

TIGER TIMES

NOVEMBER 2019

HAPPY FALL!

School Hours - 9:05-3:35

Office Hours - 7:30-4:30

Office Phone: 541-862-2171



CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held on November 6th, 7th, and 8th. We have several options available again this year...Scheduled and Arena Style.

- **SCHEDULED** - Teachers select students whom they would like to meet with the parents and discuss grades, behavior, etc. You will be contacted by the LSMS office to schedule a time. You will meet with all your student's teachers at once for approximately 15 minutes. Please bring your student and their Progress Report

with you. Check-in at the office upon your arrival. NOTE: If you are not able to keep your scheduled appointment, please call the LSMS office as soon as possible.

- **ARENA STYLE** - If you were not contacted for a SCHEDULED conference you may choose one the ARENA times to visit with your student's teachers one-on-one. Please bring your student and his/her Progress Report and you can go directly to the gym.

Cafeteria Connection

LSMS is happy to be able to offer breakfast and lunch again this year at **NO CHARGE**. Students will receive a healthy meal in our cafeteria if they choose.

Students are required to take a fruit or vegetable at lunch. If they do not want to eat it they may leave it on the "Sharing Table" for another student.

Parents are invited to the Holiday Meal on Nov. 21st. Please check in at the office.



PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS



Your student will need an updated TDAP vaccine by February 20, 2020. You can get it at the Health Department or your doctor's office. Please bring a copy of the vaccination record to our office before 2/20/20.

Banner Maker Up & Running

Mrs. Howerton has been working with the district technology department and the banner maker is now up and running! The banner to the left is one of her first creations.

If you need a banner for an upcoming occasion she can design one for you. If you are interested, please email her or call the LSMS office to get a price quote. She will soon be making stickers which will be for sale in the office as a fundraiser.

LIBRARY NEWS

Acceptable Book Donations

Do you have books on your shelves that are collecting dust, but are in great condition that you would like to donate to LSMS library? Please email brenda.haberman@threeivers.k12.or.us to arrange a time to drop off your books for processing. Mrs. Haberman, our library Manager, is happy to sort through your donations and keep the ones our school can use, but the rest will be set out for students to have a FREE book. Criteria for donated books are:

- Book cover, pages, and binding is in good condition
- No food, drink, or mold damage
The book is in the AR system (check www.arbookfind.com)
- The content is appropriate for middle school students (language is appropriate, and theme is not too mature)
It is a book that would appeal to middle-schoolers



Get Ready For STAR WARS

Our next PBiS Activity is to go see the new Star Wars movie!

Students who meet all the eligibility requirements will be able to go on December 15th but you'll need to be to school by 7:45am. The cost will be approximately \$12 including a snack.

Eligibility criteria are:

- **C's or better in all classes**
- **All fines/fees paid in the Library, Office & Cafeteria**
- **No more than 2 lunch detentions**
- **No referrals or bus citations**

So, get to work on keeping your grades up and paying any fines/fees you may have.

LIBRARY cont'd

We have been adding lots of NEW titles in our library which we obtained from the Scholastic Book Fair and other donations! Here are a few you may want to check out:

- Keeper of the Lost Cities series (8 books) by Shannon Messenger - Simon & Schuster says, "Twelve-year-old Sophie finally discovers where her secret telepathic ability comes from when she learns she's actually not human, but is from another world that exists side-by-side with ours." It is a 2015 Oregon Reader's Choice Award nominee, and the AR reading levels for each book are between 4.5 - 5.6, worth 18+ points. We have the first 4 books available right now in the library.



Staff dressed up for the Book Fair!

- **Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald** - Amazon.com has named this football book, "An Amazon Best Book of the Month, told in an innovative, multimedia format combining dialogue, texts, newspaper articles, transcripts, an online forum, and Teddy's inner thoughts, Game Changer explores the joyous thrills and terrifying risks of America's most popular sport." AR reading level is 5.4 and it is worth 5 points.
- **Gordon Korman released Whats His Face in 2018**, a story about twelve-year-old Cooper Vega and his military family who have moved so often, that he is used to new schoolmates not knowing his name. At this moment in time, he has a bigger problem. His new phone is haunted by the ghost of Roderick Northrop. Some things have to go very wrong before they start going very right. AR level is 5.7, worth 8 points.
- **Not to be confused with A Dog's Purpose by Bruce Cameron** (we have this book also), **A Dog's Porpoise by M.C. Ross** is a great new story you'll want to read. When a storm throws Bangor, a harbor porpoise, off course, and Lars, a rowdy pup, is knocked overboard, they both become lost in the waters. Bangor rescues Lars, and they become fast friends. It is a 6.0 AR level, worth 6 points.

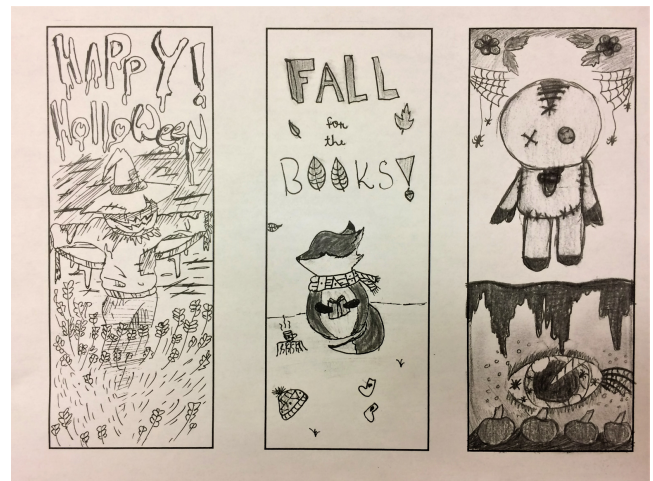
LIBRARY cont'd

- **Words On Fire** is another one of Jennifer A. Nielsen's historical fiction novels. **Danger** is never far from Audra's family farm in Lithuania. As Audra embarks on a journey to deliver a mysterious package her parents gave her and flee from the Russian Cossack soldiers, she faces unimaginable risks. Soon she becomes caught up in a growing resistance movement. If she joins the underground network of smugglers, will Audra be able to rescue her parents? AR level is 5.6, points are worth 11.

FINES - Please remember to pay your fines, or return overdue/lost books as soon as possible to clear up your library account. Fines will make you ineligible for PBIS activities.

BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to Marq Corbett - 6th, Isabelle Fain - 7th, and Vanessa Abbey - 8th, your student fall bookmark contest winners! They received a free book from the library and a poster or other prize. Our Staff winner for the bookmark was Miss Jennifer Parsons - 7th grade Art and Social Studies teacher. All winning bookmarks will be printed out for students to use, so pick one up in our library. We had some AMAZING entries and our students and staff are all very talented!



UPCOMING EVENTS

11/1	Clerical Day - No School
11/7-8	Conferences - No School
11/11	No School
11/19	Boys Basketball Pictures
11/22	Holiday Meal - \$4
11/27-29	Thanksgiving Break



BATTLE of the BOOKS

We are off to a great start in Battle of the Books! There are currently 18 students meeting with team Advisors - Mrs. Deforest and Mrs. Haberman, on Mondays after school.

Students must read at least 8 of the 16 books by mid-January to be eligible for the competitive team. Students who are not competing will continue to be a part of practices until the LSMS book test in late Jan./early Feb. where teams will be determined for the District competition.

We are possibly making T-shirts, so more information will be coming soon. If you have any questions about Battle of the Books, please contact the school office and leave a message.

See you soon,
Mrs. Haberman
Library Manager



Woodshop Class

The Woodshop/Tech class would love to have donations of the following:

- **Lumber: 1" x 6" x 8' & 1" x 12" x 8'**
- **Rip cut saws**
- **Keyhole saw**
- **Set(s) of drillbits, including a 1 1/2" bit**
- **Full set of screwdrivers**

- **Nail punches**
- **Pliers**
- **Safety glasses**
- **16 guage sheet metal**
- **Jigsaw Blades**
- **Coping saw blades**

Thank you.

NEW TIGER GEAR

We now have new Tiger sweatshirts and T-shirts available in the office. They have our new logo on them but there are still some of the "vintage" design left. Hoodie sweatshirts are still \$25 and T-shirts are \$12 or \$15 depending on the size.

Come in to the office to get yours while we still have a good selection of sizes!

The background of the entire page is a stylized illustration of a tiger's face, the mascot for Lincoln Savage. The tiger has orange fur with black stripes, white fur on its muzzle and chest, and large white fangs. The text is overlaid on this graphic.

Lincoln Savage Conferences

Wednesday, November 6th

Scheduled Conferences—4:30pm to 6:15pm

Arena Conferences—6:30pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, November 7th

Arena Conferences —2:00pm to 5:00pm

Scheduled Conferences — 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Friday, November 8th

Scheduled—8:00am to 10:00am

Arena—10:15am to 12:00pm

If you have **NOT** been contacted by the office staff to schedule a conference, then please plan to attend **Arena Conferences** with your child.

Please **check in** at the office and bring your student's Progress Report. Your child's attendance for these conferences is encouraged. Please be sure to arrive on time!

Middle Years

Working Together for School Success



Short Stops

Asking about school

It may take a little creativity to get your tween talking about school. Instead of asking "How was school?" try "What made you laugh today?" or "What was the most interesting thing a teacher said?" *Idea:* Share something about your day first. Your child may be more likely to open up.

Eat your fruits and veggies

Encourage your middle grader to get more fruits and vegetables with her cafeteria lunch. She might add salad bar veggies like lettuce and tomato to her burger or chicken sandwich. And for a healthy dessert, she could dip fresh fruit like apple slices or pineapple chunks into yogurt.

DID YOU KNOW?

Checking your tween's grades online helps you know how he's doing. However, it's important to keep in mind that grades aren't always updated every day. If you notice a low grade or a missing assignment, ask your child about it. He might have a reasonable explanation, or it's possible his teacher hasn't entered everything yet.

Worth quoting

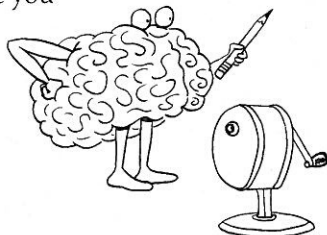
"Remember that happiness is a way of travel, not a destination."

Roy M. Goodman

Just for fun

Q: What gets sharper the more you use it?

A: Your brain.



Tweens: A shifting relationship

Watching your child grow into an adolescent can be fun. You get a peek at his future adult self as his interests, opinions, and sense of humor develop. It may also be confusing, though, as he becomes more independent. Try these strategies for maintaining a strong relationship.



Allow some space

Does your tween prefer to hang out with friends rather than with you? Does he often hole up in his room? Those behaviors are normal. Stay connected by making some family activities, such as weekend outings or dinners, non-negotiable. Also, be sure to spend time chatting with him each day. He'll find it comforting to know you're there.

Find the positives

When your middle grader is moody, think about what you enjoy about him, such as his sense of humor or his compassion for animals. Try framing his

negative behaviors as positives. For instance, his ability to argue could be seen as a knack for debate. Or his insistence on doing things his way shows he's thinking for himself.

Avoid comparisons

Focus on who your child is instead of comparing him to yourself at his age or to other tweens. Perhaps you played sports in middle school but he wants to build robots and join the environment club. Show interest in his activities, and ask questions to learn more about them. ("What can your robot do?" "How was the watershed cleanup?")

Effort = results

The better your middle grader understands that hard work contributes to success, the more likely she is to put in effort. Help her see the connection with these suggestions.

■ **Focus on her actions.** Rather than saying what a great writer your child is, you might point out that all the time she spent editing her essay made it better. She'll learn that she has control over the results she gets.

■ **Encourage persistence.** When your tween faces a setback, recommend that she make adjustments rather than give up. Say she receives a lower-than-expected score on a civics quiz. She could set aside more time to study for the next quiz.



Hooked on a book

Reading for pleasure will build your tween's background knowledge and vocabulary. Inspire her to read more with these ideas.

Make reading a priority. When your family sits around in the evening, have each person read silently instead of watching TV. Visit the library regularly so you always have books in your home. Talk to your child about what you're reading, and ask about her book.

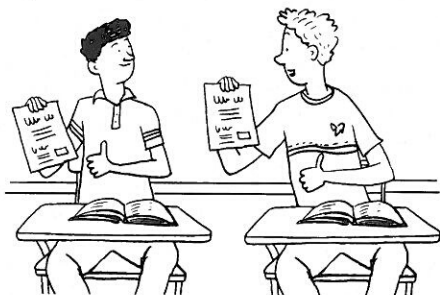


Read about authors. If your middle grader likes particular books, she could visit authors' websites to learn more about them. She might search the internet to find interviews with the authors and reviews of their other books—and discover something new to read.

Take material along. Reading a few minutes here and there adds up. Your teen could plan ahead by packing a book everywhere she goes! That way, she can read on the subway, in the dentist's office, or while waiting for her ride home. Suggest that she grab a magazine for her purse, keep a novel in her backpack, or download an e-book so she always has something to read. 👍

Q & A Think first

Q My son sometimes makes decisions without thinking them through. How can I teach him not to make impulsive decisions?



A Your tween's brain is still developing—especially the part of it that controls decision making.

Let him know that to make good choices, he needs to consider the facts. For example, maybe he needs to pick partners for a group project. His first instinct may be to work with his best friend. But encourage him to think about who has good work habits and won't leave him doing all the work.

Also, give him experience making everyday decisions like picking out gifts for relatives or choosing the film for family movie night. For instance, rather than picking the first gift that looks cool, he should consider your family's budget and each relative's interest. 👍

Make the most of conferences

Use fall parent-teacher conferences to touch base with teachers early in the year and share information to support your middle grader's learning. Consider these tips:

- Get your child's input. Ask if there's anything specific he'd like you to bring up. He may want a teacher to know he feels hesitant about raising his hand in class, for instance.
- Ask about your tween's strengths as well as areas where he could improve. Maybe you'll find out that he loves helping other students but needs to manage his time better in class. Also, get advice on how you can support him at home.
- Point out what you notice at home. Perhaps he's enjoying a math game the teacher recommended, or maybe he's struggling with a science project. This gives teachers useful information for challenging and assisting your child. 👍



Parent to Parent Empathy can prevent bullying

My sister's son was being bullied in school. Thankfully, she worked with the counselor and the situation was resolved—and my sister learned something interesting that she shared with me.

The counselor told my sister that empathy is an antidote to bullying. He said when kids really understand and care about how others feel, they're far less likely to bully. That got me thinking about ways I could approach the subject with my daughter Dara.

When she mentioned that a classmate's parent was sick, I encouraged her to call the girl regularly and perhaps even send a card or cookies.

I also try to show empathy for Dara if she's upset about something, rather than saying, "You'll be fine." When a boy she liked didn't feel the same way about her, I related a similar experience I had in middle school.

I'm hopeful that our focus on empathy will help Dara be kind toward others and never participate in bullying. 👍



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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LINCOLN SAVAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

2019 7th & 8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	TIME	RETURN BUS
Tuesday	11/12/19	Scenic	Lincoln Savage MS	-	4:30 pm	-
Wednesday	11/13/19	South MS	South MS	3:30 pm	4:30 pm	No
Monday	11/18/19	Talent	Talent MS	2:45 pm	4:30 pm	Yes
Wednesday	11/20/19	Hedrick W	Lincoln Savage MS	-	4:30 pm	-
Thursday	11/21/19	McLoughlin	Lincoln Savage MS	-	4:30 pm	-
Monday	12/2/19	North MS	North MS	3:15 pm	4:30 pm	No
Wednesday	12/4/19	Ashland	Ashland MS	2:30 pm	4:30 pm	Yes
Thursday	12/5/19	Hedrick M	Lincoln Savage MS	-	4:30 pm	-
Monday	12/9/19	St Mary's	Lincoln Savage MS	-	4:30 pm	-
Wednesday	12/11/19	Hedrick W	Hedrick MS	2:45 pm	4:30 pm	Yes
Thursday	12/12/19	South MS	Lincoln Savage MS	-	4:30 pm	-
Wednesday	12/18/19	Scenic	Scenic MS	2:45 pm	4:30 pm	Yes

Monday & Tuesday 7th grade plays first. Wednesday and Thursday 8th grade plays first.

HEAD COACH: Colton Anderson

ASSISTANT COACH:

TIGER PRIDE!

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: KIRK BAUMANN 541-862-2171

ATHLETIC SECRETARY: KERI LEHMAN 541-862-2171

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10/18/2019

Tiger Pride Activities

PBIS Incentives

work hard.
→ have fun.
↓
make a difference.

2019-20

CRITERIA

- **C or better in ALL classes**
- **No more than 2 detentions**
- **No referrals or bus citations**
- **All fees paid to the office or the library**

Cost of Tiger Pride Field Trips:

\$=range from \$5-10

\$\$=range from \$15-25 for end of the year trips

⇒ **May change depending on event**

 Be **Safe**

 Be **Responsible**

 Be **Respectful**

All year:

-Friday Spirit Days: wear your school swag
-Perfect Attendance Awards

-Snow cones and popcorn for \$1.00

September:

-6: Snow Cone Friday
-9: Perfect Attendance starts for the year
-22: Snow Cone Friday

-27: Pep Assembly (All School)

October:

-18: Grade Level Recognition Assembly
-25: Tiger Pride Activity (see criteria)

From: Sept. 9-Oct. 23

November:

-15: Grade Level Recognition Assembly

December:

-13 Grade Level Recognition Assembly

-15: Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

(see criteria) plus \$

From: Sept -Dec.

**ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
MUST BE AT SCHOOL
by 7:45AM**



January:

-17: Grade Level Recognition Assembly

-31: Tiger Pride Activity: In-School Dance (see criteria)

**Grades: First Semester
Behavior: Jan. 6-30

February:

-21: Grade Level Recognition Assembly

-28: Pep Assembly (All school)

March:

-20: Grade Level Recognition Assembly

-20: Tiger Pride Activity: In School Dance (see criteria)

From Feb 3-March 19

And the FUN continues...

April:

-17: Grade Level Recognition Assembly

-24 Activity TBA (see criteria)

From March 30-April 23, no more than one detention

Perfect Attendance: Enters a chance to win a Chromebook, Sept. 9-June 10th, **Perfect means perfect!**

May-June

-End of the year class field trips (see criteria plus \$\$)



Previous Field Trips:

- 6th grade: Movie/ Caveman Pool
- 7th grade Emigrant Lake Water Slides
- 8th Grade: Hellgate jet boats/Caveman Pool

Dates and times of events may change

Costs of events may change