

The Charger Wire

Leman Middle School's Monthly Newsletter

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Notes from Administration

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that May is already here! As we near the end of the school year, I always find myself reflecting on the journey our 8th graders have taken during their time at Leman Middle School. Middle school is such an important time in a young person's life—full of growth, learning, and discovery. Over the past three years, I've had the privilege of watching our students persevere through challenges, support one another, and grow into thoughtful, capable young adults.

It's hard to believe we're down to the final few weeks of school! This time of year is always filled with excitement as students wrap up projects, prepare for end-of-year events, and reflect on how much they've grown. As we head into the home stretch, I encourage everyone to stay focused, finish strong, and enjoy these last moments of the school year together. We're proud of all that our students have accomplished, and we're looking forward to celebrating their hard work in the coming weeks!

Sincerely,

Maggie Lay

Principal



Important Dates

- **Friday, 5/2:** Trimester 3 Midterm Grades available in Home Access Center
- **Wednesday, 5/7:** English Graduation/NAMI Parent Presentation 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Wednesday, 5/7:** Spanish Graduation/NAMI Parent Presentation 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Monday, 5/12:** 8th Grade Step Up Day/NAMI Presentations
- **Tuesday, 5/12:** 8th Grade Step Up Day/Workshop
- **Tuesday, 5/13:** 8th Grade Graduation Gown Distribution 7:00am-5:00pm
- **Thursday, 5/15:** 8th Grade Graduation Gown Distribution 7:00am-5:00pm
- **Friday, 5/16:** 8th Grade Graduation Gown Distribution 7:00am-5:00pm
- **Saturday, 5/17:** Ballet Folklorico End of Year Show 5:30pm-7:30pm
- **Tuesday, 5/20:** NJHS Induction Ceremony 6:00pm-8:00pm
- **Monday, 5/26:** No School - Observance of Memorial Day
- **Tuesday, 5/27:** 8th Grade Graduation Gown Distribution 7:00am-5:00pm
- **Tuesday, 5/27:** Choir Concert 6:00pm-8:00pm
- **Wednesday, 5/28:** 8th Grade Graduation Gown Distribution 12:00pm-5:00pm
- **Wednesday, 5/28:** Mariachi Concert 6:00pm-8:00pm
- **Thursday, 5/29:** 6th Grade Orientation 5:30pm-8:00pm
- **Friday, 5/30:** Open Gym (must register in advance) 6:00pm-7:30pm



Important Dates Coming in June to Plan For:

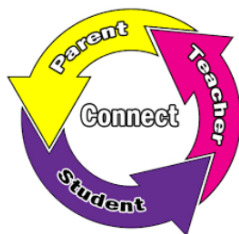
- Monday, 6/2:** Incoming 6th grade Parent Q&A
- Monday, 6/2:** D33 Orchestra Concert (elementary and middle) 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday 6/4:** D33 Band Concert (elementary and middle) 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Friday, 6/6:** No School - Staff Professional Development Day
- Friday, 6/6:** 8th Grade Dance 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday, 6/11:** 8th Grade Main Event Fieldtrip
- Wednesday, 6/11:** 8th Grade Graduation 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Thursday, 6/12:** Half Day of School(7:35am-11:10am)/Last Day of School Grades 6 & 7



Wear it Wednesday!

- 5/7:** Cinco de Mayo - Dress in Green/Red/White
- 5/14:** Music - Dress like a musician or rock your favorite band's t-shirt!
- 5/21:** Rainbow - Wear your favorite color from head to toe
- 5/28:** Grade Level Showdown - 6th -Wear Black, 7th - Wear Blue, 8th - Wear Grey

Keep up to date on your child's academic progress and Leman announcements and information.



Home Access Center Help

If you need help with the Home Access Center, fill out a Help Request here: <https://bit.ly/HACHelp>



ParentSquare

Parent Square

Watch this short video to learn about ParentSquare and join if you have not already!

<https://vimeo.com/362598038>

Home Access Center

Checking Your Child's Grades Weekly

The Home Access Center has a lot of helpful information for families, but is most often used to check on your child's progress in school. The Home Access Center is linked on the District 33 website, as well as the Leman website.

When you log into the Home Access Center, you will see a row of buttons at the top of the page.

To see their **daily progress**, click on the "Classes." button. You can see how your student is doing on their daily classwork. The assignments under the Classes tab are updated frequently. We recommend reviewing your child's grades once a week to see their progress.

If you ever have questions about how your child is doing, please reach out to their teacher via email or Parent Square. We would love to hear from you!



Mr. Freeze At Leman!

The 6th grade students were in for a real treat on April 23rd with a presentation from Mr. Freeze!

Jerry Zimmerman also known as "Mr. Freeze of Fermilab" volunteers his time to do exciting shows for schools and organizations to promote science education and information about the fascinating field of supercooling!



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Fermilab engineers use liquid nitrogen to supercool magnets for least resistance.

Check out some pics of the fun presentation!

Updates From the Social Studies and Music Classes at LMS!

6th Grade Social Studies Update

Hello 6th grade social studies families!

I cannot believe how fast the year has been flying by! We are currently at the end of our Ancient Rome unit where students will be taking their final test on the reasons for the fall of Rome. This is in a document-based format using the RACES skill. This unit we have had the chance to use VR to see the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Greek Acropolis. We have learned about Roman inventions, Pompeii, and many other interesting events. Be sure to ask your students about it :)

Our final units of the year are about the Mesoamerican civilizations of the Olmecs, Mayans, Incas, and Aztecs. Please continue to help remind your student at home about their weekly homework assignments. It is important they are completed on the paper and turned in each week for a homework grade.

Please reach out to any of the social studies teachers in 6th grade if you have any questions or concerns. It has been a joy to teach each of your students this year!



7th Grade Social Studies Update

Our 7th grade social studies classrooms have just wrapped up another unit!

In this last unit, students explored concepts like the idea of "Social Darwinism" and how it led to America's Imperialism Era. We explored the motivation behind the United States becoming an imperial world power, and students applied their knowledge to answer a variety of questions about imperialism for the unit assessment.

Looking ahead, our classes now begin one of our favorite units of the year!

In this next unit, we will have a bunch of engaging and interactive activities, including materials from WWI provided by the 1st Division Museum at Cantigny AND the chance to experience the trenches in an immersive classroom experience.



8th Grade Social Studies Update

The next unit for 8th grade Social Studies covers the Cold War. The students will focus on the question, "How do government policies, protests, and media affect daily lives across generations?"

Students will explore how the aftermath of WWII led to the Cold War. They will explore the effects the Cold War had on the world from 1945 to 1960 and how the Cold War changed Society in the U.S.

To assess this unit, students will be asked to choose who they think has the most power or responsibility. Is it the media, government, or the people?

The assessment will ask students to analyze these perspectives and think about the motivations for each within the context of a historical event

Music Department Update

The Music Department had some very successful performances in March: the Choir (with guests from Gary School) and Mariachi had very successful concerts, and Band and Orchestra students prepared solos to perform for their families and professional judges.

Eighth Graders in the last two months also traveled to the elementary schools to perform for the 3rd-5th graders, letting them know about joining these music groups for next year.

Mariachi Los Rayos and Mariachi La Tormenta, in addition to many community events, also performed at the first ever ILMEA Large Group Mariachi Festival in South Elgin and received some great feedback from a professional Mariachi.

The Leman Jazz Band also performed and sounded great at our Spring Musical, *High School Musical Jr.*, and at the High School's Jazz Showcase.

Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Mariachi are also all preparing for their end-

of-year concerts in late May or early June. The Choir will perform their final concert on May 27 and Mariachi on May 28 in the Leman Cafetorium. Orchestra will have their final concert on June 2 and Band on June 4 in the Bishop Gym at West Chicago Community High School.

We're excited about these concerts capping off a busy and exciting year!



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Art at the ARC!

D33 Students Showcased Their Artwork at the ARC Center this Spring.

Check out some of the great pics from the opening night.

STEM Fair Work in 7th Grade

The 7th Grade Science Team and 7th Grade Students have been hard at work researching, prepping, creating and finalizing their STEM Fair projects!

7th Grade students were tasked with learning about natural disasters, how they impact our environment and how to lessen the damage that can be caused by a natural disaster.

The STEM Fair is a way for the 7th grade students to showcase their knowledge and the ideas they developed into a safety or mitigation product. Our 6th graders even got involved by judging the projects and selecting which ones would be judged at the STEM Fair on April 29th. These selected projects will be showcased and presented by the 7th grade student designers and will have the honor of being a part of the STEM Fair and compete for prizes.

Check out some pics of students creating and presenting!



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Leman Leaders

Each month the Leman Leaders program focuses on one of the five Leman values.

This month's focus was on the Leman Value of Respect.

Each team at all grade levels nominates two students who have displayed that value.

All of the nominees will be recognized and grade level winners will be selected from these nominees each month.

The administration team is excited to highlight some of the students who are meeting and exceeding our expectations each month and help to make Leman a great place to learn!

Check out what our teachers had to say about These Leman Leaders!

8th Grade - Analia Alfaro-Analia She has had an especially great month. Analia shows respect in her interactions with teachers and classmates, and is doing a great job of finishing up her 8th grade year at Leman on a great path to success in high school!

7th Grade- Margaret Natzke- Her teachers report that she has great manners and is always respectful. Margaret consistently models the Leman Values to peers and adults.

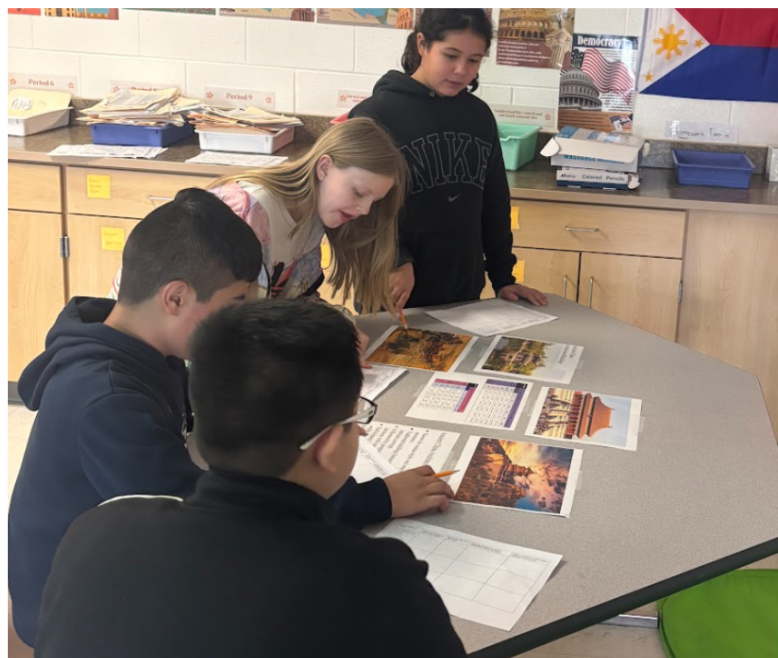
6th Grade - Victor Garcia Antonio Victor is one of the most respectful students on 6 Red. He is always following the Leman Values and on task in the classroom.



Margaret Natzke, Analia Alfaro and Victor Garcia Antonio





Chargers in Action

Check out what the students at Leman have been up to!



Leman Values

The Leman Values are a common set of terms that we use to promote expected behaviors and habits for all those who are a part of our school community. These values will be reviewed with students prior to class each day. They are a good reminder of what is expected during participation in class and while interacting with others in the school. Please discuss and review these with your child and have them explain why they are important to keep all students safe and learning!

Leman School Values			
	Looks Like...	Sounds Like...	Feels Like...
			
Respect for Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaking positively about ourselves and others Accepting directions and instructions by taking ownership and assuming good intentions Caring for our school building Being mindful of others' physical space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using polite words Speaking with positive intention and tone Using appropriate CHAMPS voice level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Valued Accepted Belonging
Readiness to Learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being on time Maximizing time Being prepared with materials Being focused and engaged PIES (Equal Participation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using appropriate CHAMPS voice level Engaged discussion PIES (Simultaneous Interaction) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accomplishment Safe Hungry to learn
Orderly Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing and respecting physical space Walking on the right side of the hallway Being in your expected area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate CHAMPS voice level School appropriate conversations Friendly Positive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calm Safe Routine Respectful
Positive Interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respecting verbal and nonverbal interactions Complimenting others Demonstrating patience with others Smiling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kind words being exchanged "Please and thank you" Positive forms of communication Greeting others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm and fuzzy Appreciated Valued Pride and joy Part of the team
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving and accepting feedback Actively participating Meeting deadlines Being on time Seeking help when needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "I will try better next time" "How can I improve?" School appropriate conversations Holding each other accountable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ownership Self-Respect You are listened to and heard

Leman Middle School Bolt Bucks

Student Name: _____

ID # _____ Grade: _____

Leman Values

☐ Respect for Others

☐ Readiness to Learn

☐ Orderly Transition

☐ Positive Interactions

☐ Responsibility

Teacher Name: _____

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Students: redeem this ticket for a prize in the cafeteria! Thank you for living out our Leman Values!



Coach's Corner

Check out ways families can avoid the "summer slide" in student learning!

[Click here](#) for information on how to beat the summer slide and help your student be academically ready in the fall.

Check out what's happening on our LMS Facebook page!



LMS Video Announcements

The LMS Announcements run every week.

Stay up-to-date with current events and the latest important reminders happening at the school.

[Click here to visit the LMS Announcements homepage.](#)

Thank you for reading! See you next month!



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