



LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Principal Message

Dear Families,

I'm pleased we had our first full week of school and appreciate families sending their children daily. Our goal is to keep chronic absenteeism below 11%, with a stretch target of under 9%, though a recent report shows we're above 14%. As we enjoy warmer weather and fewer illnesses, please continue prioritizing regular, on-time attendance. Chronic absenteeism means missing 10% or more of school days. Let's make each day count!

- 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

Phonics Scavenger & Write

Turn your scavenger hunt into a mini writing exercise. Have family members search for objects that start with target sounds (like /b/ or /s/) and then write down or draw the object's name. This fun twist reinforces both phonics and writing skills while keeping learning interactive and brief.

Math

Part Part Whole Puzzle

Model number writing by showing digits left-to-right. If numbers reverse (e.g., 21 for 12), gently correct and model if needed. Reversals can occur in primary grade, however, students benefit from good modeling and gentle correction.

Tues & Thurs Before & After School Tutoring Resumes

Tuesday and Thursday before and after school tutoring will resume this week. Tutoring is by invitation.

- 3/3 - PTA Raise Craze Fundraiser Kick Off
- 3/4 & 3/6 - LGPS Before & After School Tutoring Resumes (by invitation).
- 3/3 - The Anxious Generation Fireside Chat Screening @ TEAC 5:00 - 6:30
- 3/4 - Planned LGPS Tornado Drill
- 3/10 - Safe House Project (part of Keeping your Child Safe Series) @ TEAC 5:00 - 6:30
- 3/14 - Final Day of 3rd Quarter
- 3/14 - Full Student School Day - No Longer a Student Holiday
- 3/17 - Student Holiday & Teacher Professional Development Day
- 3/18 - 320 - Cardinal Cart Days



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

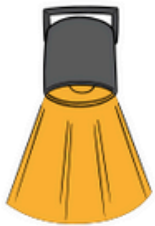


THE ANXIOUS GENERATION FIRESIDE CHAT SCREENING

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

YOU'RE INVITED!

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!

CARDINAL FUN DAY 2025

Click the Cardinal to sign-up



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

May 21st from 9:15am-12:15pm

(last day of school)

MANY volunteers will be needed to make this day possible & help us celebrate the end of the school year in a fun active way! Stations will be set up prior to your arrival, we just need adults to run them. Preference given to those pre-approve so visit the front office to start pre-approval process if needed.



Lots of Physical Activities + Good Sportsmanship = FUN DAY

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
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 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 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
- 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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