

LEARNING PREP SCHOOL



June Newsletter

The monthly newsletter that celebrates our community.

*** STUDENT SPOTLIGHT ***

Lailah Harris
8th grade

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, June 3: High School
Commencement, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 7 & Wednesday, June 8:
MCAS Biology 9th grade and Retests

Tuesday, June 7: 8th Grade Moving On
Ceremony, 10:00 AM

Wednesday, June 8: Pride Day

Friday, June 10: Blue/Green shirt day!

Monday, June 20: No School, Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 21: Early Release, 11:00 AM

Wednesday, June 22: Last day of school,
Early Release 11:00 AM

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 29 : Summer
Program



3...2...1 and she is off! 9 seconds later, Lailah looks up to the score board to see her name in first place!

Lailah Harris, an 8th grade student athlete, has been a member of the Metropolis Cobras for the past 7 years. Lailah heard about the organization through her sister's friend who was also the coach. Lailah immediately fell in love with running. During the past seven years, she has built many friendships and continues to grow as a person and as a runner. Her favorite event is the 55 meter dash, which has earned her many first place finishes.

The [Metro Cobras](#) is a non-profit academic and athletic enrichment program whose mission is to develop student-athletes by offering track and field and supporting academic opportunities.

Running takes your body, mind, and spirit to a better place. The simple act of young athletes moving their feet can make them healthier, happier, and more confident.

We are proud of Lailah and her accomplishments in this amazing sport!

*** PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT ***

Electives

Monday, August 29: First day of school,
Early Release 11:00 AM

*** LEADERSHIP BLOG ***

From 5th through 12th grade

By: Kurt Moellering, Head of School



When a new student walks into a classroom at Learning Prep School for the first time, they enter a safe learning environment with classmates who learn like they do and teachers who tailor instruction to meet their learning style. We meet our students where they are and bring them along as they – at their own pace – acquire new skills, rediscover their self confidence, and begin to take control of their education. It is incredible to watch our students become more independent over time.

I find students who are forced to change schools because of the presence of a learning disability completely impressive. In spite of – or maybe even because of – their lack of previous success in more traditional schools, they demonstrate remarkable resilience. Make no mistake, their struggles are often heartbreaking to hear about and often have impacted the entire family. But the wisdom they display through this challenge is immense. That wisdom is seen in how they value education and understand their own learning styles. LPS students have this rare wisdom and beyond-their-years wisdom. Our students take nothing for granted because nothing has been achieved without tremendous hard work and sacrifice

Our senior class graduates later today, and I have been thinking a lot about this group of students...

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At LPS, we believe that elective classes can enrich the lives of our students, helping them find their interests and passions, build self-esteem, and develop real-world problem-solving skills. In addition to some traditional elective classes like Art, Physical Education, and Computers/Technology, we also offer three unique elective opportunities for students:

Horticulture (Middle and High School): Classes take place in our campus greenhouse and learn the basics of greenhouse maintenance, plant care, growing herbs and vegetables, and how to plan and start a garden in the springtime. In the spring, the greenhouse holds a Plant Sale and is open to our local community to purchase houseplants, flowers, herbs, and vegetable seedlings to plant in local gardens. Horticulture students learn planning and organizational skills, patience, work ethic, environmental awareness, mindfulness, nutrition, healthy eating, and much more. Students also learn entrepreneurial and marketing skills while running our greenhouse as a business. Many of our vegetables and herbs are utilized in our collaborative farm-to-table program with our Food Service team so everyone in our community can enjoy the benefits of our program.

Food Service (High School): Through the production of breakfast, lunch and special events, students prepare a variety of dishes. Our program focuses on fundamental culinary and employability skills in a true commercial kitchen setting. Skills developed in our class include kitchen safety, sanitation and safety, knife skills, nutrition, serving and customer service, reading and following a recipe, communication and teamwork.

Childcare (High School, Age 15+): Students have an opportunity to work in a licensed program that provides active Child Care for LPS employees. Students work alongside the Child Care teachers to directly assist

*** STAFF SPOTLIGHT ***

Bobby Britt Middle School Social Studies Teacher



What do you do at LPS?

I'm one of the middle school social studies teachers, teaching classes of 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. I also run the after school Dungeons and Dragons club along with science teacher, Matt Ferrara.

Where were you before LPS?

I've been working in education for 12 years now. For the last 5 years before joining LPS I was working as a history, math, and life skills teacher in residential and therapeutic programs.

Where is the best place you've traveled to and why?

I spent two summers in Ireland during college and loved every minute of it. Great history, incredibly friendly people, awesome scenery, and very interesting history. I've been wanting to go back ever since.

What is the best book you have ever read?

Some of my earliest memories are of my Dad reading me an illustrated copy of...

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the children with the daily routines and tasks necessary. Teachers provide instruction using school-wide learning strategies to reinforce work skills and behaviors throughout the school year such as the importance of punctuality, positive social skills, teamwork, self-advocating, professionalism, timely task completion, sequencing tasks and health & safety. Students do not necessarily have to want a career in Child Care to participate, however if interested, will be provided information and support to pursue further.

Announcements & Reminders

[Click here for the weekly lunch menu](#)

Pride Day

Happy Pride Month! June is the official Pride Month to celebrate the LGBTQIA + community. LPS is an inclusive, welcoming community for all staff and students, and whenever possible, we make sure that's explicit. LPS is going to have a designated Pride Spirit day on **Wednesday, June 8**. Students are welcome to wear clothing or colors that represent their support and celebration if they'd like. Rainbow pins and stickers will be available for students to wear that day. We are so lucky to be a part of such a supportive community!

Registration ends June 6th for Summer Program!

Registration deadline is Monday!

Summer Program will run Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 29.

For more information including a curriculum overview, sample schedules and registration info [click here](#).

Middle School Yearbooks

MS families are now able to purchase yearbooks! The cost is \$12 (cash or check). Students will go home with a hard copy of the order form next week, or you can access it online [here](#). If you have questions/concerns please email Marianne at mverhaegen@learningprep.org

Make sure you're not missing an email!

To make sure you're getting all of our emails, try "Whitelisting" our system email address which is:

info+learningprep@schooladminonline.com

[Here's how you can do it.](#)

2022-2023 Calendar

The [2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#) is now available (updated 5/12/22)

Course descriptions

Please note that a full list of course descriptions by grade is now available on [our website](#).

Family Directory

Is available via DIRECTORYSPOT. To access:

Download [DirectorySpot](#) from the app store. Enter your email

address as the
username.
Click RESET
PASSWORD

School Store

Show off your Panther
Pride over the summer
by shopping at our
[school store](#)!



Covid Protocols

The 2021-22 Covid
Protocols have been
updated. You can
find them on our
website under Current
Students/Covid-19 or
[attached here](#).

You can also see [this
updated flowchart](#)
from the Department
of Education on what
to do when identified
as a close contact or
testing positive for
Covid.

Grade Level Parents

Grade representatives
for the 2021-22 school
year:

12th: Debbie
Berechman

11th: Stacey Suckerman

10th: Roslyn Michelson

9th: (available)

8th: Lori Day

5th-7th: Christina
Chatalian

Parent Facebook Group

Join our private Facebook group just
parents and guardians called:

LPS Panther Parents & Families Group.

Click this link to join!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/803852983897093>

Know someone who would benefit from LPS?

If you know someone who may be
looking for a place like LPS, tell them
about our weekly, Virtual Information
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