Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping us with a strong start to the 2019-2020 school year! Your support has proven invaluable and you are so appreciated. We had great attendance for School Supply Drop Off as well as Back to School Night. We appreciated being able to share with you our direction and expectations for this school year.

We are continuing to look at drop off and pick up routes. We are working with the Town of Parker to determine the best plan and provide signage. We will notify you when we receive this information and are ready to share the thinking. Until then, a resounding thank you to Brent Ingham who is volunteering his time and helping direct traffic when he is able!

As you may have read, we have added a counselor to our mental health team this year. He name is Sarah Sanniola and she is available to all students, staff and parents. Her focus is on offering services to anyone who requests it. We are very grateful to have her part of our LPE community!

The LPE Staff greatly appreciates you bringing in your student(s) for Assessment Day. Teachers found the information they gained from these one-on-one assessments invaluable as they are using it for instructional groupings. It is our goal that all students will gain one full year's growth in reading regardless of current level. We are monitoring this so we get maximum results.

Upcoming Dates to remember:
- September 22-27th Ponderosa Homecoming week. Plan on attending the PHS Homecoming Parade on September 25th at 5:30!
- Friday, September 20th No School: Teacher Professional Development Day
- Thursday, October 3rd Picture Retakes

Again, thank you for your support as we continue to #Empower each other to #Empower our students!

As always, please reach out at any time for questions or suggestions!

Kristin R. Drury
Principal
September 2019 Legacy Point Elementary

**September 7 Habits/Home-School Connection:**

Students have been creating classroom mission statements here at school. A family mission statement can be a powerful way to reconnect at the beginning of the school year and set intentions for a positive start. Use this tool to create your own family mission statement. Let us know how it goes! We would love to hear from you!

[Family Mission Statement Link]

**2nd Annual Clap-In/Opening Assembly a HUGE Success!!**

To kick off the 19-20 school year, we held our 2nd-ever Clap-In. Students and teachers alike love the high-energy and seeing all the community members helping them celebrate the start to a new school year! After the Clap-In, students and teachers entered the gym for this year’s first Leadership Assembly, which featured a staff-member game show! Thank you to everyone that helped make this such an amazing event.
Empathy in Action!

Mrs. Conn’s class spent time learning about what it’s like to have a visual impairment, as well as how to be a “sighted guide.” Students are learning about differences, and how they make every one of us special.
**Wanted: Donations for Phone Room**

We are looking for donations for a donation of a leather lounge chair, floor lamp, and a wall mirror. We are creating a "Phone Room" for teachers and want to make it a welcoming and usable space. Please contact the front office if you have one of these items.

**Regional School Accountability Committee Training**

Mark your calendars! The district is hosting three regional School Accountability Committee training sessions if you are interested in learning more about School Accountability Committee work. Topics to include an overview of responsibilities, bylaws, Unified Improvement Planning, and school budgets. SAC members can attend any session.

- 9/12/19 - MVHS (6:00 - 7:30 pm)
- 9/19/19 - LHS (6:00 - 7:30 pm)
- 9/25/19 - CVHS (6:00 - 7:30 pm)

**PTIB News**

Thank you to everyone that came out to Mici’s for our first LPE Restaurant Night. We made $376.66 from the families that participated and all of that money goes directly to our school. We appreciate you!

Please join us at our next LPE Restaurant Night on September 10th from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Chipotle on Mainstreet--it promises to be a delicious event!!

We would like to give a massive shout out to Carlee Tocco for creating the amazing calendar in the front of the school! Please check out the calendar as you come it to see what’s coming up at LPE...and marvel at her amazing skills!

Another **THANK YOU** to the parents/staff that stepped up to help make the pizza booth successful at the SGMS carnival--we could not have done it without your support.
Sensory Paths? What are Those?

A sensory path is a colorful, creative and playful way for kids to build sensory pathways, connections in the brain that are responsible for sight, touch, sound, etc., which enable kids to complete complex, multi-stage tasks. A sensory path is a great way for kids to develop motor skills like: balance, hand-eye coordination, and spatial awareness. A typical sensory pathway, consists of several exercises specifically designed to develop motor skills. The high-energy nature of many of these exercises require kids to hop, step, and jump, and can also be a great “brain break” throughout the school day. Sensory paths are the perfect mid-morning or post-lunch break. Sensory paths are also an important part of a concept called sensory play, which is exactly what it sounds like: play designed to stimulate and improve a child’s five senses. High-intensity activities like a sensory pathway get the blood pumping, helping children to sit still and focus for longer periods of time in the classroom.

Below is a video to show you how the path is completed--ask your student if they’ve been through it yet!

[link to video: sensorypath.MOV]
Explorer’s Club Happenings

Lots of fun and creativity to be had at Explorer’s Club!!!

For more information about Explorer’s Club, including registration information, please see this link.

Students RISE With Reading!

This year, we’ve implemented a systematic, targeted reading intervention, based on Jan Richardson’s Next Steps in Guided Reading called RISE (Reading Intervention Student Express.) Students are meeting with Mrs. Wauflie, Mrs. Nelson, Ms. Ward, and Mrs. VanDoozer for one hour in the mornings, Monday through Thursday to rotate through four different stations. Interventions, with are research based and tailored to fill gaps quickly, will run eight weeks.

We’re so excited to have such dedicated staff members working with our students!

RISE – Reading Intervention Student Express

Station 1: Familiar Reading (Teacher or I.A.)
- Students read and discuss familiar text.
- Comprehension questions include main idea, VRF, relating character actions, characters, key facts, etc. 15 minutes

Station 2: New Book/Prompting (Reading Teacher)
- Introduce new text, vocabulary, story parrs, cluster and prompt students running records on one student.
- 15 minutes

Station 3: Word Work (ELL Teacher)
- Review familiar sight words.
- Teach one new sight word.
- Word study activities that target phonics skills.
- 15 minutes

Station 4: Guided Writing (Teacher or I.A.)
- Students write about familiar text with teacher prompting.
- 15 minutes

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September/October Dates to Remember

9/3-9/4 Vision and Hearing Screening
*Volunteers Wanted: If you are interested in helping, please contact the front office!*

9/9 September SAC Meeting: 9:15 am - 10:30 am

9/10 September Leadership Assembly/Fun Run Kickoff: 9:15 am

9/10 Chipotle Spirit Night: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm (on Mainstreet)

9/16: Hearing Tier II Testing

9/17: Fun Run: 9:15 am - 12:15 am
*More information to come!*

9/20 Professional Development Day: No School for Students

9/23-9/27 Ponderosa High School Homecoming Week
*Theme: Our Name in Lights More Information to Come!*

9/24 September PTIB Meeting: 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm

9/30 Kindergarten i-Ready Beginning of Year Window Opens

10/3 Picture Retakes/Class Pictures