

Lopez Principal's Newsletter

A Leader in Me School



February 14, 2020

Important Information!



Respite Care Cafe



Jack's Balloon
Flowers!



Happy Valentine's
Day!

No School on Monday, Feb. 17

There is no school Monday, Feb. 17 for all grades K-12. Staff will have a teacher work day.

Lopez 4th graders raise \$3077 for Respite Care

Lopez 4th graders raised \$3077 through their Hearts for Respite Care service project! Their fundraising efforts will also be made possible through sponsorships from Austin's, Spoons, and Costco. We are so proud of our fourth grader's leadership and service to this amazing organization. The money raised will help children attend a Respite Care summer camp.

Boosterthon Goal met!

We raised \$20,797! 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. Fun Run dollars will also go to finish our inclusive playground. We hope to have all of these pieces of equipment in by May 2020. **Many thanks to all who donated! Special thanks for a corporate donation from Colegate Heating of \$700!**

School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meeting – Thursday, February 20, 5:30 p.m.

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Flu Season is Upon Us! Thank you for letting us know whenever your child will not be at school.

Before 8:45 a.m., please report absences on the attendance line: 970-488-8801

After 8:45 a.m., please report absences by calling the office line: 970-488-8800

RMHS Baseball Kids Camp- Feb. 28

Science Matters Classes at Lopez- Feb. 19

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

LIVE@LOPEZ 2020 - Student Talent Show and Shop 'N Drop - It's Coming!

Mark your calendar for April 24!

Live@Lopez 2020 is coming soon and we need your help to make it the best Talent Show and Shop 'N Drop ever! We hope you will use this link to sign up to help complete tasks that need to be accomplished leading up to the main event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45AEA729A2FC1-livelopez1>

Questions about Live@Lopez can be emailed to Jennifer Thurman, Lopez PTA President at: jenniferthurman@me.com.

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.

Monthly Fire Drills beginning March 2020

Starting in March, Poudre School District must host monthly fire drills in all our schools to be compliant with state and international fire codes.

In 2006, PFA adopted the International Fire Code, which also applies to the State of Colorado. The International Fire Code mandates that our schools, which are considered "group E" occupancies, must host monthly fire drills. Previously, PSD had an agreement with PFA to host three drills, but state fire authorities recently clarified that local fire authorities cannot deviate from the International Fire Code, with which we must be compliant.

The now monthly drills will have the same procedures for students and staff. Please let me know if you have any questions!

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

- 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.

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.

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

No school – Teacher Work Day - February 17

WHEN

Monday, Feb. 17th, 8:30am

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637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

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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.




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