

March 2022



# THE MONTHLY BOBCAT

*Langston Hughes Elementary School*



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BY PRINCIPAL JACKIE MICKEL

### College and Career Readiness at Langston

One of our building goals is to help prepare students for college. At the elementary level the readiness skills we focus on are executive functioning skills. Classroom teachers in grades 2-5 introduce one skill a month and provide coaching and practice with that skill. The focus skill for March is **Metacognition**. Metacognition allows a person to size up a problem situation, take into account multiple pieces of information, and make good decisions about how to proceed. This skill looks different depending on the age of the student.

### Primary Students

- Can adjust behavior in response to feedback from a teacher
- Can watch what happens to others and change behavior appropriately
- Can verbalize more than one solution to a problem and make the best choice

### Intermediate Students

- Can anticipate the result of a course of action and make adjustments accordingly (e.g. to avoid getting in trouble)
- Can articulate several solutions to problems and explain the best one
- Enjoys the problem-solving component of school assignments or video games

These competencies are essential to a child's growth and learning ability. Students begin skill development in these area during their preschool years and should continue to progress through adulthood. Executive functioning skills have been a great addition to our Langston curriculum.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### March

**4th** No School

**8th** PTO

**9th-10th** Parent Teacher Conferences

**10th-11th** No School

**14th-18th** Spring Break, No School

**24th-25th** Spring and Class Pictures

### April

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

**13th** Kdg. Orientation after school

**14th-15th** No School

**19th** 1st & 2nd Grade Music Programs (see pg. 7)

**20th** Kdg. Orientation after school

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

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

## 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 chocolates, granola bars or coffee K-Cups, we would greatly appreciate it.



## MARCH UPDATE

# PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

## King Class

Mrs. Downing  
Miss. Oyler  
Ms. Urish

## 1st Grade

Mrs. Bird  
Mrs. Spicer  
Mrs. Szelewycz  
Mrs. Yoder

## Music

Mrs. Gillespie

## 2nd Grade

Ms. Klump  
Mrs. Smith  
Mrs. Van Ness

## 3rd Grade

Mrs. Barkley  
*Mrs. Gable*  
Mrs. McLenon  
Mrs. Normandin

## 4th Grade

Ms. Desmond  
Mrs. Hoffman  
Ms. McGee

## 5th Grade

Mrs. Booth  
Mrs. Czarnecki  
Mr. Wallace



# 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.

## 5TH GRADE UPDATES

### **Important Dates for 5th Grade Families:**

- Tuesday, May 3: 5th Grade Field Trip to Wildwood Outdoor Education Center
- Monday, May 23: 5th Grade Recognition Party
- Tuesday, May 24: 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony and Reception

# ANNUAL REGISTRATION

The Annual Student Registration is now open.

**This process is required for all returning students to Langston Hughes.** Our school relies on this information for staffing and effective planning for next year. Annual Student Registration enables you to verify your contact information, update your student's health history, consider consents for field trips and surveys, and review and acknowledge that you have received annual parent notices.

Please assist us by completing Annual Student Registration for each of your students who plans to return to our school next year by the April 1st deadline. If your student is not returning next year, please notify your school as soon as possible.

**All students that have had their annual registration completed will be eligible to pick out a prize from the Main Office.**

You will find simple instructions for completing Annual Student Registration on our district website at [www.usd497.org/PowerSchool](http://www.usd497.org/PowerSchool). If you have questions or need assistance, our school office staff are ready to assist you or you may call our Technology Help Desk at 785-330-HELP (4357) or the Enrollment Center at 785-330-1921.

Thank you for assisting us in finishing this challenging school year strong and preparing for a fresh start next year.

# 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, Gardener 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.**



# 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 DEADLINE

Online yearbook sales are open until March 10. To order, please visit

<http://ybpay.lifetouch.com/order/lookupjob14325721> no later than March 10 and use school ID 9513422. We CANNOT guarantee a yearbook for families who do not preorder.

Questions? Email [langstonhughesyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:langstonhughesyearbook@gmail.com)

## 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! Our grand opening sale is going on through March 20. **With code SPIRIT320-FS, you can get 25% off everything** and free shipping with a \$50 purchase. Visit [this link](#) to see the store.

## 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](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/LangstonHughesElementaryPTO)

## 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

## 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.



## 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](mailto:langstonhughesyearbook@gmail.com)



## 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.



# 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.

## 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).

## 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

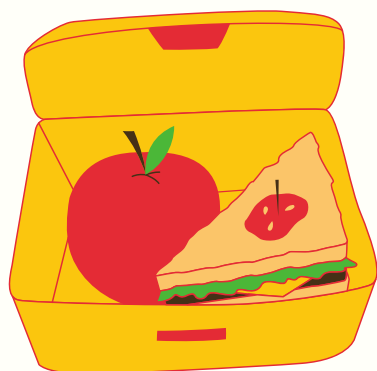
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#### *Arrival*

- 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