

October 2021



THE MONTHLY BOBCAT

Langston Hughes Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BY PRINCIPAL JACKIE MICKEL

Happy October Langston Families.

On Monday, classroom teachers will be sending out a SignUp Genius link for our Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held from 4:15-7:30 pm on October 20 and 8:15am-7:30 pm on October 21. There will be no school on October 22. Conferences will be held both in-person and via WebEx. Please make sure you get signed up for a conference. Our goal is to have 100% attendance. If you need assistance with your sign up, please don't hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher or the office.

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HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL **WEDNESDAY OCT. 6TH** **DURING RECESS TIME**

- \$4 KLASSIC CUP (1 SIZE ONLY)
- CASH OR CHECK MADE OUT TO KONA
- ALL MONEY DUE MONDAY OCT. 4TH

MASKS AND WATER BOTTLES

Make sure you are sending your child to school every day wearing a mask. Please include extra masks and a water bottle in his or her backpack.



OCTOBER UPDATE

IMPORTANT DATES

October

- 1st** - Late Night in the Phog Langston Hughes Concession Stand
- 6th** - Walk to School Day
Kona Ice Day
- 8th** - 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 12th** - 5th Grade Music Program
- 15th** - No School
- 19th** - Kindergarten Field Trip
- 20th** - 1st Grade Field Trip
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21st** - No School
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 22nd** - No School
- 25th** - No School
- 27th** - Hearing and Vision Screening
Trunk or Treat
- 28th** - Picture Retakes
- 29th** - Class Halloween Parties

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By: Christie Wartman

I've truly enjoyed being in your student's classroom in September! Students have learned more about my job within the school and also some keys to being responsible successful students. October will be a fun and busy month! We will be celebrating Bully Prevention Month at the beginning of October. I will be teaching students the definition of bullying, how to respond to bullying, and how to be an upstander. We will do an anti-bullying prevention spirit week Oct. 4th- Oct. 8th:

Monday October 4th: Mismatched Day (everyone is different and we should embrace our differences)

Tuesday October 5th: Muscle Day (wear gym clothes to show your strength against bullying)

Wednesday October 6th: Wear Your Clothes Inside Out Day (words can hurt more on the inside than they appear on the outside)

Thursday October 7th: Superhero Day (wear your favorite superhero shirt to show that everyone is powerful)

Friday October 8th: We Stand United (wear your Langston Hughes spirit wear or school colors to show we stand united against bullying)

We will also celebrate "Healthy Choices Week" this month. I will be teaching drug/medicine safety lessons in the classroom and promoting kids to make healthy and safe choices every day. These will be our themes for the week of Oct. 18th-Oct. 20th:

Monday October 18th: Give me 10! (Pajama Day! Kids Need 10 hrs of Sleep)

Tuesday October 19th: Let's Move! (Sports/Exercise Clothes)

Wednesday October 20: Hats Off to Good Choices! (Wear your favorite hat)

Thanks for sharing your students with me! If you have any concerns about your student, please let me know if there is any way I can help.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6



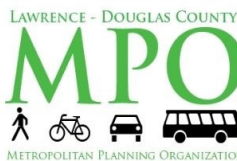
Why walk or bike?

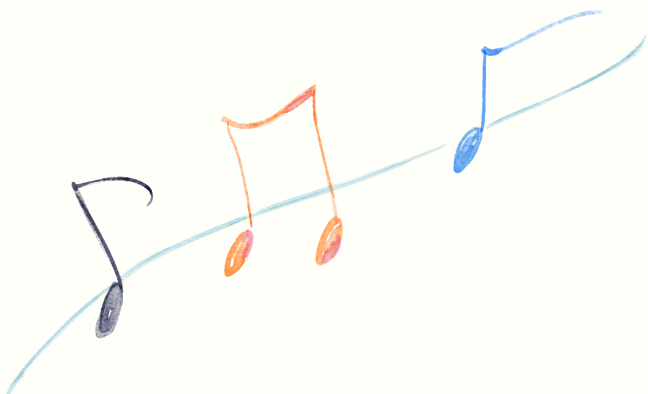
- Explore your neighborhood
- Feel Independent
- It makes you feel good
- Start your day happy



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.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION VISIT:
BEACTIVESAFEROUTES.COM**





MUSIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Music Program Dates 2021-2022

Tuesday, October 12 - 5th

6:00pm

Tuesday, November 16 - 3rd

6:30pm

4th

7:30pm

Tuesday, March 1 - Kindergarten

6:30pm

Tuesday, April 12 - 1st

6:30pm

2nd

7:30pm

Friday, May 20 - 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

Talent Show 1:00pm

**Performance location and times may be subject to change due to Douglas County Health Department COVID protocols.

DONATE TO THE ART ROOM



Please help keep these messy hands clean by donating **baby wipes** and **clorox wipes** to the art room!!!! We love to get messy as we create!

MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

The fifth graders will present "Rock and Roll Forever" on **Tuesday, October 12**. The performance will begin at **6:00 p.m.** on the playground.

Please bring lawn chairs for seating and you may also need some sunglasses. If the weather does not cooperate we will be making a video of the performance to share with families.

Students will need to report at 5:45 p.m. to their classrooms. They may dress in the 50's or 60's style. Examples are poodle skirts, jeans and white t-shirts (with rolled sleeves), surfing or beach wear, Beatles (tye-dye shirts and jeans, beads, 60's style) If you have any questions you may email Mrs. Robinson at srobinso@usd497.org or call 330-4416.

PTO UPDATES

We need you! Langston Hughes PTO can't run without its many volunteers. Whether you have one hour or 100 hours, we have an option for you. Visit our [sign up](#) to see current volunteer opportunities and to sign up!

Spiritwear

Are you impatiently waiting for your new Langston hoody? Or maybe you are eying a tshirt or water bottle. Good news: spirit wear order forms are going home with your child(ren) next week. Make sure to get your orders in as soon as possible so you don't miss out. All orders will be via the paper form and payment must be made by cash or check.

2nd Annual Langston Hughes Elementary PTO Trunk or Treat, sponsored by Up and Away

Mark your calendars now and then join us on October 27, time TBA, for this special event. Vote for your favorite "trunks," collect your treats, and have fun! The 5th Grade team will be selling concessions and goodies. If you are interested in participating with your car/SUV/truck, sign up [here](#).

A huge thank you to Up and Away for sponsoring this event. Up and Away is Lawrence's premier indoor play place - let your kids play in a fun, safe environment! They also provide birthday party packages.

Direct Giving Campaign

The biggest fundraiser for the Langston Hughes PTO is coming soon. Check your child's take home folder and your email inbox the first week of October for more information. We rely on your generosity to provide funding for everything from curriculum support and classroom enrichment to special school events and playground equipment!.

Do you want to know what is going on with PTO? One of the best ways to know is to follow us on Facebook. If you don't have an account, don't worry. You can just visit our Facebook page and still see it all.

www.facebook.com/LangstonHughesElementaryPTO

Questions or comments? Email us at langstonhughespto@gmail.com or reach out to one of our PTO board members:

Anne Koprince, President
Caitlin Gough, Co-Vice President
Becca Koester, Co-Vice President
Casey Wallace, Secretary
Kristin Schneller, Co-Treasurer
Cathy Voss, Co-Treasurer





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 fall, 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.

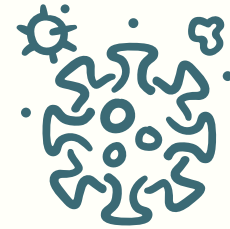
Please feel free to contact the office with all attendance matters through our attendance email:

langston.hughes.attendance@usd497.org.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Many of you are aware of the USD 497 Updated COVID-19 Prevention Measures, detailed [here](#).

If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to our health office at (785) 330-2488.



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

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

Lawrence Public Schools conducts hearing and vision screenings mandated by the state of Kansas. To ensure all students can access curriculum and instruction, the district screens students' hearing and distance vision for concerns that may require further follow-up. The district conducts mass hearing/vision screenings at the schools for students K-12. In some grades, not all students participate in the screenings.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS: All staff and students involved in hearing and vision screenings will wear masks and follow USD 497 COVID prevention and safety measures.

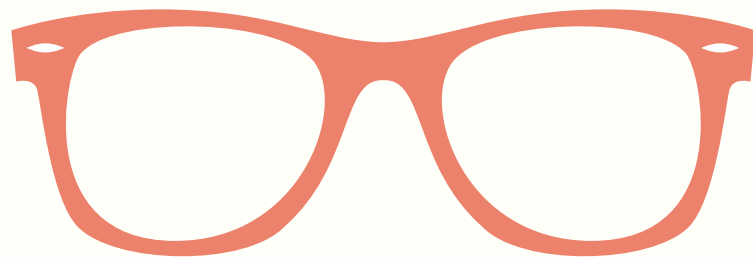
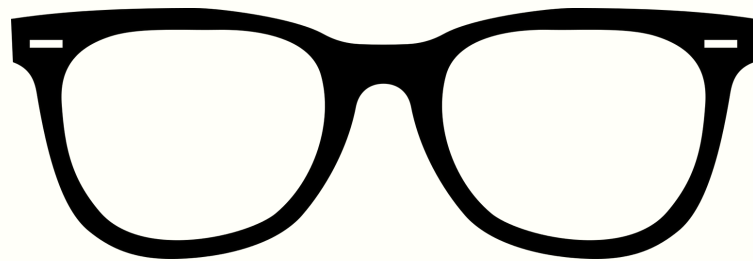
Parents/Guardians who DO NOT want their children to participate in hearing and vision screenings during the 2021-2022 school year, must complete an [opt-out request form](#) for EACH STUDENT by 8am the day before the hearing and vision screening is scheduled to be conducted at your child's school. If completing a paper form, the paper form must be received by 8:00am the day before screening by the school nurse or health office attendant.

If you want your child's hearing and vision screening to be completed, DO NOT COMPLETE THE OPT-OUT REQUEST FORM. The district will automatically conduct the screenings in accordance with its protocols for hearing and vision. Langston Hughes Elementary is currently scheduled to receive these screenings on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021.**

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Lawrence Public Schools Nurses, Nursing Facilitator,
and Audiologist



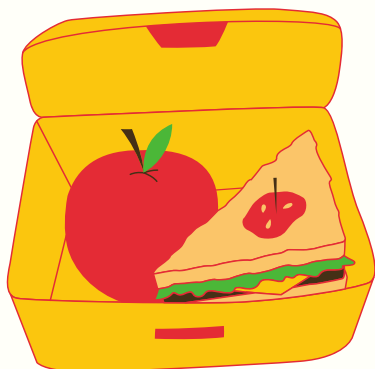
MARATHON CLUB

We are excited to kick off another Marathon Club season. We will be starting out virtually again this year, so please log any miles you walk or run and turn them into bobcatmc@yahoo.com. Be sure to sign up for club on the Eventbrite link (located in the flyer), and fill one out for each child participating. We are hoping to be able to run in person together again in the spring, and will have volunteer opportunities available at that time.

[Flyer](#)

Do you have a business or organization that would like to sponsor this year's Marathon Club? Each of our sponsor's logos will be featured on this year's finisher shirts and is a great way to promote your business, as well as the health and wellness of our runners. If you have any questions, reach out to **Danielle Krehbiel** via email at bobcatmc@yahoo.com or via phone at 720-203-5605.

Please [see attached sponsor letter](#) as well. We would like to limit the number of sponsors to around 20, so that all fit nicely on the shirts, so please reach out if interested.



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