



Viking Nation

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LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Letter from the Principal



Thank you so much for joining us as we celebrate the beginning of another fantastic year in the Viking Nation!

Popsicles... There is nothing more unusual and eye-catching than random words to begin any statement. And while you may wonder why I chose that word; most of you probably heard the story of Monday, 7th period. With zero air conditioning anywhere as we began school all last week and most of this week, the heat and temperatures were brutal. Yet, our students and staff still stayed the course of learning in a still renovated building, double period math classes, and a brand new schedule. Not to mention the new world of middle school for 6th graders. The persistence, determination, and resilience of our kids meant they needed a sweet treat at the end of the day to cool off. And so, after a quick trip to Kroger, a purchase of 800 popsicles, and administrative staff running to every classroom... everyone in the building enjoyed a popsicle at the end of the day. I was most impressed with how thankful all of the students were for the treat. Thank you for instilling in your children gratitude as virtue.

My name is Matt Haren and I am Principal of the best middle school in Fort Wayne. Best because of the GREAT teachers, staff, and students we have in our learning community. I am proud to be a part of the Viking Nation culture and the process of transforming Lane. And while the transformation will continue through this year, the renovation of Lane Middle School mirrors the transition of education as we know it today. Greater rigor in learning, increased expectation of citizenship / respect, and a distinct urgency in student achievement. And while the state has not made it easy, I can honestly say that Fort Wayne Community Schools is the innovative leader in urban education on so many levels. Enrollments are up at all schools and we continue to celebrate how diversity empowers the growing process of our young people.

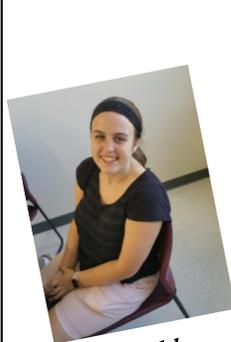
With many challenges and adversities in our way, this year's theme at Lane is meant to overcome anything. **Together We Own the Journey! BE FEARLESS!** It is not only a theme but a mindset that we hope to infuse from staff to students, student to student, student to home, and home to the community. So we invite you as parents to join us on this shared journey, to be fearless, and create a community of kindness where our kids feel safe and can succeed. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at the Viking Nation!

Matt Haren

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Fall Fundraiser	Aug. 30th— Sept. 13th
Fall Fundraiser Pick-up	Oct. 10th
6th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast	Oct. 23rd
7th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast	Oct. 24th
8th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast	Oct. 25th

NEW STAFF IN THE NATION



Ms. Rudd
8th Grade
Math



Mr. Davis
7th Grade
Math



Mr. Kohrman
Spanish



Ms. Crider
7th & 8th Grade
Social Studies

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE!

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

FIRST DANCE OF THE YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE SEPT. 7th!

