



LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Principal Message

Dear Families,

Let's keep our momentum going! In the last 10 school days, we've reduced our chronic absenteeism from 14.9% to 12.9%, and our goal is to get below 9%. Every day at school is an opportunity to learn, be safe, and be proud. Please ensure your child comes to school daily and participates fully in class.

I also encourage you to have open conversations about your expectations for your child's success. By promoting attentiveness, respect, and responsibility, we strengthen our safe and supportive school community.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make every day count!

Sincerely,

- 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 Sound Blossoms

Write simple spring words on flower petals and blend the sounds together to read each word. Examples: bee, sun, rain, bloom

Math Flower Count

Spring into math this season! Try a "Flower Power Count" activity: Have your little ones collect or draw pictures of different flowers (real or paper cutouts). Count the blooms together, then arrange them in groups to explore concepts like addition, subtraction, or even simple patterns. This engaging activity boosts number sense while celebrating the beauty of spring.

Book Fair This Week

Mr. Arruda is hosting the Book Fair during library time this week. Families, please scroll down for more details and a link to our Book Fair website.

- 3/17 - Student Holiday & Teacher Professional Development Day
- 3/18 - 3/21 - The Book Fair is coming to library
- 3/18 - 3/20 - Cardinal Cart Days
- 3/19 - 2nd Grade Ag Week Visitors and Book Reading
- 3/21 - Report Cards to go home with LGPS students
- 3/21 - LGPS PTA Raise Craze Ends
- 3/28 - Class and Portrait Picture Day - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW PRE-ORDER OPTIONS](#)
- 4/4 - Kona Ice Day



PARTNERS IN KINDNESS

Powered by **RAISE CRAZE**

Dear Friends of Locust Grove Primary School PTA,

As a valued and respected member of our business community, we are reaching out for your support in our Raise Craze fundraiser. With Raise Craze, our students ask friends and families for donations while spreading acts of kindness in the community.

Why We Chose This Way to Fundraise

We picked this fundraiser in an effort to get more of our students involved, while teaching the value of gratitude, inclusion, and paying it forward in the community.

How A Sponsorship Can Help Your Business Grow

Throughout this fundraiser, we will spotlight your business on our social media and on our thank you emails that will go out to all of our donors. This all allows your name to be in front of our entire school community.

♥ Ways To Give ♥

- 1 A gift card to your business for \$50+
- 2 Sponsor incentives or printing costs - Contact Diane Arnatt @ arnattd@gmail.com
- 3 Direct donation using the link or scanning the QR code in the purple boxes below

We sincerely appreciate your support!

Diane Arnatt, Fundraiser Organizer
Locust Grove Primary School PTA
arnattd@gmail.com

Donate Online Here
March 3 - March 17

<https://give.raisecraze.com/ajw2k6c4>



PREFER TO MAIL A CHECK? Please make your check out to "Locust Grove Primary School PTA" and send your contribution to: 31230 Constitution Highway Locust Grove, VA 22508



Raise Craze: The Difference Is Kindness



**LOCUST GROVE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
invites families

**CLICK
HERE!**

Come to our

SCHOLASTIC **BOOK FAIR**



WHEN:

March 18th- March 21st during Library connect time
Family Night on Wednesday, March 19th until 7:00PM

Monday library classes:

Please reach out to your classroom teacher for the day
your student will go to the book fair.



Now
OPEN!




KINDERGARTEN

Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year will be held during March and April by appointment only.

To be eligible to enroll in kindergarten, your child **must be five on/before September 30, 2025.**



Click the image above to visit
the OCPS Kindergarten
registration site.

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENT

Fine Arts Fest

2025

K-12 Art Exhibition
Musical Performances

March 28-29



OCHS FIELD HOUSE,
CAFETERIA, &
AUDITORIUM



Scan for schedule

TODAY'S MOMENTS are TOMORROW'S MEMORIES!



BACKGROUNDS MAY VARY
MORE CHOICES ONLINE!



ORDERING ONLINE IS FAST & EASY

BUILD YOUR OWN PACKAGE -- or -- SELECT ONE OF OUR PACKAGES



**GO PAPERLESS
& ORDER ONLINE**

LOCUST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Picture Day is

March 28, 2025

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order code for online purchases
(password expires 24 hrs. after picture day)

CLICK TO ORDER



QUESTIONS? 1.800.220.7667

THIS IS A PREPAY EVENT. PAYMENT IS DUE ON PICTURE DAY. *Este es un evento prepagado. Pago se debe entregar el día de las fotos.*

SCHOOL PORTRAITS
www.pictureswithclass.com

PICTURES WITH CLASS by Barksdale
www.pictureswithclass.com

**Picture Day
is coming!
Friday, March 28**





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

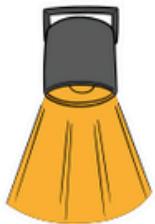


THE ANXIOUS GENERATION FIRESIDE CHAT SCREENING

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

SAFE HOUSE PROJECT

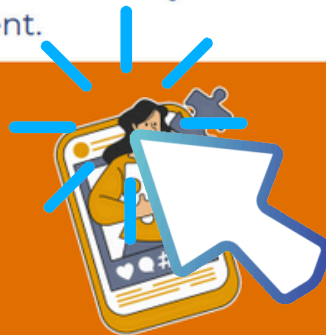
Monday, March 10th 5-6:30pm
Every year an estimated 300,000 children are victims of trafficking. Learn the dangers and how to protect your child.



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

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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