

February 2022



THE MONTHLY BOBCAT

Langston Hughes Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BY PRINCIPAL JACKIE MICKEL

Friendship Parties Scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14.

Kindness and Friendship Week is February 14-18. This year Langston will be moving away from traditional Valentine parties to activities centered around Friendship and Kindness. Friendship and Kindness are things we talk about daily and the theme just makes sense for elementary schools. All students will participate in a variety of fun activities in addition to exchanging kind notes with their classmates and having some yummy treats. We are combining our Friendship and Kindness Day with our Winter Ci3T School Reward Party. Our entire school will participate in a virtual Bingo activity and all grade-levels will participate in an additional fun activity designed by our Ci3T team.

All students will exchange kind notes with their classmates. Students may bring store purchased notes (traditional Valentine's) or homemade notes to school or they can make their notes at school with school supplies. Students should make a note for each classmate. Each classroom teacher will send out a **signup for treats and supplies** needed for the day. Please contact your classroom teacher with specific questions regarding supply needs or how to address notes for their classmates.

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IMPORTANT DATES

February

7th	No School
Jan. 31 - Feb. 9	Read.A.Thon
7th - 11th	Counselor's Appreciation Week
14th	Friendship Parties
15th	5th Grade Recognition Meeting
14th - 17th	Book Fair
14th - 18th	Kindness Week

March

4th	No School
10th-11th	No School
14th-18th	Spring Break

DONATIONS FOR THE OFFICE

We are so thankful for our hardworking subs. To show our appreciation, we would like to have a snack basket in the office to offer them. If you would like to donate snack size individual chocolate, granola bars or coffee K-Cups, we would greatly appreciate it.

It has also started getting chilly out during arrival and dismissal - donations of handwarmers for our fantastic staff who are outside during those times are welcome as well!



FEBRUARY UPDATE

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By: Christie Wartman

February is a month to celebrate “kindness”! During my classroom kindness lessons this month, we will focus on the importance of kindness and how to spread kindness to others. Students will have the opportunity to see kindness in action through videos and books. We will also have conversations on how they can spread kindness through their words and actions. Students will then get a chance to spread kindness to each other during activities in their classroom. Random Acts of Kindness week is February 14th-18th. Students will have lots of different opportunities to spread kindness through Langston Hughes. They will also help our school kindness tree grow by writing ways that others showed kindness to them!



COVID GUIDELINES

Our district health team has announced an update to our COVID-19 Protocols.

The updated Protocols and Guidelines can be found [HERE](#).

YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED

The Langston Hughes Yearbook Committee is in need of candid photos from this 2021-22 school year (field trips, music programs, etc).

Please send any and all photos to langstonhughesyearbook@gmail.com



CHANGE TO KINDERGARTEN MUSIC PROGRAM

The Kindergarten music program will no longer occur in early March but will happen instead on April 26th. Please stay tuned for the time. In the meantime, Langston Kindergarteners are working hard to develop their steady beat, explore their singing voices, and express their creative ideas through movement and games in the music classroom!



MONDAY, JANUARY 31 – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Next week we will officially start this year's read.a.thon, which will run Monday, January 31st through Wednesday, February 9th. Students received information regarding this year's read.a.thon and how to set up their individual reader pages as part of their library lesson this week. [Our main focus is to get students reading!!](#)

Last spring during our very first read.a.thon at Langston Hughes, 296 readers logged a total of 77,973 minutes read and raised enough money to pay for our new student progress monitoring system (ESGI) used with our primary students.

We hope to continue to raise enough donations to maintain this for future use AND reach 85,000 minutes read! Let's go readers!!



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.

LANGSTON HUGHES' BIRTHDAY

This past Tuesday, February 1st, we celebrated Langston Hughes' birthday school-wide!



PTO UPDATES

Save the Date

Save the date for 2 special PTO events coming your way this spring!

- Friday, April 22 - the return of LHE's Spring Carnival
- Friday, May 6 - LHE's First Annual Jog-a-thon

Yearbook

It is never too early to start thinking about yearbook. While sales are not open yet, we do need school pictures. If you have any pictures from school events, i.e. pancake feed, music concerts, field trips, etc., please send them to langstonhughesyearbook.com.

Committee Sign Up

We are still looking for committee members. To see our opportunities and to sign up, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49afa62ea1fbc16-langston>.

If you already signed up and haven't heard from us, we will reach out to you by the end of the month.

Please note that we do still have some vacancies for room parents.

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 to learn more.

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

LHE PTO Board

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Jackie Mickel, School Principal and board member at large

5TH GRADE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE UPDATES

Dear 5th Grade Families,

Our goal is to have every 5th grade family submit 2 individual photos of their student (one current, one from the past) to be used in the 5th grade memory book and slideshow at the end of the school year. We need each family to help us collect photos. Please submit the following as soon as possible!

- **1) 2 photos of your 5th Grader**
 - One current photo
 - One photo of your choice from the past--baby, toddler, pre-school, elementary
 - **Please email your 2 photos to Molly Nelson: mollynelson1380@gmail.com**
- **2) Candid group photos from any year at LHES**
 - Looking for candid group shots from school events, music programs, talent show, classroom parties, sports/activities for the video shown at 5th Grade Promotion and for the 5th Grade Memory Book. Group shots of 3 or more students are great! We want to be sure to include all 5th graders in the video and memory book
 - Please upload any group photos you'd like to share to our
 - **NEW 5th Grade Google Drive at:**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IX5ZjLklA5oBmNy2h3rz_zmuK_ejm8v8U?usp=sharing
 - **or email photos to Molly Nelson: mollynelson1380@gmail.com**

Thank YOU for taking the time to help us make these special mementos possible for all the 5th Graders!

The next 5th Grade Recognition planning meeting will be Tuesday, February 15th at 6pm in the LHE Media Center.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

- Emily Beecham: emilybeecham1@gmail.com
- Kenya Christwell: mrscwell@outlook.com
- Molly Nelson: mollynelson1380@gmail.com
- Amy Weishaar: amyweishaar@sunflower.com



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.

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

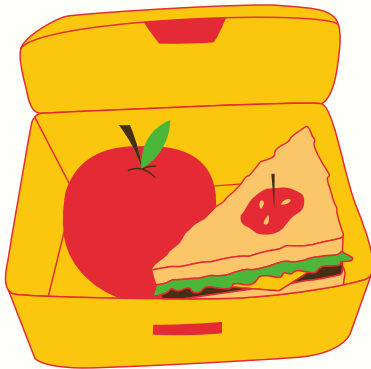
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Arrival

- 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

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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