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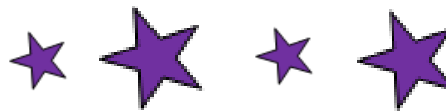
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Upcoming Dates

- Mar. 6-9 Safe Routes to school with bikes
- Mar. 8 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. 5th grade parent meeting for ECO Week, Blue Commons
- Mar. 9 Battle of the Books: 5th – 1:15, 4th – 2:00, and 3rd – 2:45, Media Center
- Mar. 9 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Rescheduled due to Rollerland)
- Mar. 10 Hat Day Selected by February Attendance Champs, Ms. Rolwes’s 1st Grade
- Mar. 13 – 17 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 23 Picture Day
- Mar. 24 9:15 a.m. Habit #6 Assembly
- Apr. 15 NHS Spring Carnival @ Fort Collins High School
(see flyer attached at the end of newsletter)



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Lopez Events Calendar

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Google Calendar	
Monday, January 30	
3:30pm	BOB Practice
Tuesday, January 31	
3:30pm	Lego League
Thursday, February 2	
3:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences
5:30pm	PTA Meeting
Monday, February 6	
3:30pm	BOB Practice
Tuesday, February 7	
3:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences
3:30pm	Lego League
Thursday, February 9	
3:30pm	Blooming Girls: Self Love and Rela
6:30pm	Music Concert
Monday, February 13	
Classified Employee Week	
3:30pm	BOB Practice
Tuesday, February 14	
Classified Employee Week	
11:00am	Respite Care Luncheon
3:30pm	Lego League
Wednesday, February 15	
Classified Employee Week	

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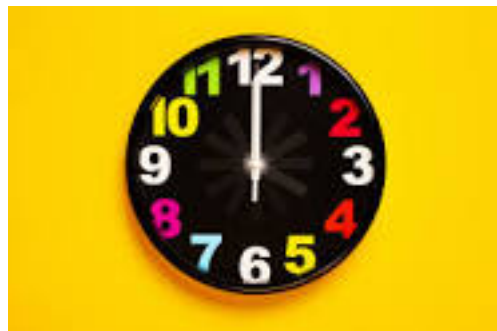


Parking and Safety Reminders

Now that the snow has melted and we can see the curbs again, please do not park in the red zones near the intersections around Lopez. It's very important for visibility as pedestrians are crossing.

Recently, we have had more students running across the street to or from parents in a parked car. Please remind your child to use the crosswalks at the corners and do not cross mid-block. There are also no U-turns permitted directly in front of the building.

We want to keep all pedestrians safe at all times and appreciate your help with this. As students are learning about Safe Routes to School in P.E., this is a great way to reinforce those lessons.



Students can be dropped off at 8:35 a.m. There is no supervision prior to this time. If students are eating breakfast, they may report to the cafeteria starting at 8:20 a.m. Thank you for your help.



We understand the stress of caring for a sick child.

Our providers are here to help get your family on the fast track to healthy.

Respite Care Luncheon

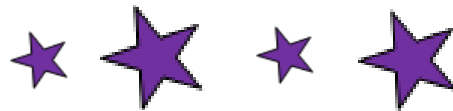
Wow! What a wonderful turn out for this year's Respite Care luncheon hosted by 4th grade. These students did a stellar job seeking business donations and serving food. A big thank you to our sponsors: Spoons, Silver Grill, Mary's Mountain Cookies, Austin's, Trader Joe's, and Costco. It's always a fun event and a great chance to see some familiar faces supporting an amazing cause, Respite Care. This year we raised \$3,000 thanks to our community's generosity.



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Music Concert

It was such a treat to see a live performance by the whole school in person again! On Feb. 9th families were entertained by students performing *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* in the auditorium at RMHS. If you missed the show, [here](#) is a link to watch it. Many thanks to Brian Wilcox for putting on this great show.



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5210 Calendar Reminder

Now that February is over, it's time to submit your Healthy Kids 5210+ Challenge participation. Please use this [link](#) to fill in your information by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 5. Even if you didn't earn a T-shirt, your participation counts towards Lopez's total. If we have at least 25% of students and staff members submit an entry, we can earn money for new P.E. equipment!



Battle of the Books

On March 9th our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teams will participate in Battle of the Books. Extra-curricular book clubs from each of these grades have been busy reading and studying nationally selected texts. They will compete with other grade level teams in the media center to answer questions about the books. The team that wins the school competition will go on to compete against the winners from other PSD schools. The competitions should last less than 30 minutes, and parents are welcome to attend. Good luck to all of the teams!

5th Grade – 1:15 p.m. 4th Grade – 2:00 p.m. 3rd Grade – 2:45 p.m.

Focus on Habits

This month, Lopez is focused on Habit #6: Synergize, which reminds us that “Together is better”. When we synergize, we value differences and seek out other people’s strengths. Learning from others and considering different points of view are more ways to synergize. Another important part of Habit #6 is finding third alternatives. When we work together, we can come up with better solutions than we each would find separately.

At the February Habit assembly, we recognized students at each grade level who exemplify Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood. A Habit Champion sign will be displayed at their homes this month. Congratulations to these students!

Kindergarten – Oliver Clark

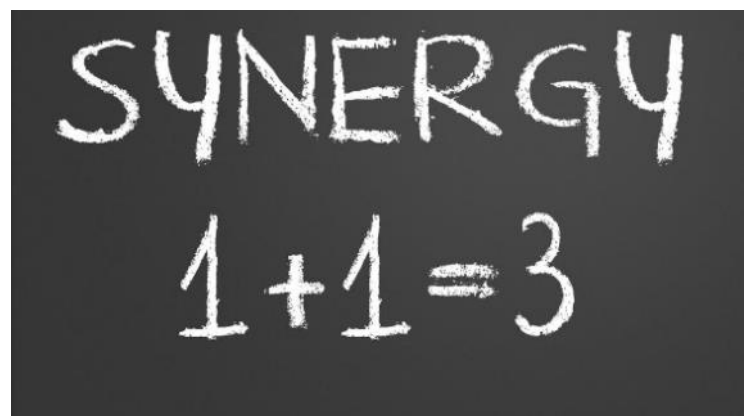
1st Grade – Colton Ashe

2nd Grade – Elayna Wickham

3rd Grade – Owen Higdon

4th Grade – Ella Rose Heiberger

5th Grade – Isaac Moore



Attendance Celebrations

Congratulations to Ms. Rolwes' Class for having the highest attendance for the month of February! They have selected Hat Day on March 10 to celebrate their achievement. School wide our overall attendance for the month of February was at 91%. We're making growth towards meeting our goal of 95% attendance. Keep up the great work, Lasers!



JOIN US!
APRIL 15

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How Sick is Too Sick?

It can be difficult to decide when to keep your child out of school for illness. Here are some general guidelines that can help you decide when your child is sick enough to keep them at home.

There are four main reasons to keep children and adults at home:

1. *The child or staff is at risk of infecting others with COVID-19 or another contagious illness, either because of symptoms or recent close contact.*
2. *The child or staff member does not feel well enough to take part in usual activities. For example, a child is overly tired, fussy or will not stop crying.*
3. *A child needs more care than teachers and staff can give while still caring for the other children.*
4. *The child or staff member has symptoms, or an illness is on this [list](#), and staying home is required.*

If you do decide that your child is sick enough to stay home, please remember to call the attendance line at 970-488-8801. When leaving a message, include the reason for your student's absence and if they are ill, describe any symptoms they are experiencing. It is our responsibility to account for every child, every day, so a phone call to the attendance line prevents us from interrupting your day and helps us to quickly account for all students.



School Meals /Free & Reduced Meal Program

Although universal free meals have gone away, the Nutrition Program's full variety of entrees, self-serve fresh fruits and vegetables, and ala carte options have returned for all students. The Child Nutrition Team will be providing customers nutritious and tasty breakfasts and lunches each school day at the best meal value in Northern Colorado! Breakfast prices are only \$1.50. Students can come to the Flex Room from 8:20 – 8:45 am to eat breakfast. Lunch prices are only \$3.15 for paid student customers. More information and menus can be accessed [here](#).

Families that have completed an [application](#) and qualify will receive free breakfast and lunch for their students. You are required to renew your application each year and last year's qualification expires after the first 30 days of the new school year. Additional information can be found on the PSD [website](#). Families who qualify may be eligible for [school fee/charge waivers](#). In addition, the before and after school program, AlphaBest, gives a 15% discount to qualifying families. The percentage of students that receive free and reduced-price meals also impacts Lopez's ability to qualify for grants and

other program funding, so it really helps our school if you apply.



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Spotlight on Specials



I have found so much joy with your creative young people as they explore and stretch in our art studio! They reflect kindly and constructively on their own work and the work of others, striving to express ideas and feelings visually while developing new skills. It's fun to be a part of their creative process!

If your child(ren) are interested in joining one of my art clubs this Spring, information and sign-up links can be found in [Art Clubs](#).



Georgiana



All students are working on Square1 art. Some student work and preliminary information can be located here:

Square1 art.

Spink



Jaida



Ryder



Kinders are learning how to use drawn and painted shapes in an abstract way and as building blocks for observational drawing.

Sierra



Richie



1st graders are wrapping up expressive self-portraits and jumping into telling their story.

Clark

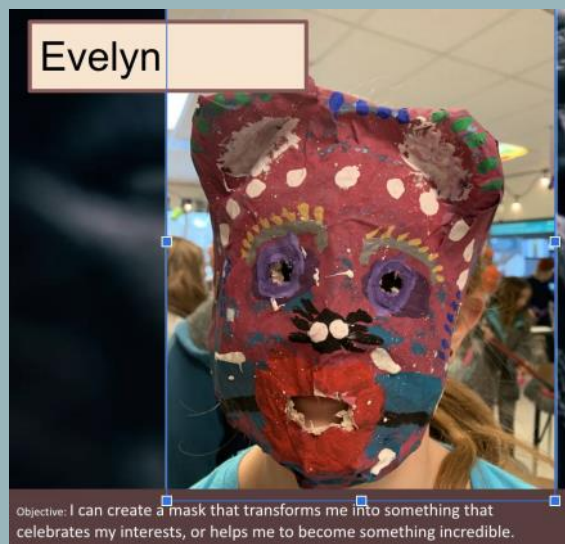




2nd graders have been creating [mesmerizing texture](#) and [drip monsters](#).



3rd graders are working on [story quilts](#) inspired by Faith Ringgold, Michael Cummings, and crazy quilts.



4th graders are transforming themselves with [masks](#).



5th graders have been creating the

[illusion of three dimensional space](#)

Using atmospheric perspective, linear perspective, size and placement, and overlap.

April 17th | 5:30p

Hosted by Rocky Mountain High School

Save the Date: Mental Health Matters

Please join Poudre School District for the 8th Annual Mental Health Matters K-12 Event, this year hosted IN PERSON at Rocky Mountain High School. Speakers will address a wide range of mental health topics that effect all grade levels.

More information coming soon.

Brought to you by the PSD

School Healthcare Professional Grant team

17 de abril | 5:30 p.m.

Lugar: Rocky Mountain High School

Reserven la fecha: **La Salud Mental Importa**

Los invitamos a participar en el 8.º Evento Anual de La Salud Mental Importa, del Distrito Escolar Poudre, el cual se llevará a cabo este año **EN PERSONA**, en Rocky Mountain High School.

Se tratará una gran diversidad de temas acerca de la salud mental que afecta a todos los niveles escolares, desde kínder hasta 12.º grado.

Próximamente se dará más información.

Presentado por el Equipo de Profesionales de la Salud Escolar del PSD, beneficiario del programa SHPG.



Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education at PSD Schools

Dear Parents:

Your student's school is participating in a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program offered by the City of Fort Collins in partnership with Poudre School District (PSD) and Bike Fort Collins. The principal and PE teacher(s) at your school have endorsed this program as part of the regular PE curriculum for physical fitness and as a way to promote safe bicycling and walking by students at your school for lifelong wellness.

The SRTS instructional team for this program includes lead instructors who are certified by the League of American Bicyclists as "League Cycling Instructors" and have completed supplemental training from the City of Fort Collins on how to teach bicycle and pedestrian safety to K-12 students. Assistant instructors have also received special training, and all instructors and volunteers helping with this program are registered with and have passed background checks by the PSD Volunteer Center.

Every aspect of this program focuses on safety, and all students participating in bicycling activities are required to wear a helmet and have their bicycle checked by a professional mechanic for safety. Any students who are unable to bring a bike or helmet to school can borrow bikes and helmets from our program. In addition, any students who do not yet know how to ride a bike will be given special lessons by trained instructors who are experts at teaching students how to ride.

Please note that middle-school students will be taking practice bike rides on multi-use trails and City streets to get firsthand experience with how to bike safely in Fort Collins. On these rides, every precaution is taken to ensure a safe and enjoyable journey. This includes having two to three teachers or SRTS instructors per each group of 10 students and strict adherence to safe-cycling techniques and traffic laws. Students will become more knowledgeable about both rules of the road and proper trail etiquette to help keep them safe and comfortable when traveling by bike throughout our City.

This program is completely free of charge, including the professional bike checks. Several local bike shops assist in checking bikes for safety and proper functioning. Please watch for additional information from the PE teacher on how to do a quick safety check on your student's bike before he or she brings it to school; this will help speed up the checks by mechanics at school.

Thanks so much, and we hope your student enjoys this opportunity to experience Fort Collins in a new way through "active transportation." For more program information, visit fcgov.com/saferoutes.





Educación vial en las Escuelas del PSD para la Seguridad de Peatones y Ciclistas

Estimados Padres de Familia:

La escuela de su hijo/a participa en el programa Rutas Seguras a la Escuela (SRTS, por sus siglas en inglés), ofrecido por la Ciudad de Fort Collins en colaboración con el Distrito Escolar Poudre (PSD, por sus siglas en inglés), y la organización Bike Fort Collins. El Director de su escuela, así como los maestros de Educación Física, han aprobado dicho programa como parte del currículo regular de Educación Física y como una manera de promover el desarrollo de la aptitud física y la buena salud de por vida, así como la seguridad de los estudiantes de la escuela al caminar o trasladarse en bicicleta.

El equipo de este programa incluye entrenadores líderes que han sido certificados por La Liga de Ciclistas Norteamericanos como “Instructores de Ciclismo de la Liga” y han completado una capacitación adicional organizada por la Ciudad de Fort Collins en el tema de cómo enseñar a los niños de K-12 sobre la seguridad de peatones y ciclistas. Los entrenadores asistentes también recibieron capacitación especial; todos los entrenadores y voluntarios que ayudan con el programa están registrados, y sus antecedentes verificados, en el Centro de Voluntarios de PSD.

En todos sus aspectos, este programa se enfoca en la seguridad y, por lo tanto, todos los estudiantes que participen en actividades de ciclismo deberán protegerse usando un casco y pidiendo a un mecánico profesional que revise su bicicleta. Cualquier estudiante que no tenga acceso a una bicicleta o un casco, puede pedir prestadas bicicletas y cascos de nuestro programa. Además, los estudiantes que no hayan aprendido a andar en bicicleta podrán recibir lecciones especiales de instructores entrenados y con mucha experiencia en la enseñanza de las técnicas necesarias para manejar una bicicleta.

Tenga en cuenta, por favor, que los estudiantes de escuela media harán prácticas de recorridos en bicicleta por senderos multi-uso y por las calles de la Ciudad, para que puedan familiarizarse de manera directa con las prácticas de seguridad al usar la bicicleta en Fort Collins. Durante estas prácticas, se tomarán todas las medidas necesarias para garantizar un recorrido seguro y placentero. Esto incluirá la presencia de dos o tres maestros o instructores de SRTS por cada grupo de 10 estudiantes y una observación estricta de los reglamentos de tránsito y de las medidas de seguridad para ciclistas. Los estudiantes obtendrán mayor conocimiento de las reglas del tráfico y de las etiquetas que se aplican al uso de los senderos, y esto les ayudará a sentirse más seguros y cómodos al usar la bicicleta como medio de transporte por toda la ciudad.

Este programa, incluyendo el chequeo profesional de las bicicletas, es completamente gratuito. Varios talleres locales de bicicleta aportan sus servicios de inspección para asegurar el buen funcionamiento y seguridad de las bicicletas. Se recomienda que los padres de familia estén pendientes de cualquier información adicional del maestro de educación física sobre cómo hacer una inspección rápida de la bicicleta de su hijo o hija antes de traerla a la escuela; esto ahorrará tiempo durante el chequeo mecánico de bicicletas en la escuela.

¡Muchas gracias! Esperamos que su hijo o hija aproveche esta oportunidad de disfrutar de Fort Collins de una manera diferente a través del “transporte activo”. Si desea más información, visite nuestro sitio: fcgov.com/saferoutes.

