

# Landon Middle School Newsletter



Hello everyone!

This is absolutely my favorite time of year both personally and professionally. The weather is changing and getting cooler, the fall colors are emerging, KU basketball is just around the corner, and school has settled into what in middle school passes for normalcy :-)

Football finished strong with a nail biter win over Eisenhower. Volleyball capped off a very successful season and our girls' tennis team went UNDEFEATED!!!!

The musical tryouts were a great success and our aspiring thespians are hard at it already. The Landon musical is one of our biggest and most popular events. Please consider coming out for a great evening of entertainment.

We are looking to get our PTO up and running. Our initial meeting is this Thursday, 10-13-16. We will be having meetings once a month from this point forward and could certainly use all of the folks we can get.

Educationally, we are hitting our stride. The teachers at Landon are absolutely top notch and I encourage you to contact them often. Please plan to attend Parent Teacher conferences next week.

Our major emphases this year at Landon are the implementation of small group instruction and the further implementation of our Positive Behavior Intervention Support program. It is our sincere belief that good behaviors and a positive and protected learning environment are the absolute essentials to successful teaching and learning.

We appreciate all of the parent and stakeholder support in maintaining these values. There are a lot of obstacles to both parenting and teaching in this modern technological society, but if we maintain a strong school/parent partnership, we can and will be successful.

As always, I strongly encourage you to pop in to Landon and see what we are all about!

Sincerely,

Dave Boggs, Principal  
Landon Middle School



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### Special points of interest:

- Activity Schedule
- Conferences
- Musical
- Book Fair
- Lancer Stories
- No School
- ZAP
- Student Council

Oct. 14

Oct. 20-21

### LMS Food

### Service Reminder

### Parent-Student-Teacher Conference

Mark your calendar!

Parent-Student-Teacher conferences are Wednesday, October 19, 3:30-7:30 PM and Thursday, October 20, 7:30-11:30 AM and 12:30-7:30 PM. Classes are not in session Thursday or Friday. Watch for important information!

Meals ARE NOT to be charged. Please keep your child's meal account positive and up-to-date.

## Student Spectator Section



When students attend Landon Middle School athletic events, we ask that they sit together in the student section. Students are asked to stay seated and cheer for their peers while the game is ongoing. We ask that students take breaks between matches, games, etc. so that they are not on the field of play during the game. All spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship and citizenship just the same as the athletes. We have rules for spectators to ensure their safety as well as the safety of our athletes. We ask that you, as parents, help support those rules as well as the staff that are supervising your students.



### You've Been ZAPPED!!

Parents of 7th graders: Has your child been ZAPPED!!! Are you unsure what that means? ZAP stands for Zeroes Aren't Permitted and it is a new program started by the 7th grade team in response to a homework completion issue. When a student has not turned in an assignment, they will receive a ZAP form from their teacher. The student can then either turn in the assignment or stay after school and work on the assignment until it is done, or 3:30, whichever comes first. A teacher will be in the commons Monday thru Friday supervising the ZAP students. If your student just needs a quiet place to go to work on assignments, they are welcome to come and work without being ZAPPED!

The cast for "*The Trials of Alice in Wonderland*" has been announced and after school rehearsals have begun. Reserve November 17 & 18 on your calendar to see the evening productions of the musical!

Congratulations to the cast!

Eman Adams, William Alvarado, Michelle Andrick, Emma Armstrong, Camryn Baldwin, Brooke Burgess, Elizabeth Bowman, Noa Bueno, Aunika Carlile, Amanda Carpenter, Monica Carr, Trip Carter, Grace Eno, Isabelle Foster, Layla Fund, Jonathan Gadberry, Nolan Gaps, Avery Gibson, Alyssa Hannigan, Destiny Hendrix, Abigail Hopkins, Josh Jensen, Daylynn Johnson, Alexis Jones, Cynthiana Jones, Ava Large, Lyda Livgren, Emily Locke, Lizbeth Lopez, Jolynn Martell, Savannah Mazas, Caden Mercer, Bry Mitchell, Allison Montague, Amberlyn Mullins, Sierra Murphy, Gabriel Obenieta, Maritza Ortiz, Kayla Parker, Rory Post, Lauren Province, Kiara Robinson, Kayla Schutter, Adonay Saloman, De La Torre, Gwendolyn Smith, Matthew Stegman, Ariawna Thompson, Cheyenne Warnow, Zoe Watson, Jasmine Wills, Tatum Wilson, Parker Wise and Hayley Worrell.

As we finish the first quarter of school, I commend the instrumentalists for their effort and steady progress. Every effort has been made to inform students and families of required materials for class, particularly the method book and shoulder rests for violin & viola players. Proper equipment is key to musical success.

All are encouraged to make time to peruse [musicparentsguide.com](http://musicparentsguide.com) and consider following on Facebook. Dubbed a "survival kit", the timely articles are easy to read and give very practical advice on how to encourage or assist your child through various stages of musical study. You'll feel informed and empowered by the insights and suggestions that are shared.



### Picture Re-Take Day

Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, November 16 in the morning. For new or additional pictures, forms can be picked up in the office the week before retakes. Students **must** have the completed form and their money with them as their picture is taken. For retakes, students must have the entire original picture packet with them. Lifetouch asks that pictures only be retaken if there is a flaw for which they are responsible - eyes closed, not centered, etc.





## STU-CO News

STU-CO has been selling concessions at home volleyball games and will continue to do so at both girls and boys basketball games. The proceeds will be used to help buy an ice machine for the school, so please help support our cause by stopping by and buying some goodies to enjoy while you are watching the game.

STU-CO's first community service project was selling ducks for the annual Topeka SERTOMA Club's Great Topeka Duck Race. Thank you to all of those who helped support our first project!

October will be a very busy month for Landon STU-CO members! Some of the activities planned are to sell and deliver BOO-GRAMS for Halloween for the student population at Landon. We are also planning a SOCTOBER event where we are asking for donations of new socks and underwear to donate to either the Mission or to the Battered Women's Shelter. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause!

STU-CO will be selling Landon spirit shirts at conferences. You will be able to shop and pay on-line via a website or fill out a form and pay at conferences. So, show your Lancer pride and buy some Landon spirit wear!

## Mrs. Churchill Did WHAT??!

By: Bry'Auna Mitchell

Everyone knows Mrs.Churchill, right? Well something you may not know about her is her favorite hobby is to play basketball. You might not think that is big news, but here are some things that may shock you.

Mrs.Churchill tried out for the WNBA! No offense, but I would have never guessed that one! She started playing basketball when she was about 6 with her older brothers. She likes to play basketball because it gives her exercise (Not surprising for a P.E teacher) and she also likes it because it is fun. She went to Emporia State on a FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP! This means they paid her to play at their school.

When she was trying out for the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) she didn't think she would get in. Now Mrs.Churchill might *not* be a rich basketball player, but it's pretty cool that we have someone that even tried out for that at our school. Now you know what Mrs.Churchill's favorite hobby is, and I hope for all you basketball players that one day you can make it as far as Mrs.Churchill!

Rick Riordan is the BEST  
Author EVER!

By: Nathan Bearman

Rick Riordan is the best author for young adult level readers because Rick makes stories with relatable main characters and fun-to-read stories.

A handful of people won't like his books due to the inability to understand what's going on or they don't like adventure stories; this is usually the case because they aren't smart enough to read it.

His mythology books are all in the same universe, thus he's always leaving Easter eggs to future series or references to other book series. If you like one story created through several series, a lot of characters, and an awesome adventure, then his books are for you.

### LMS Scholastic Book Fair

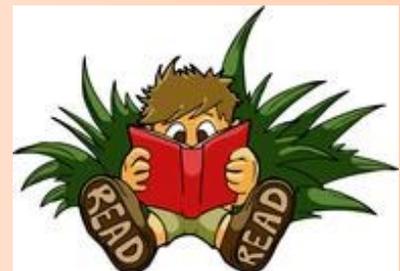
Students are invited to shop the Book Fair the week of  
October 17. Preview the week of October 10.

Parents are invited to attend the fair during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

October 20 3-7 PM

October 21 7:30 AM-11 AM or 1-6 PM

Concessions available



# Congratulations on the Big Win, Football Players!

By: Lauren Province



The football team ended the season by defeating Eisenhower! Here are the hard-working players who represent Landon Middle School.

Coaches : Mr. Stallbaumer, Mr. Appuhn and Officer Dixon

CJ Morgan #1, Ryker Carlile #3, Alex Smith #4, Vacario Triplett #5, Taaron Anderson #6, Nathaniel Soliz Jr. #7, Evan Clark #10, Xavier Guillermo #11, Michael Shields #12, Demetrius Scaife #16, Lawrence Fletcher #21, Breydn Ward #33, Braxton Oates #34, Jared Kennedy #36, Dontrey Jones-Washington #39, A'Marean Epps #43, Elliott Cooper #54, Dae'Terion Jackson #56, David Smith #60, Jonathan Ozenbaugh #61, Gage Wagner #62, JP Bastiste #73, Shawn Raasch #80, Damien Armstrong #81, Jason Leever #82, Kevin Thadeo #85, Trevor Brown #86, Adryan Mosher, Ossie Morales #88

What is your favorite position to play?

Jean-Pierre Batiste Tackle defense

Jason Leever - Behind TE

Shawn Raasch - Middle line back

Ossie Morales - wide receiver

Alec Granger - Linebacker and comer

Why do you like playing football?

Jean-Pierre Batiste- "It lets me do something and to take out any anger I have."

Jason Leever- "It's fun and it's something to do and hang out with friends."

Shawn Raasch- "Keeps me active and gives me something to do after school."

Ossie Morales- "It's fun and entertaining and gives me something to do."

Alec Granger- "Because It is a good exercise and it is fun."

Did anyone inspire you to play football?

Jean-Pierre Batiste- My cousin because he played football as well.

Jason Leever- My Dad.

Shawn Raasch- My Dad.

Ossie Morales-My brother

Alec Granger- Dez Bryant inspired me to play football.

## Volleyball Comes to an End!

By: Jolynn Martell

Unfortunately, volleyball season is over. I want to congratulate Varsity, JV, and B-team for trying hard and doing their best. Also, I would like to congratulate those JV players who did the first tournament with Varsity on September 17th. Great jobs girls!!

All unpaid fee balances are due by November 4. Balances will be turned over for collection after this date. Please check your accounts and make final payment.

### **Notice of Non-Discrimination**

The Topeka Public Schools, Unified School District No. 501 is committed to affirmative action and equal opportunity. No person shall, on the basis of age, race, color, creed, religion, gender, disability, national origin or ancestry be denied lawful access to any appropriate educational service, program or activity provided by the school district. The Title IX compliance coordinator is the associate superintendent of administrative and support services. The Section 504 compliance coordinator is the general director of special services. For employment, the EEO/AA officer is the general director of human resources. All compliance coordinators may be contacted at 624 SW 24th Street, Topeka, KS 66611-1294, 785-295-3000. The clerk of the Board of Education has been designated to receive and redirect or handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies, regulations and procedures. The clerk may be contacted by calling (785) 295-3045 or by writing to 624 SW 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka, Kansas 66611-1294.

### **Affirmative Action**

Topeka Unified School District No. 501 is committed to affirmative action and equal opportunity for employment. No student shall, on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, handicap or national origin, be denied access to any appropriate educational program or activity provided by the district. The Title IX compliance coordinator is the Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and the Section 504 compliance coordinator is the General Director of Special Services.

### **Racial Harassment Policy**

Board of Education Policy 8110 prohibits racial harassment of students and provides a procedure form making complaints and remedying violations. The policy requires annual notification of the Policy in all school newsletters. Policy 8110 can be found in the student handbook, which you should have received at enrollment. It is also available on the school district's website page at [www.topekapublicschools.net](http://www.topekapublicschools.net) by clicking the following choices in the "Site Navigation" box: Administration; then Board of Education; then Policy & Regulation; then 8000 Students; and finally, Policy 8110 Racial Harassment: Students. A copy of the policy is presently posted in our building in the main office.



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