



# LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION

Sunday, February 23, 2025

## Principal Message

Dear Families,

I want to express to our families my appreciation for their patience through the recent school closures due to weather. Looking to the week ahead, it appears we will have a full week of school. I want to remind our students and our families to

**#bepresentbeproud** by showing up to school each day to receive consistent and regular face-to-face instruction. Regular attendance is key to students short term and long-term growth and success

Regular attendance is also important to instill and develop good habits that will serve young children as they grow, mature, and develop into the remainder of their educational path.

We look forward to welcoming our Cardinals this week.

## No Tutoring This Week

There is not before or after school tutoring this coming week.

Before and after school tutoring will resume the week of March 3rd. Before and after school tutoring is by invitation.

## Home Resources

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

### Reading

#### Phonics Sound Walk

Choose a sound, like /b/, and take a family walk. Listen for objects beginning with that sound—ball, bike, bush—and discuss your discoveries afterward. This engaging activity connects sounds with everyday words, reinforcing reading skills in a fun, interactive way.

### Math

#### Part Part Whole Puzzle

Encourage your family to break numbers into parts. For example, use the number 10 and explore different pairs like  $3+7$ ,  $4+6$ , or  $2+8$ . This fun exercise builds number sense and mental math skills by showing how different parts combine to form a whole.

- 2/24 - 2/28 - 2nd Grade CogAT testing this week for gifted screening.
- 2/26 - PTA Dine & Donate at Bella Cucina Mexian and Italian Restaurants
- 3/3 - PTA Raise Craze Fundraiser Kick Off
- 3/4 & 3/6 - LGPS Before & After School Tutoring Resumes (by invitation).
- 3/3 - The Anxious Gneration Fireside Chat Screening @ TEAC 5:00 - 6:30
- 3/4 - Planned LGPS Tornado Drill
- 3/11 - Final Day of 3rd Quater
- 3/14 - Full Student School Day - No Longer a Student Holiday
- 3/17 - Student Holiday & Teacher Professional Development Day



WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO

# KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE?

## PARENT NIGHT SERIES

Join OCPS for a 4-part series on topics related to safety and wellness.

Dinner & Childcare Provided  
In-Person at TEAC & Virtual

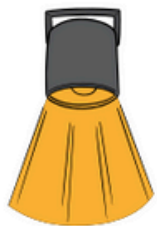


## THE ANXIOUS GENERATION FIRESIDE CHAT SCREENING

Monday, March 3rd 5-6:30  
FREE copy of the book for the first 25 participants to register!

## SAFE HOUSE PROJECT

Monday, March 10th 5-6:30pm  
Every year an estimated 300,000 children are victims of trafficking. Learn the dangers and how to protect your child.



**HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**  
Monday, March 31st 5-6:30pm  
A drug and vaping awareness program for parents of teens led by law enforcement.

## DIGITAL SAFETY & WELLNESS

Monday, April 14th 5-6:30  
Learn practical tips about supporting your child in the ever-evolving digital age.



## PLEASE SIGN-UP TO JOIN US!

To register, select the [QR Code](#) or email [amosser@ocss-va.org](mailto:amosser@ocss-va.org)



You are invited to join OCPS at TEAC or virtually to:

# What would you do to keep your child safe?

[CLICK HERE](#) or or the graphic to register today!

# YEARBOOKS

# Show your school pride!

**Order your school's yearbook NOW.**

¡Muestra su orgullo escolar! Ordene el anuario de su escuela AHORA.

**\$15 per book – Soft Cover**

**Access Code: 0037696YB**

Order online  
at [barksdalephoto.com](http://barksdalephoto.com)  
Devolver el pago con el formulario de pedido completado

**Deadline to order:**

Fecha límite para ordenar:

**March 28, 2025**

Credit card orders through Barksdale website only

**No Service Fees:**

Pedidos con tarjeta de crédito a través del sitio web de Barksdale solamente.  
Sin cargos por servicio.

To pay by credit card, visit [www.barksdalephoto.com](http://www.barksdalephoto.com) go to "What are you looking for?", click "Order Your Yearbook" and enter **0037696YB** as the Access Code.

Para pagar con tarjeta de crédito, visite [www.barksdalephoto.com](http://www.barksdalephoto.com) vaya a "¿Qué estás buscando?", haz clic en "Ordena tu anuario" e ingresa **0037696YB** como el código de acceso

**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



# ATTENTION PLEASE !

## CALENDAR UPDATES

In response to the numerous inclement weather days in the second semester, we are making the following changes to the OCPS Instructional Calendar:

- **Friday, March 14th**, will be a full instructional day for students.
- **Monday, March 17th**, will be a Teacher Work Day with no school for students.
- **Friday, April 18th**, will be a full instructional day for students.
- **The third quarter will be extended** until Friday, March 14th.



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!

# 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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