

# Panther Press

Orchards Elementary

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## Upcoming Events

Feb. 2	Sports Day/Super Bowl Day
Feb. 5	PTA Meeting @ 3:45 in the Library 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Regional Knowledge
Feb. 16	LCSC Warrior Night @ 5:30
Feb. 19	President's Day/No School
Feb. 20	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip- Hatchery and Dworshak LHS Groundbreaking Ceremony @ 4:30
Feb. 28	Book Fair/Dr. Seuss Birthday

## Educational Support Personnel of the Year Nominations

**Nominations are now open for the Lewiston School District Educational Support Personnel (ESP) of the Year Award for 2017-2018!**

Don't miss your chance to nominate that exceptional employee within the District and recognize them for their outstanding performance! That person may be the maintenance worker who carefully maintains your building, the instructional assistant who positively impacts our students, the bus driver who keeps our students safe and greets them with a friendly face, or the secretary who skillfully functions as the hub of their department or building.

Fellow staff members, school district employees, parents, students and the general public are welcome to complete and return a nomination form. Send completed nomination forms to Kathy Vellegas c/o Human Resources; Central Services. For more information, visit: [www.lewistonschools.net/forms](http://www.lewistonschools.net/forms).

**Nominations close Friday, March 16, 2018**

Our ESP are critical to the ultimate success of student learning in the school district and we value their dedication and commitment to the District's mission to Strive, Achieve, Succeed, and Go Beyond!

## Save the Date



*You are invited to the*

### NEW LEWISTON HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

Tuesday, February 20 • 4:00 pm  
On Site (enter via Park Ave, park behind P1FCU)

More details to follow soon.

**Vote  
Yes!**  
FOR LEWISTON'S FUTURE

## Autism Awareness

Autism Awareness month is April. If you would like to order the autism awareness shirt below, please contact Beth Lincoln at [blincoln@lewistonschools.net](mailto:blincoln@lewistonschools.net). Cost is \$7.35 and is due by Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sizes run from adult small to 5x (extra money for 2x-5x). If we get more than 12 orders, we can personalize each shirt with Orchards Elementary on the sleeve.

We are planning to wear our shirts at Orchards each Wednesday in the month of April. Thank you!!

## November Leader of the Month

**Dawn T.**

Dawn Tiffany is one of those gems that comes along to bless everyone's life and make it better for knowing her. Other teachers have said "Dawn is a very loyal and supportive friend and she will go out of her way to help someone who is having trouble." Another teacher said "Dawn is always so respectful and willing to teach things to other classes. Her calm kindness is contagious." Still another teacher said "Dawn thinks firsts and talks after much thoughtfulness. She assumes positive intent and has a calm demeanor. She is okay not being the center of attention and leads our students and adults by an example of her gentle nature." She is a quiet leader that is respected and looked to for leadership. She is a friend to everyone and truly wants the best for every person. Dawn looks for ways to help herself and others succeed. She goes above and beyond in her work and is always up for a challenge. I can count on Dawn to jump in and help in any area I need, whether that be in technology, leadership roles in the classroom, volunteering, staying to catch up on work she missed when she was absent or to put extra time into a project. She is the kind of person who would give up her time to help anyone else with anything they may need as well. Dawn would receive advanced in all areas for social skills and work habits. Dawn is willing to take risks as well. She loves to try new math strategies or dive into close reading strategies, making her learning so meaningful.

## *Spirit Wear Order*

*Student Council will send out a second order form for T-shirt sales on Friday, January 26. These will be due on February 16th.*

## **Baskin Nominations for Teacher of the Year**

It is time to turn in nominations for the Martha S. Baskin Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award. Anyone - students, parents, peers, public - may nominate someone, as long as that someone is "a current certified elementary teacher in the Lewiston public schools who exhibits outstanding skill and service to the profession."

The deadline is FEBRUARY 1st so don't delay!

The recipient of this award will be chosen from all nominees by a committee of retired teachers and will receive a check for \$1,500 to be used as desired.

## **Leader of the Month Christopher S.**

Christopher Sloan is a kind, thoughtful leader who stands above the rest with many recognizable qualities. He is always the first to volunteer to lend a hand or help a friend in need. Christopher is known for being a young man of integrity, often showing a heart of compassion and standing up for what he believes is right. He is patient, caring and wise for his age. The best part about Christopher is his playful spirit! You can always count on him to lift you up and put a smile on your face.

One teacher shared, "I've been so lucky to know Chris since he started kindergarten. In these past 6 years Chris has always had a warm and inviting smile. Even his blue eyes smile. He has an open and welcoming nature. We all just REALLY like him! I have seen Chris give things up to make someone else happy. If someone needs help, Chris stops what he is doing to go to their aide. Chris is smart, kind, friendly, and a student I will keep in my heart for a long time."