



September 2021

# THE MONTHLY BOBCAT

*Langston Hughes Elementary School*



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BY PRINCIPAL JACKIE MICKEL

Hello, Langston Families!

We are off to a great start this school year. Kids are excited to be in a normal routine and they are all doing a great job of following school procedures and protocols. Last week we finished hosting all grade level Parent Information Meetings and the Principal Q & A sessions. Hopefully you were able to attend your student's meeting. If not, please reach out to your classroom teacher and ask them to share a link to their meeting slides. I will host an additional Q& A meeting if and when our safety and quarantine protocols change.

Teachers have spent the first few weeks of school building their classroom community and helping students learn procedures and how to work with one another. This week all classrooms will be conducting some beginning of the year assessments. I will be sending out some general assessment information to families later this week.

This year at Langston we have seven new staff members and six people that have changed positions. Please take a moment to glance at our New Staff page for more information. Thank you all for supporting our students and staff. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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## 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

## 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).

## IMPORTANT DATES

### September

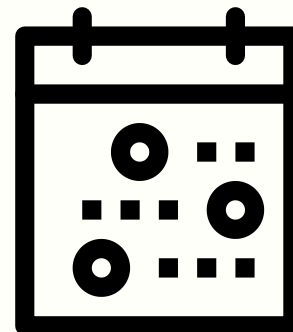
**6th** - No School, Labor Day

**14th** - Site Council Meeting  
- PTO Meeting

**15th** - Home Economic Survey Due

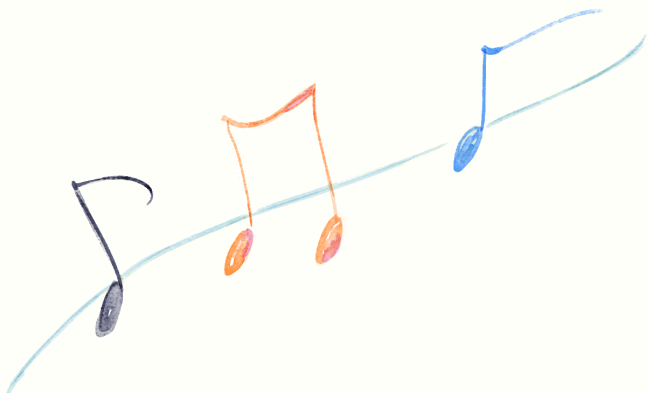
**16th** - Picture Day (K-2)

**17th** - Picture Day (3-5)  
- Constitution Day-Wear Red/White/  
Blue



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## MUSIC

### **Music Program Dates 2021-2022**

*Tuesday, October 12 - 5th*

6:30pm

*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

If you have extras of the supplies listed below, Ms. Child would love to incorporate them into your child's new art program! We are looking for:

Clean cardboard

Egg cartons

Old art supplies

Magazines

Newspapers

Cereal boxes

Odds and ends like buttons or old jewelry

A more comprehensive list of donatable items can be found on Ms. Child's school web page.

Thank you so much in advance!



## 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.

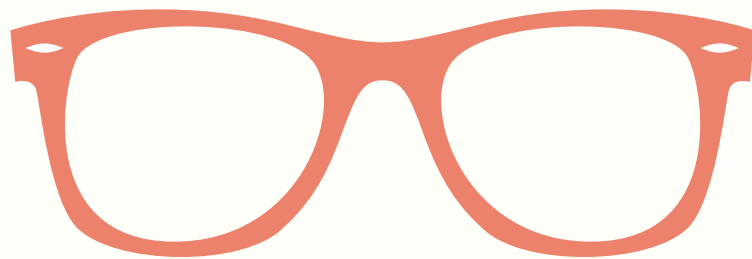
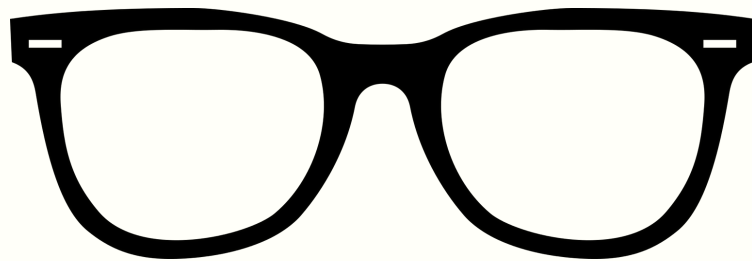
**Parents/Guardians who DO NOT want their children to participate in hearing and vision screenings during the 2021-2022 school year, must complete an [opt-out request form](#) for EACH STUDENT by 8am the day before the hearing and vision screening is scheduled to be conducted at your child's school.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

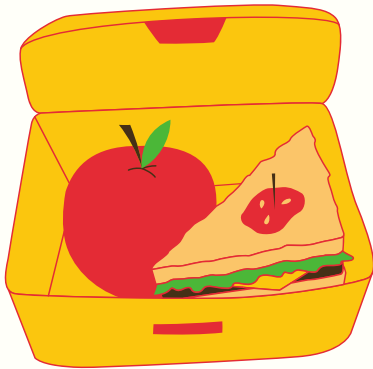
We are excited to kick off another Marathon Club season. We will be starting out virtually again this year, so please log any miles you walk or run and turn them into [bobcatmc@yahoo.com](mailto:bobcatmc@yahoo.com). Be sure to sign up for club on the Eventbrite link (located in the flyer), and fill one 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](mailto: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.

## HOME ECONOMIC SURVEY

Dear School Families,

Great news! During the 2021-2022 school year, all school children may eat free!

Our Food Service staff last year served 502,339 free breakfasts and 683,689 free lunches to children in the community. During the 2021-2022 school year, Child Nutrition federal funding will enable the district to continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for all of our students.

The federal government no longer uses the free and reduced-price meal application. Instead, one parent/guardian from each household must submit a new form, the Household Economic Survey.

The district will use the Household Economic Survey to identify students eligible for student fee waivers and other benefits. Completed surveys generate much-needed federal and state funding for our schools. If families do not complete the survey, the state of Kansas will reduce funding for our educational programs.

Please [follow these instructions](#) (or these [instructions in Spanish](#)) for completing, electronically signing, and submitting this confidential survey in PowerSchool **no later than September 15, 2021**.

You may direct any questions to your child's school or our Technology Help Desk at 785-330-4357.

Contact the Business Office at [myfees@usd497.org](mailto:myfees@usd497.org) with questions about student fee waivers.

Thank you for helping Lawrence Public Schools receive full federal and state funding for your child's school and support eligible families by waiving school fees.

Sincerely,

Anthony S. Lewis, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

# MEET THE NEW STAFF

This year we have many new faces in the building - and many familiar faces in new positions as well!



**MADISON URISH**  
KDG



**WHITNEY KLUMP**  
2ND



**CASSIDEY VAN NESS**  
2ND



**EVELYN NORMANDIN**  
3RD



**DIANE MCGEE**  
4TH



**KYLIE BOOTH**  
5TH  
(3RD GR. 2020)



**KATIE CHILD**  
ART



**MELISSA GILLESPIE**  
MUSIC K-1



**CHRISTIE WARTMAN**  
COUNSELOR



**KIM ASHLEY**  
INTERVENTIONIST  
(4TH GR. 2020)



**ALEXANDRA GINSBERG**  
SPEECH



**SARA REICHENBERGER**  
LEARNING COACH  
(COACH 2018)



**DEBI HOLLAWAY**  
LIBRARY MEDIA  
AIDE  
(PARA 2021)

**JESSICA WILLEMS**  
SPED K-1  
(PARA 2021)

