



# Lake Forest Park Elementary Reporter

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Dear Wonderful LPF Families:

Welcome back to all of our returning families and a special welcome to all of the Kindergarten and new LFP families. It is so great to see you all! We are glad that you are a part of our incredible community. We are having a wonderful start to the school year.

A huge thank you to the wonderful PTA who worked tirelessly this summer to prepare for a successful start of the year. They hosted three well attended Kindergarten play dates and a new family tour, stuffed first day packets, hosted a fun back-to-school BBQ in the smoke and haze, provided the staff with delicious treats the first day of school, guided new students to their classrooms, and hosted a coffee for parents the first days. Please consider joining our strong PTA this year. They support our staff, students, and families in many important ways all year long and we truly appreciate them!

I would also like to thank our amazing staff that is so devoted to providing the best education for our students. The preparation of their classrooms and lesson planning has created a positive culture of teaching and learning.

Please join us for Kindergarten Curriculum Night this Thursday, September 14th from 6:00-7:00 pm. First – Sixth grade Curriculum Night is now Wednesday, September 27th, 6:15-8:15 pm. Curriculum Nights are for adults only.

I love connecting with families and one way for me to do that is through monthly Principal Coffees. The first one is Monday, September 25th 9:30–10:30 am in the Extended Care Modular. The topic is how LFP meets the needs of all students, including our new Walk-to-Math model. Everyone is invited!

Welcome to these incredible new staff members at LFP:  
Celeste Dang – Speech / Language Teacher  
Jennifer McNair – Job share teacher on Fridays for Mrs. Gardiner  
Ingrid Rigsby – Title 1 Reading teacher  
Tami Thompson – 5th grade teacher  
Rochelle Libby – 6th grade teacher  
Genevieve Wheaton – 4th grade teacher  
Andy Harrington – 6th grade teacher  
Tami Stokke – Extended Care Staff  
Susie Moore – Family Advocate on Wednesdays and Fridays  
Blyn Redden – Job share music teacher with Ms. Dreier

We look forward to a great school year ahead. Please have your child to school every day and on time. It makes a big difference for your child’s education. Thank you!

Principal Miner

## LIFE SKILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Cooperation:** To work together toward a common goal or purpose.

**Patience:** To wait calmly for someone or something.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept. 13th-15th - **6th Grade to Camp Orkila**  
Sept. 14th, Thurs., 7:00-8:00 pm - **Kindergarten Curriculum Night** Sept.  
Sept. 20th, Wed., 6:30 pm - **PTA Meeting, Library**  
Sept. 22nd, Fri., 2:00-3:00 pm - **Help w/School Paperwork Event-Cafeteria**  
Sept. 25th, Mon., 9:30-10:30 am - **Principal Coffee**  
Sept. 27th, Wed., 5:15-6:00 pm - **ELL Night, Rm 12 C**  
Sept. 27th, Wed., - 6:15-8:15 pm - **1st-6th Gr. Curriculum Night**  
6:15-7:00 - **1st - 3rd grade**  
7:05-7:25 - **PTA Meeting, Multipurpose**  
7:30-8:15 - **4th - 6th grade**  
Sept. 28th, Thurs., 6:00-7:00 pm - **WatchDog Kickoff - Cafeteria**  
Sept. 29th., Fri. 10:00 am - **Taproot Anti-Bully Assembly**  
Oct. 3rd & 4th - **Individual & Class Picture Day (See below)**  
Oct. 4th, Wed. - **Save At School Banking Day**  
Oct. 18th, Wed. - **Save At School Banking Day**  
Oct. 25th, Wed. - **Health Day (see below)**



## FROM THE LFP HEALTH OFFICE

### Help with Health Day

All hands on deck, all hands on deck...  
Health day is fast approaching and I need  
Volunteers!

**Wednesday, October, 25th**  
**Shifts from 9:00-12:00 or 12:00-3:30**  
**or all day if you would like!**

Please call or come talk to me about helping out.

We will be evaluating vision & hearing.  
If you do not want your child to be a part of this,  
I need this in writing before October 16th, please.

Thank you,  
Sue Hoverson  
[sue.hoverson@shorelineschools.org](mailto:sue.hoverson@shorelineschools.org)



## Picture Days Individual & Class Pictures

Oct. 3rd - 9:30-11:30 am - Primary K-2nd

Oct. 4th - 9:30-12:00 am - Intermediate 3rd-6th

Retakes on November 9th

Order Packets must be presented on picture day

Shoreline School District # 412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. further further information on notice of non-discrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IX office, visit: <http://www.shorelineschools.org>

### Absent or late to School?

Please contact the office if your child is going to be absent from or late to school. Our attendance secretary is required to contact the family when a student is absent. This ensures the safety of your child. If your child is absent or tardy, we must speak to, receive an e-mail or note from a parent or guardian with the reason for the absence or tardy. Absences are subject to approval to the Shoreline School Attendance District Policy #3122.

Having two or more unexcused absences will result in a truancy letter being sent home and will be recorded on your child's permanent school record.

Please call our office at 206.393.4131  
or e-mail [joanne.olson@shorelineschools.org](mailto:joanne.olson@shorelineschools.org).

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attending school has a huge impact on student success. This year we want to make sure every student misses no more than 9 days of school, or 1 day a month. We need your help.

#### **Some Attendance Tips to Promote Student Learning:**

- Make sure your students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine so they are rested and alert when they get to school.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and pack backpacks are ready the night before.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your student so that they can show up for school on time every day.

**Katherine Henson/Suzie Moore**  
**Family Advocates**

**Lake Forest Park Elementary: M-F 8-4 206.393.1332**

### LFP Birthday Celebration Policy District Policy 2017:



Due to the growing number of allergies and health concerns for our students, the LFP staff celebrates student birthdays with a non-food celebration. Each classroom teacher finds a special way to honor each student on his/her birthday. Some examples are: having the student wear a crown, singing to the child, and writing compliments to the birthday child. Students are welcome to donate a gently used or new book to be added to the class or school library in the child's name in honor of his/her birthday. We appreciate your support and ask that you please **do not send in food** treats for your child's birthday. Thank you.



### DON'T FORGET...

to mark your children's coats, jackets, lunch boxes and backpacks with their initials or name on tags to reduce lost items. All items are sent periodically to The Works Clothing Room when they are not claimed.



### **Watch D.O.G.S** **KICK OFF NIGHT**

The WATCHDOGS Pizza Night & Kickoff event will be held Thursday, September 28th from 6:00-7:00 pm. All dads and their student(s) are invited to come and learn about our WatchDogs program and hopefully sign up for a day to volunteer at LFP!

### "News From Your School Library"

#### **What Do Students Learn In the Library?**

The new year has begun at Lake Forest Park and it has been exciting to greet all of the new students in their new classrooms as they visit the library. Each week, students in K-6 visit the library to build their information literacy skills through a Shoreline Information Literacy Skills curriculum that spans K-12.

The mission of the Lake Forest Park library program is to ensure that students and staff are effective users and creators of ideas and information. Lake Forest Park students follow an inquiry based process in seeking knowledge, applying critical thinking skills, and sharing new understandings.

Over the course of their seven years in the library, students will build their independent reading skills, knowledge of literature, their research and presentation skills, as well as their use of technology and awareness of internet safety.

Teaching our students library skills is a collaborative effort involving the library staff, classroom teachers, support staff, and parents. Parents are welcome to have their own Lake Forest Park library account and check out books to read with their students. We LOVE having parent volunteers and if you're interested, please call 206-393-4134, email [frank.kleyn@shorelineschools.org](mailto:frank.kleyn@shorelineschools.org), or stop by.

I look forward to working with your children this year and wish everyone a terrific year of reading and learning.

Frank Kleyn  
Teacher-Librarian  
[frank.kleyn@shorelineschools.org](mailto:frank.kleyn@shorelineschools.org)

### Parent/sGuardian's Right-to-Know

At LFP, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal rules related to teacher qualifications as defined in No Child Left Behind. These rules allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact me at [aimee.miner@shorelineschools.org](mailto:aimee.miner@shorelineschools.org)