

# LMS EAGLE NEWS

May 18

## *From the Desk of Ryan Colburn*

Well, this will be my final From the Desk for this year. Next Sunday we will send our last Eagle News of the year and it will contain information about summer transition, a reminder about fee payment and other reminders about next year's registration.

But, before we get to that, what a year this has been! Our students had such an amazing school year and there is no way to encapsulate the entire year or even highlight it in my letter. But, for me, I think the biggest takeaway is two things. One, the number of students in our building who participated in activities. We nearly topped **95%** of our student population who were involved in at least one activity this year, from sports to music to theatre to one of our many clubs. And, in each of those events, our students shined in so many different ways. The Blue Valley Middle School philosophy is one of involvement and experiences. We worked hard to give students all those experiences and opportunities to participate and to try different things before they go off to high school. I hope your student was able to take advantage of these opportunities. It really makes the middle school experience that much better.

The second is the culture and climate we have at LMS. All you have to do is walk down the halls of the school and visit with our students to see the smiles on their faces, the connections they make with their teachers and peers and the overall experiences they have day in and day out. As I walk the halls every day, I am stopped by countless students who want to share some experience or story with me. They come into my office to tell me things and ask questions and often pull me aside in the halls or lunchroom to talk. I love this! **From day one, that was my goal, to create an environment where students feel safe and welcomed as well as a part of the school community.** There are many ways to measure that but the relationships I feel I have with so many different students is one that I think is the best measuring stick. And I know if I have those relationships with students, our teachers and their classmates also have those connections. As we come to the end of the year, these are the memories that will stick with students forever.

So, thank you for sharing your amazing students with us. We have had a really great year. I hope you all have a great summer and enjoy time with your family and friends. We will see many of you in August, but if this is your final middle school student and time, good luck in the future. High

School is a magical time and one that goes really quickly. Thank you for the lasting memories you have also left for us at LMS.

This last **Eagle News** will contain important information for the last week of school. Please read it carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Ryan

## *8th Grade Parents and Guardians*

The purpose of the communication is to help you better understand the last three days of school for our 8th grade students. Please read this communication very carefully and let LMS know if you have any questions. Please know that we have many fun activities planned and know our students will behave and carry themselves in an appropriate manner as they have all year. However, in the event that a student does not demonstrate proper behavior, it may become necessary to alter their plan or activities for the final three days of school. We look forward to celebrating with you and your 8th graders on these final days of school and know you will help us in communicating with your students the importance of celebrating these last days appropriately.

### **Wednesday May 21, 2025 - Last Full Day of School for 8th Grade**

Students will arrive at school by 7:51 AM and report to their 1st hour classes. Students will follow a normal schedule this day attending all their classes. During the day, students will clean out their lockers. Students should bring bags to school to clean out any items they want to take home. We will reuse any school supplies left behind and throw out any remaining items that cannot be reused. At the end of the day, each student is responsible for turning in their Chromebook and charger, we do not need the sleeve; those may be kept or thrown away. Students should remove any hardware from their device (i.e. USB hard drives, Mouse USB sensors, etc...). There is no way to retrieve it if they forget and turn it in with their device. Students who do not turn their devices in will be assessed a fine that will need to be paid via ParentVue. This is in line with the Acceptable Use Agreement each family signed. Students should plan to bring a bag or backpack to take the contents of their lockers home at the end of the day.

### **Thursday May 22, 2025 - 8th Grade Farewell Day and field trip to Chicken N Pickle**

Students should only bring a change of clothes on this day for after the 8th Grade Farewell ceremony. Parents cannot park in the Leawood Elementary parking lot directly in front of their building or adjacent to it between LES and 123rd. Parents will need to park in the surrounding areas and/or plan to walk and carpool.

The 8th Grade Farewell will begin promptly at 8:00 AM. A light breakfast (donuts, coffee, water) will be served from 7:30 AM to 7:55 AM in the LMS commons for 8th grade students and parents. Our ceremony will last approximately 1 hour or less. Students will take a class picture following the ceremony and parents and guardians will have the opportunity to take photos following our class picture but we will then transition to changing clothes and preparing to leave on our field trip to Chicken N Pickle. Our bus will pick up around 9:30 so our timing is tight. Students will be given a

class shirt prior to leaving and are encouraged to wear that for the duration of our day. This is a normal school day for our other 2/3 of the building as they will be following a regular school day, thank you for understanding. Any parent wishing to check their student out after the ceremony, will need to do so by signing their students out in the front office. Please also note, you may only check out your student and not others. When we return to LMS around 1:30 students will enjoy an ice cream treat courtesy of PTO along with a viewing of the grade level video. School will be released at normal time that day at 3:00 pm.

*We will send a link to the 8th Grade Graduation Video (the one with all the students and their pictures) after the ceremony.*

*Attire for students: Suggested dress for this event is khakis for boys and casual dress/pants for girls. LMS dress code applies*

### **Friday May 23, 2025- Last day of school**

School is from 7:51 - 10:50 AM. Students should only bring a writing utensil with them to school this day to sign yearbooks. We will begin our day with our student Talent Show in our Commons. Following this, students will be given yearbooks and time to sign them until around 10:10 AM. Students will then transition to the gym for our final pep assembly of the year. This assembly will conclude at 10:51 with a special exit for our 8th graders. Students begin their summer break as soon as they leave. Have a great summer.

### **Summary of Key Times and Events:**

#### **Wednesday: Chromebook check in and locker clean out for 8th Graders**

#### **Thursday: 8th Grade Farewell Ceremony, Chicken N Pickle Field Trip**

Families arrive between 7:00 am and 7:55 am for a light breakfast.

Ceremony begins at 8:00 am.

Everyone out of the gym/commons by 9:15 am

Students leave for Chicken N Pickle around 9:30 am and return by 1:30 pm

Ice cream treat and video showing

#### **Friday: Yearbook Distribution and Signing**

All students arrive by 7:51

All students dismissed at 10:51

## **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).

## Building Improvements over the Summer

You may or may not have heard but we will have two major projects occurring this summer here at LMS. Due to a district wide improvement plan, our entire building will be painted on the interior. We are excited about this project which will help the overall improvement of the appearance of LMS. In addition, we will also be coming up with new decals and decorations for the school. In the end, we think our school will look pretty amazing once it is finished.

You may have also noticed the posts and flags in the fields outside LMS and LES. Last week, there was a digging crew working on the islands outside the buildings as well. This is all a part of a large parking lot project that will take place this summer. Crews will begin moving dirt in the coming weeks and once school is out, fences will be installed to begin a project to create a 120 space parking lot for our two schools. This is very exciting and will also impact our campus this summer. Currently, our marquee is not in a status we can access and update. As a result, we will not be updating this and will ask you to refer to the Eagle News for important dates and information. We will be getting a new Marquee with this project and look forward to updating it as the new school year starts. Thank you for your understanding.

In all, exciting times for LMS. We are anxious to see the work begin in the coming weeks and progress over the summer. Next year, we will have a new look for sure.

## End of Quarter Information

### End of Quarter Information - Viewing Canvas Courses and Quarter Grades

At the end of each quarter, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app. However, a concluded course remains visible through the Canvas website by selecting ALL COURSES and then PAST ENROLLMENTS.

#### Important dates for families:

**Please note:** The dates are subject to change based upon calendar updates or technology needs.

#### How do I view my child's report card?

- Log in on [ParentVue](#).
- Select the student's name
- In the left navigation bar, choose *Report Card*

Each new quarter, classroom teachers will publish the next quarter's Canvas course. As courses are published, students and families will again be able to see current courses on the Canvas app and Canvas website. For Canvas parent resources, visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas).

## Immunizations

### ATTENTION INCOMING 7TH GRADE FAMILIES:

All Blue Valley students are required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to complete the immunization process in order to be continuously enrolled in our schools. **A meningitis (MCV4) vaccine and a Tdap booster are required for 7th grade school entry.** Both vaccines are typically given between 11-12 years of age. Please check with your student's health care provider to see if your student has already received these. If not, please make an appointment to have your student receive the required vaccines before the 2025-2026. ***Please send an updated copy of your student's immunization record to Nurse Jess at [jlrose@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:jlrose@bluevalleyk12.org) or fax it to 913-239-5349.***

Vaccines can be received from your health care provider, any pharmacy, or based on a sliding fee scale through the Johnson County Health Department or Health Partnership Clinics (please see attached flyer for information about summer vaccination clinics with Johnson County Health Department).

Kansas law provides two alternatives to immunizations: a medical exemption and a religious exemption. Additional information regarding immunization exemptions can be found at <https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/34370> under health admission requirements. If you have any questions, please email or call Nurse Jess at 913-239-5313.



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## Born to Soar

Congratulations Mellany as our Born to Soar winner this week!

It's been shared how amazing Mellany is and how lucky the 7th grade team is to have her. She's a great friend, an awesome coworker and has great relationships with her students. We are all grateful to have Mellany here at Leawood!!



## LMS Football Camp - see attached



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## LMS Summer Camp

# THE ARTS SUMMER CAMP

FEATURING ANGEL CHAPPLE,  
ASHTYN TOEPFER, AND JENNI LAHASKY

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TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

JUNE 2 - 5

JUNE 9 - 12

9AM - 1PM EACH DAY!

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