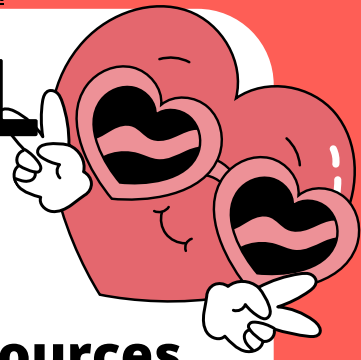




LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION

Sunday, February 9, 2025



Principal Message

Dear LGPS Families,

We are eagerly anticipating parent/teacher conferences and look forward to meeting with all of our Cardinal families to have healthy conversations about our partnership in growing your student in the areas of academics, attendance and behavior. Scroll below for directions to sign up for P/T Conferences by Wednesday of this week.

Kindness Week is this week and we look forward to spreading kindness to others throughout the week.

Monday is: Chalk it up to Kindness – Wear Rainbow Colors

Tuesday: Rockin' Kindness – Dress like a Rockstar

Wednesday: Kindness 911 – Dress as your favorite first responder

Thursday: Spotting Kindness – Wear Polka dots



Upcoming Response Drill

LGPS will conduct a Cardiac Response Drill on this week as part of our safety preparedness. The drill will only require adults to respond. A brief safe school mode notice will be given while the Cardiac Response Team practices.

While we hope it's never needed, we want families to know our trained team is ready to respond.

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

Sweetheart Sight Words

Write sight words on paper hearts and spread them around the room. Have students find, read, and use each word in a sentence.

For extra fun, let them trade hearts with a friend to practice fluency together! ❤️📖

Math

Love Your Number Bonds

Use hearts to practice number bonds! Write two numbers in each half-heart that add up to the whole heart. Then, create related subtraction facts. This fun, Valentine's-themed activity strengthens number sense while keeping math engaging and festive!



- 2/10 – 2/14 – Virginia Kindness Week
- 2/10 – PTA Little Ceasars Pizza Fundraiser Ends
- 2/10 – PTA General Membership Meeting @ 6:00 in Library or [Join Virtually HERE](#)
- 2/12 – PTA Dine & Donate @ Rita's Italian Ice 5:00 – 8:00
- 2/13 – Student Two Hour Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 – 6:00
- 2/14 – Student Holiday for Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 – 12:00
- 2/18 – 2/20 – Cardinal Cart Visits
- 2/25 – 2/27 – 2nd Grade CogAT testing for Gifted Screening – All 2nd Grade Students

KINDNESS WEEK

FEBRUARY

2025



**MON
10TH**

**"CHALK IT UP TO
KINDNESS"**

Wear rainbow colors



**"ROCKIN'
KINDNESS"**

Dress like a rock star



**TUES
11TH**

**WEDS
12TH**

"KINDNESS 911"

Dress as your favorite first responder



**"SPOTTING
KINDNESS"**

Wear polka dots



**THURS
13TH**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR KINDNESS FAMILY CHALLENGE

DEAR FAMILIES,

THIS FAMILY CHALLENGE WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 3RD AND RUN UNTIL FEBRUARY 10TH.

ONCE AT LEAST EIGHT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED & COLORED IN, PLEASE RETURN THE GAME BOARD TO LGPS:
ATTENTION MRS. JACKSON OR MRS. BEARD (SCHOOL COUNSELORS).

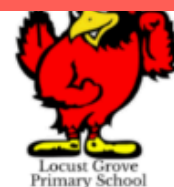
THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT GAME BOARDS WILL BE FEB. 12TH, 2025.

ALL STUDENTS WHO RETURN A GAME BOARD WITH AT LEAST 8 ACTIVITIES COLORED IN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE & BE CELEBRATED ON FEB. 13, 2025.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING TO BUILD KINDNESS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND ACCEPTING THE FAMILY KINDNESS CHALLENGE.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN,

MRS. JACKSON & MRS. BEARD



Kindness

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Read to someone	Did my chores without being asked	Write a positive message to friend or family	Help someone	Got at least 30 minutes of exercise today
HOLD A DOOR OPEN	Brush your teeth and wash up *independently	ASK SOMEONE ABOUT THEIR DAY	Give a friend or family member a hug	Say "Thank you" to someone
Put something in recycle bin	Draw 'things I'm thankful' for	create your own act of kindness	Get at least 9 to 12 hours of sleep at night	Smile at someone
Clean up a mess that was not mine	Give someone a compliment	Drink at least 40 ounces of water in a day	Make someone laugh	HELP PREPARE A MEAL WITH AN ADULT



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Fecha límite para ordenar:

March 28, 2025

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No Service Fees:

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"What are you looking for?", click "Order Your Yearbook" and enter
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**Locust Grove
Primary School**



A portion of your purchases may be
a fundraiser for your school!

Una parte de su compra puede ser una recaudación
de fondos para su escuela!


Barksdale
YEARBOOKS

Valentine's Day GRAMS



SCAN QR CODE AND
SEND YOUR CHILD A
VALENTINE'S DAY
GRAM! SIGN UP
ONLINE, SEND IN
PAYMENT WITH YOUR
CHILD TO SCHOOL,
CASH OR CHECK
PAYMENTS, CHECKS
MADE OUT TO ORANGE
COUNTY
ALL PAYMENTS ARE
DUE FEBRUARY 10TH

BROUGHT TO YOU
BY ORANGE
COUNTY OFFICE
ON YOUTH AND
LGPS PTA

\$6.00 EACH

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, PLEASE
CONTACT CORTNEY DAVENPORT AT
(540)-661-5462

Promoting Good Attendance

All Winter Long



Every winter, bad weather — snow, slush, freezing temperatures or even heavy rains — can present challenges to getting children to school. So do the illnesses such as colds, flu, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months. Students might also have to stay home due to Covid-19.

1. Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather.

- Check to see who can give your children a ride to school if you aren't able to take them or the bus doesn't arrive.
- Talk with your school about forming a "walking school bus" with other families to get students to school safely.
- Contact your local government if roads to school are not regularly plowed.
- Join other families to clear snow from the sidewalks closest to the school.
- Tell school administrators about transportation challenges, including safety, and ask if they have plans for transporting students.

2. Keep your children healthy.

- Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning or check to see if your school serves breakfast.
- Ensure your children visit their medical provider and have received their vaccines, including flu and Covid.
- Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the restroom.
- Reinforce the importance of avoiding close contact with individuals who are sick, and not sharing cups and/or utensils with others.
- If your children seem anxious about going to school, ask teachers, school counselors, your medical provider and parents for advice on how to make your children feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned your children may have Covid, call your medical provider or school nurse for advice.

3. Keep your children engaged in learning if they cannot attend school in person.

- Ask your teacher or school for resources that you can use at home to keep your children learning, including computer tablets, internet access and online learning platforms.
- Identify who can support your children's learning at home, especially if you must go to work.
- Encourage your children to call classmates and stay connected to the teacher to find out about what they missed.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



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!!

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
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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PTC Wizard

Parent Guide

Orange County Public Schools is now using PTC Wizard , a website that will allow parents to easily schedule parent-teacher conferences . This system will sync schedules for parents to help avoid meeting conflicts with different teachers across the division.

Please refer to the letter sent home with students that includes your child's 6 digit lunch number. You will need this number to register for an account.

Step 1: Create an Account or Sign in with account created last conference

Use this Link:

<https://app.ptcwizard.com/ptc1725388648/login>

Or scan the QR code:



PTC WIZARD
Orange County Public Schools

EN ▾

Parent sign in

Username

Password

Sign in

OR SIGN IN WITH

Google Microsoft

→ [Forgot Password](#) [Create Account](#)

You can also choose to view the site in Spanish:

If you forgot your password, click here

PTC WIZARD
Orange County Public Schools

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Create Account

First Name

Last Name

Enter your email address

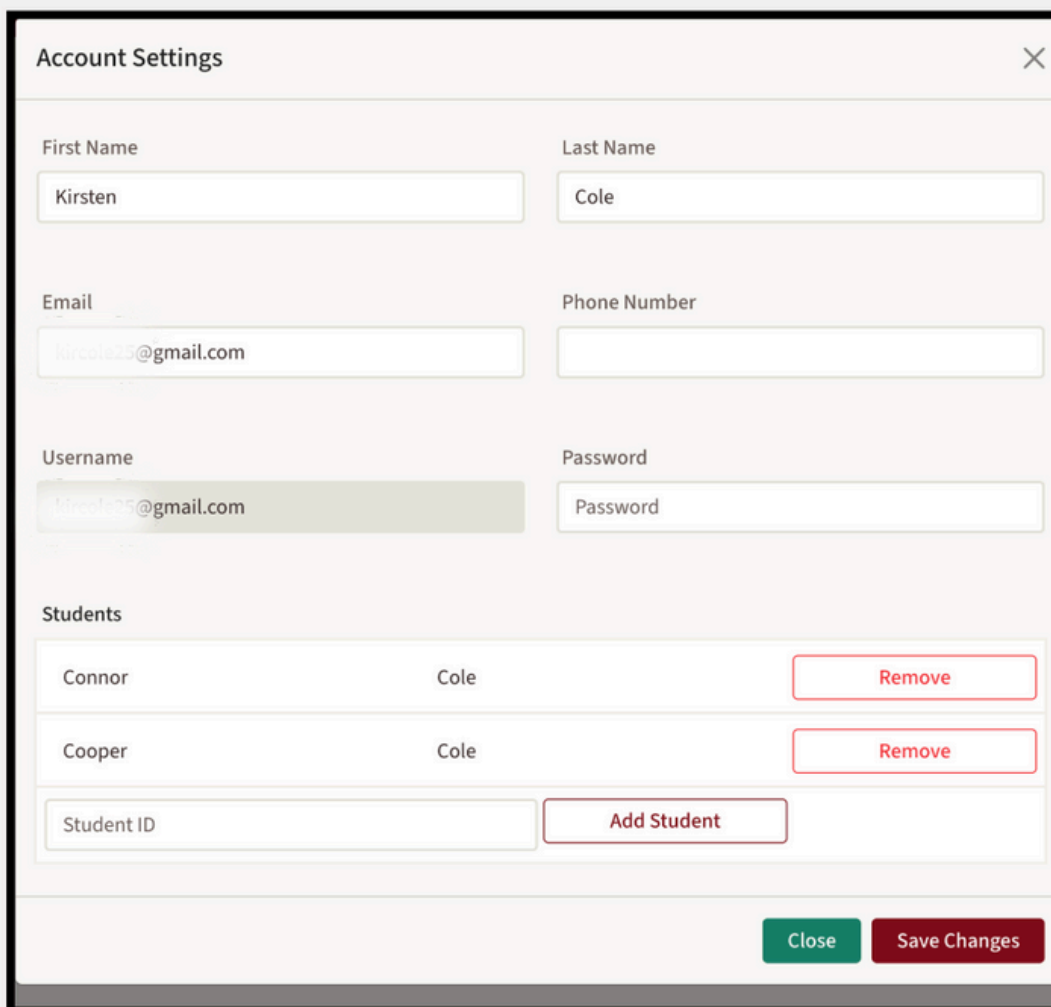
Password

Confirm Password

Create my account

Step 2: Add Students if creating new account

Account settings will automatically pop up on the screen. You will have the option to add all of your children to your account. Be sure to save your changes.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Account Settings" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form is organized into several sections:

- Personal Information:** Fields for First Name (Kirsten), Last Name (Cole), Email (kircole25@gmail.com), and Phone Number (empty).
- Authentication:** Fields for Username (kircole25@gmail.com) and Password (Password).
- Students:** A table listing existing students with their names and last names, and a "Remove" button for each.

Student Name	Last Name	Action
Connor	Cole	Remove
Cooper	Cole	Remove
- Add Student:** A field for "Student ID" and an "Add Student" button.
- Footer:** "Close" and "Save Changes" buttons.

You will see available conferences on your homepage. Click "Add/Edit Meetings"

LGES Fall 2024 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thu Sep 19th - Fri Sep 20th

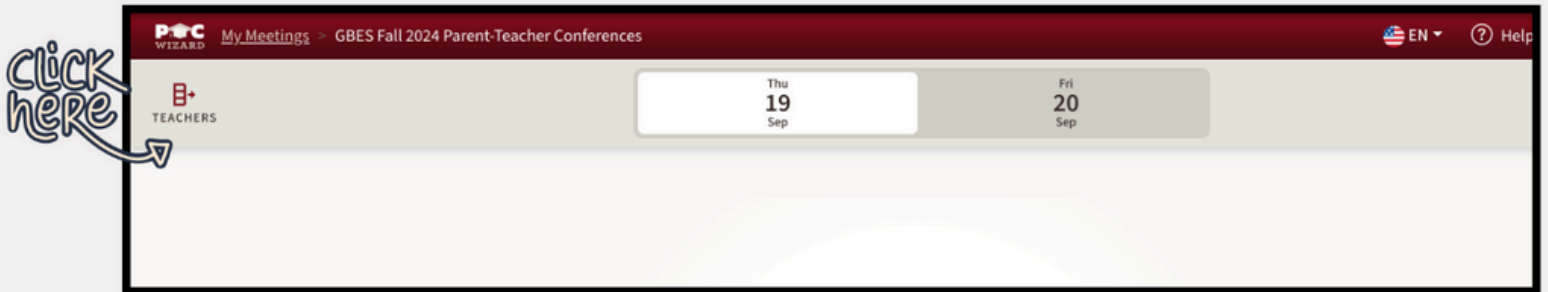
[Add/Edit Meetings](#)

****You may have to log out and log back in to see the available conferences.**

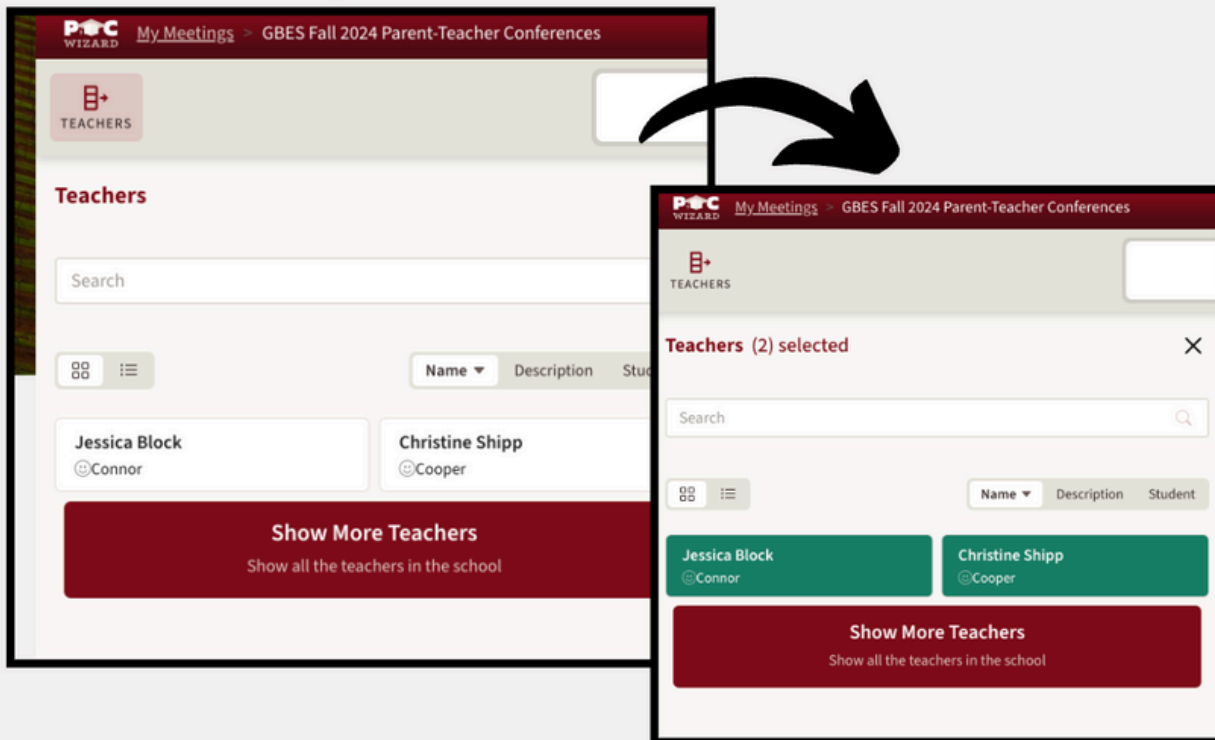
Step 3: Schedule Conference(s)

Choose the date, teacher, and time of your conference.

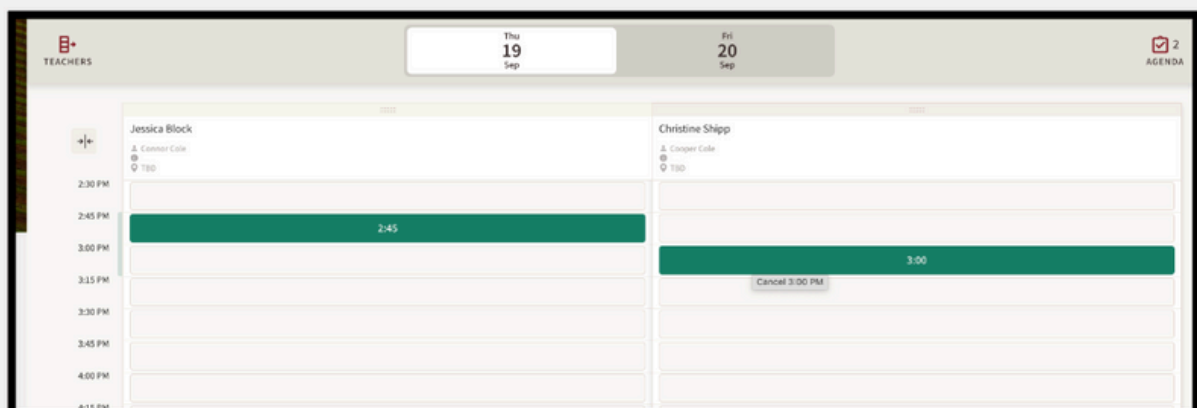
After choosing a date, click on the “Teachers” icon.



Any student that you linked to your account should show up under their teacher's name(s). Click on the teachers you wish to schedule a conference with. Your selections will turn green.



By clicking on the “Teacher Icon” again, the tab will close and you will see the availability schedule for the teacher(s) selected. Choose your times, and your selection will turn green.



Step 4: View your schedule and print /email your schedule for future reference.

Click on “Agenda” in the upper right hand corner to view your conferences. You can also leave a comment for your child’s teacher if needed.

AGENDA 2

Sep 19 2:30 pm (15 mins) **Jessica Block** **CANCEL**

STUDENT
Connor Cole

MEETING TYPE/LOCATION
IN PERSON **PHONE**

COMMENT

Save Comment

Sep 19 3:00 pm (15 mins) **Christine Shipp** **CANCEL**

STUDENT
Cooper Cole

MEETING TYPE/LOCATION
IN PERSON **PHONE**

COMMENT

Confirm this agenda
You can always return and make changes.
Your current agenda will be emailed to you.

After confirming your agenda, you can print or email the schedule.

My Meetings **MEETING** **EVENT** **EN** **Help** **Kirsten Cole**

PRINT **EMAIL** **EXPORT**

GBES Fall 2024 Parent-Teacher Conferences **Add/Edit Meetings**
Thu Sep 19th - Fri Sep 20th

STUDENT	MEETING WITH	DATE/TIME	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	COMMENT	ACTION
Connor Cole	Jessica Block	Sep 19th, 2:30 PM	In Person Phone	Room Unavailable	Add Comment	Delete
Cooper Cole	Christine Shipp	Sep 19th, 2:45 PM	In Person Phone	Room Unavailable	Add Comment	Delete

If you have any issues or questions, please reach out to Mrs. Fletcher at:
kfletcher@ocss-va.org or
(540) 661-4420 ext. 4051