



# LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION

Sunday, December 8, 2024



## Principal Message

Dear Cardinal Families,

The holiday season is in full swing, and excitement is in the air! This week, we're looking forward to events like the **Penguin Patch Holiday Shop**, the **2nd Grade Winter Musical on December 10th**, and our **PTA Dine & Donate at Rita's Italian Ice on December 11th**. Be sure to check out all the details in this week's newsletter.

As temperatures drop, please remember to bundle up our students with warm coats, hats, and gloves for the cold weather. If your family needs assistance with winter clothing, don't hesitate to reach out to one of our school counselors—we're here to help.

Thank you for partnering with us to make LGPS a safe, warm, and joyful place for all. Let's have a wonderful week!

Warm regards,  
Mr. Finger

## Winter Expectations Boost

This time of year brings excitement and anticipation for many families. At school, we remind students to keep our environment safe and special by being thoughtful with their words and actions. We ask families to support our expectations of being safe, respectful, and responsible by discussing how your child can help uphold these values. We are pleased and proud to have you partner with us to support a safe and special school environment.

## Home Resources

Learning begins and ends with our children's first and most important teacher; their family. We are so pleased to partner with you in your child learning and development.

### Reading Word Detective

Turn reading into a game by asking your child to find and point out sight words or their favorite letter in a book or magazine. This keeps reading fun and boosts word recognition! 🔍📖

### Math

#### Everyday Shapes

Help your child spot shapes in everyday life! Ask them to find circles, squares, triangles, or rectangles around the house or on a walk. For example, a clock is a circle, and a book is a rectangle. This simple activity builds shape recognition and early geometry skills! 🟡🟢🔴

- 12/9 - 12/13 - PTA Penguin Patch Holiday Shop during students Music Connect.
- 12/10 - 2nd Grade Winter Musical @ 6:30 PM - 2nd Grade Performers to arrive at 6:15.
- 12/11 - PTA Dine & Donate at Rita Italian Ice in Locust Grove 5:00 - 8:00
- 12/16 - 12/18 - Cardinal Cart to Visit Classrooms
- 12/18 - LGPS Students to be sent home with a special gift from the PTA.
- 12/20 - Student Holiday & Teacher Work Day
- 12/23 - 1/6 - Winter Break for Students
- 1/7 - Students return to school - Welcome Back!



# *Holiday* **Potluck Lunch**

**MONDAY 16TH OF DECEMBER 2024**

**LOCUST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM**

Please bring a donated dish to  
your favorite teachers and staff!

Can be store bought or  
homemade

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE EMAIL DIANE AT  
[president@lgpspta.org](mailto:president@lgpspta.org)**



# LGPS PTA Events

## *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!*



Jenny's  
*Penguin Patch*<sup>®</sup>  
KIDS' HOLIDAY SHOP

This week students will be visiting the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop during music class.



Snowflake Grams!



## Snowflake GRAMS

*Show your friends and teachers how much you'll miss them over Winter Break!*

Fill out your Snowflake Gram with a special message & return it to your teacher with \$1 each by December 17.

They will be delivered with a Candy Cane on December 19th.

The Candy Canes are allergy friendly with no artificial flavors, colors or sweeteners.







COOKIES

WITH

SANTA

Decorate cookies, play reindeer games, take a picture with  
Santa, make arts and crafts!

All Are Welcome!!!

Price: Free!!!



December 17th , 5pm to 7pm



Orange County High School Cafeteria

Children must be accompanied by a parent/gaurdian!

**Unsure? Call the LGPS school nurse**

**540-661-4420 x 4010**



### SEE YOU IN CLASS

Runny nose or a mild cough but no other symptoms

Temperature below 100.4 and no fever reducing medicine in the last 24 hours

No throwing up or diarrhea in the last 24 hours

### BEST TO STAY HOME

Fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 24 hours, with or without fever reducing medicine

Persistent Cough

Vomiting or diarrhea

Instructions from a doctor to isolate from others

### Heading to school! What should I know?

By coming to school every day they're not sick, your child is:

Building positive habits and a solid foundation for success

Staying engaged in learning and on track for graduation

Gaining valuable social skills

Less likely to feel stressed and anxious

Supporting the success of all

### My Child is staying home. What should I do next?

Notify the school by phone or email at 540-661-4415  
lindahopkin@ocss-va.org

If possible let us know before 9:30am on the day of the absence

Repeat this checklist every morning.

We hope to see your student in class soon!!

**We want you to get better when needed but need you in school as often as possible.**

**Please use this guidance to help you decide if we should see you in class or if your child should stay home.**

**¿No estás seguro? Llama a las enfermeras de la escuela.  
540-661-4420 x 4010**



### TE VEO EN CLASES

Secreción nasal o tos leve pero sin otros síntomas

Temperatura inferior a 100,4 y sin medicamentos para reducir la fiebre en las últimas 24 horas.

Sin vómitos ni diarrea en las últimas 24 horas.

**¿De camino a la escuela!  
¿Qué debo saber?**

Al venir a la escuela todos los días y no estar enfermo, su hijo:

Desarrollar hábitos positivos y una base sólida para el éxito

Mantenerse comprometido con el aprendizaje y encaminado hacia la graduación

Adquirir valiosas habilidades sociales

Es menos probable que se sienta estresado y ansioso.

Apoyando el éxito de todos los estudiantes

### LO MEJOR ES QUEDARSE EN CASA

Fiebre de 100.4 o más en las últimas 24 horas, con o sin medicamento para reducir la fiebre.

Tos persistente

Vómitos o diarrea

Instrucciones de un médico para aislarse de los demás.

**Mi hijo se queda en casa.  
¿Qué debería hacer después?**

Notifique a la escuela por teléfono o correo electrónico al 540-661-4415  
lindahopkin@ocss-va.org

Si es posible, avísenos antes de las 9:30 a. m. del día de la ausencia.

Repita esta lista de verificación todas las mañanas.

**¡Esperamos ver a su estudiante en clase pronto!**



# BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR



**Superintendent's Budget Roundtable**  
6:00-8:00 PM



**Public Comment Dedicated to FY2026 Budget**  
Regular Board Meeting



**Presentation of Superintendent's Budget Priorities**  
Board Work Session



**Public Comment Dedicated to FY2026 Budget**  
Regular Board Meeting



**Presentation of Superintendent's Proposed Budget**  
Board Work Session



**Public Hearing on FY2026 Budget**  
Regular Board Meeting



**Tentative Approval of Proposed Budget OR Budget Work Session** (as needed)



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