



LEOPARD SPOT

MARGARET LANDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2025

Principal's Message:

Building Stronger Partnerships for Student Success

When parents are involved in elementary school, everyone benefits! Students tend to do better academically, feel more motivated, show positive behavior, and our whole community is stronger. At Margaret Landell Elementary, we truly value our parent partners and the many ways you support our school. Here are a few opportunities to get involved and help strengthen the home-school connections. Every bit of involvement makes a difference, and we are grateful for all you do to support our Leopards.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: We are looking forward to connecting with every family during Parent-Teacher Conferences the Week of September 22-26. These meetings are wonderful opportunities to get to know your child's teacher and hear about their progress so far. Teachers will share important updates on academics and classroom behavior, as well as areas of growth and enrichment. It is a great time to set goals together and share insights about your child that will support their success this year.

Communication: Strong communication between parents and teachers helps encourage that every child thrives. We encourage families to stay connected with their child's teacher through email, a note, a phone call or the SeeSaw app. In addition, please be sure to check our school website and read the weekly communication emails from Ms. Hein sent out on Sunday evenings. Staying informed and connected helps us all work together to support our students' success.

Volunteer Opportunities: Many of our Landell teachers welcome parent support in the classroom. Families can volunteer regularly or step in to help with special projects and events.

Homework Support: Parents play an important role in supporting their child's learning at home. You can help by checking in on homework completion and being available when your child has questions. One of the most valuable ways to stay involved during the elementary years is by spending time reading together.

PTA Involvement: Our PTA plays a vital role in enhancing programs that benefit every student at Landell. Thanks to PTA support, students enjoy access to BrainPop, new books for our library, field trips at every grad level, and exciting family events throughout the year. None of this would be possible without the involvement of our amazing PTA. We would love for you to be a part of it. Do not forget to join today! <https://www.landellpta.org/joinpta>

I look forward to continuing a strong partnership with all parents at Margaret Landell Elementary School.

With Gratitude,

Vanessa Freedman

Mark Your Calendar!

September 15-19

Book Fair

September 17

Picture Day

September 18

PTA Fall Family Night
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

September 19

PTA Color Run 1:00 p.m.

September 22-26

Early Dismissal Days for
Parent/Teacher Conferences

September 24

Non-Student Day for
Parent/Teacher Conferences

September 29

Early Dismissal Day/ Staff
Development

Questions?

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A Gift of Stories: Landell Multicultural Lending Library

We are excited to share that the Landell Multicultural Lending Library has been installed in our entry courtyard, dedicated in honor of former Trustee Sandra Lee. Sandra served as a school board member and dedicated her time to improving the lives and educational experiences of Cypress children. Inside the library, students will find a wonderful collection of books that celebrate and reflect many different cultures. We encourage students to borrow and enjoy these stories—and then return them so others can do the same. Families who would like to add to our collection can contribute through our **Amazon Wishlist**.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/31TE1E1VL483I?ref=wl_share



The lending library and a sample of the beautiful multicultural books you can borrow!

Leopards for Learning Foundation



We are excited to share the launch of the **Leopards for Learning Foundation**, a nonprofit organization created to support Landell students—especially sixth-grade activities and Outdoor Science Camp. A big thank you goes to Mr. George Pardon, Ms. Mary Hein, Mr. Brian Gary, and Mrs. Brittney Cook-Cannata for volunteering their time and talents to establish the foundation and serve on its board. Thanks to their efforts, our students will continue to enjoy memorable, enriching experiences. Stay tuned for special fundraising events coming soon!



Mrs. Donskoy's class celebrated earning their class points with a popsicle party. Keep up the great behavior, first graders!

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

At Margaret Landell Elementary School, students are taught expectations of how they are to behave while they are at school. **PAWS**, the acronym that students know, encourages and reminds students of appropriate behaviors while at school. During the first week of school, all students participated in a school-wide PBIS rotation assembly that taught the expected behaviors of the different locations on campus.

When students are following the behavior expectations they are rewarded with PBIS points. Points are collected and can be redeemed for different items in the PBIS Store.

Girls (and Boys) Who Code

We are excited to share a wonderful opportunity for our grade three through grade six students! Landell will be hosting a **Girls Who Code Club** this fall, which is open to both boys and girls. The club will meet on Thursdays from 1:30–2:30 p.m., September 18 through November 20, right here on campus. This program is free of charge and will be run by a parent along with several dedicated volunteers

This opportunity gives students the chance to explore computer science in a fun and supportive environment.