

The Peabody Press



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A Note from the Principal

Dear Peabody Families,

I can't believe that winter break is here. Time is flying by! I want to wish everyone a very happy holiday and Happy New Year! I know 2020 will bring great things your way and we are thankful to be able to have your students here with us each day. Second semester will prove to be packed with high-level learning, social and emotional growth, meaningful academic struggle, and many celebrations for all our students. Thank you for being our partners in educating your children. You entrust us with your precious children every day and we don't take that lightly!

Happy Holidays!  *Happy New Year!*

Some of the many memorable events to mention from the last few weeks are:

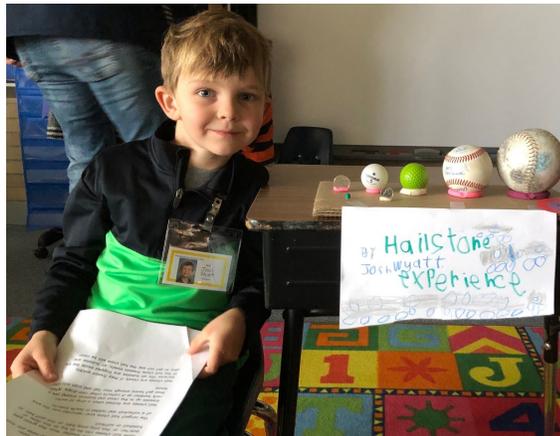
❖ *Veterans' Day celebration*

We had an amazing turnout for our Veteran's Day Celebration. Our volunteers decorated the building in red, white, and blue, and personal posters of Peabody Families' veterans. Mrs. Wyatt

created a patriotic performance with our First Graders that had many visitors tearing up. It was so moving! Thank you to everyone who made this day so special. Thank you Vivi Ugarte for making this a memorable celebration!

❖ *Kindergarten Science Fair*

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Montequin supported our kindergarteners to explore, research, and present science projects. I was blown away at the presentation skills of our youngest learners. They chose topics of interest and were able to answer questions that we asked as we visited each presenter at their station. So many times kindergarteners are underestimated in what they are capable of doing and achieving. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Montequin challenge our kindergartners and help them reach impressive goals that boost their confidence and ignites a love of learning. Well done kindergarten!



A proud kindergartener, Josh, sharing his hail storm experiment with me!

❖ *Scholastic Book Fair*

We had an enormously successful Scholastic Book Fair. It is my understanding that Peabody might hold the largest book fair in the district (if not the whole state). Our students got to preview the items available at the book fair and then they were off and running. We had many families come and shop for holiday gifts and students bringing in their coins from their piggy bank to purchase a favorite book. It was a hit! Thank you to Heidi Tingey and her team for making the Fair a huge success!

❖ *Cookies & Cocoa*

Wow! This event was SO FUN!! First, it was the final day of the book fair so there was a lot of last minute purchases. Next, everyone got to decorate sugar cookies and eat them! Then, the kids got to decorate a graham cracker "tile" which was put onto our Peabody gingerbread house. And if that wasn't enough, there were many STEAM stations set up in the gym for everyone to enjoy. There was coding, architecture, chemistry, and so much more. These opportunities were not only fun but there was a lot of learning going on in there too! It was fabulous! Thank you to our entire PTO crew for making this such a fun community event!



❖ *Adventures of Performing Arts*

Several grade levels have had the opportunity to attend different performing arts events at our high schools: orchestra, theater, band and choir, and more. This is a great opportunity for our young students to be exposed to different types of performing arts.

❖ *Student Ambassadors trip to the Cherry Hills Nursing Home*

Our Fifth Grade Student Ambassadors hand delivered handwritten notes from our students to wish them a happy holiday. This is part of our PBIS focus on caring. What a powerful experience for our students to see first hand the positive impact these small acts of kindness have on others. Thank you to Maddie Sherrill and Kaylene Kennedy for making this happen!

❖ *Rube Goldberg Machines in the COG with Mr. D!*

Mr. D supported our second graders imagine, build and test their Rube Goldberg creations in our Center of Genius Learning Lab. Not familiar with Rube Goldberg? Click on the [link](#) and learn more about it! The kids love it! It is highly engaging. It demands that our students tap into their creativity, problem solving, critical thinking, math, and collaboration skills.

Here's to 2020! As always, thank you for your support. I appreciate each and everyone of you! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Mrs. Pappalardo

Peabody Celebration!!

The Colorado Department of Education has selected Peabody Elementary School as a John Irwin School of Excellence 2019 for the second time! This award goes to all of our dedicated Peabody teachers and staff who tirelessly strive to support each student reach their highest potential. THANK YOU!!



John Irwin Award

The **John Irwin awards** are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an Exceeds Expectations rating on the Academic Achievement indicator of the School Performance Frameworks reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science.

Kindergarten Information Night & Kindergarten Registration 2020

We will be holding a Kindergarten information night on January 16th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. If you have an incoming kindergartener, please join us to learn all about our amazing kindergarten program. You will meet both teachers, Ms. Leah Montequin and Ms. Susan Wilson. We look forward to seeing you there!

You may register your student for kindergarten at Peabody from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm on January 21st and 22nd. Please ensure you bring all documentation needed. Please visit the [LPS link](#) for a list of what to bring or call our Registrar, Katie Adamson at 303-347-6425.



- ❖ We love dogs! However, **dogs are not permitted on school grounds** during school hours. Thank you for keeping your furry friends at home when dropping off and picking up your students.
- ❖ Students are not permitted to stay on school property after 2:45 pm without parent supervision.
- ❖ Please be sure to pull all the way forward in our student drop off loop in the front of the school when dropping off your students. This will help keep traffic moving.

- ❖ Please do not stop or park in the bus lane of the student drop off loop. If your student needs assistance getting out of the car and into the building, please park your car and assist them to the front doors. Thank you.

Open Enrollment

LPS has established a new process for open enrollment beginning October 1st. For more information, please visit the [LPS Website](#).

[New LPS Open Enrollment Process Begins October 1st](#)
[New LPS Open Enrollment Process Begins October 1st - Spanish](#)

RevTrak Processing Fee Changes

Effective December 31, 2019, the district's credit card processing fees in Infinite Campus/RevTrak will be 3.49% per transaction amount. This is the actual cost of credit card processing. Please note schools will continue to accept checks and cash.

Cold Weather Reminders

A reminder of some policies and procedures when the weather is cold, snowy, or rainy:

Bad Weather - Recess when it is Cold and/or Snowy Weather

Children must come to school prepared to play outside. We will have recess if the temperature with wind chill is 20 degrees or higher. If they wish to play in the snow students should wear boots and appropriate clothing. If there is considerable precipitation, recess will be held inside. If your child has a doctor's note to refrain from PE or recess, we will honor that and allow them to remain inside the building.

Closure / Delayed Start

As a reminder, if schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather and/or questionable road conditions, parents should visit LPS's website (www.littletonpublicschools.net) for information about school closures or delays or tune into local radio & television stations the morning of the day in question. Media outlets are informed if schools are closed or delayed. No announcements on the LPS website or by the media means all schools are open as usual.

[Click here for detailed information from the district regarding closures and/or delayed starts.](#)

School and LPS Events & Information

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

LPS Board of Education Community Conversations

LPS Board of Education to hold community conversations regarding culture and climate; diversity; safety and security; and mental health

The Littleton Public Schools Board of Education is hosting four community conversation events regarding culture and climate; diversity; safety and security; and mental health. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to learn what LPS currently does in these areas, ask questions of the Board, engage in dialogue, and ultimately provide feedback to the Board. Parents, employees, community members, and middle and high school students are invited to attend.

Community conversations are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, January 21, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Bemis Library
6014 S. Datura St.
Littleton, CO 80120

Wednesday, January 22, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Columbine Valley Town Hall
2 Middlefield Rd.
Columbine Valley, CO 80123

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Koelbel Library
5955 S. Holly St.
Centennial, CO 80121

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Koelbel Library
5955 S. Holly St.
Centennial, CO 80121

Community conversations are one of the many ways in which the Board solicits feedback on these topics. Other ways include surveys of parents, staff, students, and community members; roundtable events with parent groups; student focus groups; and student workshops. Dr. Anna Mueller, a sociologist from the University of Indiana, is gathering feedback as she conducts environmental research in our community. She will spend the next year in Littleton and Centennial examining how social environments facilitate mental health and help-seeking among youth.



LPS Community Nights with the Denver Nuggets

**Saturday, January 11 @ 7:00 pm vs. Cleveland Cavaliers @ Pepsi Center
and**

Wednesday, January 15 @ 7:00 pm vs. Charlotte Hornets @ Pepsi Center

Tickets starting at \$26. Order tickets online at:

<https://Nuggets.KSETickets.com/LPS1920>

Follow the link and select your school/PROMO CODE = NUGLPS

Price includes a Denver Nuggets hat!

Seats are limited; purchase early. Prices are subject to change



HIGH FIVE FAN TUNNEL

At the January 11th game, 50 lucky kids will be selected at random from LPS schools to High Five the players. This is a once in a lifetime experience!! Imagine the excitement on your child's face as they "high-five" the Nuggets and other NBA players entering the court for warm-ups.



RED, WHITE & BLUE CREW

At the January 15th game 30 lucky kids will be selected at random from LPS schools to present the American flag during the performance of the National Anthem. What an honor!!

The Village for Early Childhood Education:

Visit: Littletonpublicschools.net/schools/village

The Village at North

1907 West Powers Avenue
Littleton, CO 80120
303-347-6985
Located approximately
Littleton Boulevard
and Windermere



The Village at Highland

711 East Euclid Avenue
Centennial, CO 80121
303-347-4419
Located approximately
Arapahoe Road
and South Pearl Street

Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year begins January 21, 2020

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Upcoming Peabody Events:

- ★ Please visit the Peabody [PTO webpage](#) for all the details of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!

We have the **BEST** Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)! For important information about upcoming community events, fundraising, volunteer opportunities, and more, please visit the [PTO webpage](#).

#EVERY CLASS, EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY