



The Village at Highland

Important Phone Numbers To Keep:

Attendance
Line
303-347-4410

Preschool Office
303-347-4409

Health Assistant
(Megan Anderson)
303-734-3025

We hope your families are enjoying a wonderful start to the school year!



We have truly enjoyed getting to know your children!

October 2019 Family Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

- Oct 2/3, Wednesday/Thursday – Individual School Picture Days!
- Oct 3, Thursday – Family Fun Night; 6:30 pm in Highland Cafeteria & Gym
- Oct 15, Tuesday – Village @ Highland Family Partnership Meeting; 6:30 pm
- Oct 17, Thursday – No School; Preschool In-Service Day
- Oct 18, Friday – No School; LPS Fall Break
- Oct 23, Wednesday – Getting Ready for Kindergarten Night; 6:00 pm
- Oct 31, Thursday – Class Fall Celebrations (No Costumes)
- Nov 7, Thursday– No School; Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 8, Friday – No School
- Nov 25 – 29 – Thanksgiving Break

Family Fun Night Celebrating Dinosaur School & Literacy Thursday, Oct. 3rd @ 6:30 pm

We invite you and your preschooler to join us for a fun-filled family night at the Village at Highland! Come and experience activities that are classroom favorites here at school.

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) Team has carefully planned activities and take-home pieces that support our Dinosaur School and Literacy Curriculums. Our students love this opportunity to show parents what they are learning in class!

The evening will begin in the Highland Cafeteria, where Mrs. Hansen, our Director, will welcome you, explain the evening's purpose and agenda, and introduce some very special guests...Molly, Wally & Dina!

Please sign-up with your classroom teacher, in person or by email, and plan on enjoying some fun learning (and a cookie or 2 😊) with your student.

Preschool Picture Day!

Studio 5 Portraits will be at our school Wednesday, October 2nd, and Thursday, October 3rd for individual student pictures.

Half day students & MWF full day students will have their pictures taken on **Wednesday**.

Thursday pictures will be all other full day students and any students that were missed on Wednesday. If needed, picture retake day is scheduled for November 12th.

Order forms with portrait options were sent home. Additional order forms are available in the Preschool Office.



Get to Know the LPS Board of Education Candidates!

Littleton Public Schools is hosting two Board of Education candidate forums so that members of the community can get to know the candidates running for the LPS Board of Education:

Monday, September 30, 2019

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Littleton High School Forum classroom
199 E. Littleton Blvd.
Littleton, CO 80120

In addition, the LPS District Accountability Committee is hosting a Board Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 16

8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Education Services Center
5776 S. Crocker Street
Littleton, CO 80120

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Arapahoe High School Forum classroom
2201 E. Dry Creek Road
Centennial, CO 80122

For more information visit:

<https://littletonpublicschools.net/district/nr/attend-board-candidate-forum>

Village at Highland Family Partnership



We will be having our first volunteer meeting for the Village at Highland Family Partnership on Tuesday, Oct. 15th! We would love for anyone who is interested to be able to participate!

The Village at Highland Family Partnership was established to help support the needs within our early childhood community and classrooms. We truly value the importance of connecting families in addition to supporting the needs of the program.

Our Director, Tracey Hansen, will start our evening with a brief welcome, an overview of our new preschool facility, and a highlight of our program fundamentals. Bailey Hulslander, V@HFP Chairperson, will discuss the volunteer opportunities.

We want to thank Bailey Hulslander for being our Chairperson this year! We also want to thank you in advance for your time and for volunteering. You are a valued part of the Village at Highland community!

Director, Tracey Hansen, thansen@lps.k12.co.us

Bailey Hulslander, Chairperson, baileyhulslander@gmail.com



Is this your student's last year in a Preschool classroom?

**Join LPS Early Childhood Education Staff, Elementary Principals,
and District Staff for an evening dedicated to:**

Getting Ready for Kindergarten!

- ❖ Learn about registration and the open enrollment process
- ❖ Get ideas to help you prepare for the Kindergarten Transition

Date: Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – General Information

7:00 pm – Support for Students: English Language Learners, Gifted and Talented, and
Special Education Services

Location: The Village at North, 1907 West Powers Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120

**Child Care Provided: Please call The Village at North, 303-347-6985 or The Village at
Highland, 303-347-4409, to reserve child care.**

King Soopers Community Reward Program Benefits the Village at Highland Preschool!

In an effort to simplify community giving, King Soopers has launched a new feature for their loyalty cards called "Community Giving".

No longer will you need to reload gift cards to earn for the organization - all you need to do is link your loyalty card to the organization of your choice and shop King Soopers just like you always do!

Earning for Village Preschool can begin immediately after registering and linking your SooperCard.

Our code: #GU965 Our name: Village at Highland

To register:

1. Log in to your King Soopers account
2. Select the Savings & Rewards tab
3. Choose KS Community Rewards
4. Choose Enroll Now
5. Search for "Village at Highland" GU965

We hope all our families will consider supporting the Preschool with this new program.

Our office can answer questions and can assist you in registering your SooperCard, if needed.

ABC LITERACY IS FUN!

With September coming to a close, we want to share just a little bit about what your children have been doing with literacy. When your child independently selects his/her name tag every day when arriving at school, they are learning to recognize their name in print. Some of your children have also begun to recognize some of the names of their friends in the classroom.

We are also focusing on the first letter in our names and the first letter in the names of their classmates and the sounds each of those letters make. It's so fun to watch the children as they begin to understand about letters -- that they make sounds, and when put together, they make words, and that words are what we use when we talk and read. Pre-reading skills are being developed through these and a variety of other activities, many times throughout the preschool day, at all levels.

At home, talk about the first letters of the names of various family members and the sounds that they make. Can they think of other words that begin with that same letter/sound? In the car, can they see the first letter of their name on a sign or building? Can they find one independently? You can also make a family book of names with the name of each family member on a page and read this with your child. Have fun exploring letters at home together. Literacy is fun!



The STRIDE
5K & 10K
RUN/WALK
Kids Fun Run
OCTOBER 27, 2019
Keeping Littleton Public Schools Moving Forward!
Benefiting Littleton Public Schools Foundation
LPS Foundation

A community event to promote a healthy and active lifestyle while building support for Littleton Public Schools.

For more information and to register, visit: RunTheStride.com

All proceeds from this event benefit the LPS Foundation.

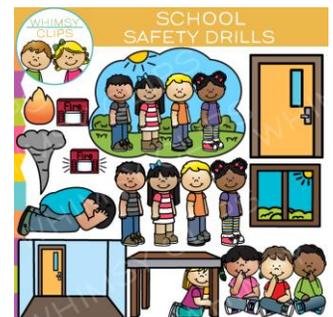
Practice Makes Perfect...

Fire, Lock-Down, Tornado Drills for Preschool

The Village at Highland Preschool conducts monthly fire drills, three tornado drills per year, and one lock-down drill per semester.

As part of the Littleton Public Schools Basic Emergency Action Plan, and as educators, we must ensure that all students have an understanding of different emergency procedures. The drills will be explained to the children at an age-appropriate level and are incorporated into our Village program for staying safe.

Your child may want to discuss the drills with you and we encourage you to reassure them that it's important to have these drills to "practice being safe". Students will depend on teachers and supervising staff to provide direction in an emergency situation.



If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email our Director, Tracey Hansen.

LPS 2020/2021 Open Enrollment for Kindergarten:

In an effort to better serve families LPS now offers two open enrollment windows. All qualified students who apply within an open enrollment window will be part of a random drawing for acceptance, following district enrollment guidelines. This means families will have several weeks to turn in open enrollment applications for a random drawing of qualified students. **Open enrollment applications must be turned in to each requested school.** Families are encouraged to apply during window one.

Enrollment Window One begins October 1, 2019 and ends November 15, 2019
Enrollment Window Two begins November 16, 2019 and ends January 10, 2020

All open enrollment requests must be approved before students can be registered. Because kindergarten registration does not take place until January, families will be notified of open enrollment acceptance by the end of January.

As a reminder, out-of-district families that would like to open enroll their child into an LPS kindergarten are required to complete an "Application for Admission of Nonresident Student" form.

Likewise, any In-District students who wish to attend an LPS school other than their assigned school will need to complete an "Application for In-District Student Open Enrollment" form.

Forms will be found on the LPS District website under "Enrollment", <https://littletonpublicschools.net/open-enrollment>

Have You Seen Our Preschool Book-Bag Check Out?



Thanks to our volunteer librarian, we have "Book Bags" available to be checked out from our preschool resource library.

Each bag contains 5 books related to the indicated topic on the bag. Families are welcome to check out a book bag to take home and enjoy. Please return the bag and books in a timely manner for the next family to enjoy.

The **Book Bag Check-Out** is located under our family resource board by the preschool entrance. A sign-out book is available on the small table directly under the board. Please be sure to sign in/out the book bag your family is borrowing.

Happy Reading! ☺

Interested in knowing more about the
2018 Bond Progress
and the exciting changes
that are taking place?

Visit: <https://littletonpublicschools.net/2018-bond-progress>



LPS Foundation – Offers these events to raise needed funds for LPS:

Let's Get Together!

**Please join us for
A Pre-Holiday Gathering and Shopping
Night Out**

**Thursday, November 7th, 5-8 pm
Colorado Frame Co & Savvy Stuff
2396 W. Main Street, Littleton**

Join us for a fun and friendly night out! The LPS Foundation will provide wine, light appetizers and the opportunity to connect with old and new friends while you get a jump start on holiday gifts or shop for a little something for yourself. Colorado Frame Company and Savvy Stuff will donate 15% of total sales to the LPS Foundation in support of ALL LPS schools.



LPS Night at Colorado Avalanche

Avs vs. Columbus Blue Jackets
Saturday, 11/9 @ 7:00 pm
Discounted tickets start at \$25
No additional taxes or fees!

\$4 of every ticket sold goes back to support LPS schools!

For more information and to purchase tickets:
<https://avalanche.teamkse.com/LittletonPublicSchools>

Play-based learning doesn't come home in a backpack

by Deborah Stewart, M.Ed.

My students have been with me for two weeks now and yet everyday, their back packs have gone home pretty much empty.

If my parents didn't know me well, they might think that their child isn't learning anything.

The reason it is hard to send home anything in the back pack is because nothing fits.

I can't send home how we learned to find our own name at the sign-in table. I can't send home how we learned to serve our own snack. And I can't send home how we are getting more comfortable and confident in our daily routines every single day.

I can't send home the beautiful castle four of the children built together. And I can't send home the large canvas all the children painted so beautifully together as a community.

I can't send home the giggles of the children when our puppet comes out to speak to us. And I can't send home the vinegar and baking soda experiments my students have been exploring since the first day of school.

No, the things we have been learning are WAY TOO BIG for our back packs.

Yes, if you looked inside our backpacks, it would seem like we haven't been learning but if you look outside of the backpack...

However, I have been sending home a few things like wet sleeves from the water table, sandy rocks in pockets, paint speckles on faces, and a few worms have made their way home here and there.

Oh, and I suspect that a few songs are being sung on the car ride home along with the story of how we saw a huge spiderweb in the tree outside.

Yes, if you looked inside our backpacks, it would seem like we haven't been learning but if you look outside of the backpack, you will see cooperation, friendship, independence, collaboration, discovery, testing, questioning, trial and error, confidence, exploration, and play.