

# LMS Eagle News

## April 20

### From the Desk of Ryan Colburn

If you have been one of my readers for some time, you know I have some idiosyncrasies that really make me unique! Honestly, I'm probably lucky my wife puts up with me! In truth, for example, I lock everything, doors, windows, etc... Sometimes, I check them multiple times to give me peace of mind that they are secure. When my kids come home, I wait to hear the door lock to know that it is secure. Maybe I'm just raising young adults!

I also really don't like being late to things. When I get to places late, I can feel my anxiety rise. I fear that I'm going to miss something, be behind and be playing catch up so it really drives me crazy. Recently, I have been seeing this late habit in our students as well. One day last week, we had 20ish students arrive at school after 7:51 A.M. They hurry into the building hoping they have made it before the bell so that they can head straight to class. When a student doesn't arrive on time, they must check in to the office so that we can correct their attendance. Our teachers take attendance first thing each day and in each class; so, when a student gets marked absent, we need to correct that in the system immediately so parents won't be getting a phone call. That is not always easy to do right away as other issues are also pressing at the beginning of each school day.

My biggest concern, though, is the social and emotional strain coming to school late puts on our students. Walking into class late, missing some instruction, directions, the plan for the day or other important announcements that may be crucial or necessary to the learning and process of the day is generally something a late student misses.

Frankly, we don't have any extra time built into our schedule this year. School starts promptly at 7:51A.M. and our teachers begin their instruction right away. We don't want our students to start their days with anxiety and stress if it can be avoided. I know there are times when being late is unavoidable, but when it happens every day, I think it is important to reevaluate the current plan or habit and how changes can be made to avoid the routine we are in. This is hard, but so important to be sure that our students are in school ready to learn each day.

Truthfully, relieving that unnecessary stress and anxiety could be the start of an amazing day for our students.

Sincerely,

Ryan Colburn

## Talent Show

Leawood's Got Talent and we are looking for stars for our Greatest Show! Our school talent show is going to be May 9th. We are looking for acts to be the stars of our show. Acts should be performance ready and school appropriate.

You can audition by sending in a digital audition or making an appointment with Ms. Stetina and Ms. Terrill on Friday, April 25.

Contact Ms. Stetina or Ms. Terrill if you have any questions.

**And Save the Date for Leawood's Got Talent Greatest Show!**

## Registration

[Middle school registration](#) for the 2025-26 school year is now open for current students. At this time, you can also pay all required fees except course fees, which will be assigned in September. Registration is required annually and is the time to update your child's information (phone, email, emergency contacts, health information, etc.). Beginning in 2025-26, all 6th and 9th graders will be required to provide proof of residency (a current purchase contract, lease or utility bill, within the attendance area for your address) as part of the transition to a new level .

Completing registration confirms your child's attendance in August and helps the district appropriately staff classrooms. Thank you for providing this important information as part of the registration process. For more registration information, visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration).

## Attendance

Middle school is a crucial time for developing consistent attendance habits. Patterns of absenteeism can begin to emerge during these years, and once established, they can be difficult to break. When students start missing school regularly, it becomes easier to fall into a cycle of absences, which impacts their academic progress and social involvement.

We encourage families to monitor their student's attendance closely and address any emerging patterns early. By setting expectations for consistent attendance, students can develop strong habits that will benefit them throughout their educational journey.

## BORN TO SOAR

Please use this form to nominate a staff member (teacher, paraprofessional, front office, support staff, etc....) who you feel is going above and beyond this year. We will recognize one staff member each week for the entire school year by presenting the award to them during a time they work with students. Staff will also be given an awesome picture of two eagles to keep in the classroom for

the week to generate discussion and celebration around their award. This award will be presented each Thursday at some point during the day.

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