tags from backpacks. It slows things down when a student doesn't have the barcode. Thank you so much for your assistance as we are working to make our cafeteria checkout as efficient as possible!



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Right to Know

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child. Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Mrs. Esh at LES 717.242.5823.

We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Esh