

Dates to Remember

10/02 ~ Progress reports home w/ student
10/08 ~ Conferences ~ no school
10/09 ~ In-service day ~ no school
10/15 ~ Dance 3~5
10/30 ~ Late Start

School Hours

School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office hours are 7:30 ~ 4:00. On late start Fridays school hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You will receive a district calendar to let you know when the late start days will be.

Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the first trimester on Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 12:00am until 8:00 p.m. in our gym. We will schedule families to a one-hour block of time; meaning, you can show up anytime during that hour block and visit with one or all six of your child's teachers. Our only request, you complete your teacher visits at the end of the hour block so we are able to host the next group of families. If you are interested in obtaining first hand information on how your son or daughter is performing at LSMS, please call us at 862-2171 and schedule yourself for one of the many one-hour blocks. The only time our teachers are not available is during our dinner break from 4:30pm to 5:00pm.

Vaccinations

All 7th graders need one dose of Tdap, if it has been at least five years since receiving their last tetanus containing vaccine. 6th, 7th & 8th graders - Parents please check your child's vaccination records, if your child has had any new vaccinations, please bring in or send a copy to Debbie Scuitto @ LSMS.

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I.D. Variation

When a parent comes to pick up their child, they will be required to show identification until the office staff gets to know each parent. This policy is for the safety of all students that attend Lincoln Savage Middle School.

Cooks Corner

Annually, a new application for free or reduced lunches needs to be filled out. If you have NOT filled out an application and/or received a letter in the mail stating your child or children are free or reduced, your Child's account will change to paid status on October 1, 2009. Breakfast price is \$1.10 and lunch price is \$2.10. Please make sure a new application is on file and has been approved.

Medications

Students that take medication during the day are required to keep the medication in the office. A parent must fill out a Medication Permission form so we know how to administer your child's medication. Please send all medication (over the counter medication included) in the original container. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Commons in the front office at 862-2171.

Site Council

We have positions for parents for the Site Council Committee. Site Council meets the 1st Wednesday of every month for an hour. If you are interested in getting involved in your child's school, please contact Sheri in the office at 862-2171.

Our Four legged friends:

To ensure the safety of all our students and staff, we are asking you to keep your dog in your vehicle if you bring your four-legged friend to school. This of course does not apply to assistance dogs or dogs in training.

Go Tigers!

Tech Club

Do you like to solve puzzles? Do you like to "play" with legos? Then we are looking for you. We need computer programmers to program the robot, and engineers who will design the robot to accomplish assigned tasks and technicians to build the robots.

We are also re-introducing Ham Radio to the school club. We are learning some electronics and radio concepts, and students have the opportunity to operate radios. Students who are interested may earn their Ham Radio Tech license. We will be working on electronic projects so there will be some minor expenses depending on the project cost. Students need to be sure they have a ride home afterwards or they will be riding the activity bus. Pick up an information/permission form in the office, from Mr. Constable, or Mr. Fryer.

We meet every Tuesday after school.

SUGAR!

Take an active middle school child, add in half a cup of sugar and what do you get? You get a child that has so much energy they are easily distracted, struggle to focus on anything for more than three seconds and just find it hard to participate in their learning. Bottom line, you have a child that does not benefit from their learning opportunity because they are "high" on sugar. What follows is the CRASH and that causes additional educational loss. Please help us educate your child by **not** sending your child to school with an ENERGY or SODA drink. The combination makes for a difficult learning experience.

Archery

Archery will start this month. If you are interested, please pick up a packet in the office. If you have any questions please contact Greg Rodgers @ 660-0876.

H1N1

According to the Health Department, flu season as begun. We are taking every possible precaution to prevent the spread of this contagious virus. If your child has a temperature please keep, them home. Do not send your child to school until your child is symptom free (without any form of medication) for 24 hours. Washing hands frequently with hot soapy water and not sharing any personal items must become a standard we all follow. Please read with care the attached documents so you and your family remain in the best possible health this school year.

Water bottles!

Parents, please help us protect your child. If you do send your child to school with a water bottle, please use a clear plastic bottle. We would also appreciate parents stressing the importance of NOT sharing any drink with anyone else. Students who bring water bottles that are not clear will be asked to keep the water bottle in their locker. Just to clarify, we have many clean drinking fountains located in all areas of the campus and students have five minutes between each period to get a drink or go to the bathroom.

Student Safety

Gate use: both gates will be open before school and @ 2:45. However, between the hours of 8:45 & 2:45 the west gate will be the only gate open. Students will not be allowed to walk out the east gate to meet parents at the Murphy Chapel.

We are directing all students to meet their "ride" across the street at the district office instead of the church parking lot. We will no longer allow students to enter/exit the campus through either traffic gate while the buses are on campus. We also request that all students be dropped off on school property, preferably in front of the office area and not at the store/gas station or church parking lot.