#### A note from your principal: Jacquelyn Mickel

#### Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

#### Langston Employee Recognition Program

One of the Lawrence Public Schools goals is to recognize Effective Employees as it is outlined in the District Strategic Plan. At Langston Hughes Elementary we will be recognizing one classified and one certified employee each month. Staff members may nominate one another, but we would also like to open nominations up to our Langston families. This is a wonderful opportunity to publicly thank someone that has had a positive impact on your student or family. At the end of the third week of the month our Building Leadership Team will review nominations and choose a winner. Nominations are anonymous and will not be carried over to the next month. Please join me in celebrating our wonderful staff by nominating someone that has made a difference for your student. Category descriptions are explained below and nominations may be made by completing the electronic form link.

#### Support Staff Member of the Month - Vote Now

**Classified Employees:** Food Service, Paras, Office Staff, Custodians, ISA's, Library Clerks, Health Clerks, Speech Paras

#### Teacher of the Month - Vote Now

**Certified Employees:** Classroom Teachers, Sped Teachers, Gifted Teacher, Nurse, Librarian, Counselor, Art, Music, PE

# Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winner:



Isaac Perrins 4th grade Ms. McGee's Class

#### Runner up & Alternate:

**Toby Kwan** 5th gr. Ms. Czarnecki's Class



#### **Upcoming Events**

**Jan 13:** 5th Gr Recognition Parent Meeting in the Library 6pm – 7:00pm (all welcome)

**Jan 14:** Site Council 5:30pm / PTO Meets 6:30pm (all welcome)

Jan 20: No School – Martin Luther King Day

Jan 21: Science Fair, Science Family Night 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Jan 23: 4th Grade Field Trip

Jan 29: 2<sup>nd</sup> gr Field Trip

Jan 30: Kdg & 1st Grade Field Trip

Jan 31: We will be celebrating Langston Hughes' Birthday

## Calling all 5th grade parents!!

We will be having a 5th grade Committee planning meeting on Monday, January 13th at 6pm at Langston Hughes.

We would like to get organized for the 5th grade spring events. If you are willing to help in any fashion, you are highly encouraged to attend this meeting.

Thank you so much for your time.

Music Programs for 2019-2020			
<u>October 15th:</u>	5 <sup>h</sup> Grade 7:00 p.m.	<u>March 3rd:</u>	Kindergarten 6:30 p.m.
November 19th:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 6:30 p.m.	<u>April 14th:</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 6:30 p.m.
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 7:30 p m		2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 7:30 p m



# Watch D.O.G.S. Schedule

Jan 13-17: Aaron Pursley, Jeff Hollaway, Richard Barton, Derick Brown, Aaron Rinehart

- Jan 21-24: Dustin Bennett, Randel McCrea, AR Wells
- Jan 27-31: Bryen Chalfant, Health Peterson, Tim Graham

Sign up to be a Watch DOG by stopping by the office or calling 785-832-5890. Please arrive at 8:25am and check in at the office with your student(s). If you do not have a Watch D.O.G. shirt, you may borrow one for the day.

# **School Fee Payment:**

By now you should have received your student's school Fee Statement.

You may pay Fees On-line by Clicking Here: https://www.usd497.org/Page/4567

To set up your on-line account for the first time you will need your student's ID#. If you do not have it, you may call the office at 785-832-5890. You may also send a check to the school.

### Langston Hughes Science Fair/Family Science Night is Tuesday, January 21st

## For Details click here



# **Volunteers Needed:**

Want to come and support kids' science projects? This is your chance to come and encourage the kids of Langston Hughes Elementary School to show what they have learned about science!

We need as many volunteer judges for our Family Science Night on January 21st as possible. If you, or anyone you know would be willing to provide positive feedback to our young scientists, please sign up for one or more of the time slots:

(https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/90408 44acaf2cab9-judge1).

Don't worry, you do not need to be a science expert to sign up! Judging is super simple - all you have to do is complete a handful of one page judging forms and provide words of encouragement to our scientists of tomorrow.

See you at Family Science Night!!!

If you have any question, please contact Deborah Bredehoft (<u>Deborah.m.finger@gmail.com</u>) or Whitney Rawls (<u>whithad@hotmail.com</u>)."

## **School Lunch Payments:**

Lunch Menus are on-line at: https://usd497.nutrislice.com/menu/



Get the new app on your smart device as well.

You may pay on line at: http://www.usd497.org/Page/4567









## 2019-2020 PTO Meetings

6:30-7:30pm In the Library / Free Childcare Provided by BGC! Please come join us in supporting our school. Jan 14, Feb 11, March 17, April 7



### Ways to Help support our school while Holiday Shopping or <u>anytime</u> <u>throughout the year</u>:

If you shop on Amazon, please shop https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1900267

**Langston Hughes PTO Inc** as the beneficiary and the school will get donations from every purchase.

#### amazon

# Help support our school by ordering pictures, cards and other projects through **Shutterfly**:

Order Holiday cards, family pictures and gifts by clicking the link below and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Langston

Hughes: <u>http://langstonhugheselementary-</u> lawrencepublicschools.shutterflystorefront.com/ Student Council News – Pop Tab Drive Totals: The book buddy winners for the movie are 1st/4th with 64,094! The runner-ups were 2/5 with 16,705. K/3 brought in 14,194. School Total: 94,993

#### Collet those Box Tops and HyVee Receipts!

Box Tops 4 Education is shifting to a digital app!! The app is super easy to use. You just download the app, link to Langston Hughes, scan your receipts and the app tells you what you earned or even if there are acceptable products. This year both the clippings and digital submissions will be accepted.

Please click here to view the new directions for collecting Box Tops: <u>New Box Top Directions</u>

#### **Marathon Club News:**

#### **OUTSIDE MILES OVER BREAK:**

Winter break is a good time to work on earning outside miles on the nice days (hope we have some). 12 outside miles are allowed to be submitted during the school year. All 5k's count towards miles at club, so make sure you get those counted. In order to submit miles you will need to email bobcatmc@yahoo.com with how many miles, when and where.

We finished out the year with over 3400 miles as a club, with 35 participants achieving their 1st marathon (26.2 miles) and 3 participants achieving their 2nd (52.4 miles) marathon.

**THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 1st SEMESTER!** 

We will start up in 2020 when the trail and the weather are ready for us.

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS, PTO AND THE HRLPFUL TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MARATHON CLUB!