

April 2022



# THE MONTHLY BOBCAT

*Langston Hughes Elementary School*



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BY PRINCIPAL JACKIE MICKEL

### Spring Activities

We are so excited to be offering some of our traditional activities this spring. Classes are scheduling field trips, we have music performances for our K-2 students and we are even hosting a spring carnival. Please review the calendar of events in this newsletter and on our school website for up to date schedule information.

### State Assessments

Students in **grades 3-5** will be taking the Kansas State Assessments this month. Each student will complete in 2-40 min. ELA assessments and 2-40 min. Math assessments. Our fifth grade students also have 2 additional sections for science and fourth grade will be participating in a social studies project that will be used for state assessment scoring as well. Attendance on these days is extremely important. Students that miss or leave early have to complete make-up assessments. **Please help your student by ensuring they get enough rest, have breakfast and avoid all absences during the testing window.**

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# IMPORTANT DATES

## April

**12th** Site Council @ 5:30pm, PTO @ 6:30pm (in Library)

**13th** Kdg. Orientation after school

**14th-15th** No School

**18th** School is in Session

**18th-29th** State Assessments

**19th** 1st & 2nd Grade Music Programs (see pg. 5)  
Orange Leaf Fundraiser

**20th** Kdg. Orientation after school

**22nd** School Carnival from 5:30-7:30pm

**25th** Kdg. Field Trip

**26th** Kdg. Music Program @ 6:30pm  
Orange Leaf Fundraiser

## May

**2nd** 5th Grade Visit to Middle Schools  
5th Grade Art Expo

**3rd** 5th Grade Field Trip  
Kona Ice Night from 6-7:30pm

**4th** Bike to School

**5th** 3rd Grade Field Trip

**6th** Jog-A-Thon

**12th** 2nd Grade Field Trip

**13th** Field Day

**17th** School-wide Kona Ice Party

**20th** Talent Show

**23rd** 5th Grade Party

**24th** Fifth Grade Promotion (am)

**25th** Last Day (half day)



## APRIL UPDATE



# Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration and Orientation is here!

If you have a kindergartener that will reach the age of 5 on or before August 31st, 2022, please call or email the Main Office to get their name added to our list of incoming students.

Please share this information with your neighbors, friends and/or family who may also have an eligible student.

## [New Student Registration](#)

The dates for Orientation will be April 13th and April 20th, both after school has been let out.

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

*By: Christie Wartman*

What do you want to be when you grow up? A question that we often ask kids starting at a very young age. In the month of April, we will explore careers in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The primary classrooms will see there are a lot of careers around them in school and the community. They will also get to decide on a job they might like to have one day. The intermediate classrooms will do interest inventories that will allow them to see several careers that could be a possibility. They will also get to do some career exploration. Through the lessons taught, all students will see how their interests and talents could help them pick a job and see the correlation between school and a future career.



# 1ST GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM

The 1st Grade Music program “**How Does Your Garden Grow**” will be presented on **Tuesday, April 19 at 6:15 p.m.** Location to be determined by Covid protocols. We are planning on performing on the playground (weather permitting). **Students will need to report at 6:00 p.m. to their classrooms.** Students will be dressed as their part (Flower, Weed, Gardner etc.) and will also be wearing headbands/hats and sunglasses. I will be sending out more info about what they will need to wear as we get closer to the performance.



# 2ND GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM

The 2nd Grade Music program “**My Planet, Your Planet**” will be presented on **Tuesday, April 19 at 7:15 p.m.** Location to be determined by Covid protocols. We are planning on performing on the playground (weather permitting). **Students will need to report at 7:00 p.m. to their classroom. They may wear something green or with an Earth Day theme.**



# KINDERGARTEN MUSIC PROGRAM

The Kindergarten music program “**Gettin’ Down With Mama Goose**” will be presented at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26th.** The location will be determined by COVID-19 protocols, but we are planning on performing on the playground (weather permitting). Students may wear nice dress clothes and will need to report at 6:15 p.m. to their classrooms. Until then, our song list can be found [here](#) on YouTube if your child is interested in additional practice. We will work hard to prepare the songs and choreography in music class together, but extra practice can be a BIG help for students to feel prepared for their very first performance in front of an audience. What an exciting milestone! I look forward to sharing our program with you this month.







**USD 497**  
**STUDENT ART EXHIBITION**  
**and VANGUARD AWARDS**

**April 29-May 13**

 **LAWRENCE**  
Public Schools

**Final Friday**  
**Opening Reception**  
**& Awards Ceremony**  
**Friday, April 29; 4-8 pm**  
940 New Hampshire Street

**Awards Schedule:**  
Elementary Emerging Artist Awards, 5:15 pm  
Middle School Emerging Artist Awards, 6:15 pm  
High School Trailblazer & Vanguard Awards, 7:15 pm

 Scan for additional information or to preregister for the Final Friday Reception

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**Art is for everyone.**

 **INTRUST**  
Bank.

# BIKE & ROLL

## TO SCHOOL DAY

**Wednesday,  
May 4, 2022**

Go to  
[BeActiveSafeRoutes.com](https://BeActiveSafeRoutes.com)  
to find your route to  
school!



### Why bike, roll, or walk?

- Explore your neighborhood
- Feel Independent
- It makes you feel good

Bicyclists should wear a helmet and follow the rules of the road, obeying traffic laws and walking bikes across streets with school crossing guards. Adults should accompany young children.



# PTO UPDATES

## Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for our upcoming Spring Carnival and Jog-a-thon. To sign up for Jog-a-thon, click [here](#) or email us at [langstonhughespto@gmail.com](mailto:langstonhughespto@gmail.com). The Spring Carnival sign up is coming.

## Spring Carnival - Friday, April 22 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (rain date: Friday, April 29)

It's back! Join your Langston friends and families at the 2022 Spring Carnival on Friday, April 22 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. What better way to run some end of the week energy out than in the bounce house, obstacle course, or a round of putt-putt. Take home a sweet treat from the sweet-treat stroll, snag a soda in the pop toss, and so much more! And most importantly take some time to laugh, and play with your peers.

Tickets are available online (credit and debit card only) through April 15 and at the door (cash only) on April 22. Purchase online by going to <https://myevent.com/lhesptocarnival>. Stay tuned for a volunteer sign up.

## Jog-a-thon - Friday, May 6 (rain date: Friday, May 13)

PTO's 1st Annual Jog-a-thon will be held on Friday, May 6. This fun event will also serve as a fundraiser to help us with our goal of adding to Langston's outdoor activity options. We will send home a flyer and envelope in a few weeks so keep an eye out for it. We also will need volunteers - sign up [here](#).

## 2022-23 PTO Board and Committee Chairs

Interested in getting more involved? Let us know if you are interested in serving on the Board or serving as a committee chair in 2022-23 by email us at [langstonhughespto@gmail.com](mailto:langstonhughespto@gmail.com).

## Final PTO Meeting and By-laws Amendment

Join us on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm in the LHE library for the final full-agenda PTO meeting of the school year. During this meeting we will be presenting proposed amendments to our By-laws. The proposed amendments will be available on our Facebook page next week and we will hold a special meeting to vote on the amendments. During the meeting we will also discuss 2022-23 Board positions and our final events of the year. We hope you will join us!

## LHE PTO Board

Anne Koprince, President

Caitlin Gough and Becca Koester, Co-Vice Presidents

Casey Wallace, Secretary

Kristin Schneller and Cathy Voss, Co-Treasurers

Jackie Mickel, School Principal and board member at large



# PTO UPDATES CONT.

## Donations and Sponsorships

Is your company looking for a way to give back? We have numerous sponsorship opportunities coming up. Please reach out to us at [langstonhugespto@gmail.com](mailto:langstonhugespto@gmail.com) to learn more.

## Spiritwear Store

Langston Hughes PTO has launched a year round online spiritwear store. You order online anytime and products will be shipped directly to you within days! We have hundreds of products, including shirts, hoodies, pants, shorts, hats, blankets, and bags! Visit [here](#) to see the store.

## Stay in the Loop

Follow us on Facebook (or just visit our Facebook page if you don't have a FB account) to stay up to date. [www.facebook.com/LangstonHughesElementaryPTO](https://www.facebook.com/LangstonHughesElementaryPTO)

# 5TH GRADE UPDATES

## Tuesday, May 3: Wildwood Field Trip

*(Informational letter and permission slips will be sent home with students in the next week!)*

- 7:00-7:15 am Students arrive/Load buses at Langston Hughes
- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wildwood Planet Adventure (Wildwood Outdoor Education Center, La Cygne, KS)
- 5:30 pm Buses arrive at Langston Hughes for student pick-up

## Monday, May 23: 5th Grade Recognition Party (during school hours)

**Tuesday, May 24: 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony and Reception** (10:30 am in the LH gymnasium)

## BACKPACK NECESSITIES

### Change of Clothes

We ask that every child, K-5, have a **change of clothes** in their backpack for emergencies, including lunch spills and playground accidents.

### Lip Balm

With the beginning of winter, please send some form of lip balm for your student for chapped lips.

## LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found is filling up! If your child is missing their water bottle, coat, hat, or gloves (or anything else), feel free to stop by and look through our Lost and Found.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

## ATTENDANCE

Students are considered tardy if they enter the building at or after 8:55am. At this point, parents will need to **come into the building** to sign their students in at the main office.

If your student is absent for any reason, please let the office know as soon as possible, as well as their teacher.

Students will be considered unexcused if they are absent and we have not heard from a parent or guardian by 9:30am.

Please feel free to contact the office with all attendance matters through our attendance email:

[langston.hughes.attendance@usd497.org](mailto:langston.hughes.attendance@usd497.org).

### M, T, Th, F

#### *Arrival*

- Students A-L: Arrive between 8:30-8:40am
- Students M-Z: Arrive between 8:40-8:50am

#### *Dismissal*

- Walkers & Bus Riders 3:45pm
- Car Riders
  - Students A-L: Arrive at 3:50pm (**please do not arrive early**)
  - Students M-Z: Arrive at 3:57pm

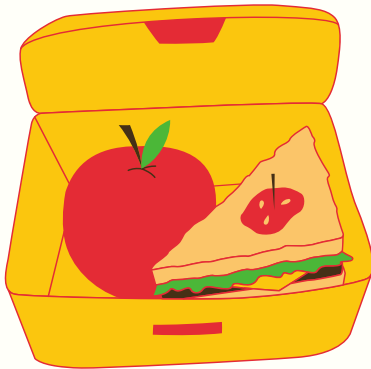
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#### *Arrival*

- Students A-L: Arrive between 8:30-8:40am
- Students M-Z: Arrive between 8:40-8:50am

#### *Dismissal*

- Walkers & Bus Riders 2:15pm
- Car Riders
  - Students A-L: Arrive 2:20pm (**please do not arrive early**)
  - Students M-Z: Arrive at 2:25pm



## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

[Breakfast Menu](#) - [Lunch Menu](#)

There is no application for free and reduced lunches during the 2021-2022 school year. All students can receive a free breakfast and lunch each school day.

## LUNCH SCHEDULE

### MTWTF

Grade	Lunch
kdg	10:55-11:20
1st	11:30-11:55
2nd	12:00-12:25
3rd	12:25-12:50
4th	12:20-12:45
5th	12:55-1:20

### WED.

Grade	Lunch
kdg	10:55-11:20
1st	11:30-11:55
2nd	12:00-12:25
3rd	12:30-12:55
4th	12:20-12:45
5th	12:50-1:15