



Dates to Remember

- Friday Assemblies
- Invention Convention / Inventing Club: Weekly at 2pm
- November 6 - Non-student Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day - School in Session
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 23-27 - No School - Holiday Break

NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Families,



November is a short month of school due to a full week off for **Thanksgiving Vacation**. Regardless, we pack a lot into it! One important reminder is **Parent Teacher Conferences** for first quarter. Please see your child's Google classroom for information from our teachers about when they will hold conferences. I have asked them to hold conferences all throughout the month from **Nov. 9-20** so they can accommodate all family schedules and also give our students the extra two weeks to complete work since our start of the year was slower than the rest of the district.

We want to touch base with all of our families, and due to our virtual environment, this may be one of the most important conferences you attend. Some children are taking to the added responsibility of being organized to learn from home whereas it is a big challenge for others. At LOA, the whole staff has agreed that we will work with all families to help motivate more learning, more work completion, and more independence for your child. Attending the conference this month will help make that happen. Bring all questions you have and we plan to have the answers! Working together, we can continue to make this school year memorable and full of successes for your kids.

All of our LOA students are still linked to their **home school counselors**. We have listed the home school numbers and names of counselors below for you to contact your school counselor if you are in need of resources to support your family. Additionally, all afternoon on **Tuesday, November 10, from 1:00-4:00**, any LOA family can come to the Nutrition Services Center (next to Mountain View High School) and pick up hats, gloves, and scarves for winter. We have brand new donated items and would LOVE to hand that out to our kids learning from home. Please just drop by--no need to call.

Another wonderful thing happening this month to highlight for November: The **Inventing Club is meeting every Wednesday at 2:00 PM starting this week (November 4)**. This virtual club led by the awesome Mrs. Spurway, elementary gifted and talented instructor for Lakeland Schools. During this club for any students, Laura will guide your child through the main parts of the process to empower them to end up with a creative invention to enter in the **Lakeland Invention Convention competition in December**. This is one of MY favorite competitions in the district and regardless of “placing” or “winning”, all kids win who participate because they learn so much about the problem solving process. This activity is open to ALL students Grades 1-8 and is full of opportunities for imagination, journaling, and presentation. Please read the info about the club, and attend any sessions possible. I'd love to see as many of our children participate in this competition as possible, and even if your child doesn't attend this club, they can still participate in the event which is in December. See all information attached here in this newsletter and more coming from your child's teacher.

I'd like to tell all of our families an **important message during this month of gratitude**. The staff and I at LOA are so encouraged about this new community at a time of world unrest, and of courage at a time when some of us are facing great challenges. Your kids are all proving to us that they are adaptable and resilient. All parts of online learning may not be easy, but taking it one step at a time and learning how to do more and more each week is all we ask. **Thank you parents**, for being our partners and for giving what you can. No one knows more than me how humbling technology can be! For the parts your children need more help from us, thank you for trusting us by reaching out and communicating. **We are here to help or find help so all kids are learning everyday.**

Lastly, please see our school day IN SESSION on **November 11**. We will be honoring our veterans with a virtual assembly. Please notice a form coming out this week much like the Picture Parade where you can upload a picture of any family member who is or was a veteran. This will be a cherished part of our first virtual **Veterans Day** assembly. **Thank you**--and for those of you in our LOA family who are serving or who have served our nation in this greatest of ways, please accept my gratitude for your sacrifice, along with all of the LOA staff, who are thankful, as am I, for our American freedoms everyday.

Warm regards,
Patty



Find your School Counselor

(The counselor in your home school is assigned to you)

School	Counselor	Phone #
Athol	Heather Hamilton	208.683.2231
Betty Kiefer	Rebecca Miller	208.687.5206
Garwood	Cassie Martinez	208.687.1265
John Brown	Trish Clausen	208.687.0551
Spirit Lake	Patti Gabrick	208.623.2501
Twin Lakes	Justine Litzko	208.687.5870
LJHS	Meghann McAlister	208.687.0661
TJHS	Alli Nieman	208.623.2582



TECH TIPS

- [Digital Resources for Families](#)
- [Troubleshooting Chromebooks](#)
- helpdesk@lakeland272.org



READING CONNECTION

Check out the October and November editions of Reading Connection. These newsletters are full of helpful tips for reading success!

- [October Issue](#)
- [November Issue](#)



Dragon Lore

When we come together for Friday assemblies we have a name for it:
Dragon Meet

Also, what do you call a whole bunch of dragons? **A THUNDER of DRAGONS**...so on Fridays you may hear some hooping and pounding as I ask our **THUNDER** to make some noise!

Voting for a Dragon Mascot name is coming soon!!

LOA School Pictures



School	Date	Best time to come
Athol	Oct. 29; RT/Nov.19	8am
Betty Kiefer	Nov. 18, Dec. 16	8am - 8:45am
Garwood	Nov. 17, Dec. 15	11-12 pm
John Brown	Nov. 2, Dec. 2	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Spirit Lake	Nov. 12, Dec. 12	8: A.M start time
Twin Lakes	Nov. 19 retake 12/15	TBA
Lakeland Junior	Oct. 19th - retakes	Start time - 7:30 a.m.
Timberlake Junior	October 9th - retakes	8:00 am

Lakeland Online Academy

Inventing Club

Join weekly at 2pm

Join Mrs. Spurway weekly for guidance and support in participating in this year Lakeland Invention Convention.
Weekly Google Meet Invites will be sent out by your LOA teachers!



**Identifying a Problem
and Brainstorming
Ideas**

Nov 4

Nov 09

**Researching your
problem and idea**

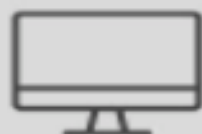


**Designing and
Drafting Blueprints**

Nov 18

Dec 02

**Making sure your
inventors journal
is complete**



**Creating a display
board worth
viewing!**

Dec 07