



# LEAVENWORTH VIRTUAL SCHOOL VOICE

September 2017

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Beginning a new academic year can be exciting and scary all at the same time. Students are advancing to the next grade level, which means more responsibility and more assignments to complete. Perhaps you are a family who is new to the Leavenworth Virtual School and/or this is your first time trying homeschooling. If so, you may have questions about how to make your homeschooling experience successful.

The Calvert Teaching Navigator program, which is new to all of us this year, may be one area where you feel unsure. If so, you are not alone! The Leavenworth Virtual School staff has been busy exploring the new Calvert Teaching Navigator system. By now you should have received an email from Calvert with your login and password to access the Calvert Navigator. Use this to explore to see where it can take you, and please contact your Virtual School facilitator if you have any questions.

You will notice the Daily Schedule icon, which is a new feature. Some of you may appreciate having this suggested schedule to follow, while others of you would prefer to create your own. The purpose of the Daily Schedule is to help keep your student learning at a good, steady pace throughout the school year.

Clicking on each subject in the Daily Schedule opens up the lesson for that day. In the top right hand corner of your computer screen, you will see three circles in a row. If you click on the circle on the left, which is light blue with white circles that look like a bulls-eye, you can see the Lesson Objectives. The middle circle, which is green with a white checkmark, lists Assignments for the Lesson. The purple circle with a white book in it, shows Course Resources. Click on Course References and you will see a list of Calvert Reference Tools, Lesson Resources, Premium Software, Web Usage Guide, Encyclopedia Britannica and Supplemental Lessons.

Underneath the Daily Schedule is Dashboard, which displays how far your student has progressed through the lessons. This is helpful because you can see how many total lessons there are and how many more your student needs to complete for the year. The Classes icon, which is listed underneath Dashboard, will show you all your student's classes and their checkpoint scores for that day.

Attendance is another new feature of the Calvert Teaching Navigator that will help you keep track of the amount of time your student spends doing online work for each day.

As you take time to familiarize yourself with our new online program, you may have questions. Please don't hesitate to call our office, 913-684-1540, or stop by to visit in person if you are in the vicinity. The Leavenworth Virtual School Office is on the first floor, room 206, of Nettie Hartnett Education Center, 1000 3rd Avenue, Leavenworth, KS. Our office has three full-time Facilitators; Kevin Austin, Graciela Cavazos and Kay Hunter. Of course, you may also email us at any time:

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## FUN FRIDAY & FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Each month, the Leavenworth Virtual School offers Fun Fridays and Field Trips for you and your family to come and learn and enjoy socializing with other families. Please add these activities to your calendar and plan to attend:

September 1st, Parker Carousel Museum, 320 S. Esplanade Street, Leavenworth, KS. Families may ride the carousel from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy in the museum meeting room or at Riverfront Park, which is across the street. At 1:00 p.m., cookies and fruit punch will be served in the meeting room. There is no cost for Leavenworth Virtual School students, non-Virtual homeschool students and/or their parents to ride the carousel and enjoy cookies, punch and getting to know other families.

September 15th will be Fun Friday at Nettie Hartnett Education Center, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will begin in room 205, which is the Leavenworth Virtual School tutoring room. The morning will end with games of your student's choice in the gym.

September 28th will be our field trip to Hillside Honey, Easton, KS, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$7.00 per person and the Virtual School will cover the cost of its enrolled students. Children under the age of five may attend for free. We will be sending more details closer to this date and asking you to R.S.V.P. so the staff at Hillside Honey knows the number of bee-keeper suits to provide.

October 13th is our field trip to the Deanna Rose Farmstead, Overland Park, KS, 10:00 a.m. to however long you and your family care to stay. The cost to attend is \$2.00 per person.

October 27th is Fun Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Nettie Hartnett Education Center.

November 3rd, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. is Fun Friday at Nettie Hartnett Education Center.

November 15th is our traditional field trip to the Coterie Theater to see the production of A Charlie Brown's Christmas. Tickets are \$6.00 each. The Leavenworth Virtual School has purchased 30 tickets, which will go to the first 30 who R.S.V.P. Seating begins at 9:30 a.m.

December 1st is our field trip to the K.U. Museum of Natural History, Lawrence, KS, 10:00 a.m.

December 15th is Fun Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Nettie Hartnett Education Center.

## I-READY TESTS

Please be sure students take their I-Ready Math and Reading diagnostic tests at [www.i-ready.com](http://www.i-ready.com) on or before September 8. Passwords have been emailed to each Virtual School family. If you have misplaced your password, please contact the Virtual School for assistance.

## LOCAL EVENTS

Be sure to check out the Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce Street, for a whole plethora of educational and fun activities for all ages. Activities for elementary aged children include Story Time, Elementary Explorers (Science) and Creation Station. The library also offers Lego Club, Manga Club and a free family movie each month, which will take place on September 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Leavenworth Public Library's phone number is 913-682-5666.

Shop for your fresh fruits, vegetables and other homemade items at the Leavenworth Farmer's Market, which is held at Haymarket Square on the corner of Cherokee and 7th Streets. The Farmer's Market, which is held every Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to noon, starts in May and runs through October.

"Picking Sundays" are a traditional midwestern harvest where people from all over get together to enjoy the vineyard experience of bringing in the harvest. Holyfield Winery, 18807 158th Street, Basehor, KS, is the place to pick grapes every Sunday in September, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Your family has enjoyed swimming at Wollman Aquatic Center, Leavenworth, all summer. Now it is time for your dog to enjoy a swim! The annual Doggie Splash will be Tuesday, September 5th, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per dog.

Leavenworth Hog Wild BBQ Contest and Downtown Festival will include a free outdoor concert on Friday night, September 8th, and a family show on Saturday, September 9th. Other attractions include food trucks, vendors, shopping, games and more.

Youth Empowerment Seminar or Y.E.S. is a free, high-energy, action-oriented event that includes entertainment, music, demonstrations, presentations, games, prizes and free food. This seminar, which is for young men and women ages 15 to 25, will introduce strategies and resources to empower them to become knowledgeable, self-sufficient, productive citizens. The Sunflower Community Center, 1708 South 5th Street, Leavenworth, on Saturday, September 16th is the place and date to be for Y.E.S.

The whole community is invited to attend Board Game Night on Saturday, September 16th, at Meriwether's, 702 Cherokee Street, Leavenworth, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bring your favorite board game and your appetite.

Lansing High School Theatre Department presents Noises Off! on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd at 7:00 p.m., Lansing High School, 220 Lion Lane. Tickets are \$5.00 each and available for purchase the night of the performance.

Poet Laureate of Kansas, Kevin Rabas, will speak on "Finding the Extraordinary in the Ordinary" on Saturday, September 23rd, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce Street, Leavenworth