

October 28, 2022



Family Newsletter



This weekly publication is designed to keep you informed on upcoming events and important reminders.

Important Dates

Monday, October 31: Orange and Black Day

Thursday, November 3: Grade Level Parent Presentation for 8th grade, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (virtual)

Friday, November 4: End of Term One

Friday, November 4: Blue/Green Spirit Day

Wednesday, November 9: Start of Special Olympics Basketball season

Tuesday, November 8: Transition Information Night (for HS families), 6:00-8:00 p.m. (virtual)

Thursday, November 10: All School Red, White, and Blue Day

Thursday, November 10: MCAS ELA Retest

Friday, November 11: NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 15: MCAS Math Retest

Wednesday, November 16: MCAS Math Retest

Thursday, November 17: Partners in Education (PIE) Meeting, 9:00-10:00 a.m. (virtual)

Friday, November 18: Middle School Drama Club Performance, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23: Early Release, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 24: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 25: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

Announcements & Reminders

>>> [Weekly Lunch Menu](#) <<<

Monday, October 31st

While we are thrilled to have fall in the air and many are getting excited about Halloween, we wanted to send out information about this day at school, as not every student celebrates Halloween. Monday, October 31st is Black and Orange Day (this is a change of date) for all students and staff at LPS. Please encourage your student to wear black & orange or just black or just orange. No costumes can be worn during the day, as it can be distracting to the learning environment. The middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) have after school costume socials on Friday, October 28th where they are encouraged to wear costumes. Students will have time after school to change into their costumes (no weapons allowed). If you have questions feel free to reach out to me or your student's counselor.

Peanut and Nut Free School

This is a friendly reminder for parents and students: We are a completely peanut and nut free school. Sharing of any food is strictly prohibited. Please remember to leave all Halloween candy at home; almost all candy poses a risk to those with severe peanut and nut allergies.

Transition Information Night - for High School Parents

Join us on Zoom on November 8th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

A panel of professionals will be available to discuss post-graduation planning and address common transition topics, including:

State Agency Services :: Guardianship :: IDEA vs ADA :: Transition Assessments

Please RSVP by October 31st to Abby Heath at atheath@learningprep.org

*Click this zoom link to join the event:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87896221169>*

Anti Bullying Presentation for Parents

Please Join Us Wednesday, November 9, 8:30-9:30 a.m. [Via Zoom](#)

Topics Include:

*LPS Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan :: What bullying is, what it isn't
LPS' anti-bullying curricula :: How to reinforce bully prevention curriculum at home ::
Online safety and cyberbullying*

Presented By:

Susan Smith Powers, Dean of Students & Anti-Bullying Designee, MS
Amy Plante, Assistant Principal & Anti-Bullying Designee, HS

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82534350468>

What Are R.A.P.P. Grades?

R.A.P.P. stands for Responsibility, Approach, Participation & Progress. R.A.P.P is feedback that academic staff provide your students in order to recognize areas of both strength and improvement. Communication is such an important part of the LPS program: not only communication between students, teachers, and counselors, but also with parents. We know that feedback is an important component of success and goal sheets in middle school; R.A.P.P. grades are a tool we use to provide feedback in order to applaud successes and problem solve challenges.

Middle school teachers complete R.A.P.P. grades weekly. They can be found at the back of each students' binder and are in plastic sleeves and color coded.

*Reading - Pink :: Language Arts – Yellow :: Math – Blue ::
Social Studies – Salmon :: Science – Green*

R.A.P.P. grades are reviewed weekly in counseling with students and teachers give feedback to the students when they hand them back to the students. Feel free to regularly check your student's R.A.P.P. grades. Our goal is for teachers to complete these on Friday or Monday for the previous week.

New this year – high school teachers will be completing R.A.P.P. grades monthly. This is the same level of feedback that middle school students were used to, but weekly instead of monthly. The format will look different as the high school staff are using a Google form to compile feedback. Both the student and staff will fill out the R.A.P.P. grade form, and teachers will use that information when conferencing with students about any differences in their perception of classroom performance. This information will be emailed to you along with your monthly class update.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me or your student's counselor.

~ Amy Plante

LPS Special Olympics Basketball

Open to High School Students

Start Date - Wednesday, November 9 :: Where - LPS Gym :: When - 2:45-4:00 p.m. :: Cost - \$25

What you need to bring:

A positive team attitude :: Secure footwear :: A water bottle :: A snack for practice.

The season runs from November to March for 14 weeks.

Skills and Drill Camp will be *November 12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.* at St. Johns Prep, Danvers.

Games will be held January and February at Danvers Sports Complex - dates to follow

End of season will be mid-March - an end of season banquet will be held

Additional important dates to follow

For questions, please contact Katya Farrell at katyagard@gmail.com or via cell at 617-306-9322

2022-2023 School Year Calendar

The full [2022-2023 School Year Calendar is available here.](#)

Get Involved

The next Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meeting is:
Thursday, December 15th from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

To join, [click here for the zoom link](#)

Please [click here](#) for the minutes from last week's PAG meeting.

Family Directory

Is available via DIRECTORYSPOT. To access:

-Download DirectorySpot from the app store.

-Enter your email address as the username.

-Click RESET PASSWORD

Know someone who would benefit from LPS?

If you know someone who may be looking for a place like LPS, please encourage them to attend one of our weekly, Virtual Information Sessions - encourage them to reach out to [Pat Pingeton!](#)

School Store

Here's a great way to show your Panther Pride!

Check out [The School Store](#) today!



Parent Facebook Group

To foster connections among our current LPS families we have created a private Facebook group just for you called:
LPS Panther Parents & Families Group.

[Click this link to join!](#)

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