

LAKE FOREST PARK



LFP REPORTER

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Dear Fabulous LFP Families,

It has been a great start to the school year and we love the small class size in first – fourth grades at LFP. It makes a big difference in allowing teachers to get to know their students better and meeting their individual needs. We are spending time these first couple of weeks to build community and learn each other's stories.

On a safety note, yesterday we practiced evacuating the building during our first Fire Drill. Each month, we will practice a different type of drill so that staff and students become familiar with our emergency procedures.

On an instruction note, our first – fifth grade students are learning math using a new curriculum called, *Bridges*. The program fosters student discourse around mathematical thinking. Please ask your child how they are enjoying math and what they are learning about in this new program.

Back to School Night (aka Curriculum Night) is coming up on September 19th and has a new format and purpose this year. There will be shorter sessions to allow for classroom visits and time to get to know the other parents/guardians.

Just a reminder that the district policy is that Birthday celebrations are non-food celebrations. **Please do not send any type of food for the class with your child on their birthday.** You may send individual items like pencils or stickers, but no toys please. Sending in a favorite book for your child's teacher to read or as a donation to the classroom or school library is a fun way to honor your child! Teachers will honor your child on their birthday in non-food way.

Our Sixth graders and their teachers leave for Camp Orkila tomorrow to enjoy three days exploring nature and team building on the beautiful Orcas Island.

We are so grateful to all of the fabulous volunteers and every parent for making the first week of school so positive.

It is going to be a great year!
Principal Miner

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

The WATCHDOGS Pizza Night & Kickoff event will be held next Monday, September 16th from 6:00-7:00 pm in the cafeteria. All dads, grandpas 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! Don't delay as last year the calendar was filled within 24 hours.



Mark Your Calendars

- 9/11-9/13 - Camp Orkila for 6th grade
- Wed. 9/11 - 1:50 pm, Early Release Wednesday
- Mon. 9/16 - 6:00-7:00 pm WatchDog Kickoff Pizza Night
- Wed. 9/18 - 1:50 pm, Early Release Wednesday
- Thur. 9/19 - 5:15 pm ELL Back to School Night, Rm 12C
- Thur. 9/19 - 5:30 pm 5th Chaperone to Orkila Mtg., Rm 24
- Thur. 9/19 - 6:15-8:15 pm All School Back to School Night
- 6:15-6:50 pm - 1st & 2nd grade
- 6:55-7:30 pm - 3rd & 4th grade
- 7:35-8:15 pm - 5th & 6th grade
- 9/23-9/25 - Camp Orkila for 5th grade
- Wed. 9/25 - 1:50 pm, Early Release Wednesday
- Wed. 9/25 - 6:00 pm, POD 1st - 3rd gr Potluck, Cafeteria
- Fri. 9/27 - 2:35 pm, Taproot School Assembly
- Tues. 10/1 - 1st - 3rd grade Picture Day
- Wed. 10/2 - 4th - 6th grade Picture Day
- Wed. 10/2 - 1:50 pm, Early Release Wednesday
- Wed. 10/9 - 1:50 pm, Early Release Wednesday
- Wed. 10/16 - 1:15 pm, Early Release Wednesday

We are very proud of our highly qualified staff at Lake Forest Park Elementary and would be pleased to share any information regarding the professional qualifications (teaching certificates, endorsements, college degrees) of your child's classroom teacher, Title I teacher, or instructional assistants. As part of the ESSA, parents have the right to this information. Please contact the principal if you would like to request these facts.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Backpack Health

Overloaded backpacks can cause injuries that last a lifetime. Children should only carry 10-15% of their body weight on their backs. Rolling backpacks are great, but if backpacks are worn, distribute weight properly, wear both shoulder straps and choose a backpack with lumbar support.



Help with Health Day

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

November 13th & 14th.

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 November 3rd, please.

Thank you,
Sue Hoverson
sue.hoverson@shorelineschools.org
206-393-4135

DON'T FORGET...

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

Absent or late to School?

Please contact the office if your child is going to be absent from or late to school. We are 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 Attendance at 206.393.4131
or email
joanne.olson@shorelineschools.org



Picture Day Individual & Class Pictures

Oct. 1st- 9:15-11:30 am
Primary 1st-3rd

Oct. 2nd - 9:15 am - 11:30 pm
Intermediate 4th-6th

Retakes on November 14th
Order packets must be presented on picture day

LIFE SKILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Patience: To wait calmly for someone or something.



NEWS FROM YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

The 2019-2020 school year has had a terrific start in our school library. I've enjoyed meeting all the new and returning students and watching them dive into their independent reading choices and interests. In addition to checking out books, have been working together to learn and review library procedures and policies.

This fall we have unveiled new section signs for our library, giving it a professional "bookstore look." The students are already using the signs to easily locate their favorite books. The signs wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Lake Forest Park PTA's classroom teacher supplies donation. THANK YOU, LFP PTA!

Our Library's Mission

The mission of the library media program is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information.

- Students follow an inquiry-based process in seeking knowledge, applying critical thinking skills, and sharing new understandings.
- Students are taught using Shoreline School's K-6 Information Literacy & Technology Skills Scope and Sequence
- Students in Grades 1-6 learn about digital citizenship using Common Sense Media's Digital Citizenship Scope and Sequence

Parent Use of the Library

All LFP parents are welcome to have their own library card to check out books. Stop by the library and we'll set you up. We also love having adult volunteers!

We hope to see you in the Library this year.

Frank Kleyn
Teacher-Librarian
206-393-4134

A Message from the Attendance Office

This year, we will be working with our families toward making sure ALL of our students are attending school in order to take advantage of all the available learning activities that are offered. Your help, as parents, is critical in helping us to educate your children. The graphic below illustrates the importance of regular, punctual attendance. We appreciate your support in our endeavor to give our best to your children. Here is a family-friendly link to a message from our Superintendent, Rebecca Miner, about the importance of attendance: <https://www.facebook.com/shorelineschools/videos/709529356139466/>

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!



Counselor's Corner

Hello, LFP Community!

At our school assembly last Friday, we introduced our new recognition tickets to our students. In the past, students have received Life Skill Awards for upstanding or positive actions. This year, we have created a new ticket, the LFP Promise Award, which we will use instead. Teachers still have the option of teaching and using Life Skills in their classrooms.

The purpose of the LFP Promise Award is to tie positive behaviors directly to our expectations for student behavior. Students recite the LFP Promise, and are familiar with it; the Promise Awards will also reinforce the ideas of "Kind," "Safe," "Respectful," which is the essence of the LFP Promise. If your student brings a Promise Award home, please celebrate with them! Ask them to tell you how they earned it!

In the past, each classroom would hold a drawing on Friday, with the students whose Award stubs were drawn getting to go to the office for a prize. This will remain so for our 1st-3rd students. However, this year we are doing something different for our intermediate students. Instead of entering the Friday prize drawing, our 4th-6th students will take their Promise Award stubs down to lunch to vote on which school wide reward they prefer. There will be two ballot boxes in the lunchroom foyer, with two different choices. Our first two choices of the year are: "Extra Recess (or extra Choice Time in class)," and "Principal Miner sings "Old Town Road" one day at every lunch."

We are excited for this change! In order to teach and reinforce the behavior we hope to see, it will help to have a way of recognizing students for showing those behaviors.

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Counselor
Lake Forest Park Elementary
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FAMILY RESOURCES

For questions about community resources, contact Susie Moore, LFP's Family Advocate, at 206-393-1332, susie.moore@shorelineschools.org.

The WORKS, a free clothing bank open to Shoreline students, is open each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at the Shoreline Center. If you can't make it at that time, talk to our Family Advocate to arrange another time.

Need some help stretching those grocery dollars? The Friday Food Packs program provides students with a bag of food for the weekend. If this would be helpful for your family, please contact our Family Advocate.

Susie Moore
Family Advocate
susie.moore@shorelineschools.org

Lake Forest Park Elementary: Tues & Fri: 8-4:30, W: 12:30-4:30/ 206.393.1332

Brookside Elementary: Mon & Thurs: 8-4:30, W: 8-12/ 206.393.1177

**SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412
GUIDELINES FOR TRANSPORTING MUSIC INSTRUMENTS**

To meet State safety regulations for school buses, large music instruments are prohibited and moderately sized instruments must meet certain criteria (see below) to be transported on the bus. Smaller instruments that are not pictured on this guideline may be transported provided they meet the criteria.

Careful attention to these procedures will assure safe transportation for all students. Students are cautioned that failure to abide by these procedures may cause the forfeiture of the privilege to transport their music instrument on a school bus. Thank you for your attention to this information.

LARGE INSTRUMENTS (Not allowed on bus, provided at school)



Also Includes Large Drums and All Guitars

MODERATELY LARGE INSTRUMENTS (Must meet criteria to be transported)



Snare Drum must be in case



French Horn must rest bell side up



Criteria:

- Any instrument placed on the floor must be against the outside (window) wall, so no student has to climb over an instrument to exit in an emergency.
- Instruments must either fit on the student's lap or within the 7" leg space in front of each seat.
- **Instruments may NOT exceed the height of the bottom of the window ledge**

REMEMBER THAT EMERGENCY EXITS CANNOT BE BLOCKED.

If you have questions, please contact transportation.helpdesk@shorelineschools.org (206) 393-4277

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