

# Lopez Principal's Newsletter

A Leader in Me School



January 24, 2020

## Important Information!



Rock-N-Ship  
coming soon!



Inclusive Spinner  
coming soon!



Mirage Swing Set  
coming soon!

Inclusive Playground Underway

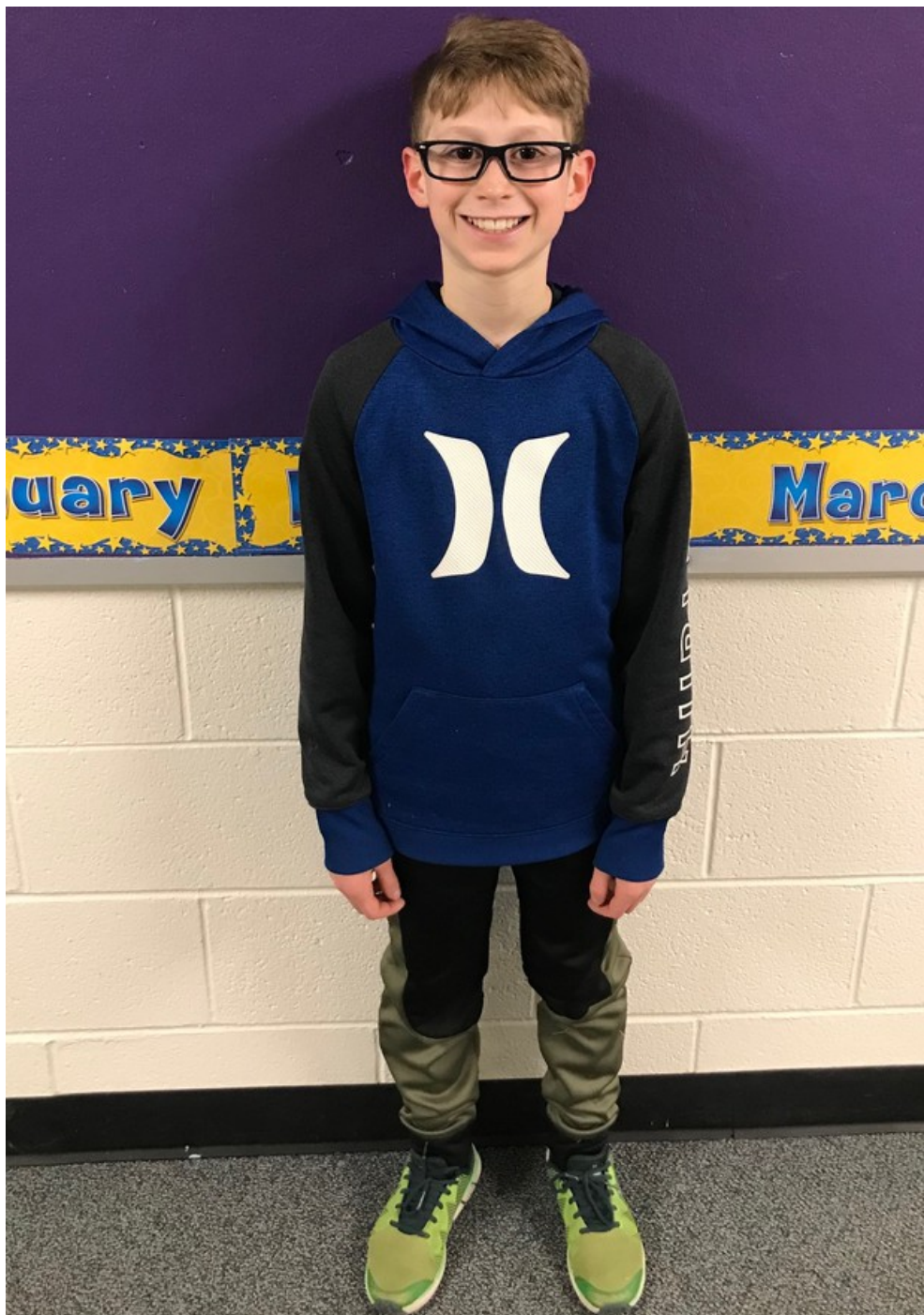
Work on our Inclusive Playground started over Winter Break! Concrete was poured to create a hard surface path connecting the blacktop to the field. This level surface provides access for all children to get to the field. In the next phase, we will be adding three pieces of playground equipment that are accessible to all students- a Rock-n-Ship, an Inclusive Spinner, and swing set with harnesses. **The Lopez PTA is continuing to fundraise to support the completion of this project and to purchase the Web Crawler as a memorial for Vale Wolkow.** Please support the upcoming Boosterthon Fun Run. Money raised during the Jan. 22- 31 Fun Run will go toward completing these two projects!

## Boosterthon - January 22-31, 2020

Boosterthon is set for January 22-31. The Fun-Run will be on January 31:

Our goal is \$15,000 to create a more inclusive playground. EVERY PLEDGE COUNTS! We will use the money raised to help pay for the Double Web Crawler that will be installed in honor of Vale Wolkow. Lopez students chose the web crawler by vote last week. We need \$8,000 to finish paying for it and any money above the \$8,000 will also be used to help pay for improvements to the playground to make it more inclusive to ALL students. Questions about Boosterthon should be directed to our PTA President, Jennifer Thurman, at [jenniferthurman@me.com](mailto:jenniferthurman@me.com).





## Cohen Reisler- Lopez Spelling Bee Champion!

We had a very exciting spelling bee! On December 11th, 2019 we had the Lopez Oral Spelling Bee. Many outstanding 4th and 5th grade spellers participated. After almost 20 rounds, we were unable to determine a single winner! Our two finalists were Marlon Burgos 4th Grade and Cohen Reisler 5th Grade. We were able to have both spellers advance to the district written qualifying round.

On January 21st, the boys completed the written test. They both did a marvelous job! Cohen Reisler had the top score and will compete for his spot in the District Oral Spelling Bee. The top 20 scores from all the elementary and middle school spelling bee winners will compete in the oral bee on February 3rd.

Congratulations to Cohen Reisler, Marlon Burgos and the rest of the spelling bee participants

- Noah Witler
- Kora Greenfield

- Savannah Blair
- Autumn Morris
- Kaya Weeks
- Ya'Myia Morgan
- Evie Fewell
- Alexa Sanchez
- Ryan Freeman
- Kiara VanRy
- Brooklyn Deines
- Hailey Welles
- Ethan Hawley
- Vicente McClintock
- Esah Enright
- Claire Hatfield

## Parent Perception Survey-Elementary

## Parent Perception Survey-Early Childhood

### Parent Perception Survey- Teacher Feedback January 13-February 14

Part of Poudre School District's teacher evaluation process includes getting input from parents/guardians of elementary students about their children's teachers. Results from these surveys can be a powerful tool to improve teacher practice. Parents/guardians will be able to complete an online survey on any device. You'll receive directions about how to access the survey by email or mail. We hope you participate!

### Lopez Art Studio on Instagram!

Check out the great things that are happening in the Lopez Art Studio! Choice-based art challenges students to innovate, create, and think critically about their own art. Please follow us on Instagram @lopezartstudio

### Committee Leads needed for Live at Lopez!

PTA officers are in the process of planning our Talent Show/Auction Live @ Lopez. This event occurs every two years and this year's event will be Friday, April 24th. It's a time when every student is able to use their voice in some way by performing a talent, displaying artwork, or

serving in a leadership role. This event requires a lot of help! Currently, we are looking for interested people to lead committees. If you are interested in leading a committee for this event, please email me at [jenniferthurman@me.com](mailto:jenniferthurman@me.com). Leading a committee doesn't mean you'll do this task by yourself.

## Missing Library Books!

Over holiday break, please have your children check for library books. We have \$1,600 worth of books overdue or missing.

- Over 230 books are now OVERDUE, some of them by months.
- 19 graphic books are MISSING, not checked-out by anyone but removed from the shelves.

Thank you for your help in getting these books back on the shelves for all Lopez students to read.

## Fort Collins High School Mini Cheer Camp

## Healthy Kids Challenge

### **The Challenge is On!**

The Healthy Kids 5210+ Challenge is a month-long program, during February, to encourage students, school staff and families to learn and practice the 5210+ healthy habits. The goal is to get 5 fruits and vegetables, no more than 2 hours of recreational screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity, 0 sugary drinks and 9 or more hours of sleep... EVERY DAY!

Research shows that good nutrition, daily activity and healthy sleep leads to better concentration, increased attention, improved memory, better moods, less fatigue and improved brain function.

*Lopez is planning on using 5210+ Challenge prize money for playground equipment. All student, family and staff participation helps our school win money just for being healthy!! Activity logs will be coming home at the end of January.*

## Club Time Volunteers Needed!

Our second semester club time will start on Friday, Feb. 28. The Clubs will be from 1:45 - 2:45 and happen on Feb. 28, Mar. 27, Apr. 17, May 22. If you are willing to volunteer for one of the following clubs, please email Mrs. Day at [cday@psdschools.org](mailto:cday@psdschools.org)

- Assembly Club
- Pep Rally Club
- Actors Club
- Harry Potter Club
- Yoga Club
- Science Club



- Strategy and Math Games Club
- Running Club
- Guitar Club
- Makerspace Club
- Robotics Club
- Crafts Club

## 2020-2021 Kindergarten Enrollment

Kindergarten enrollment numbers for 2020-21 are low. It is only concerning because these numbers help PSD to determine staffing and schedules for next year. Please help by reminding neighbors with kindergarten-aged children to register now by calling 970-488-8800.

## Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences – February 6 & February 11, 3:45-6:45 p.m.

Teachers will be holding student-led parent-teacher conferences February 6 and February 11, not April 10 as shown on the PSD calendar. We hold spring conferences early to give students and parents ample time to implement action plans to meet second semester goals. These second semester conferences are by invitation. Your child's teacher may or may not request to have a conference with you at this time. However, parents can request a conference any time you have questions or concerns. Please contact your child's teacher if you need more information.

## CSU Gasp! (Girl's Science Club) – Thursday, April 2-May 7

The Girls Advancing Scientific Progress (GASP!) after school program, offered by the CSU Environmental Learning Center, is returning to Lopez Elementary in April 2020. This program offers fun, female-led opportunities for girls to develop science skills and apply them to studies of their local environment. We focus on environmental aspects of science, studying topics such as weather, geology and wildlife. Students will engage in scientific exploration, asking questions and making discoveries while exploring the natural world.

Who: Girls in grades 3-5

Where: Room 25 at Lopez Elementary School

When: Thursdays at 3:30-5:00pm; April 2-May 7 (includes a family event after the program on May 7)

Cost: \$20 per student for the entire six-week program

Registration forms will be sent home in March; the first 20 students who return registration forms to the Lopez front office will be accepted into this program. After 20 registrations are received, we will start a wait list with the remaining registration forms.

Questions? Contact Kristen Wilkinson, Program Director at the Environmental Learning Center, at 970-491-1661 or [elc@csuelc.org](mailto:elc@csuelc.org).

## “SchoolMessenger” Voice Message Retrieval Line Info

New this year, all automated PSD and school phone calls will come from one main number: 970-490-3050. In the past, the number displayed as 1-866-316-3462. PSD made this change with our families and staff in mind. Some shared feedback that they didn't always answer the 866 number thinking it was spam. Parents, guardians and staff members who may have previously saved the 866 number in their phone as a contact will need to re-save the new number. If you miss a phone call or voice message from the district, you may call the number above and listen to the last 10 voice messages sent to your phone (most recent will play first).

## Attendance Update from Mrs. Day, Assistant Principal

I hope you and your family are settled in after the holidays. This is the time of year when winter takes a toll on school attendance. Snow and slushy weather can keep parents from getting their children to school. So can the colds, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months.

These absences, even if they are excused, can add up to academic trouble. If it is a snowy day but school is still open, students miss out on learning if they aren't in class. These absences can result in lower test scores and grades.

There's not much we can do about the weather, but there are two key steps every family can take to help avoid absences this year.

**1. Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in winter weather.** That could mean checking with other families who have a car that can manage in the snow or forming a "walking school bus" to walk your children to school with other parents. If you're stuck, call the school. We can connect you with other parents or staff members who can help.

**2. Keep your children healthy.** Dress them warmly for the cold weather and make sure they've got hats and gloves. Encourage them to wash their hands regularly. If your children do get sick, use the information below to decide whether or not to keep them home.

# WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



## Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



## Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



## Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Attendance  
Works

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## Inclement Weather Procedures

### INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

When the weather is too rainy or too cold for children to be outside the following will be used:

- District guidelines for decisions are based on an **outside temperature of ten degrees or less**. In case of wind chill factors or wet conditions, the principal or designee will make the decision in the best interest of the children.
- Flags will be posted at the corners of the buildings on mornings we are indoors before school.

## Snow Expectations at Lopez

**Please dress for the weather! Students will play outside unless the wind chill is below 10 degrees.**

### SNOW EXPECTATIONS

- Appropriate winter snow dress is required to play in the snow. This includes:
  - Snow boots or water-proofed all-weather boots.
  - Snow pants or other water-proofed pants are **recommended, but not required**.
  - Clothing appropriate to the temperature including coat, mittens or snow gloves and/or hats.
- Snow stays on the ground. It can be used to build but does not fly through the air.
- Snow mounds are out of bounds.



## Troutman Park concerns

Parents have reported some concerns about teen behavior at Troutman Park. If you see anything that is concerning, please report it quickly using one of the following methods:

1. Call the non-emergency police number at 970-221-6540 any time concerning behavior is observed.
2. Report it to the Parks department. They have rangers they can send around. Contact info here: <https://www.fcgov.com/parks/>.
3. Report the incident online to the police department. Report here: <https://www.fcgov.com/police/coplogic-start-report>.

## Ask Alexa "What's for lunch?"

Lopez parent, James Gist, developed an app for the Echo home assistant (aka Alexa) that accesses the Lopez lunch menu to tell parents and students what's for lunch. He wanted to share this cool app with you!

Here's the app info:

Name: bathtub burrito

Command: "Alexa, ask bathtub burrito what's for lunch today?" (You can also say another day like "tomorrow" or day of the week like "friday" but you have to specify a day for the app to work). So cool!

## Policy on Homemade Treats

Homemade (non-commercial) food items and snacks intended to be shared with others are not permitted in schools for classroom or school celebrations, birthday celebrations, building events, potlucks, etc. If it is necessary to have food in classrooms during school hours, only commercially prepared foods from retail stores should be served.

## Upcoming Events

### Boosterthon Fun Run

#### WHEN

Friday, Jan. 31st, 10:30am-3pm

#### WHERE

637 Wabash Street  
Fort Collins, CO

# PTA Meeting

## WHEN

Thursday, Feb. 6th, 5:30pm

## WHERE

637 Wabash Street  
Fort Collins, CO

# National Wear Red Day

## WHEN

Friday, Feb. 7th, 8am

## WHERE

2407 Laporte Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO

## MORE INFORMATION

PSD staff will be wearing red in support of the American Heart Association!

## Think WIN-WIN and Recycle!

Think Win-Win: *(Collection bins are located by the volunteer desk.)*

- We collect cardboard centers from paper rolls and cardboard egg cartons for our former counselor, Mrs. Katie Kirkham, who has limited means for gathering them herself. Thanks for also sending us your used printer ink cartridges. Recycle America Alliance turns your donations into dollars which we use to purchase new printer cartridges, WIN-WIN!
- There is a large black and white cow print milk jug by the volunteer kiosk near the office for collecting Morning Fresh Dairy milk bottle caps. We earn 5 cents per cap.
- We collect used markers of all brands for the Crayola ColorCycle recycle program to help kids understand their role in protecting the environment.

## Websites for your convenience:

- Lopez Morning News coming soon at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7co2caQ-wymLVVsFaNSy0Q/videos>.
- Poudre School District Winter Activity Flyer at <https://bit.ly/2G2myLT>
- Text transportation messages/questions (i.e. "My child will not be riding the bus today.") to 970-414-1BUS.





## About Us



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