

Lopez Principal's Newsletter

A Leader in Me School

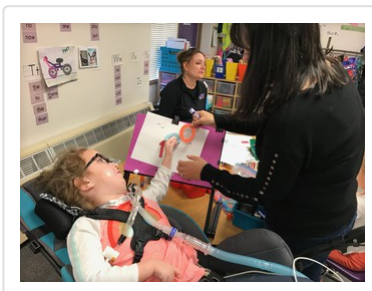


February 7, 2020

Important Information!



Congratulations
Miss Marquess!



100's Day



January Math
Goal-Getters!

Boosterthon Goal met!

We surpassed our goal to raise \$15,000! 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!

Leader in Me at Home

Dear Lopez Families,

At Lopez, a **Leader in Me school**, your children practice the 8 Habits of Happy Kids. We want to share the wealth of the Habits with all our families, **so you have the tools** to live these habits at home with your family.

COMING HOME TODAY- a learning activity for families to complete every two weeks until the end of the year. Look for it on bright paper.

- Complete the pages with your family
- Return your completed activity to your homeroom teacher or the office
- BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A VARIETY OF PRIZES!!

Sincerely,

Family Learning Team:

Cathy McCluskey, Megan Cordova, Megan Conahan, Marti Burnham

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!

Valentine's Day Celebrations – Friday, February 14

Watch for information about classroom Valentine's Day celebrations. Your child's teacher will communicate their specific celebration details and times.

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

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. Leading a committee doesn't mean you'll do this task by yourself.

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.

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.

Attendance Leaders for December/January from Mrs. Day, Assistant Principal

We're moving back towards meeting our WIG (95% daily attendance) with a current schoolwide attendance rate of 94.4%. The classrooms with the highest percentage of attendance are:

K – Mrs. Kelley

1st – Mrs. Schuetz

2nd – Mrs. Van Der Sluys

3rd – Mrs. Pasquin

4th – Mrs. Alexander and Ms. Johnson - tied

5th – Mrs. Berg

And our trophy winners for this month are Mrs. Van Der Sluys's 2nd graders with 95.6% attendance!

The following individuals were randomly picked from among those students meeting the 95% attendance rate to be recognized this month.

K - Tanner Garcia

1 - Kainoa Chung

2 - Hadlee Spaulding

3 - Raina Winters-Williamson

4 - Bella Barkus-Hartman

5 - Brooklynn Deines

Everyone will be recognized on the morning announcements next week.

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).



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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.

Respite Care Luncheon

WHEN

Friday, Feb. 14th, 11am-2pm

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

No school – Teacher Work Day - February 17

WHEN

Monday, Feb. 17th, 8:30am

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meeting

WHEN

Thursday, Feb. 20th, 5:30pm

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

MORE INFORMATION

Please join us on Thursday, February 20, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Media Center for our SAC Meeting. Families are welcome and invited to attend. The purpose of the school accountability committee is to:

- Advise the principal on the School Improvement Plan and work with the school to create the plan
- Advise the principal on the school priorities for budgeting funds
- Make recommendations to the District Accountability Committee

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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