



# LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION

Sunday, December 15, 2024



## Principal Message

Dear LGPS Families,

As we plan for the upcoming week, I invite all of our families to carefully review this week's Cardinal Connection for a full schedule of learning and Cardinal fun. Picture retake packages have been sent home with students. If you have any questions about picture retakes, please contact Ms. Lee in the front office (540-661-4420).

On behalf of our entire LGPS team, I'd like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season. May this time bring joy and a time of togetherness to your family. We look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday, January 7, for a fantastic start to the new year!

Warm wishes,  
Mr. Finger

## 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

#### Cozy Up with a Good Book

Make reading a cozy tradition!

Spend 15-20 minutes each evening enjoying a holiday or winter-themed book together. Snuggle up, sip hot cocoa, and take turns reading aloud. It's a festive way to build literacy skills and holiday memories!

### Math

#### Winter Number Sense Fun!

Make math fun with holiday or winter items! Use small ornaments, candy canes, or marshmallows to practice counting, adding, or grouping numbers. Hands-on tools like these help kids build number sense while enjoying the season!

## 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.

- 12/16 - 12/19 - Cardinal Spirit Week Continues - See daily themes below.
  - Please know that families are not obligated but are invited to participate.
- 12/16 - 12/18 - Cardinal Cart Days (Mon-Kindergarten / Tues - 2nd / Wed - 1st)
- 12/17 - PTA Snowflake Grams are Due to PTA
- 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)**





MONDAY 12/16

WINTER WONDERLAND

WEAR BLUE,  
WHITE, AND  
SNOWFLAKES.



WEDNESDAY 12/18

HOLIDAY MOVIE  
CHARACTER

DRESS LIKE A  
HOLIDAY MOVIE  
CHARACTER.



FRIDAY 12/13

SCHOOL SPIRIT

WEAR ALL YOUR  
SCHOOL SPIRIT  
WEAR!



TUESDAY 12/17

HOLIDAY CHEER

WEAR YOUR  
HOLIDAY GEAR!



THURSDAY 12/19

POLAR EXPRESS

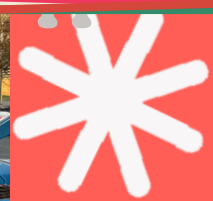
WEAR YOUR  
COMFIEST PJS.



# LGPS/LGES HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK 2024



Thanks go out to our students, staff, and families for helping make the Town of Orange Rotary Christmas Parade an extra special event for our LGPS and the greater Orange Community



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 [lindahopkins@ocss-va.org](mailto:lindahopkins@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!!

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

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



¿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 [lindahopkins@ocss-va.org](mailto:lindahopkins@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!



COOKIES

W I T H

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!

# 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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