

Lopez Principal's Newsletter

A Leader in Me School



October 25, 2019

Important Information!

2019 Lopez Playground





Excellence in Education Awards- Jill Brennan, 2nd grade teacher

Lopez 2nd grade teacher was honored at the Excellence in Education awards banquet on Monday night. Congratulations Mrs. Brennan!



OtterCares celebrates 10 years!

Lopez students Dylan Edgerley and Ari Jackson were interviewed at OtterCares' 10 year celebration held in CSU's Grand Ballroom.



Boosterthon is coming Nov. 4-14!

Look for information about the Lopez Boosterthon!

Lopez Night at Buffalo Wild Wings -Thank you!

Thank you so much for coming to our Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser last night! We appreciate your support of Lopez!

SAFY Trunk or Treat

District Advisory Board Meeting October 7, 2019 Minutes

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Payments for School Supplies

We know that the beginning of the year is very busy and it is easy to overlook payments for school supplies. If you have not already, please visit [SchoolPay](#) to pay for the following items:

- Kindergarten: \$7.00 Leader in Me Workbook
- 1st Grade: \$7.00 Leader in Me Workbook
- 2nd Grade: \$7.00 Leader in Me Workbook
- 3rd Grade: \$7.00 Leader in Me Workbook and Social Studies Subscription \$6.00

- 4th Grade: \$7.00 Leader in Me Workbook and \$5.00 Assignment Notebook
- 5th Grade: \$7.00 Leader in Me Workbook and \$5.00 Assignment Notebook

Call the school office at 970-488-8800 if you need your SchoolPay activation key.

Boosterthon Fun-Run - Thursday, November 14

Our Lopez Fun-Run is just around the corner! The launch party is Nov. 4 and the Fun-Run is Nov. 14. Our goal is \$15,000 to create a more inclusive playground. Look for more information in the coming weeks!

Parent Survey about Family Learning and the 8 Habits

Want to learn more about the 8 Habits of Highly Effective People and what it means at Lopez? The family learning team created a survey to gather your ideas about what families would like to see in terms of programming around the 8 Habits. We will use the data to plan activities and events. We sincerely appreciate your feedback! Please access the survey at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Lopezfamsurvey>

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.

IMPORTANT- Changes to reporting periods at elementary

Lopez families, please see the [letter](#) from Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Dr. Todd Lambert about changes to the reporting periods for elementary school students. The first reporting period will be at the October conference and report cards will come home in January 2020 and May 2020.

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>.

Halloween at Lopez

Classroom Halloween parties will be on Thursday, October 31. Teachers will communicate the party time. Room parents will assist with dress and makeup and will host the parties. Please dress your children in good taste. Guns, knives, blood and gore, gang inspired or inappropriate dress will not be allowed. Costumes should be sent in a bag (labeled with your child's name).

Turkey Round-Up! Thursday, November 21, 8:00-8:45 a.m.

JUST ONE MORNING TO HELP LOPEZ KINDERGARTNERS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and you are invited to bring a FROZEN turkey to school to be donated to The Food Bank for Larimer County. **The Great Turkey Round-Up will take place on Thursday, November 21, JUST ONE MORNING.** Just one opportunity to make a big difference in someone's holiday celebration. **Our kindergarten Wranglers will be in the front of the school from 8:00-8:45 am.** Just drive up and they'll do the rest! Let's synergize to make this another record setting year for turkey collection. We are so fortunate to be a part of the caring Lopez community.

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.

Donations needed for the Art Room!

If you have embroidery hoops you no longer need, we would love to have them for our art room textile center. Please have your students take them to Mrs. Burnham or to the office and we will deliver them to the art room.

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day- Bring your Stuffy to School Day

WHEN

Friday, Oct. 25th, 8:30am

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

Club Time and Habit Assembly

WHEN

Friday, Oct. 25th, 1:45-3:15pm

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

RMHS Trick or Treat Street

WHEN

Tuesday, Oct. 29th, 5:30-8pm

WHERE

1300 West Swallow Road
Fort Collins, CO

MORE INFORMATION

Trick or Treat Street at Rocky Mountain High School (RMHS) – October 29, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Rocky is again offering Trick or Treat Street on October 29 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Admission, games, prizes and trick-or-treating are all free. They are selling a \$3.00 dinner special which includes a hot dog, chips and drink.

Halloween Parties in Classrooms - Thursday, October 31

WHEN

Thursday, Oct. 31st, 1pm

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

MORE INFORMATION

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Lopez Night at Panera

WHEN

Monday, Nov. 4th, 4-6pm

WHERE

3700 South College Avenue
Fort Collins, CO

MORE INFORMATION

Lopez Night at Panera – November 4, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us at Panera's for Lopez Night on November 4 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Another great "no cooking" evening for you and a convenient way to support our generous PTA!

PTA Meeting – Thursday, November 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

WHEN

Thursday, Nov. 7th, 5:30-6:30pm

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

MORE INFORMATION

Please join the PTA Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the staff lounge. Childcare will be in the Media Center. This month's meeting will focus on the Boosterthon Fun Run, staff mini grant requests and the PTA Staff Holiday Appreciation Luncheon.

Boosterthon Fun Run

WHEN

Thursday, Nov. 14th, 10:30am

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

Grandparent's Day – A favorite Lopez Tradition!

WHEN

Tuesday, Nov. 26th, 11:30am-1:30pm

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

MORE INFORMATION

Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren for lunch at Lopez on Tuesday, November 26. Mark you calendar now. We will be publishing the modified lunch schedule shortly.

Winter Holiday Program 2019: Colors of the Season

WHEN

Thursday, Dec. 12th, 6:15-8:15pm

WHERE

1300 West Swallow Road
Fort Collins, CO

MORE INFORMATION

Miss Brose, Lopez Music Teacher, has created a website to share 2019 holiday program details with you. Please visit the program practice website, <https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/lopezwinterprogram>, to learn program dates, times, place and attire.

K/1 starts at 6:30 (Please drop off students to the mini theater by 6:15.)

2/3 starts at 7:05 (Please drop off students to the choir room by 6:50.)

4/5 starts at 7:45 (Please drop off students to the band room by 7:30.)

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 Fall Activity Flyer at <http://bit.ly/activityfliers>
- Text transportation messages/questions (i.e. "My child will not be riding the bus today.") to 970-414-1BUS.

PTA Year-Round Fundraisers:

- **AmazonSmile**, <http://smile.amazon.com>, donates 0.5% of your purchase if you select Lopez Elementary PTA as your organization.



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