

The Weekly Spark

LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mike Semmler, Principal

October 17, 2020

Issue 6

Important Information

**Character Trait for
October
Respect**

Don't forget:

**Wear Blue every
Monday in October**
October 5, 12, 19, 26 Bully Prevention

Reminders:

October 19-23
Character Counts Week

October 21-23
Cross Country Tryouts

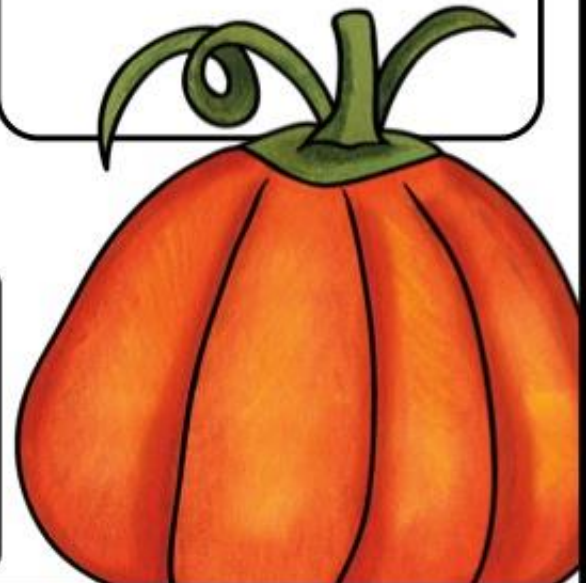
October 26-30
Red Ribbon Week

October 28
Photo Retakes

Boys and Girls Cross Country tryouts begin next week, October 21-23 (Wednesday thru Friday) at 6:30am. Sign up on the Leaman Cross Country website or look for the flyers down by the gyms to sign up online using the QR code. You must have a completed physical on file before you can tryout. See Coach Perez or Coach Smith if you have any questions
www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics/cross-country

Athletics

Football and Volleyball Schedules:
Visit DLJH's athletics website for game schedule
[Leaman Athletics](http://www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics)
www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics



New

Information

This Week

NEW!

Student of the Week

7th Grade

Ireland Stubbs
Nominated by: Mr. Wooten



8th Grade

Blake Zomper
Nominated by: Ms. Jones



LEAMAN

JUNIOR HIGH



Face to Face students took the PSAT 8/9 on October 14, 2020.
Your student will be notified by email when the scores come in.

PSAT 8/9

Virtual students who opted-in by the Oct. 2 deadline will test in January.
Date TBD.

For more information about the PSAT, please visit the [College Board site](#).
For more information about testing in LCISD visit the [Students & Parents site](#).

TEA Interim Assessments

- Math and English Language Arts will be giving TEA Interim Assessments this fall.
 - Face to face students will test during the class period over two days (if needed)
 - Virtual students will test at home
 - Dates TBA by your student's ELAR & Math Teachers (check Canvas calendars)
- These will benchmark student progress at key points in the year.
- Must be done on a laptop or desktop computer.
- Students will access the TEA Interim Assessment App through [Classlink](#).
 - Log in information for each assessment will come from your student's Math and ELAR teachers
- All core subjects will test in the spring.
 - Math, ELAR, Science (8th), U.S. History (8th)
- For more information about testing in LCISD visit the [Students & Parents site](#).

Progress Monitoring Assessments

-
- Writing, Social Studies, and Science students will take LCISD Progress Monitoring Assessments throughout the year (fall, winter, spring).
 - Face to face students will test during the class period
 - Virtual students will test at home through Eduphoria Aware Online
 - Dates TBA by your student's teachers (check Canvas calendars)
 - These will gauge student progress on standards covered by that point in the year.
 - Must be done on a laptop, desktop computer, or iPad (no phones).
 - Students will access the Eduphoria Aware App through [Classlink](#).
 - Log in is the same as Classlink without student initials
 - Ex. Classlink log in: ao123456 Eduphoria log in: 123456
 - For more information about testing in LCISD visit the [Students & Parents site](#).

School Photos

Wednesday, October 28th ~ for VIRTUAL Students

Virtual Learners

- 1) Reserve your spot today! Package details in next week's newsletter
- 2) "Virtual" learners must sign up for their pictures after school using the Sign Up Genius link provided:
 - 1) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea4a92cabff2-dljh12>
 - 2) 2 slots will be provided every 2 minutes between 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM. (Because we have 2 picture stations.)
 - 3) Administrators will be at the door to meet the child and let them in. After taking their photo, they will exit the doors by the cafeteria and return to their cars.
 - 4) No parents are allowed to enter the building.
 - 5) Students must wear masks and socially distance prior to entering the building.
 - 6) Please come at least 5 minutes before your timeslot. If you are late and miss your timeslot, we cannot guarantee that we can work you in.



LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH



Leaman 8th Grade Parents,

Each year, we traditionally hold an 8th grade trip during Spring Break to go to Washington D.C. and the surrounding areas. Obviously because of COVID-19, those plans are up in the air. We wanted to start the process of just gauging your interest in this plan, and having parents submit their information to this survey if they do have interest.

Details:

Dates - June 1st - 5th, 2021

Itinerary:

Washington D.C. (Including seeing the Smithsonian Museums of History, Natural Science, Air & Space....the Jefferson, Lincoln, MLK and Washington Monuments, Ford's Theatre, Arlington National Cemetery, National Archives, White House Picture Stop, U.S. Capitol, WWII Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, and the Holocaust Museum)

Mount Vernon

Monticello

Colonial Williamsburg

Jamestown

Yorktown

If you would like to be on the mailing list for our Teacher/Sponsor (Terry Walters) please click the link below and fill out the survey. This survey is only to see if there is enough interest in our community to move forward with the planning for this trip. Only 8th grade students can attend.

<http://bit.ly/Washington2021>

As a reminder, the last day of school for students this year is Thursday, May 27th and the trip will leave the Monday after Memorial Day (Monday, May 31st, 2020)

Thanks for sharing your information with our team.

Sincerely,

Michael Semmler

Principal

Dean Leaman Junior High

The Counselor's Corner



Character Trait for October

RESPECT

Character Building at Home:

How Parents Can Promote Respect:

- Treat your child with respect, and insist on respectful treatment from your child.
- Insist that your child treats everyone with respect and models respectful behavior at all times.
- Model good manners, and insist your child use good manners.
- Embrace diversity by respecting social customs of others.
- Respect privacy unless suspicious behaviors necessitate otherwise.
- Model and encourage respect if you disagree

How Can I Help My Child be Successful in School?

1. **Communicate.** Read and respond to communication from your child's teacher.
2. **Inform.** Let your child's teacher know of things going on at home that could distract your child.
3. **Set goals.** Work with your child to create goals for the year and affirm them when they accomplish the goals.
4. **Say thank you!** Send a note to a teacher to let her know she is appreciated.
5. **Have a game plan.** Establish a schedule and stick to it - for bedtime, homework time, etc.
6. **Work smart.** Create an appropriate workspace for kids to complete their homework.
7. **Gather feedback.** Ask your child how things are going

What does Respect mean?

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

Important Dates and Events:

- October —7th and 8th grade Respect Character Lessons
- October 14th – 8th Grade PSAT
- October 19-23 Character Counts Week
- October 26-30– Red Ribbon Week

7th and 8th Grade Counselors

Anita Oliphant- 7th Grade

Contact information: Anita.oliphant@lcisd.org

832-223-5209

Office Hours M-F 7:15-3:15

Latoya Session— 8th Grade

Contact information: lsession@lcisd.org

832-223-5269

Office Hours M-F 8:15-4:00

Character Counts and Red Ribbon Week Dress Up Days

Character Counts Week
Oct. 19-23

“Be Happy Be Brave and Be Drug Free”

Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 26-30

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Oct. 19	<p>Respect Day</p>  <p>Wear Blue to Show RESPECT for others and Stomp Out Bullying.</p>	Oct. 20	<p>College Apparel</p>  <p>Wear your college gear . A Successful Future Starts with Good Character.</p>	Oct. 21	<p>Wear PINK</p>  <p>Show Character and support those fighting against Breast Cancer.</p>	Oct. 22	<p>Wear Tie-Dye</p>  <p>Wear tie-dye today to support peace in our schools, homes, and communities.</p>	Oct. 23	<p>Team Shirt/Jersey</p>  <p>Wear your favorite Team Jersey to show that you know how to work as a trust-worthy team!</p>
Oct. 26	<p>Wear Red!</p>  <p>Help us kick off RED Ribbon Week!</p>	Oct. 27	<p>Camo Day</p>  <p>Wear Camouflage today, and be all that you can be... BE DRUG FREE!</p>	Oct. 28	<p>Hawaiian Day</p>  <p>Wear your Hawaiian apparel to help send a message to Lei Off Drugs!</p>	Oct. 29	<p>Wear Boots</p>  <p>Give Drugs the Boot and Say NO to Drugs!</p>	Oct. 30	<p>Twin Day</p>  <p>Twin with a friend or two. Friends don't let friends use drugs!</p>

Ongoing Information/ Notices



The first Monday of every October is World Day of Bullying Prevention™

An initiative of STOMP Out Bullying™

On this day students, schools, and communities all over the world go **BLUE** together against bullying.

It also kicks off National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month every October.

Join us on **Monday, October 5, 2020** for the 14th Annual World Day of Bullying Prevention™

Let's **#BlueUp** together!

We are asking our Leaman Chargers to **#BlueUp** and **CHANGE THE CULTURE!**



Welcome to Leaman!

Frequently Asked Questions



Attendance

Excuses for absences must be submitted within 10 days of the absence. These can be e-mailed, faxed, or dropped off in the attendance office.

Michelle O'Brien april.obrien@lcisd.org
Fax: (832) 223-5201

Behavior Expectations

Students follow the P.R.I.D.E. matrix for expected behaviors. The LCISD student code of conduct can be found in the LCISD Secondary handbook at this link:

<http://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/general-information>

P.E. Uniforms

All P.E. and Dance students must dress out every day. P.E. uniforms are available for purchase from the coaches for \$25.00 (shirt and shorts). Lockers are available to store items in the dressing rooms.

Extracurricular/Clubs

Leaman has a variety of fun organizations. Check out our website for more information at this link:

<http://www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/extracurricular>



Homework

Each teacher's Canvas page will include homework information for their course.

Uniform/Dress Code

Leaman Junior High follows the dress code policy in the LCISD Secondary handbook at this link:

<http://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/general-information>

When a student is out of dress code, he or she will be required to change.

Birthdays

Gifts, cakes, cupcakes, balloons, treat bags, and flowers are not to be sent to school. Invitations to individual parties are not to be distributed at school, during class time.

Lockers

Lockers are optional. There is a mass check out at the beginning of each year. At any other time, if your student wants a locker, they will contact Jennifer Leslie jleslie@lcisd.org

Transportation changes

Submit all changes by 3:15 each day. Students cannot ride the bus home with other students due to limited seating.



Lunchtime

A parent can only provide lunch for his/her child. Students are not allowed to pop popcorn for lunch. Drinks must be in a bottle.

Communication

A weekly newsletter will be sent out each Friday. This newsletter contains important information about our upcoming events and current programs. You will receive a phone reminder about this e-mail each Friday as well.

Cell Phones

Students can only use their phones when permitted by a staff member. If a phone is taken, there will be a \$15.00 fee.

Textbooks

Consumable workbooks and textbooks will be provided in the classroom. Textbooks (for home usage) can be checked out from Delana Jones djones@lcisd.org (if available)

Conferences

To set up a conference with a teacher, counselor, or principal, please contact them directly via e-mail or phone.

