



Principal's Newsletter

Lopez Elementary, A Leader in Me School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Lopez Elementary and the 2020-21 School year! We are grateful to have you and your child as part of the Lopez family this year. While many parts of our back to school routine look different this year, one thing remains and it is our commitment to creating an outstanding educational experience. As a Leader in Me school, we teach the 8 Habits of Highly Effective People. The 8 Habits are life-long skills you and your child can use for leadership and emotional health. Through learning and using the habits, we will help your child to develop resiliency no matter what challenges they face.

By now, you have received communication from your child's teacher with an introduction and information about getting the school year started. If you haven't received communication from the teacher, please call our office at 970-488-8800 so we can make sure you are receiving our messages.

You also have received a learning kit from your child's teacher. We hope these paper-pencil materials will support remote learning and give your child a break from "screen time" throughout the day.

Families and care providers are our co-teachers during remote learning. Please give your child's teacher feedback about anything that is difficult as well as things that are working well. We'll need to check and adjust along the way!

Our families are very important to us, and we want your voice at Lopez. Listed below are just a few ways we hope to inform, involve and encourage volunteerism with you.

| Be Informed | Be Involved | Be a Volunteer |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly email communication on Fridays from the principal about events, notices, and celebrations. • Watch for a welcome back video from the school and your child's teacher. • Receive periodic recorded phone messages about upcoming events • Look for communication from your child's teacher on the Learning Pages linked on our website at lop.psdschools.org | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any issues or questions. We also love appreciations! Let us know what is working as well. • Provide a time and place for your child to study and learn • Ask your child's teacher how to best support your child. • Express high but realistic expectations for achievement. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join our School Accountability Committee. We meet quarterly in September, November, February, and April at 5:30 PM to discuss important aspects of our school's operation and performance. • Join our PTA! All of our officer positions are filled, so meetings will be about asking for your input and voice in events that support our school. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM. • Participate in PTA fundraisers to provide experiences and resources for your child. • Let us know how you want to be involved! |

Please reach out to me if there is anything you need! We are here to help and support you.

With gratitude,
Dr. Traci Gile, Principal

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting – Thursday, September 3, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

PTA will hold their first meeting next Thursday, September 3, at 5:30 p.m. Event planning for PTA activities is a very important part of the Lopez Community. Join us on Microsoft Teams or in the staff lounge for an overview of what is in store for 20-21. Watch your email for final details.

No School Monday, September 7 – Labor Day

Student Rights & Code of Conduct - *Sign the form to help us reach 100% compliance!*

We have just a couple of families who have not signed the Student Rights & Code of Conduct. It is the first order of business when you access ParentVUE. Click on the link to open the document, sign the document by writing your name exactly how it is in the PVUE account in the signature field, click YES to submit your signature.

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- Sep 3 PTA Meeting 5:30 p.m. on Microsoft Teams or in the Lopez staff lounge
- Sep 7 No School: Labor Day
- Sep 17 Panda Express Fundraiser 10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Don't forget to take the Panda Express flyer!**
- Sep 25 No School – Teacher Work Day
- Sep 24 School Accountability Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. on MS Teams
- Sep 25-Oct 2 PTA Online Scholastic Fall Book Fair

Think Win-Win: *(Please keep saving until we are together again!)*

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Morning Fresh Dairy milk bottle caps** earn 5 cents per cap! Please save them for us until we are back together again!

PTA Year-Round Fundraisers:

- **AmazonSmile**, <http://smile.amazon.com>, donates 0.5% of your purchase if you select Lopez Elementary PTA as your organization.
- **King Soopers** donates 5% of amount reloaded on your gift card.

Spirit Fridays! If Friday is not a “specified” spirit day, we encourage students to wear Lopez gear to show their school spirit

Future communication will be sent to you only by email.

Please review your student’s profile in ParentVue to verify that the information, including your email address, is correct.