



THE PRINCIPAL'S NOTE TO PARENTS

Our official school reopening date is now scheduled for October 19th, 2020. This is the beginning of our second quarter. This will be a “hybrid” model (choice of in-person or distance learning). Distance learning will continue for all students for the remainder of the first quarter. Attendance and grades count, so please know that we are still here and teaching, even from a distance.

While we are unable to open our school physically, LPA is still required to provide a safe space for our vulnerable students for services, meals, and distance learning support. Please be aware that students will not be receiving direct in-person classroom instruction during this time. This on-site support is designed to help students access the distance learning curriculum being provided by teachers remotely.

The campus will be open during regular school hours, which are 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. on Wednesdays). There will be NO before/after school programs at this time. Our breakfast/lunch programs will be offered at their normal price (free/reduced prices applied). Students must wear a mask and follow our mask policy. We will be implementing increased cleaning/sanitizing throughout the day, and will follow all safety protocols. If you will be bringing your student on campus, you will use the link provided over Dojo to sign them up for the days/times you will need each week. Please call the office if you have questions.

Our decision to push back our opening to October 19 was difficult because, as educators, we love to see our students in a classroom setting. We will continue to be dedicated to the needs of our students and families during Distance Learning. Your children will learn and grow with the support of parents and teachers during the 1st quarter, and we look forward to seeing our students in class on October 19th.

Thanks for your patience and understanding,
Ms. Megan Rodgers, Principal

CHARACTER COUNTS REMOTELY

Although we are not starting off our school year together, we would love to still keep many of our school traditions and philosophies going, one being Character Counts. Your teachers will be inviting you to wear our character color-of-the-month with them on Wednesdays and Mrs. Alday will be featuring your students all dressed up on Dojo. Here is the schedule of our character colors:

- August and September** - Trustworthy Blue
- October** - Respectful Yellow
- November and December** - Responsible Green
- January** - Fairness Orange
- February and March** - Caring Red
- April and May** - Citizenship Purple

Thank you so much for your continued support with our Character Counts program. We can't wait to see everyone participating!

SEPTEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT: TRUSTWORTHINESS

According to the *Oxford Dictionary*, one who is trustworthy has “the ability to be relied on as honest or truthful.” If you're trustworthy, you don't deceive, cheat, or steal. Being trustworthy also means that others can rely on you because you do what you say you'll do. You can build a reputation for trustworthiness by being a person of your word and being the type of person that friends and family can depend upon.



SEPTEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT
Trustworthiness

ASSESSMENT

Our District Pre-Test Assessments are available now! Keep your eyes on Dojo and Google Classroom for more information! The testing window will remain open through September 11th. Remember that a pre-test is full of questions that students might not yet know the answers to, and that's okay! This test helps teachers to better plan lessons to meet the individual needs of their students. Look for more details to be posted by your student's teacher.

STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY!

Lakeside students are currently learning remotely to reduce the risk that any of our students or teachers fall victim to COVID-19. We realize, however, that all of us have to go out occasionally, and here are five tips from the American Red Cross that will help keep everyone safe and healthy:

- Sneeze or cough? Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or use your elbow.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a small amount of alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces around your home frequently.
- Keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others if you must be in public.
- Wear a cloth face covering over your mouth and nose when around others.

We urge all La Paloma families to follow these rules so that all our students remain in good health and are ready to come back to school in October.

DISTANCE LEARNING TIPS FOR PARENTS!

Having kids learn from home is new territory for most parents, and it is territory that can often be difficult to navigate. To help guide parents acquaint themselves with Google Classroom, the platform our school is using for distance learning, watch this excellent and informative video that outlines all the basics parents should know about Google Classroom.

We understand that parents may also have concerns about helping kids adjust to this new method of learning, so we're offering a few tips from Johns Hopkins School of Education which may make distance learning more manageable for overwhelmed parents:

Reduce distractions. Where possible, reduce distractions when your child is completing schoolwork. This includes noise as well as visual noise or clutter. A designated workspace that is comfortable for your child will be helpful.

Encourage movement. Kids need to move their bodies frequently throughout the day. Allow time for exercise before your child is expected to focus on a distance learning task. Some children are better able to focus on tasks when standing. Consider having your computer or tablet be on a raised surface so that your child can stand.

Use a checklist for focus. For some children who really struggle with focusing, a basic visual checklist of tasks needed for a particular activity will be helpful. For example, if the child is asked to watch a lesson, read a prompt, and then provide a written response to the prompt, the checklist would have keywords for each of these required activities: watch, read, write. The child would check off each task with you as it is completed.

Provide immediate positive feedback. Each time your child completes distance learning instruction, provide immediate and positive feedback! Something as simple as putting a check mark, star, or sticker on the work assignment can go a long way in helping to motivate your child. And don't forget to celebrate yourself, as you are playing such an important role to help your child learn and grow.

Finally, make sure your student has all the materials necessary to complete all assignments. Whether it's pencil and paper, a stable WiFi connection, log-in information for all accounts, or whatever else they may need to actively participate in learning activities. school in October.

TAX CREDITS

Arizona law allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit of up to \$400 for donations that benefit our students. A tax credit reduces what you owe in state taxes, dollar-for-dollar. For more information, including a printable form, please go to our website, LPA Lakeside.org.

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School hours: Grades K-6: 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. • Grades 7-8: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday is early release: 11:30 a.m.

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