

The Charger Wire

May 1, 2026

Notes from Administration



Dear Lemman Families,

We have arrived in May! As we send off our 8th graders to the high school, I always take a moment to reflect on their time at LMS and how much they have grown. The three years we spend with your children are some of the most challenging of their lives and I am so proud of the young men and women that we are sending on to District 94. I have attended many, many graduation ceremonies in my 20 years as an educator, and one fact always strikes me: *everyone smiles at graduation*. We may shed some tears of

excitement and we may feel nervous about what is to come, but the pride and joy of graduation day is one of my favorite parts of working in schools.

Thank you for a wonderful year!!!! For those families who are graduating to District 94, we wish you all the best. For those who will be returning in the fall - have a restful summer, and we cannot wait to see you again!

Sincerely,
Maggie Lay
Principal

Important Dates

Upcoming Important Dates

- 5/4: NJHS Induction Ceremony
- 5/11-5/15: Spring MAP Testing
- 5/15: No School: School Improvement Day
- 5/25: No School: Memorial Day
- 5/29: No School: Professional Development Day
- 6/3: Last day of 8th grade attendance
- 6/3: 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
- 6/4: Last day of school- 1/2 day: Dismissal at 11:10.



Wear It Wednesday - May + June

Each week, our students and staff dress up for Wear It Wednesday.

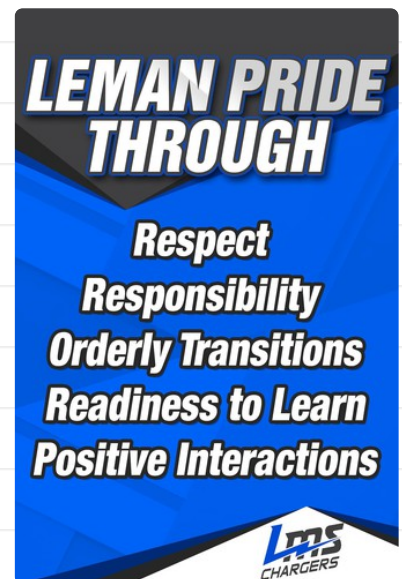
Here are our themes for this month:

- 5/6: 90's Day in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/13: Twin Day- Match with a friend or group of friends
- 5/20: Tie-Dye Day
- 5/27: Hat Day (cannot cover face)
- 6/3: Hawaiian Shirt Day

Chromebook Care and Use

Chromebooks are school-provided devices that serve as the primary learning tool (equivalent to a textbook) for many classes. Students are responsible for caring for their Chromebook. Families will be responsible for the cost of any repairs needed because of damage. Repeated damage or misuse may result in the student losing Chromebook privileges. As soon as an issue arises with their Chromebook, students should notify an adult immediately. Chromebooks are intended for academic use only. Please remind your child not to use the device for games, music, movies, or non-school videos. All activity on District 33 devices is monitored, and uses that violate district policy may lead to consequences.

Talk with your child about proper care and responsible use so you can avoid repair costs and consequences. Thank you for supporting safe, focused learning.



Curriculum Highlight: STEM Fair: Seventh Grade Science

Seventh-grade scientists worked collaboratively to identify and research a problem related to the water cycle. Using their research, students developed a possible solution, including building and testing prototypes. Students then created a presentation explaining their problem, research, and solution. During Science class, teams presented to different teachers who scored the projects on

a rubric. The highest scoring team from each class was invited to present at the D33 STEM Fair on April 28th. The STEM Fair was a night of Science, technology, exploration and prizes!

At the STEM Fair, each team presented to judges who then identified the top four teams.

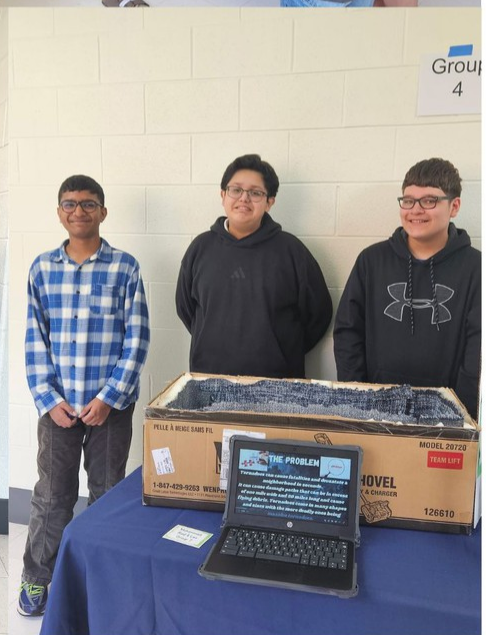
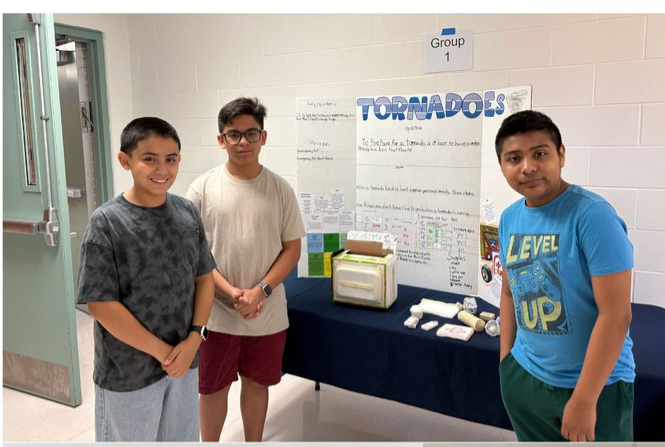
First Place: Desmond, Adelaide, Aaron and Dean

Second Place: Erica, Ryan, Kyah, and Renata

Third Place: Layne and Omar

Fourth Place: Vincent





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.



Reading: Last year, our school introduced a common approach to marking up texts, and has continued our work this year. When students use simple symbols and shared language while reading, they learn to notice important ideas, ask better questions, and talk about what they read across all classes.

You may see your child's work with highlights, short notes in the margins, or symbols that show main ideas, confusing parts, and strong evidence. This small habit helps students build clearer thinking, stronger conversations, and better understanding in every subject.

Congratulations, Lemman Leaders!

In April, our Lemman Leaders award was presented to students who showed the Lemman Value of Positive Interactions. Congratulations to Sophia, Leonel, and Dhianrey!



Instructional Coach Corner

Avoid the Academic Summer Slide

Summer break can impact students' academic performance when returning to school in the fall. What can be done to prevent the academic summer slide? There are a number of ways to keep kids on top of their academic skills while taking a break from the classroom.



The video linked [here](#) offers several tips.

Keep Kids Reading

- Find something to read everyday!
- Find things your kids want to read. Partner with a librarian at a local library or at the [West Chicago Public Library](#) to get recommendations based on your child's age, reading level, or interests. Kids who like what they are reading are sure to read more!
- Read aloud. Ask your child to read from their current book and/or read to them.

Children of all ages- including teens-can benefit from hearing books read aloud to them.

[Here](#) is another video link to offer more tips for avoiding the summer slide.

[Raising Strong Readers](#)

Keep Kids Counting

- Find ways to add math to daily activities, such as calculating volume of water at Turtle Splash:))
- Encourage teens to help with trip planning, by setting a budget, calculating fuel needs, or figuring out the distance between destinations.

[Watch](#) this video for further suggestions.

Keep Minds Sharp During the Summer

- Research places visited during the summer.
- Ask your child about their interests and investigate those topics further.
- Work on academic skills everyday. 30 minutes each day can do wonders!
- Limit time in front of technology sources, even when working on academics.

Learning doesn't need to take a break during the summer!

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