

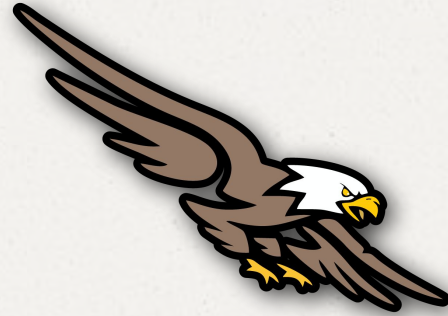
Welcome!

Lake Elkhorn Middle School
New Student Orientation 2019-20



Agenda

- Staff Introductions
- Students Visit Classrooms:
 - 7th & 8th grade students
 - 6th grade students
- Parents/guardians remain for Lake Elkhorn 101
- Parents/guardians meet up with students to try lockers and visit teachers



LEMS Administrative Team

- Melissa Shindel, Principal
- Nick Cometa, 6th Grade Administrator
- Kamille Guinn, 7th Grade Administrator
- Kelli Nitsch, 8th Grade Administrator



LEMS Student Services

410-313-7635

- Bettina OliverMcCain
 - 6th grade
 - 7th grade, last names A-K

- Julie Fischer
 - 7th grade, last names L-Z
 - 8th grade



LEMS Team Leaders

- 7th grade team leader – Ms. Cunningham
- 8th grade team leader – Ms. Lowman
- 6th grade team leader - Ms. Buser
- Related Arts team leader - Mr. Bond



7th and 8th Grade Students

You will go on a tour with your grade-level team leader:

- 7th graders go with Ms. Cunningham
- 8th graders go with Ms. Lowman

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PTSA & Getting Involved

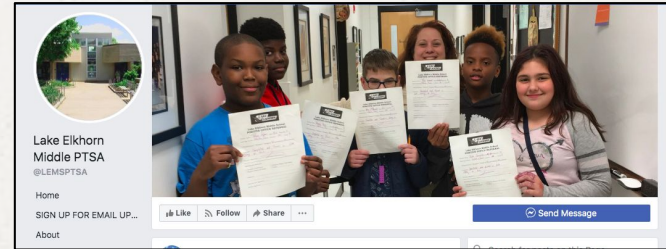
- We need you! Stay involved!

- PTA:

- Membership drive coming soon!

- <https://www.facebook.com/LEMSPTSA/>

- <https://www.lems-ptsa.org/>



Daily Schedule

Students must be in period 1, by **8:00 a.m.**



DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Time	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
7:58 a.m. – 8:04 a.m.	Breakfast & Announcements		
8:04 a.m. – 8:54 a.m.	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
8:57 a.m. – 9:47 a.m.	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
9:50 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
Lunch Block 10:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch 10:42 a.m. - 11:12 a.m.	Period 4 10:43 a.m. - 11:33 a.m.	Period 4 10:43 a.m. - 11:33 a.m.
	Period 4 11:14 a.m. - 12:04 p.m.	Lunch 11:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Period 5 11:36 a.m. - 12:26 p.m.
	Period 5 12:07 p.m. - 12:57 p.m.	Period 5 12:07 p.m. - 12:57 p.m.	Lunch 12:28 p.m. - 12:58 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6
1:53 p.m. – 2:43 p.m.	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:43 p.m.	Dismissal for All Bus Riders		
2:50 p.m.	Dismissal for All Walkers and Car Riders		

Arrival and Dismissal


- **Arrival:**

- All students may enter at 7:50 a.m.
- Students must be in period 1 by 8:00 a.m.

- **Dismissal:**

- Bus riders are dismissed at 2:43 p.m.
- Car riders and walkers are dismissed at 2:50 p.m.
- Students who have siblings at CRES will be guided to meet them at a specific location on the CRES blacktop

Where Can I Find My Child's Bus Route?

 **Howard County Public School System - Pupil Transportation Office**
Splash Screen | Contact Us


Search

Number and Street Zip Code

All Grades and Schools

Search

Enter a street to search. Specify a zip code, school and/or grade to filter your results.



ESSENTIAL APPLICATIONS



School & Bus Locator

Find your child's school and view
bus pickup times

<https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/>

Morning Car Rider Drop-Off

- Morning drop-off is on the side of the building once you pass the Head Start building
- All students may enter at 7:50 a.m.
- Please drive carefully through the parking lot. A lot of students, staff, and families are walking in the parking lot at this time
- Please keep traffic moving on Cradlerock Way

Afternoon Car Rider Pick-Up

- Afternoon pick-up is on the side of the building once you pass the Head Start building
- Car riders and walkers are dismissed at 2:50 p.m.
- Please drive carefully through the parking lot. A lot of students, staff, and families are walking in the parking lot at this time
- Please do not block/stop on Cradlerock Way

Breakfast and Lunch

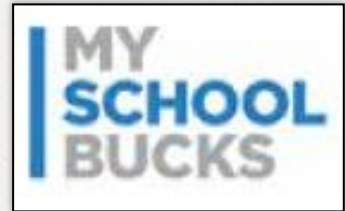
- All students receive a free breakfast
- Meal Costs:
 - Lunch \$3.25
 - Reduced Price Lunch \$0.30
 - Milk \$.50

Breakfast and Lunch



- **Point of Sale System (POS)**

- We will help students with their HCPSS codes
- Payments can be made online through an app or students can bring in money to add to their account (<http://www.hcpss.org/food-services/> / myschoolbucks.com)
- Please keep track of your child's account
- Cash is accepted



Free and Reduced Meals

- HCPSS participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs which provide families with significant benefits to help save money.
- Qualification is based on family size and income, and enrollment is confidential.
- ***Families must submit a new application every school year:***
<https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/farms/>

Wellness Telemedicine Center

This year LEMS and CRES will house a Wellness Telemedicine Center!

The Wellness Telemedicine Center is a secure, two –way video link between your school's health suite and their primary care provider or Howard County General Hospital Pediatric Emergency Room to provide acute health services to your child. Equipment operated by the HCPSS school nurse will send images and sounds to the provider. Your child can be seen and treated for pink eye, strep throat, rashes on exposed skin, ear infections, asthma flare ups, and other minor health conditions. If your child does not have a contagious condition and is well enough, he or she can be given medicine to make them comfortable and can remain in school. Prescriptions, if needed, are sent to the pharmacy of your choosing.

Lunch & Recess

- 30 minutes every day (lunch & recess)
- Students eat with their grade-level peers
- If students forget their lunch/lunch money:
 - Remind your child to let someone know
 - They will be offered lunch
 - Student is asked to pay for the lunch the next school day
 - Negative account balances must be less than \$10

What's the Procedure if My Child is Absent?

- Write a note for your child's absence within 2 days
- Your child should submit the note to Student Services upon morning arrival or return to school
- Excessive absences can have school-based or other responses for students and sometimes families. Please communicate extenuating circumstances so we can work together to develop a plan of support.

What's the Procedure if My Child is Late?

- Students must be in 1st period by 8:00 a.m.
- Arrivals after 8:00 a.m. are considered late
- Sign-in your child in the office if he/she is late
- Excessive tardiness can have school-based or other responses for students and sometimes families. Please communicate extenuating circumstances so we can work together to develop a plan of support.

When Will My Child Get a Locker?

- 6th graders get their lockers today!
- Encourage your child to write the combination down at home - kids oftentimes forget them over breaks.
- Please remind your child to protect their combination.
- Students are not permitted to share lockers.



Does HCPSS Have a Dress Code?

- *Check your child's agenda book (it will be distributed Monday) or the HCPSS website for specific details and more information.*
- *Highlights...* Students are not permitted to wear attire, including wearable technology that:
 - Exposes or reveals the chest, midriff, pelvic/groin area, and buttocks
 - Interferes with instruction or student safety, including wearable technology
 - Depicts profanity, hate speech, obscenity, the use of weapons, or violence
 - Promotes use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products or contains sexually suggestive messages

Does HCPSS Have a Dress Code?

- **Students may be asked to:**
 - Make adjustments to meet the dress code
 - Call a parent/guardian to bring appropriate clothes
 - Turn-in wearable technology (earbuds, etc.) to be returned to a parent/guardian during school hours

Check your child's agenda book (it will be distributed Monday) or the HCPSS website for specific details and more information.

Backpacks



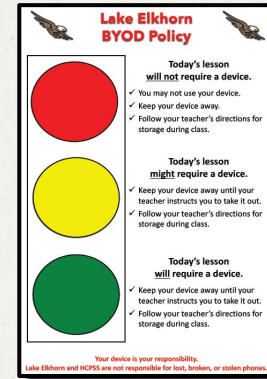
Backpacks are permitted to transport items to and from school, but must remain in lockers during the school day.

This includes string-bags and purses that look like backpacks.

Cell Phones

and other personal electronic devices

1. All phones and personal communication devices must be away and either off or silent while in classrooms. Phones should not be set to vibrate.
2. Students may use personal technology devices in classrooms only when approved by the teacher or administrators, as will be indicated visually on a “stoplight” in each classroom.



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3. Students may use their cell phones / electronic devices during lunch & recess with one earbud only.
4. Cell phones are not permitted in hallways during school hours.
5. Personal electronic devices may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms at any time.
6. Students are not allowed at any time to videotape, audiotape or take photographs during the school day, including during the bus ride to and from school.



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7. Individuals assume full responsibility for their non-HCPSS owned technology devices. Lake Elkhorn is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken property.

Any disruption to class or other educational activity may result in disciplinary action.

Students who fail to adhere to this policy may have their property confiscated by any school staff member.

Such property may not be returned to students and may only be returned to a parent or guardian during regular office hours.

Social Media Concerns

1. Please monitor your child's social media
2. We strongly encourage
 - a. Requiring strict privacy settings
 - b. Setting time limits
 - c. Removing phones overnight
 - d. Having conversations about use during school
3. Oftentimes an age requirement of 13
4. Texts, posts, emails & apps - Trust but verify
5. Cautions:
 - a. Bullying takes place over the Internet (cyberbullying policy)
 - b. Drama increases / friendships struggle



What Can We Do If We Suspect Bullying/Cyberbullying?

Normal Peer Conflict

- Peers have equal power or are friends with each other.
- Conflict happens occasionally or rarely.
- May be accidental.
- May not be serious; no threat of harm.
- Equal emotional reaction from both peers.
- Not seeking power or attention and not trying to gain something.
- General remorse – will want to take responsibility.
- Effort on both sides to solve the problem.

Bullying/Harassment

- Imbalance of power between peers; not friends.
- Repeated negative actions that happens often.
- Purposefully done.
- Serious with threat of physical or emotional harm.
- Strong emotional reaction from victim and little or no emotional reaction from bully.
- Seeking power, control or material things.
- No remorse – bully blames victim; no guilt from bully.
- No effort to solve the problem.

**Adapted from Bully-Proofing Your School, 2004*

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How Can We Report?

- **Online:**
 - https://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/form_harassment.pdf
 - <http://report.sprigeo.com>
 - Email and we can send it to you
- **Paper Form:**
 - Front office
 - Counseling Center
- **Call Us / Report to Us**

PRIDE at LEMS

- **P** Perseverance **“Keep Trying, Don’t Give Up!”**
- **R** Respect **“Treat others how you want to be treated.”**
- **I** Integrity **“Do What’s Right When No One’s Looking”**
- **D** Dependability **“I Can Count on You, You Can Count on Me”**
- **E** Excellence **“Go Above & Beyond!”**



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[HCPSS CONNECT LOGIN](#)

- **Family File - Completed online - no more paper Emergency Cards - must be updated each year!**
- Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> to update or for ways to get help with your username or password

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- **Synergy** – Student records, attendance & grades. Update medical and emergency contact information each year.
- **Canvas** - Access to class information, calendar & assignments
- **School Messenger** - All parents are automatically subscribed to our school as students enroll. Everyone should have received a school newsletter on August 14.

School Messages / Communication

- Newsletter - Every other week on Friday
- Website - Updated regularly (lems.hcpss.org)
- LEMS Twitter - www.twitter.com/hcpss_lems
- Principal's Instagram - [@principal_shindel](https://www.instagram.com/principal_shindel)



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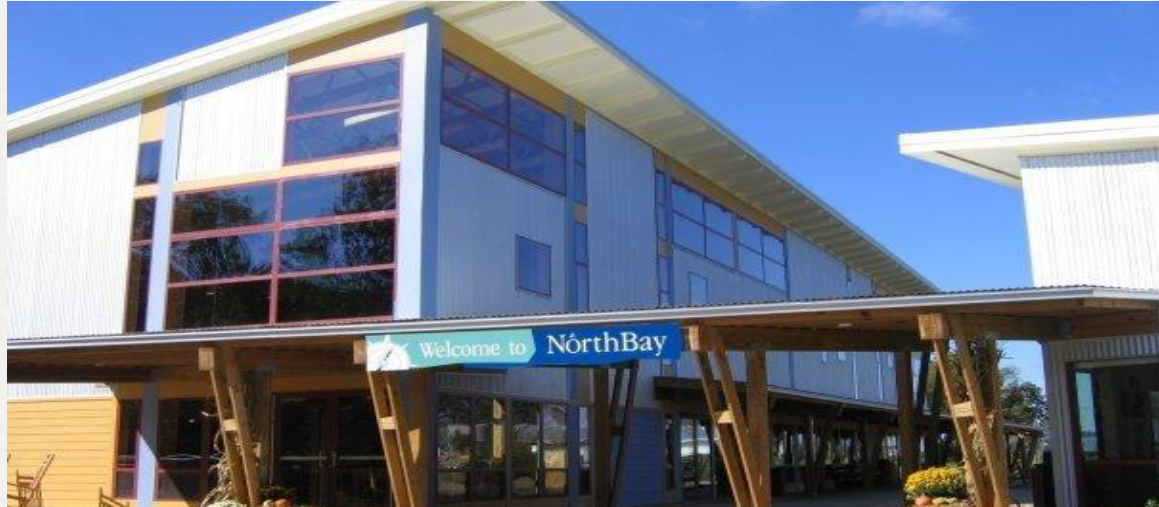


Contacting Teachers

- Email - Use website directory
- Canvas
- Phone calls 410-313-7600
- Meet them at Back-to-School Night, 9/11 at 6 p.m.

*Please allow 24-48 hours for a response during the week
(Most responses will be sooner than that)*

Outdoor Ed: November 4-6



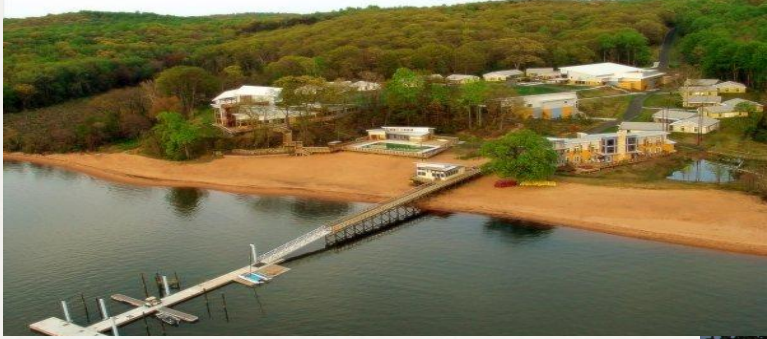
NorthBay Adventure Camp

Outdoor Ed: November 4-6



Cost: \$179.00
(includes a LEMS Outdoor Ed t-shirt)

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Parent Information Session: 9/26, 6:30 p.m.

What Does My Child Need on the 1st Day?

- It is recommended that students bring a binder with basic school supplies in it (one pocket folder, one spiral notebook, sheets of looseleaf paper, and 2-3 writing utensils).
- Students should also bring their lunch if they do not plan on buying/getting a school lunch.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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IMPORTANT NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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Greetings from the new LEMS Administrative Team!	LEMS Cell Phone & Electronic Devices Policy, 2019-2020	Immunization Requirements - Rising 7th Grade Students (en

Reminders for Today

- Visit the tables in the back!
 - Spiritwear samples - orders due September 13!
 - LEMS water bottles - available to take home today!
 - PE uniforms/spiritwear - on sale today
- 6th grade parents: Meet your child in his/her admin homeroom at 1:55
- 7th / 8th grade parents: Your child will meet you here

6th Grade Administrative Homerooms

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We Thank You for Coming Today!
Come Back Soon!

