

Nydamnews

a monthly newsletter from Joel Nydam

News & Updates

Dear Parents, September 26, 2019

Welcome to the first issue of the Nydam News for the 2019-20 school year. I enjoy communicating and partnering with you as we showcase the great learning and experiences that students are having each day.

It has been a great start to the year and I am excited for what is to come for your child(ren) throughout the year. Many students have been working on Design Thinking projects in their classrooms as we focus on being creative and designing. You may have also seen or heard about Capturing Kid's Hearts in the teacher's greeting at the classroom, Social Contracts with students, and asking the students about Good Things. We are focused on helping the students grow emotionally and spiritually as well as academically throughout the year.

Next week is Spiritual Emphasis Week at Legacy! What does that mean? That means that during the week we focus our students' minds and hearts on service, worship, and God's Word. Elementary will have chapel Monday-Thursday from 7:50 – 8:20. Middle School (5th – 8th grade) chapel will be from 8:25 – 9:05.



Upcoming Events

September 26th & 27th – Parent/Teacher Conferences I am excited to see many of you on Thursday and Friday for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

September 30th - October 4th – Spiritual Emphasis
This is a wonderful week for students to focus on God's greatness. The PreK – 4th grade students will hear of God's great work through Mr. Luke Winger, a story-telling juggler. 5th – 12th grades will see God's grand story through Mr. Greg Speck.

September 30th – Parent Night Speaker – 7:00 p.m.
Mr. Greg Speck will talk about how to help your children amidst the changing culture.

October 17th and 18th - No School - Break

Joke of the Month:

Q: What is the difference between a hippo and a zippo?

A: "One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter!"

Q: Bad puns ... it's how eye roll

Books/Resources to check out...

This article had a lot of great reminders on how to be a great parent. It is a secular article so it misses the main focus (GOD), but offers good ideas. [LINK](#)



LEGACY
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Art & Technology



Mr. Andy Anderson: Art/Tech

My name is Andy Anderson and I teach technology to the 2nd-6th grades here at Legacy. I am energized by everyday as students bounce into my room, excited about tech and ready to explore. And it is amazing how savvy students are to tech in our everyday worlds nowadays. Because they arrive with a great array of tech exposure, my aim is to guide them to see the usefulness and great privilege technology is to us, as well as the ethics and call to righteousness that comes with that privilege.

As we have started this school year, all grades launched in to keyboarding. 5th-6th grades have picked up where they left off last year with their accounts on typing.com as well as completing an initial WPM (words per minute) typing assessment. This will be reassessed around Christmas and near the end of the school year. And 2nd-4th grades are working on basic keyboarding skills using the help of typingclub.com. You will find students memorizing the key locations, home-row hand position, good posture and overall good habits when it comes to typing. Older students are given 'hand garages' made of cardboard, to shield their hands while they type, forcing the eyes forward and the hands to create muscle memory of the keyboard.



Ms. Jayme Buchelt: Art/Tech

Classes: PreK-8th Grade Art

FOCUS: 7th/8th Grade Art:

Post-Labor Day, 47 seventh and eighth graders embarked on a sculpture journey. They were charged with the task of creating a life-size figure sculpture made entirely out of plastic wrap and tape. Not only did they need to create the sculpture but they have to create it in groups of two to three. Creating art in a group setting allows the students to practice their communication and collaboration skills. After their sculpture is completed, they will be installing their figure somewhere unique in the school for display. This means that their figures pose had to be decided before they began construction on their sculpture.



Be on the lookout over the next couple of weeks for the installation of these creative group projects.

PhyEd



Mrs. Cheryl Fregeau - PE and Health Teacher

Legacy Physical Education classes are off and running! I have wonderful students this year who are eager to play hard and enjoy exercising. If given a choice at the end of class, my little PreK kiddos choose to run laps on the basketball court ... around and around. Their energy is endless.

K-2nd grade classes have been focusing this month on ball skills and throwing and catching other objects like foam frisbees, rubber chickens, beanie babies, etc. I am featuring Miss Bollinger's class playing four square, which culminated their unit. They were using a basic bounce serve to get the ball moving. Quite a few students who attend our Adventures 4 Kids program already knew how to play so they helped teach at each square. They were awesome leaders!



The 4-6th graders worked on nerf football and flag football skills and drills. Some of the activities we did were Sling & Fling, Zone Passing, Expansion Ball, Catch 'Em, Build & Destroy. After the first week, the 6th grade girls were ready to play basic 5 on 5 modified games.

I am implementing technology in a new way this year in PE by using what is called a GIF. I project Power Point images onto the gymnasium wall that lead the students in warm-ups. They get to choose 'This or That' and drills to reinforce the skill we are focusing on that day. My daughter, who teaches in the district, is sharing lots of new material with me.



Mr. Todd Manske - PE and Health Teacher

Mr. Manske's PE classes spent the month of August and September, doing a variety of activities. PreK and Kindergarten played on scooters and worked on skills like bulldozing, obstacle courses and mat cars! The 2nd-6th grade classes played four square, frisbee skills, and are currently playing soccer, right now we are at everybody's favorite part, games! The 5-6 grade boys did an excellent job playing ultimate frisbee and are preparing for their mile run in October. Next up for elementary is football and jump ropes!



Band/Choir



Band Director

Students in our Music Tech class are currently working on a 30 second commercial that talks about selling a product or service. They are creating a narrative and adding music and special effects behind the voice. We are working on balancing the sound so everything is clear and precise. You never know when one of the students may come up with something that might actually be a money-maker later in life!



Choir Director

PreK - 4th Grade

What a great start to the year for our Elementary music students. Kindergarten is learning how the BEAT is the heart of music. We've explored the many ways that we can show the beat ... walking, hopping, patting, blinking, and nodding. Check out this fun Youtube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kaX21413p8&t=2s>

Bonjour! Perhaps your 1st grader has greeted you in French. We learned a hello song in French and English that explores how melodies moves up, down and sometimes stay the same. We can show this movement with our body, or play these melodies on the xylophone.

Our 2nd grade started the year with "Do Re Mi" from the "Sound of Music" while the 3rd grade is getting really good at hopping the lines and spaces of Mrs. Gerber's Music staff rug. Here is another fun Youtube video on the lines and spaces:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LXF-AcYbv0&t=205s>

4th grade has been discovering how beats can be grouped in sets of 2, 3, 4 to create interesting time signatures. Check out this song by Bobby McFerrin and Yo Yo Ma

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GczSTQ2nv94>

See if you can tell how the beats are grouped.

5th - 6th Grade

Are combining their efforts to present this awesome musical on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 pm in the Meadow Creek Church Worship Center. Right now we are getting ready to start the exciting process of auditions. Parents who might be interested in helping with the musical are encouraged to email Mrs Gerber (tgerber @lcamn.org).



Media Center



Media Center Specialist

Pre-K: Has spent the first few weeks of school reading books from several different authors and learned the difference between an author and illustrator.

Kindergarten: Completed an author study of Mo Williams. We met several of the characters: Pigeon, Piggy, Gerald, and Duckling.

1st Grade: Spent two weeks learning about fiction and nonfiction books. We worked together and decided if a book was fiction or nonfiction.

2nd Grade: Celebrated International Dot Day by reading the book *The Dot*. This fun book challenges students "To make a mark and see where it takes you". Second graders created their own dot; you can see them displayed in the library window.

3rd Grade: Has started the book *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, a third grade favorite!

4th Grade: Is working hard on their individual book character pumpkins. Look for them next month!

