



LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Principal Message

Dear LGPS Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a restful winter break. Although the weather extended our time apart, we're excited to welcome students back and kick off the second half of the school year.

As we transition back, re-establishing routines like consistent bedtimes, schedules, and setting clear expectations for school can help children feel secure and ready to succeed. Please also dress students in warm clothing according to the weather.

Let's work together to make 2025 a year of growth and achievement for all our students!

Warm wishes,
Mr. Finger

Mid-Year Growth Testing

This month, students will participate in mid-year assessments to measure their progress. VALLSS, our reading growth screener, will be administered to all students. First and second graders will also complete MAP testing for math, and second graders will take an additional MAP reading assessment to support gifted eligibility decisions later this year. Assessment reports will be sent home early next month.

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 First & Then

In the new year incorporate a first/then strategy to reward your children for spending time in books. Try this:

First read _____ for 15-20 minutes then you can have screen time/TV/drawing time/toy time.

Math

Math & Family Time

Play math games together to make learning fun! Simple games like dice or card games can help practice number recognition, addition, and subtraction while spending quality time as a family.

- 1/13 - LGPS PTA Little Ceasars Pizza Fundraiser Kick Off - Ends 1/27/2025
- 1/14 - Report Cards are scheduled to go home with Student & Available on the students Parent Portal. Need help connecting to your Parent Portal? Contact Ms. Hopkins at 540-661-4420.
- 1/20 - No School for Staff & Students in Observance of Martin Luther King Day
- 1/21 - 1/23 - Cardinal Cart Days
- 1/22 - PTA & Office on Youth Valentine Gram Kick Off

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
- 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
- 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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