



**Lake Elkhorn Middle School**

**BACK**to**SCHOOL**  
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**September 15, 2016**

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# Welcome to Back to School Night!

Parents,

Thank you for joining us tonight. We value parent-teacher communication and understand that it is critical for the success of your student.

Here's the schedule for the evening:

- 5:45-6:30 Parents can access Canvas and Family File
- 6:00-6:30 Gifted and Talent Program Overview
- 6:30-7:00 General Meeting – Cafeteria
- 7:00-8:15 Parents follow their child's schedule
- 8:15-8:35 Closing

When visiting classes, please remember that this time is set aside for general information. If you have a specific question or concern involving your child, please request a separate conference.

Thank you for coming out tonight!

Best Regards,

*Martin Vandenberg*

Martin Vandenberg, Principal



PERSEVERANCE – RESPECT – INTEGRITY – DEPENDABILITY – EXCELLENCE



VISION

LAKE ELKHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INSPIRED TO PERSEVERE AND EMPOWERED TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

MISSION

AS A COMMUNITY SCHOOL, LAKE ELKHORN MIDDLE PROVIDES A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, BUILDS POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, AND ENGAGES STUDENTS IN RIGOROUS INSTRUCTION TO ENSURE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS.

PERSEVERANCE – RESPECT – INTEGRITY – DEPENDABILITY – EXCELLENCE

## “Save Me a Seat in College” Pledge

As I move toward graduation from high school, I pledge:

- To focus on academics by working hard with **PERSEVERANCE**.
- To show **RESPECT** for myself, my peers, and my school by following all school rules and expectations.
- To show **INTEGRITY** by being honest and trustworthy even when others are not watching.
- To be **DEPENDABLE** by completing all work on time.
- To strive for **EXCELLENCE** in the quality of all that I do.

I will show my **Eagle PRIDE** at all times in order for me to be College and Career Ready.

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# Lake Elkhorn Middle School Staff

## 2016-2017

### Main Office

Principal  
 Assistant Principal 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Assistant Principal 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Assistant Principal 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Principal's Secretary  
 Teacher's Secretary  
 Teacher's Secretary  
 School Resource Officer

### Name

Mr. Martin Vandenberg  
 Ms. Tiffany Carmean  
 Mr. Mark Murray  
 Mr. Kevin Dorsey  
 Ms. Stacey Glenn  
 Ms. Trisha Ovide  
 Ms. April Thorpe  
 Officer Cliff Macer

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Science Teacher  
 Science Teacher and Science ITL  
 Social Studies Teacher  
 Social Studies Teacher

Ms. Julia Vereern  
 Mr. Shawn Gatz  
 Ms. Brooklyn Wilkerson  
 Ms. Sherri Palazzo

### Student Services

Data Clerk  
 Guidance Secretary  
 Counselor  
 Counselor  
 Psychologist  
 Pupil Personnel Worker  
 Alternative Education Coordinator

Ms. Judy Woolls  
 Ms. Estelle O'Connor  
 Ms. Bettina OliverMcCain  
 Ms. Julie Faggio  
 Ms. Erin Kerber  
 Ms. Tracey Williams  
 Mr. Jerome Jefferson

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team:

ELA Teacher and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ITL  
 ELA Teacher  
 Math Teacher  
 Math Teacher  
 Science Teacher  
 Science Teacher  
 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Science Teacher  
 Social Studies Teacher

Ms. Pat Robinson  
 Ms. Kacy Valentine  
 Ms. Rachel Hess  
 Ms. Sabrina Cunningham  
 Ms. Stephanie Noonan  
 Ms. Keri Youse  
 Ms. Stephanie Noonan  
 Ms. Lydia Miller

### Health Services

Cluster Nurse  
 Health Assistant

Ms. Cassandra Wanless  
 Ms. Brandy Wilson

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team:

Math Teacher and 8<sup>th</sup> ITL  
 Math Teacher and TDL  
 Math Teacher  
 English Teacher  
 English Teacher  
 Science Teacher  
 Science Teacher  
 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies Teacher  
 Social Studies Teacher and SS ITL

Mr. Jay Farmer  
 Ms. Carla Bacon  
 Ms. Michelle Dugan  
 Ms. Heather France-Kelly  
 Ms. Laura Frey  
 Ms. Shannon Benedetto  
 Ms. Julia Vereen  
 Ms. Kate Takusi  
 Ms. Erica Waters

### Custodial Office

Day Chief  
 Night Chief

Ms. Yolanda West  
 Mr. Larry Aikens

### Related Arts:

Physical Education LTS  
 Physical Education  
 Art  
 Art LTS  
 Band  
 Chorus  
 Family and Consumer Science  
 World Language  
 World Language  
 Health  
 Orchestra  
 Tech Ed and RA ITL

Ms. Emily Gartrell  
 Mr. Brian Culley  
 Ms. Sara Blankenburg  
 Ms. Wisty Battles  
 Ms. Sumayyah Bilal  
 Mr. Jeremy Rea  
 Ms. Jueneville Dean  
 Ms. Camille Schwan  
 Ms. Alexis Stevens  
 Ms. Caitlyn Potts  
 Ms. Jennifer Retterer  
 Ms. Angela Bernard

### Additional Offices

GT Teacher  
 MIST and Math ITL  
 ESOL Teacher  
 Media Specialist

Mr. Dave Bond  
 Ms. Damitra Newsome  
 Ms. Susan Keane  
 Ms. Pam Winkleman

### Reading Team

Reading ITL  
 Reading Specialist  
 I & I  
 Reading Para-educator  
 Reading Teacher  
 Modules

Ms. Annie Herbert  
 Ms. Robin Kokolis  
 Mr. Pete Matthews  
 Ms. Yasmine Syed  
 Ms. Deidre Hill  
 Ms. Susan Williams

### Special Education:

Special Education ITL  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher  
 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher  
 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher 6<sup>th</sup> ITL  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher  
 ALS Teacher  
 ALS Teacher

Ms. Christine Hoelscher  
 Ms. Denise Madden  
 Mr. Dan Lally  
 Ms. Lisann Lewin  
 Ms. Tracey Bailey  
 Ms. Ashley Riley  
 Mr. Matt Anderson  
 Mr. Matt Nelson  
 Ms. Ashley Park-Brouse

### Instructional Support Team

Math Para-educator  
 ESOL Para-educator  
 Alt Ed Para-educator

Ms. Eilene Brocenos  
 Ms. Nona Nourbakhsh  
 Mr. Justin Riggan

### Special Education Para-educators

Ms. Thea Baker  
 Ms. Renee Cannon  
 Ms. Ann Cherone  
 Mr. Lawrence Coleman  
 Ms. Niya Dixon  
 Ms. Carmen Sharpe  
 Ms. Sherry Strothers

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team:

ELA Teacher  
 ELA Teacher ITL  
 Math Teacher  
 Math Teacher

Ms. Courtney Wilk  
 Ms. Laura Dennis  
 Ms. Kelly Figueroa  
 Mr. Hayden Yerashunas

### Student Assistants

Ms. Ashley McKeldin  
 Ms. Rose Peigne

## LEMS Event Calendar Dates

Sept. 16 – School Pictures  
 Sept. 29 – Back to Music Night @ 7 pm  
 Sept. 30 – School-wide Incentive  
 Oct. 3 – Schools and offices closed  
 Oct. 12 – Schools and offices closed  
 October 13 – PTSA Meeting (Every 2nd Thursday of each month) @ 6:30 pm  
 Oct. 17 – Dental Clinic  
 Oct. 18 – Flu Clinic  
 Oct. 27 – Outdoor Ed Parent Chaperone Meeting at OMMS @ 6:30 pm  
 Oct. 31 - Professional Learning Day – Schools closed for students  
 Nov. 7 - Professional Work Day – Schools closed for students  
 Nov. 8 – Election Day – Schools and offices closed  
 Nov. 9-11 – Grade 6 Outdoor Education trip to Northbay  
 Nov. 10 – PTSA Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
 Nov. 14-18 – American Education Week  
 Nov. String-a-palooza @ 7:00 pm  
 Nov. 21-23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 Dec. 21-22 – Winter Music Concerts

## Testing Dates 2016-2017

<u>Test</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Time/Period</u>
MAP – Fall	All students	10/4-5 – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade 10/6-7 – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade 10/10-11 – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Make-ups in the afternoon each day	8:15 – 9:47
Gallup Student Poll (GSP)	All students	10/13 – 10/20	ELA classes
MAP - Winter	All students	1/9-10 – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade 1/11-12 – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade 1/18-19 – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Make-ups in the afternoon each day	9:48 – 11:33 12:10 – 1:50 11:15 – 12:55
MSAA	ALS Students	3/13 – 5/20	TBD
ACCESS	ELL students	1/8 – 2/17	TBD
PARCC	All students	4/25- 5/12	TBD
MSA Science	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students	3/13 – 3/24	TBD
MAP - Spring	All students	5/15-16 – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade 5/17-18 – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade 5/23-24 – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	TBD TBD TBD
ALT MSA Science	ALS Students	10/28 – 3/2	TBD

## Howard County Public School System Calendar 2016-2017

August	29	First Day of School for Students
September	5	Labor Day - Schools & Offices closed
	12	Schools-based Professional Learning Day – Schools Closed for Students
October	3	Schools and Offices Closed
	12	Schools and Offices Closed
	31	School-based Professional Learning Day – School Closed for Students
November	4	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
	7	Professional Work Day – School Closed for Students
	8	General Election Day – Schools & Offices Closed
	14-18	American Education Week
	21	All Schools close 3 hrs early. Parent/Teacher Conferences
	22	All Schools close 3 hrs early. Parent/Teacher Conferences
	23	All Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher Conferences
	24	Thanksgiving Day - Schools & Offices closed
	25	Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools & Offices closed
December	26 – 30	Winter Break - Schools Closed
	26	Schools & Offices Closed
	27	Schools & Offices Closed
	30	Schools & Offices Closed
January	2	Schools reopen
	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Schools & Offices Closed
	26	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> marking period
	27	Professional Work Day – School Closed for Students
February	20	Presidents' Day - Schools & Offices Closed
	21	Countywide Professional Learning Day – Schools Closed for Students
March	9	Schools close 3 hrs early. Parent/Teacher Conferences
	10	Schools close 3 hrs early. Parent/Teacher Conferences
April	7	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> marking period – All schools close 3 hrs early
	10-14	Spring Break – Schools Closed
	14	Schools & Offices Closed
	17	Schools & Offices Closed – May be used as inclement weather makeup day
May	19	Professional Learning/Articulation Day – Schools closed for students
	29	Memorial Day - Schools & Offices closed
June	12-13	All Schools close 3 hrs. early
	13	Last Day of School
	14-16	May be used as inclement weather makeup day
	19-20	May be used as inclement weather makeup day

# Lake Elkhorn PRIDE

Perseverance – Respect – Integrity – Dependability -  
Excellence



Eagle PRIDE: Perseverance –  
Respect – Integrity –  
Dependability – Excellence

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for showing your Eagle PRIDE!!!

## “Eagle Buck” Procedure

A component of Lake Elkhorn’s PBIS system

### ***What are Eagle Bucks?***

An Eagle Buck is an incentive for students to follow the School Rules (Behavioral Expectations). The purpose of the Eagle Bucks is to promote positive interaction with students by every staff member.

### ***How do students earn Eagle Bucks?***

Staff members should give out a number of Eagle Bucks throughout the school day to the students who are following the School Rules and demonstrating P.R.I.D.E.

### ***What do students do with Eagle Bucks?***

Students should bring their Eagle Bucks to the school store in the cafeteria to purchase items. They can also use them for team activities or other school wide events.

### ***Why are we doing this?***

We are doing this to reinforce School Rules in all settings, and to encourage students to demonstrate P.R.I.D.E. throughout the school day.

## **Incentives**

### ***How can you help?***

1. Volunteer at our school store and/or at the incentives.
2. Donate items for school store (Drop off items anytime at school and let them know it is for the school store)
3. Share connections and/or ideas for incentives

School Store during lunch shifts:

Set up to Clean Up: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm (Times may vary if we are on an alternative schedule)

Dates: 9/14 10/5 10/26 11/16 12/14 1/11 2/1 2/22 3/15 4/5 5/3 5/24 6/14

Incentive: 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Dates: 11/18 2/10 5/5 6/2

Please contact Ms. Dugan at [Michelle\\_Dugan@hcpss.org](mailto:Michelle_Dugan@hcpss.org) if you can help in any way.



## Use your Strengths!

My Top 3 Strengths are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



### **Achieving**

*Students especially talented in this theme like to accomplish things and have a great deal of energy.*

### **Caring**

*Students especially talented in this theme enjoy helping others.*

### **Competing**

*Students especially talented in this theme enjoy measuring their performance against that of others and have a great desire to win.*

### **Confidence**

*Student especially talented in this theme believe in themselves and their ability to do well in everything they do.*

### **Dependability**

*Students especially talented in this theme keep their promises and show a high level of responsibility.*

### **Discoverer**

*Students especially talented in this theme tend to be very curious and like to ask "why?" and "how?"*

### **Future Thinker**

*Students especially talented in this theme tend to think what's possible beyond the present time, even beyond their lifetime.*

### **Organizer**

*Students especially talented in this theme are good at planning, scheduling, and organizing.*

### **Presence**

*Students especially talented in this theme like to tell stories and be at the center of attention.*

### **Relating**

*Students especially talented in this theme are good at establishing meaningful friendships and maintaining them.*

# Reminders and Resources

## Attendance

It is very important to be in school on time. In the event that the student is late, a note providing the circumstance must be provided. Students must report to their first period by 8:00 am in order to be marked present. Please note continued unexcused tardies will result in the following disciplinary action(s):

Excused: No consequences

Unexcused : 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Warning

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> offense – Lunch detention and contact home

5<sup>th</sup> offense – Administrative detention and contact home

6<sup>th</sup> offense – Friday Afternoon School and contact home

Students are provided a free breakfast from 7:47-8:00 am. For more policies and procedures, please review the Student Agendabook and/or the Student and Parent Handbook.

## HCPSS Connect

HCPSS Connect provides access to a variety of student information and classroom instructional tools offering personalized communication and timely, relevant, and easily accessible information relating to your student. Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> to update your Family File today! Also, please note that attendance is taken by 8:00 am. Parents are notified via HCPSS Connect whether or not a student is marked absent and/or tardy.

## School Lunch

Making paying for school meals easy. Visit [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com).

## Contact Us

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Guidance Office: 410-313-7635

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LEMSPTSA/](http://www.facebook.com/LEMSPTSA/)

Schoolius Page:

[www.schoolius.com/school/1627980297428283/LakeElkhornMiddlePTSA](http://www.schoolius.com/school/1627980297428283/LakeElkhornMiddlePTSA)



*Thank You*

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for your attendance and  
participation at  
*Back to School Night*