

Lester Prairie School Bulletin

Nov. 20, 2024

Menu:

Today's Menu: Hamburger in Gravy or Chicken in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Lettuce Salad, Celery Sticks, Fruit, Milk

Tomorrow's Menu: Assorted Pizza, Steamed Green Beans, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk

Important Notes and Reminders:

Students are not to bring or use blankets in class. Please leave blankets in your locker if you bring them for the buses.

The National Honor Society is collecting toys until Dec. 8th to benefit the children of McLeod County. If we reach our goal of 225 quality toys we will celebrate with an ice cream party during Snofest week.

Band students will be selling coffee until December 6th. Please let Mrs. Helland know if you would like to purchase some and have not been asked yet.

The next 7-12 Youth Task Force Social is at St. Paul Lutheran Church **TODAY**. Treat: Oreo Ice Cream or Reese Ice Cream bars

Alexandria Technical and Community College will be visiting our school on Friday, November 22nd @ 8:45 am.. If you are interested in learning more about Alexandria and attending the representative, please sign up outside Mrs. Mattson's door.

The Holiday Store for the elementary students is coming on December 6, 2024. Adults interested in volunteering to help out at the store, please email LPPTO354@gmail.com to sign up today! Volunteers will need a background check on file at the school. Please confirm that you have one and if not, please fill out a background check form available in the office.

Activities and Sports

The 9-12 FB Banquet is this Sunday, November 24th at 3:00pm in the School Commons. Hope to see all players and parents there!

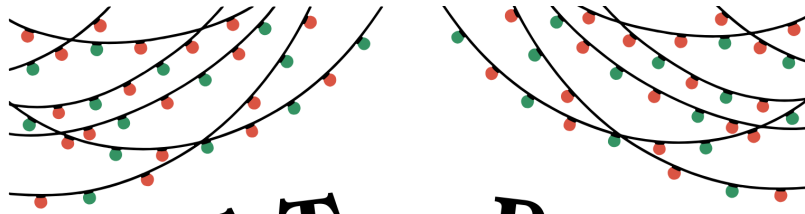
The volleyball banquet will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 6:00 in the Commons.

JV and varsity football players' permission slips to go to the football tournament on Friday, November 22nd are in the office. You must be passing all classes, all homework turned I, and detentions served. Forms are due by 3:00 **TODAY**.

There will be pep band for the girls' basketball game this Friday November 22nd. Please be in the north gym ready to play by 6:30pm.

Winter sports registration is open, registration, fees and physicals must be on file before you practice. Practice start dates: 9-12 Boys Basketball Mon. Nov. 18th, 7th/8th grade Boys Basketball Mon. Dec 9th, Wrestling Mon. Nov. 18th, One Act Play Mon. Nov 18th.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024



NHS TOY DRIVE

Toys collected till Dec. 8th

Please bring in new, unopened toys

**The drop box will be in the Lester
Prairie School Office**

THANK YOU



Save the Date!
December 6th, 2024

**The Holiday Store for elementary students will be on
December 6th. Adults interested in volunteering to help out
at the store or have any questions, please email
LPPT0354@gmail.com.**

*To volunteer at school you will need a background check on file. Please check to ensure
you have one. If not, there is a form to fill out in the office*



ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR
NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL
BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

CONTEST LOCATION: Hutchinson High School - East Gym

HOSTED BY: Hutchinson Elks Lodge LODGE NO. 2427

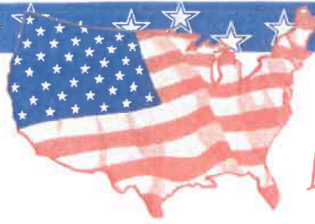
DATE: Sat - Nov 23, 2024 TIME: 2pm

DIRECTOR: Traci Atkinson CONTACT: 320-260-0328

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2025. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.



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AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of
The United States of America



THEME:

“What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?”

RULES:

1. At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I–5th grade; II–6th grade; III–7th grade; or IV–8th grade.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Kansas City, MO, June 29–July 2, 2025.

ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2024.

The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

Sponsoring Elks Lodge: _____ No. _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone No. _____

E-mail: _____





2024-2025

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Essay Theme: "What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?"

1. Eligible participants must be a student enrolled in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the normal 2024-25 school year, preceding June 30, 2025. **Deadline: Must be submitted to Local Lodge by December 15, 2024.**
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest at his or her school or, if unknown, to the Lodge nearest to the home address of the entrant.
5. Entrant must be identified on essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge. (Lodge may enter Lodge information on essay cover sheet.)
6. Judging criteria:
 - Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases – 30 points
 - Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble – 40 points
 - Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation – 30 points

There are now four separate divisions for judging essays:

- Division I–5th grade; • Division II–6th grade • Division III–7th grade; & • Division IV–8th grade

PROCEDURES FOR LODGE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select from submitted entries the top three essays from each division and send the twelve essays to the District Americanism Chairman by Jan. 31, 2025, or the date established by the State Association.

PROCEDURES FOR DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select the top three essays in each division from all entries submitted by Local Lodges and send the twelve essays to the State Americanism Chairman by Feb. 28, 2025, or the date established by the State Association.

PROCEDURES FOR STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select the first-, second- and third-place winners for the state from entries submitted by the District Chairman. In addition, State Chairman forwards the first-place winners from each division to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator. (Must be postmarked by March 31, 2025.)

**SEND TO: Essay Contest Administrator Mark E. Eaton, Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee,
1 Orms Street, Warwick, RI 02889-9318.**

Plaques and monetary awards for first-, second-, and third-place winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV, will be available for pickup at the Fraternal Committee's Booth at the end of the Grand Lodge Session on July 1, 2025.



2024-2025 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET



(MUST be attached to each Essay)

“What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?”

Section 1 — to be filled out by student			
<i>(Circle or Highlight One Grade)</i>			
•Division I: 5th Grade	•Division II: 6th Grade	•Division III: 7th Grade	•Division IV: 8th Grade
School _____		Teacher's Name _____	
School Address _____		City _____	State _____
Student's Name _____		Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
		Age _____	Grade _____
Parent's Name _____		Phone (____) _____	
<i>(used only to contact the winners)</i>			
Address _____		City _____	State _____ ZIP _____
E-mail _____			
Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2024.			
Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman			
Chairman's Name _____		Phone Number (____) _____	
Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number _____			
Address _____		City _____	State _____ ZIP _____
E-mail _____			
<i>Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2025 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)</i>			
Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman			
Chairman's Name _____		District _____	
Address _____		City _____	State _____ ZIP _____
Chairman's Phone Number (____) _____		E-mail _____	
<i>Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2025 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)</i>			
Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman			
Chairman's Name _____		State _____	
Address _____		City _____	State _____ ZIP _____
Chairman's Phone Number (____) _____		E-mail _____	
<i>Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, Mark E. Eaton, by March 31, 2025.</i>			