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## *A Note from the Principal*

As we close out September and welcome October, it has begun to feel like fall; cool mornings, changing leaves, and a weather forecast for our first snowfall of the school year this week. We have had a strong start to the school year! Our amazing teachers spent time last month building classroom community and getting to know your students to set a positive path for the rest of the school year, as well as digging into our rigorous curriculum.

I'd like to thank our Peabody PTO for an amazing Panther Prowl. It was a day full of smiles, laughter and a lot of fun. I was amazed at our kids ability to run and run. They were stars! Thank you to all of the sponsors for supporting our runners and Peabody. We are still collecting any donations that have not been submitted so please send them in. Thank you! Please attend our October PTO meeting on the 9th at 6:00 pm and hear how these funds are used to support our school. Please note that our Panther Prowl Prize Day will be rescheduled because Thursday and Friday this week will be snowy and cold. PTO will communicate out details about that soon.

The first Open Enrollment window is open now (10/1-11/1). Please see details below in this newsletter. For our current open enrolled students, you must fill out an Intent to Remain form and turn it in to Katie Adamson, our Registrar, no later than December 20. Kindergarten registration will be Tuesday, January

21st and Wednesday, January 22nd from 7:30 - 4:30. We offer school tours upon request. Please let your friends and neighbors know and encourage them to inquire about Peabody and our fantastic kindergarten program.

As always, thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Mrs. Pappalardo

## *Halloween*

Halloween is just around the corner and I know many of our students have been planning their costumes for weeks. Please see the guidelines and information below:

### October 31st

1:40 pm- Halloween Parade Begins

2:00 pm- Classroom Parties Begin

2:30 pm- Classroom Parties End to pack up and close out the school day

### ***Costume Parameters:***

We ask our parents and students to use good judgment when selecting an appropriate costume for school. To ensure this is a fun and safe event for all students K-5, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) No full-face masks that significantly limit vision. No depictions of blood or guts
- 2) No gruesome or macabre costumes
- 3) No costumes that demean self or others
- 4) No promiscuous dress (age appropriate costumes please)
- 5) No weapons or facsimile of weapons (plastic knives, swords, hooks, guns, etc.)
- 6) No accessories that pose a threat of potential injury

Students who wear inappropriate costumes will be asked to change into their normal school clothes.

Thanks in advance for helping us create and maintain a safe, fun, and appropriate environment for ALL of our students and families.

## *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](#)

## *Attendance Guidelines*

When students are absent or late, they miss important learning, and they often feel behind when they return to the classroom. When teachers stop instruction to help a student who is tardy, all other students lose precious learning time as well. Please help your child be at school on time everyday! Students can arrive, and will be supervised, on the school playground starting at 7:45 a.m. The first bell is at 7:55 a.m. Students are tardy after 8:00 a.m.

If you know that your child will be absent or late, please report this as soon as possible to the 24 hour attendance line: **Attendance Line: 303-734-5685**. We will be following established state and district guidelines regarding unexcused and excessive absences and tardies. Minutes accumulated beyond 24 hours of unexcused absences and tardies are considered excessive.

### **Attendance Policy**

- School starts at 8:00 a.m. and all students should be in their classroom.
- School is dismissed at 2:43 p.m.
- Tardies: Student arriving after 8:00 a.m. and before 9:00 a.m. will be counted tardy.
- Excused Tardy: Doctor and dentist appointments.
- Unexcused Tardy: Anything else
- Absences: Absences are recorded on a half-day system, a.m. and p.m. Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. are marked absent for the morning; students leaving before 1:43 p.m. are marked absent for the afternoon.

LPS has new attendance guidelines! After 8 days of absences, students will be asked to bring in a doctor's note to have the absence marked as excused. LPS students miss an average of only THREE days every school year, and we know how important it is for students to be in class. Vacations will be excused on a case-by-case basis and largely dependent on if your child is able to keep up in class. We want our students in school to get all the benefits of their education. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## *School Immunizations*



Have you submitted your child's immunization records?

## SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS



**All LPS students must have a compliant immunization record or exemption form on file before November 1, 2019. Students without records on file will be excluded from school.**

Please contact your school's health assistant or nurse consultant with questions or to submit your child's immunization records.



Click [here](#) for additional information regarding state law and LPS policies regarding immunizations and resources for obtaining immunization or exemption forms.

### *Cold Weather Reminders*

The weather is beginning to change and with that please remember some of these policies and procedures:

#### **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**

If schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather and/or questionable road conditions, parents should visit LPS's website ([www.littletonpublicschools.net](http://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.](#)

## *Parent/Teacher Conferences*

P/T Conferences: **October 14th - October 17th (no school 10/17 or 10/18)**

- Please sign up for a conference with your child's teacher
- This is a great opportunity to learn about your student's academic and social emotional progress
- Sign Up Genius will be locked at noon on Friday, October 11th.

## *Grand Opening of the Peabody Creating Opportunities for Genius - COG*

We will be showing off our new innovative learning space, Center of Genius (COG), on **October 9th at 5:00 pm**. Please join us to see all this space has to offer our students. There will be a student showcase, hands-on STEAM activities, and some light refreshments. See you there!

***\*Please join us for our October PTO meeting at 6:00 pm immediately following the Grand Opening.***

## *School, District, or LPS School Events & Information*

### *Upcoming Peabody Events:*

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

### *Upcoming District Events:*



**Colorado Avalanche Community Night**  
**November 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Pepsi Center**  
Here is the [link](#) with more details



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

### *Getting Ready for Kindergarten:*

- The Annual *Getting Ready for Kindergarten Night* on Wednesday, October 23rd in the North Gym at The Village
- ❖ 6:00-7:00 p.m. is the panel discussion with Principals for all incoming kindergarten families
  - ❖ 7:00-8:00 p.m. is Support for students: English Language Development, Gifted Talented, and Special Education.

## *Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)*

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](#).



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