

The Charger Wire

February 1, 2026

Notes from Administration

Dear Lemman Families,

February has arrived! While we are still in the thick of the 2025-2026 school year, this is also the time when we start to turn our thoughts toward the new school year as well. Transition planning will continue for our eighth graders moving on to the high school, and our sixth grade team will start preparations to welcome a new group of Lemman Chargers in the fall. As we plan for the coming year, we will be seeking your feedback on a survey to help us support our culture at Lemman. The 5Essentials survey is an opportunity for you to let us know how we are doing. Your response is crucial to us -

we want to know how we are doing and where we can improve. Your input means so much to us!

Sincerely,

Maggie Lay

Principal



Important Dates

Upcoming Important Dates

- 2/2: 8th Grade Parent Meeting
-English 5-6pm -Spanish 6-7pm
- 2/4: World Read Aloud Day*
- 2/11: ACCESS Writing Test

- 2/12: No School- Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/13: No School- Professional Development Day
- 2/16: No School- President's Day
- 2/18: No afterschool activities
- 2/24: Clubs and Sports photos
- 2/27: No School- County Institute Day

*World Read Aloud day is on Wednesday, February 4th. At LMS we celebrate by hosting authors virtually. This year we have four authors lined up: Ali Terese, Victor Piñeiro, Ashley Granillo, and Ryan James Black. All of these authors have second career and we get to learn about those during a Q&A session. Students who participate can enter a raffle to win a copy of one of the author's books for their own personal library!

Save the date - Literacy Night, Thursday March 26th 6-7:30 at LMS - 60s theme! the Book fair will be open on that day

Wear It Wednesday - February

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

- 2/4: World Read Aloud Day- Dress like your favorite book character!
- 2/11: Valentine's Day- Wear pink and white
- 2/18: Soccer/Fútbol Jersey Day
- 2/25: Decade Day- Dress in clothes from your favorite decade



PBIS



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.

To gather data, our district PBIS coach will visit the cafeteria during lunch periods to talk with students about their PBIS knowledge and experiences. Students will be asked about the Five Lemman Values, including what they are and examples of the values in action. They will also discuss how they are recognized for following these values.

After collecting the data, we'll conduct a comprehensive assessment of our PBIS program to identify our successes and areas for improvement. The results of this assessment will be shared in the April issue of The Charger Wire.

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!

People You Should Know



Front Office Staff

Our incredible front office team ensures that LMS operates seamlessly everyday!

Ms. Meneses, Ms. Porcayo, Ms. Baillines, Ms. Pena

WICOR

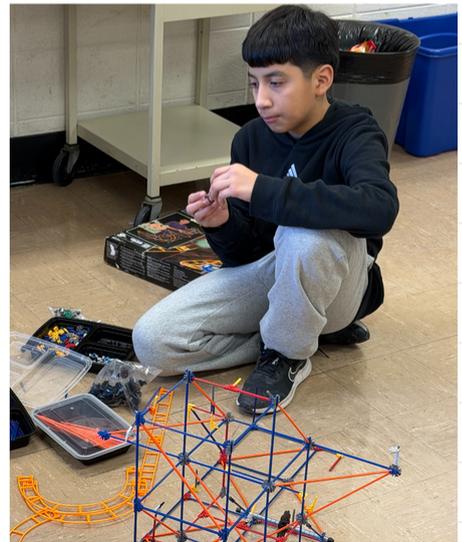
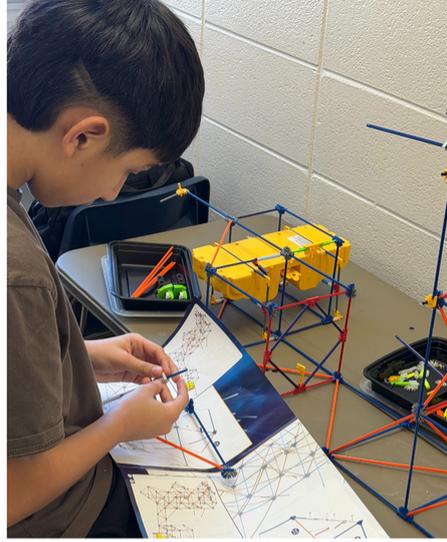
At LMS, we have been successfully implementing WICOR strategies across all content areas for the past two years. WICOR stands for:

- **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.



Our chosen inquiry strategy is DOK, which stands for Depths of Knowledge. This is a framework that measures how deeply students understand a topic and the complexity of thinking required to complete a task. DOK is not just about difficulty, but about *cognitive demand*, which is how much a student has to think, analyze and apply their knowledge.



Congratulations, Lemman Leaders!

In January, our Lemman Leaders award was presented to students who showed the Lemman Value of Responsibility. Congratulations to Sebastian, Mason, and Ryan!



Instructional Coach Corner



Healthy Screen Time Resources

Common Sense Media: Ever wonder if an app or show is really okay for your child? Think of [Common Sense Media](#) as your go-to guide. They offer independent review, age ratings, and straightforward advice to help you make informed choices about

what your child is watching and playing.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP): If you're looking for research-backed advice, the nation's pediatricians have you covered. The AAP offers clear guidelines and a fantastic, interactive tool to create a personalized [Family Media Plan](#) that works for your home.

Child Mind Institute: For practical tips on everything from managing screen time meltdowns to encouraging offline play, the [Child Mind Institute's Guide to Media and Tech](#) offers expert articles in easy-to-understand language.

The Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI): This organization is all about "Digital Parenting." FOSI provides [parenting resources](#) to help you feel confident in setting boundaries and having important conversations with your kids about technology as they grow.



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