

December 2021



# THE MONTHLY BOBCAT

*Langston Hughes Elementary School*



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BY PRINCIPAL JACKIE MICKEL

Happy December! This year our last day with students in December also marks the end of our semester. This school year, Lawrence elementary schools moved from trimester grades to quarterly grades.. The last day for collecting student work will be December 20 and teachers will prepare report cards on December 21. Progress Reports will be sent out electronically on January 6. If you would like a printed report, please reach out to your classroom teacher.

### Thank You

Thank you to all of our families for supporting our school, staff and students in so many ways. We had great attendance for our Parent Teacher Conferences, over 200 families responded to our school survey, and we raised \$9,663 in our Direct Donation Drive. The participation rate for our Donation Drive allowed our school to reach our picnic lunch and movie goals. All students participated in a picnic lunch yesterday (which turned into a dance party) and they will all participate in a movie break on Dec. 20.

Happy  
holidays

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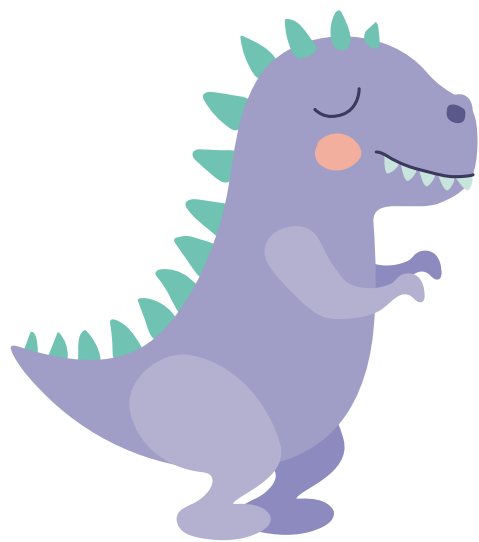
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# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

*By: Christie Wartman*

Thanks so much for your generous donations you sent with your students to benefit Just Food! **Our school collected over 861 lbs. of food.** This is estimated to provide 718 meals for the Douglas County Community!

In December, we will focus on creating a positive self-image and self-esteem. In my lessons, we will focus on how to appreciate your differences and capitalize on your strengths. Students will understand that they can build higher self-esteem through achieving goals and working hard. They will also learn the importance of how family, friends, teachers, and coaches can impact self-esteem too.



## Toys for Tots

As we head into the holiday season, **our school community will be collecting any new, unwrapped toys to be donated to the Douglas County Toys for Tots.** They collect toys for children from birth to 17 years of age.

If your family would like to donate a toy **please send it with your student December 6th - December 10th.**

# TEACHER WISH LISTS



Looking for a way to let LHE teachers/staff know they are appreciated?

Friendly snowmen with buttons listing each teacher/staff members' needs for their classroom are now by each teacher's door. Simply have your student choose a paper button with the wish that they would like to fill and return your donation to school before winter break.

Teachers and staff have also created wish lists located on this [Google Doc](#).

## FUNDRAISING



### Amazon

If you shop on Amazon, please shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Langston Hughes PTO Inc as the beneficiary and the school will get donations from every purchase.

Thank you all for your support!!

## IMPORTANT DATES

## 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.

## MASKS AND WATER BOTTLES

Make sure you are sending your child to school everyday wearing a mask. Please include extra masks and a water bottle in student backpacks each day.



## DECEMBER UPDATE

### December

<b>6th - 10th</b>	Toys for Tots Drive
<b>8th</b>	Chipotle Eat-n-Earn
<b>20th</b>	Class Parties
<b>21st</b>	Winter Break Starts

### January

<b>6th</b>	First Day Back from Winter Break
<b>17th</b>	No School



# 5TH GRADE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Chipotle Eat-n-Earn: December 8th from 5pm-9pm (Chipotle on 6th Street)**

Enjoy a night free of cooking during this busy time of year! Anyone who mentions Langston Hughes Elementary when they dine at Chipotle between 5-9pm will help support LH 5th grade Recognition activities.

**5th Grade Memory Book and Slide Show:** Look for an email and flyer coming home next week with details about submitting individual and group photos for the special end-of-year 5th grade memory book and slide show. Each student will be asked to send in 2 individual photos (one current photo, one photo from the past) to be included in the memory book and slide show. Candid group photos from any year at LH will also be requested.

THANK YOU to all of the parents and 5th graders who have so generously supported our fall fundraising activities (Orange Leaf Days, KU Concessions, Chris Cakes Pancake Feed, Poinsettia Sales, Chipotle Eat-n-Earn). Because of your hard work, we have raised over \$7,000 so far to use toward the 5th grade ski trip, special activities, and the 5th grade Recognition celebration! You all are AMAZING!!!

A special thank you to everyone who has headed up the fundraiser committees: Emily Beecham, Tara Kroenke, Julie Rea, Nicole Garber, and Amalia Mendez. We also owe our thanks to Mrs. Mickel, Ms. Berghout, Mrs. Sola, Mr. Erick, Ms. Katie, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Czarnecki, and Mrs. Booth who have been so helpful in making these fundraisers a success!

**Next 5th Grade Recognition Committee Meeting** (Date TBD)

In January, the 5th Grade Recognition Committee will meet again to continue planning for special 5th grade activities and events. Please contact Amy Weishaar (785-550-2704; [amyweishaar@sunflower.com](mailto:amyweishaar@sunflower.com)) if you have any questions.



## 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.

## 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).

## IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Please see the [attached link](#) for a list of the required immunizations for the 21-22 school year by grade.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

### 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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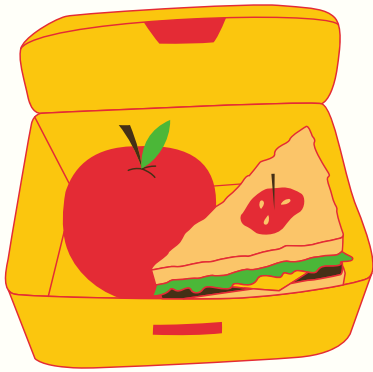
#### *Arrival*

- 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.

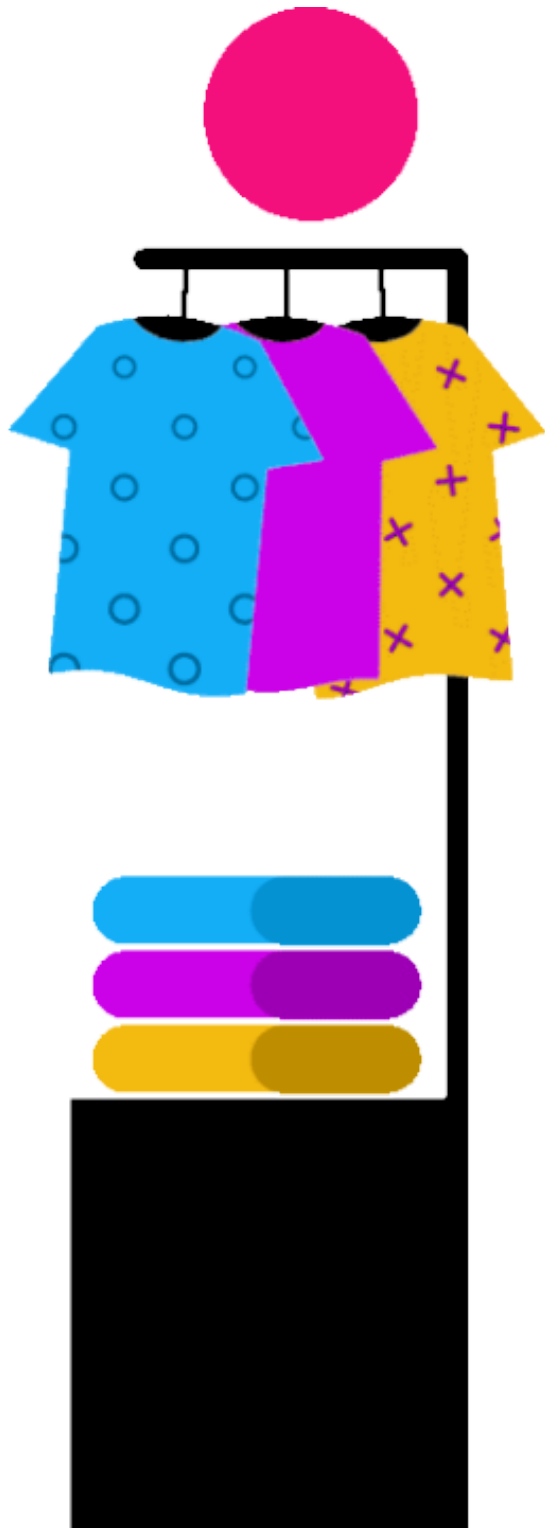
## LUNCH SCHEDULE

### 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



## IN NEED OF CLOTHING FOR THE CLINIC

Do you have some clothes you would like to donate? Sometimes we have students who need a change of clothing, and they do not have a set from home in their backpack. Here are the details:

- \* Comfortable T-shirts or shirts (long or short sleeved)
- \* Shorts or pants or sweatpants with elastic waist bands

**Nothing with buttons, zippers, or tight fitting!**

You can bring them to the office or send them with your student. Thank you for your support!