

Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, Dec. 21

# Board recognizes state champion athletes, learns of communications program

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, at its Dec. 21 meeting, recognized four state championship teams and several individuals for their achievements in 2017. Board members also received an update on the district communications program and discussed several policies.

Those recognized for athletic achievement were:

- Palmer Ridge Field Hockey state champions (a district team playing under Palmer Ridge colors) under coach Paul Lewis. Palmer Ridge's Jordyn Isner is the Gazette's Field Hockey Peak Performer of the Year, and Coach Lewis is the Gazette's Preps Field Hockey Coach of the Year.
- Palmer Ridge 4A Cross Country champions with Coach Rob Collins. The boys' team was first in the state and the girls' team was second.
- Palmer Ridge 3A state champion football team with Coach Tom Pulford. Pulford was the Gazette's 3A football coach of the year, and quarterback Ty Evans was selected as Colorado Gatorade Football Player of the Year and Gazette Peak Player of the Year.
- Lewis-Palmer 4A Volleyball

champions and coach Wade Baxter.

- Palmer Ridge volleyball coach Jessen Miller was named Colorado Preps 4A Volleyball Coach of the Year.

### Communications update

Public Information Officer Julie Stephen updated the board on the activities of her department. She stressed that community engagement includes both internal and external communication, and the department strives to offer information in several different formats.

A current emphasis is on creating better branding for the district. The department is striving to change the brand from LP to D-38. As a result, the new banners appearing at the schools, while still containing the mountain and the rising star, now say "D-38 on a great path."

The district is increasing the use of radio to broadcast public information spots on safety in school zones and is stressing that that best source of information on closures and delayed starts is the district website.

Stephen spoke of community involvement through such programs as Emergency Responders Appreciation Day and Veterans Day programs,

## Teacher Spotlight: Kris Scarsbrook

Lewis-Palmer Elementary School's Kris Scarsbrook is in her twelfth year of teaching. She comes from a family of teachers: her grandmother, brother, and uncle are all teachers. Kris taught for five years in Arizona before trading classroom chalk for sidewalk chalk when she had children. When her family moved to Monument and her kids were older, the classroom called her back. Kris taught LPES second graders for four years before teaching third graders, which she has done for two years now.



Mrs. Scarsbrook enjoys third graders, especially observing their thinking processes and seeing them become independent learners. She also enjoys the continent studies where the students write to their foreign pen pals. This year, her class is writing to children in Argentina; last year the pen pals were from Scotland.

Kris' high school sweetheart, her husband, built their house in Woodmoor, and their children attended Lewis-Palmer Elementary. She loved the school so much that she applied for a job there. Kris values Monument's small town feel and working with the LPES team.

Kris and her family spend much of the snowy season skiing in Winter Park. She is a fair weather runner, a weekend YMCA warrior, and a closet Steeler's fan. Kris completed the Steamboat Springs Triathlon and joins her son on his quest to climb all of the 14ers - at 16, he's conquered 19 of them. When not scrapbooking, hiking, or reading, she can be found planning the family's next trip, either somewhere with sandy beaches or Italy. She would also like to finish her master's degree; having it half-done seems silly.

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Lewis-Palmer School District begins registration for 2018-2019 pre-K and kindergarten at all elementary locations on Thursday, February 1.

For specific times and further information check [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org)>Enrollment icon>Student Registration or call (719) 488-4700.

### LPESD Upcoming Events

- January 1: District Closed, New Year's Day
- January 9: Monument Academy Students Return
- January 10: All Students Return
- January 15: District Closed, MLK Day
- January 18: Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.
- January 24: 2-Hour Delayed Start/PLC Day
- February 1: Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration