



## ***Greetings from Superintendent Bucks***

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Many exciting things are in play right now for the Lemmon School District. Our Action Plan is complete with the help of our dedicated staff and committed community members. This action plan will be up for approval at the next school board meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We also have trained our staff in ALICE, (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate). Our Lemmon PRIDE event with Jimmy Casas went very well. Staff members attended Mr. Casas' talk about "Living Our Excellence" each day and going beyond the "average".

Mother Nature has been quite difficult lately. We will make our 3 snow days up as follows:

<b>Snow Day</b>	<b>Make-up Day</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb 7</b>	<b>Friday, March 22</b>
<b>Monday, Mar 4</b>	<b>Friday, April 12</b>
<b>Tuesday, Mar 5</b>	<b>Friday, April 26</b>
<b>Thursday, Mar 14</b>	<b>Friday, May 3</b>

Looking on the bright side, spring is coming. When it will get here, no one knows but spring sports will be starting soon no matter what the weather does!!

Our building discussions continue, with various meetings happening. The Construction Manager at Risk applications were due March 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the company that will oversee all aspects of our projects. The board will be making recommendations on the building very soon and sharing with the community the planned direction. Improvements have been estimated to be around \$8 million and new construction is estimated at \$9.9 million. Construction/Improvements will not exceed \$10 Million. Every option will be explored and the School Board will do it's best to make the correct decisions for its students and the community it serves.

The Senior Trip was cut short due to the weather but the Seniors enjoyed a couple of fun filled days in Denver. They visited the Olympic Training Center, Mile High Stadium and Hammond's Candy Factory among other exciting activities. We are very

proud of our Seniors. They showed maturity and politeness throughout the whole trip! Great Job SENIORS!



## ***Elementary Happenings with Mrs. Carmichael***

Lemmon Elementary students and staff have officially reached the last quarter of the year but they will not be slowing down any time soon. With make-up snow days, family literacy night, state testing, and the NWS Spelling Bee right around the corner, just to name a few, we are going at full speed. During the week of March 4-10, our students celebrated National School Lunch Week on Thursday by celebrating "Pastries with Parents". We had 53 special guests join students. We also recently celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with many classroom activities that connected with math and reading.

On Thursday, March 21, our first family literacy night will take place with the theme, Camp Read-A-Lot. Author, Rowdy Benson, will kick off the evening by sharing one of his books and discussing what it is like to be an author. The teaching staff is in the process of planning fun activities that connect students and their families to books from many genres together. At the beginning of April, the elementary will be sending three staff members to the Technology & Innovation in Education Conference in Rapid City. Attendees will have the opportunity to listen to the 2019 North Dakota Teacher of the Year speak on "Reimagining Education", listen to a keynote speech on "Curiosity as a Catalyst", and attend several breakout sessions on a variety of topics depending on their interest and needs. Attendees will share their experience and new ideas with their colleagues on a work Friday in May.



### **Elementary Positive Points**

The elementary students have been learning a lot in the Library this year! We have focused on the subjects of book care all the way to finding books using the Dewey decimal system. The students recently learned more about the card catalog so they are able to find books for themselves. Scavenger Hunts made learning about Dewey Decimal System fun. Students were given a sheet with the call number and they had to find the matching call number and title in the correct library location.

Recently it was Dr. Seuss’s birthday. We celebrated this by reading a biography book about him. Another activity we did was to have the students guess what book a Dr. Seuss quote came from. In April, we will be celebrating National Library Month! Lots of fun things can be expected during that week!

The promethean board has been a great addition to the library this year from students learning about Sora to an interactive Jeopardy game on library topics. It has also been great help in teaching students how to shelve and locate books. There are always fun things going on in the library!

Mrs. Becker



### **Music Dept Positive Points**

Hello from the Lemmon Music Department. I recently attended the SD Music Conference at SDSU Brookings last month. It was very cold there, but I managed to make it there and back. SDSU has a new wing built on the Music Department that is very nice with all Music Staff under one roof. I enjoyed listening many groups play and sing and treasure the knowledge I gained and brought home with me.

One of the classes I attended was the Boston Brass group and they talked about breathing correctly as a singer or player. This is one element we forget to talk about but it is a very important key to becoming a good performer. Since returning, I have made it a point to make sure all of the music students work on their breathing while singing or playing.

In the elementary, we are working on reading and writing notes and rests. This will lead into the students composing their own music. Maybe our next Beethoven will be from Lemmon!

The Fourth grade is learning about recorders and will be playing them for our Spring Concert which will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. Fifth grade is also learning to write music so they can either play or sing what they compose. Students must know how to read music before they can write it.

The 7-12 Band is working on several selections for the Spring Concert including Crocodile Rock by the famous Elton John. The Junior High/High School Choir is learning several new selections that are sure to leave you wanting to hear more. There are also a few students working on solo parts for the spring concert.

All grades are working on Patriotism and songs that fall into this genre. There are many more Patriotic songs than “The Star Spangled Banner”, by Francis Scott Key and our students are learning some of them.

So for now, we have been busy, busy, busy with practice, learning and getting ready for our spring concert.

Ms. Struble

### **March 2019** **Calendar Additions**

- MAR 18 SPEC SCHOOL BD MTG 1:00**  
**(Building Information)**
- 18 SCHOOL BOARD MTG 7:00**
- 22 MAKE-UP SNOW DAY**
- 24-30 CLOSE UP TRIP**