

LENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Pytleski
December 17th, 2021



Important Calendar

Dates

- Monday, Dec. 20th –
Cookie Walk 6-8pm
- Monday, Dec. 20th –
MS/HS Christmas
Concert 7pm
- Christmas Vacation –
Thurs. Dec. 23rd –
Sunday Jan. 2nd
- School Resumes on
Monday, January 3rd
- Monday, January 3rd -
School Board Meeting
6:30pm
- Friday, January 21st –
End of MS/HS 1st
Semester/2nd Quarter
- Monday, January 24th –
No School –
Teacher In-Service
- Friday, February 4th -
No School –
Teacher In-Service

Small Community,
Great Opportunity!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from LPSD!



We want to say thank you to our wonderful staff, School Board, families, and community for your unwavering support of our efforts to keep our schools open and to serve and provide for our students. Lena is a special place and we give thanks for all that we have during this holiday season. Enjoy the holiday season with your family and loved ones. - Ben J. Pytleski

Student Council Classroom Door Decorating

The student council decided to add a little Christmas cheer to the school this year by decorating all the teacher's doors with a theme of their choice.







Merry Christmas





Winter Driving Is Easier, If You Use Common Sense

Yes, I said winter driving is easier, if you use common sense. The problem is there is a shortage of common sense these days. And, you can't blame it on CO-VID. A few moments ago I heard sirens of the Lena Fire Department heading east out of town, apparently to a vehicle crash site. The roads on this particular day, especially the rural roads, are full of slippery spots. So what is a driver to do to make it easier? The answers are very simple. Remember back to your driver education class. Speed limits are set for driving under "ideal conditions". Patches of ice and snow are not ideal. Nor is the darkness of night or snow flurries. So rule number one is very simple – when conditions are less than ideal, **SLOW DOWN!** Slower speeds make it easier to control a vehicle. They provide more time to react to traffic situations that arise, and they make it easier for your tires to maintain contact with the road surface.

Rule number two is equally simple. When the surface of the road is less than ideal, **NO SUDDEN ACTIONS!** No sudden braking, no sudden acceleration, and no sudden steering. There are very few situations where jamming on the brakes is a good idea. Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS) is one of the few. But even then, slamming on the brake pedal is not the best strategy. Make sure you know if your vehicle has ABS. If it does, read your owner's manual. It tells you how to properly apply them. Normally, it is pressing (not jamming) the brakes as far as you can and holding it there until the situation is resolved. ABS allows you some steering capability while the ABS is working. Without ABS, the best you can do is try to pump the brakes rhythmically as fast as you can.

When stopping, start using the brakes early and gradually. This will help avoid going into a skid. After stopping at stop signs or traffic lights, ease on the accelerator very slowly to start out. If your tires start to spin, back off the gas pedal and reapply more gradually. This gives your tires a better chance to "bite" into the road surface for traction.

And last, in every kind of weather, always be smooth with your steering. Jerking the steering wheel can cause a skid, even on reasonably dry and smooth roads. If you are changing lanes, do it gradually, making sure to signal your intentions well ahead so others know what's going on.

Too many driver don't use all these techniques. Some pay the price for not using them. The best, safest drivers are the ones who drive at the right speeds for the conditions and who are smooth in every maneuver. It takes practice, like any activity, to get really good at it. And, by the way, avoid distractions like cell phones (even hands-free), on-board screens, and looking at the sights instead of the traffic. Know what's going on 360 degrees around your vehicle. As you should recall from your driver education class, "Keep your head and eyes up and keep your eyes moving."

Follow the above driving tips and winter driving will be easier.

Drive safe out there!

John Knickerbocker, Driver and Traffic Safety Instructor

December 12, 2021

TO: OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY & SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our girl's basketball team was privileged & honored to participate in a fundraiser with Gillett High School during our game @ Gillett last Thursday night. A Gillett player Macy Franti reached out to us to help out to raise money for the less fortunate during the Christmas Holiday. Our players & coaches purchased t-shirts & donated baskets for raffles. Was very proud of our girls for the extra commitment they put in & the help of my assistant coach Heidi Place for organizing.

With the help & generosity of both communities, there was nearly \$5600 raised for this great fundraiser to split between the 2 schools/district. A special THANK YOU goes out to all of you who helped make this happen.

As the head coach of our program, also want to thank the great people of this small community as it also an honor to coach your daughters & mostly be part of this wonderful, caring group of people. These are lifetime learning tools of thoughtfulness that goes beyond the wins, loses & goals that will forever help these girls to be successful in whatever they choose moving forward. This is the real reason of coaching on my part that carries on our great program to be successful beyond Lena High School.

SO AGAIN A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL & HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY AS YOU HAVE MADE SPECIAL FOR SOME AS NOT AS FORTUNATE!!!!!!

Tim Goldschmidt

Girl's Head Basketball Coach

What's happening at Lena Public Library...

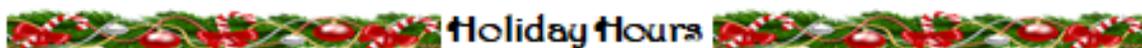
Check out our New Launchpads!

- ▲ We have several different ones to choose from
 - ▲ No internet connection required
- ▲ Several pre-loaded games on each Launchpad
 - ▲ 7-day check out period

Storytime, 10:30am Fridays

Santa is coming to Lena Public Library!

He will arrive at 10am, Saturday, December 18th.



Holiday Hours

We will be closed December 24th-27th and January 1st.

We will be open December 31st 9am-Noon

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If the school is closed due to bad weather, the library will also be closed. In the case of a 2 hour delay, the library would be open and if there would be an early dismissal, the library would also close early.

December...

Stop in and find Dewey! Turn in a slip for a chance to win a prize. There are also Sticker by Number Christmas pics to take home.

Best Wishes and Good Luck to Amy on her new adventure!

Unfortunately we said our farewells on December 2nd. We will miss her more than she knows, but we wish her all the best!

Best Wishes