

Lopez Principal's Newsletter

A Leader in Me School

March 6, 2020

Important Information!

Choose Inclusion!

Lopez teacher Amy McLean led our school in recognizing students who model including others. She went around the school today giving t-shirts out to students who have been inclusion leaders. Lopez students were able to give so many examples of how they include others by asking others to join their games, finding a win-win so everyone can play, and welcoming everyone. Ask your child how he or she is practicing inclusion!



Club Time- Guitar Club!



Club Time- Strategy and Math Games!



Choose Inclusion!

New Lopez website!

Check out our new Lopez website! <http://lop.psdschools.org>

Mar 9-13 - Kitchen Table Conferences

Look for your student's Leadership notebook, script, and parent signature sheet to complete their kitchen table conference next week, March 9–13. The children are so proud to show you what they have accomplished and their goals for the remainder of the year.

Lopez Budget Survey

We are in the process of developing our school budget for the 2020-21 school year. Please give us your input about programs and services that are important to you by March 13! The survey will take less than 5 minutes. Lopez Budget Survey:

<https://forms.gle/toZxrAi1iKn4JiFG6>

COVID-19 update from PSD

Poudre School District has been sharing the latest response plans on the district website and through email. Please visit <https://www.psdschools.org/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Response> for the latest information about our school and district response.

Rapids Youth Soccer Coach, Craig Deacon, Visits Lopez

Yesterday, Rapids Youth Soccer Coach, Craig Deacon, visited Lopez to play soccer with the children during lunch recesses. Craig is well known throughout the Northern Colorado area, and PE teacher Mrs. Laturus set up his visit to Lopez. His children attend Fort Collins Schools. He is a great guy and loves interacting with the students. Ask your little soccer players if they met this local celebrity.

Learning the Habits as a Family! Begin with the End in Mind due March 6!

Thank you to all the families who completed their Be Proactive activities. Congratulations to Kendall from Mrs. Shusta's class, Grace from Mr. Shumate's class and Hailey from Mr. Radis' class. Be sure to turn in your Begin With the End in Mind activities for prizes by March 6th.

Crosswalk guards

I wanted to recognize some amazing people who have been helping out our Lopez staff to cover both crosswalks each morning and afternoon. Parent volunteers Andrea Chung, Tammy Gray, Mariah Thomas, Kristin Swaim, and Jen Sleeter have taken a few shifts each week which has lessened the duty load for our staff. Additionally, we've hired Thomas Montagna as a paid

crossing guard for the northeast intersection. Please give them your thanks for helping out our Lopez community!

Youth Art Month Exhibit

at the



March 11–28

Wednesday through Saturday, 12–6pm. Admission is Free!

Please join us for the Opening Receptions
Wednesday, March 11, Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13, 5-7pm
** Please note School Reception dates below **

Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St., Fort Collins
Information at 416-2069; fcgov.com/creativecenter



Wednesday, March 11, 5-7 pm	Thursday, March 12, 5-7 pm	Friday, March 13, 5-7 pm
<p>Poudre High School Feeder Schools Cache La Poudre Elementary, an IB World School Cache La Poudre Middle, an IB World School Dunn Elementary, an IB World School Eystone Elementary School Irish Elementary School Lincoln Middle, an IB World School Mountain Schools Poudre High School Putnam Elementary School of Science Rice Elementary School Tavelli Elementary School Wellington Middle School Poudre Community Academy Poudre Global Academy Ridgeview Classical Charter The Academy of Arts and Knowledge</p>	<p>Rocky Mountain High School Feeder Schools Bauder Elementary School Beattie Elementary School Bennett Elementary, an IB World School Blevins Middle School Johnson Elementary School Lopez, a "Leader in Me" School McGraw Elementary, an IB World School Olander School for Project-Based Learning Rocky Mountain High School Webber Middle School Centennial High School Polaris Expeditionary Learning School</p>	<p>Fort Collins & Fossil Ridge High Schools Feeder Schools Boltz Middle School Fort Collins High School Fossil Ridge High School Krusse Elementary School Laurel Elementary School of Arts & Technology Leshar Middle, an IB World School Linton Elementary School O'Dea Core Knowledge School Preston Middle School Riffenburgh Elementary, an IB World School Shepardson STEM Elementary School Timnath Elementary School Werner Elementary School Zach Core Knowledge School Harris Bilingual Immersion School Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School Traut Core Knowledge Elementary School</p>

STEM-X Program

PSD's summer STEM-X program is excited to announce that our application portal is now open! STEM-X offers weekly classes from June 1-19 and is for students entering grades 1-9 in Fall 2020. We are offering exciting classes such as:

- "Exploring the Amazing Ocean!" and "Lego Robotics" for Early Elementary (grades 1-3)
- "Minecraft: Coding to Create Your World" and "Whodunit: Junior Crime Scene Investigators" for Elementary (grades 4-5)
- "Flight Simulator" and "Intro to VR" for Middle School (grades 6-9)

The application portal and full list of classes being offered can be found at <http://stem-x.org/>.

Troutman Park pond

Troutman Park Next Door had a post this week about reminding your children to stay off the ice at the pond. Please take a minute to talk with your child about staying off the ice at Troutman and any pond when you are not with an adult. Thank you for giving your child this teach-to about safety in the community!

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

CMAS Schedule March 30 - April 9

MON March 30 (ELA & Math) Test: ELA Unit: 1 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:40 IT Support requested	TUE March 31 (ELA & Math) Test: ELA Unit: 1 Grade: 3 Time: 9:00 – 11:00 Test: ELA Unit: 2 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:40	WED April 1 (ELA & Math) Test: ELA Unit: 2 Grade: 3 Time: 9:00 – 11:00 Test: ELA Unit: 1 Grade: 4 Time: 10:00 -12:00 Test: ELA Unit: 3 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:40 IT Support requested	THUR April 2 (ELA & Math) Test: ELA Unit: 3 Grade: 3 Time: 9:00 – 11:00 Test: ELA Unit: 2 Grade: 4 Time: 10:00 -12:00 Test: Math Unit: 1 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:10	FRI April 3 (ELA & Math) Test: ELA Unit: 3 Grade: 4 Time: 10:00 -12:00 Test: Math Unit: 2 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:10
MON April 6 (All CMAS) Test: Math Unit: 1 Grade: 3 Time: 9:00 – 10:30 Test: Math Unit: 3 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:10	TUE April 7 (All CMAS) Test: Math Unit: 2 Grade: 3 Time: 9:00 – 10:30 Test: Math Unit: 1 Grade: 4 Time: 10:00 -11:30 Test: Science Unit: 1 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:40	WED April 8 (All CMAS) Test: Math Unit: 3 Grade: 3 Time: 9:00 – 10:30 Test: Math Unit: 2 Grade: 4 Time: 10:00 -11:30 Test: Science Unit: 2 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:40	THUR April 9 (All CMAS) Test: Math Unit: 3 Grade: 4 Time: 10:00 -11:30 Test: Science Unit: 3 Grade: 5 Time: 10:40 – 12:40	FRI April 10 (NO SCHOOL)

CMAS is coming soon - PTA will be ready with energizing snacks!

Beginning the week of March 30, our generous PTA will be supplying snacks for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders each day they have CMAS testing. Students will need their own water bottle.

Please make sure your child is rested, fed breakfast, and at school. **It is essential that students be on time to school and test as a class.** Please do not schedule appointments for your child March 30 through April 9.

March 25 & 26 – Live@Lopez Talent Show Auditions

Talent Show auditions will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26, in the music room with Ms. Brose and Dr. Gile from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. Students will be asked to perform for 2 minutes each and must bring any props and music they will need. To sign up for an audition time, your child must bring their parent-signed audition form to the office. Please call the office if you have questions, 488-8800.

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.

Family Habits Learning Activities

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. Complete the pages with your family and 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:

Mrs. McCluskey, ELD, Mrs. Cordova 3rd Grade Teacher, Ms. Megan Conahan, IS Teacher, Mrs. Burnham, Art Teacher

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

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 started 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

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.

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!

Upcoming Events

Chuck-E-Cheese night

WHEN

Friday, March 6th, 3-9pm

WHERE

105 West Prospect Road
Fort Collins, CO

Rollerland Night for Lopez

WHEN

Thursday, March 12th, 5-8pm

WHERE

324 South Link Lane
Fort Collins, CO

Spring Break- No School

WHEN

Monday, March 16th, 8:30am to Friday, March 20th, 3:45pm

WHERE

637 Wabash Street
Fort Collins, CO

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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