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# The Peabody Press



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*Happy New Year!*

2020

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*A Note from the Principal*

Dear Peabody Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! In Italy, on New Year's Eve, a large part of the celebration is letting go of the old. As a symbolic gesture, Italians will throw away things of old- out the window- to make room for the new. While this tradition is not as common as it once was, the sentiment lives on. As we all look ahead to what 2020 brings, letting go of old habits or ways of thinking that may have kept us from living our best life in 2019 may offer a new and fresh start. With every new year, we are offered a new beginning. I am not usually one for new year's resolutions, however, I look forward to focusing on being present, reflective and being grateful.

I hope you enjoyed your holidays and time with family and loved ones. I had a very nice winter break. I was able to spend time with my husband and kids, reading, taking our dog, Chester, on lots of walks, seeing movies, and sleeping in on a few mornings. As much as I enjoyed time away, I am looking forward to seeing

all of our students back at school and to begin what I know will be a fun, positive, and meaningful second semester.

We will start off the second semester focusing on safety. We have had more safety issues at drop-off but these guidelines are for the Peabody campus at all times. We will have volunteers helping in the front parking lot this week. Please be patient and pay attention to directions from teachers, staff and volunteers. This will ensure a more efficient and safe drop-off for everyone. Please see the Procedures and Tips below.

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

## *Safety Week 1/7/20-1/10/20*

We will be focusing on safety during student drop-off when we return to school on Tuesday, January 7th. We have had some concerning incidents involving excessive speed, families and students not using crosswalks, crossing the parking lot in front of busses and other traffic, ignoring staff directing traffic, which are putting all of us in harm's way. We completely understand feeling rushed in the morning but we cannot compromise safety to make up a couple of minutes of drive time. So, here is what you can expect on Tuesday:

- ❖ Parent/community volunteers, in addition to teachers and staff, to help direct traffic and explain drop-off procedures in the front parking lot

### **PROCEDURES & TIPS**

#### **For a Safe and Efficient Morning Drop-off**

- ❖ Drop off begins at 7:45 am when supervision begins outside
- ❖ Mondays are tough
  - Plan to leave 10 minutes earlier than usual as there is heavier traffic on Monday
- ❖ Follow all signs and directions from teachers, staff, and volunteers
- ❖ Drive slowly and carefully at all times
- ❖ Please use the drop-off loop at the front of the school
- ❖ Please pull all the way to the top of the loop if there are no cars in front of you to prevent backup
- ❖ Students should exit the car using the door at curbside only (passenger side)
- ❖ Do NOT get out of your car in the drop-off loop to help your student get out of the car
  - If your student needs assistance, please park in the lot and help them.
- ❖ Do not stop in a crosswalk
- ❖ Do not cut in front of other cars in line and drop students off in front of the doors even when the busses are gone
- ❖ Please be patient; We do our best to keep drop-off as efficient as possible but safety is our

absolute priority.

- ❖ Your cooperation and patience is appreciated!

**Thank you, from all of us, for helping us keep everyone safe!**

## *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!

Kindergarten 2020-2021: You may register your student for kindergarten at Peabody on January 21st and 22nd from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. 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.



### **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

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.



## 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.

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.

## Stakeholder Meetings for New School Boundaries

The LPS Long Range Planning Committee is seeking community feedback on these boundary scenarios. Four stakeholder open houses are scheduled in January and February, where attendees can drop in any time during a two-hour open house to learn about each scenario, ask questions of Committee members, give feedback and take an exit survey, which provides another opportunity for feedback.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Goddard Middle School

Monday, February 3, 2020  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Powell Middle School

Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Newton Middle School

Thursday, February 20, 2020  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Euclid Middle School



### **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](http://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**