

#### A Brand-new LMEA Blast

As we mentioned briefly during the opening meeting a couple weeks ago, we have decided to start from scratch when it comes to our blast. It's been many years since we began collecting emails and setting up the ability to issue urgent messages, and it's important to continue to be able to do that. Given the amount of turnover in the last few years, and with bargaining set to begin in January, we need to get a fresh start. Please be on the lookout for instructions on how to sign up using your personal email address.

### **Options for Leave**

If you are in need of advice regarding the details of maternity/child rearing leave, sabbatical leave, or any other type of approved temporary leave, please contact Aimee Avellino (avellia@lmsd.org).

### Outreach

LMEA is sponsoring a couple of events for the Music Department's Fall Fest to promote awareness of our fabulous music program and instructors within LMSD; Fall Fest is on 10/14 from 12-4PM at LMHS. Our next endeavor is training for the End Childhood Cancer Walk/Run in the Navy Yard on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. Consider joining or supporting our team – **LMEA Lemons** – to help raise money and awareness for childhood cancer, a cause that is local to our community. Use this link to join or donate: <u>https://www.alexslemonade.org/mypage/3619818</u>

# **Important Dates**

January 1, 2024—Begins tuition reimbursement requests period for courses ending AFTER July 1, 2024 January 10, 2024–Deadline to begin formal bargaining on a new contract

## LMEA Member is a National Champion!

Jim Alvord, a longtime member of the Operations department, earned a victory at the 2023 USA Cycling Masters Track National Championships in South Carolina this summer. For his performance, best in his age group, Jim now is able to move on to the world stage and compete as the national champion in the men's sprint event. Congratulations, Jim!

