

'In the Loop'

BOE members review district updates

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The Lew-Port BOE held its monthly regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 25.

At the session the board welcomed back principals for their monthly reports. This month, in-person updates were provided by Primary Education Center Principal Tamara Larson and Middle School Principal Dennis Auer. Lewiston-Porter High School and the Intermediate Education Center submitted their written reports to the board.

Highlights over the past month included:

- The high school has expressed an interest in creating a Lewiston-Porter seal of STEAM readiness. This pathway/program would be modeled after the state's Seal of Literacy that is now available to Lew-Port students. It provides an added distinction for Lew-Port graduates and signifies

a more rigorous course of study and achievement.

This STEAM pathway is envisioned to be inclusive of students who are studying certain technological trades at Orleans/Niagara BOCES. The new Lew-Port-created program is intended to ensure students are on the pathway to success in STEAM-related college programs and/or careers.

In other news, the PSAT was offered to all high school juniors on Oct. 13. On Oct. 19, during early release day, the high school and middle school worked on a vertical alignment within departments that focused on grading and developing 10-week benchmark assessments.

Finally, Lori DeCarlo, restorative practice facilitator, visited Oct. 21 to work with the Restorative Justice Team.

- The middle school reports it has been busy with philanthropic work. The Builder's Club sponsored a districtwide coat drive

where students collected coats, hats, gloves and scarves for families in need.

The Spirit Week food drive was also a huge success. Eighth-graders brought in the most donations, with 169 items. Overall, more than 380 items were donated to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Buffalo.

Other activities included the middle school participating in the vertical align grading and benchmark assessments with the high school on Oct. 19.

- At the Intermediate Education Center, in-person participation in the school's band and orchestra is now being availed to fourth and fifth grade students, with in-class lessons and full group rehearsals now underway.

The multiage classes helped participate in the annual Aquarium of Niagara beach sweep, where students helped clean up and catalog the litter and debris. This activity is part of the

International Coastal Cleanup Day, which includes more than 90 countries. The IEC theme this year is "Great Habits, Make Great Leaders!" This theme pairs well with the continuation of the "Leader in Me" program being used throughout the building.

- Finally, the Primary Education Center has been active in implementing the engineering design process during STEAM classes.

For the first time, the PEC has its own dedicated math interventionist. This position was created to help students in need of extra math support. In each month's newsletter, there will be a "Monthly Math Musings" to help encourage all families to have discussions about math and to connect math to the real world to help strengthen skills and curiosity.

The PEC is also continuing to embrace the "Leader in Me" and the "7 Habits of Happy Kids"

throughout the whole school. During early release day on Oct. 19, grade level and related service teams met to help define what specific traits will look like in the PEC in support of the strategic plan's redefining student success committee's work on the "Journey of a Lancer." The PEC has also been implementing tier 1 (community building) and tier 2 (problem solving) restorative circles within classes.

This is just a small sampling of all the great things going on in the Lewiston-Porter district. The strategic plan continues to be the driving force behind programs in the schools. If you are interested in learning more, visit the Lew-Port website, www.lew-port.com, for newsletters from the MS, IEC and PEC, and the HS links for updates.

Have a great week Lew-Port!

716 United Youth AAU travel BB program continues growth in Falls

In Niagara Falls, the city's 716 United Youth program's AAU travel basketball team continues to grow, with four squads organized for players in grades six to nine.

"Our basketball teams have turned into some of the best in the area," said Sanquin Starks, Niagara Falls Housing Authority employee and a youth director for the City of Niagara Falls for five years. Coached by Starks and coaches Wayne Ollison, Mike Esposito and Rod Banks, this program also serves as an opportunity to mentor Falls youth.

"We require a certain grade-point average to play, (and) we also require our players and attendees to do community ser-

vice," Starks said. "In addition to the basketball program, we also have a training program we offer to all children in the city."

Starks credits donations and assistance from both Niagara Falls and Buffalo sources to help the basketball program grow.

"Our police and fire department has sponsored us this year, as well as businessman Jeff Williams, Alfonso Perry and Assemblyman Angelo Morinello," Starks said. "I hope to soon have the program integrated into the school system to help many more children."

In the photo, Starks works with a group of young players.

For more information on the Falls 716 United Youth Program, contact Starks at 804-2782.



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Lew-Port invites veterans to dedication & dinner

The Lewiston-Porter Central School District's high school historical club is issuing an invitation to all armed forces veterans for the dedication of a new veterans' memorial on campus.

Ceremonies will take place at

4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Lewiston-Porter High School, 4061 Creek Road. Dinner and a basket raffle will follow immediately afterward in the high school cafeteria.

RSVP by Friday, Nov. 5, by call-

ing 286-7263 or emailing ldanna@lew-port.com or pmoskaluk@lew-port.com. Veterans and a guest will be served free to honor their service. Additional guests will be charged \$7.50 for their meal.

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