

HOME OF THE PENGUINS!!



The Cool Spring Times

THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

With a month of school under our belts, I hope that all of our students and families are settling in to daily school-home routines. It looks like we might be on the verge of some autumn-like weather too!

As mentioned at Back to School Night, students in Grades 1-2 are participating in the Readers Workshop literacy instructional model. We have had a great first month with students building strong reading habits, setting reading goals and learning new reading strategies! We look forward to the continued growth of our young readers this year. Grades 3-5 students are continuing the Reading Workshop model as well, doing more in-depth work with story elements and character studies. Additionally, LCPS has adopted a new math textbooks series for K-12. At the elementary level, the textbooks are consumable workbook style materials and are an additional supplemental resource to support existing instructional strategies, resources and the Math Workshop model. There are also classroom manipulative sets and digital resources included.

The PTA Board and Event Contacts are working hard on programs for this year! Please see the PTA website, pink flyers that come home, and information in our weekly calls for more details. We remind families that our monthly meetings are in the evenings this year. We had much positive feedback on the change to evenings, so we encourage families to attend. Please mark your calendars for our first **PTA Bingo— October 12 at 6:30PM**. It is a **fall theme**, and **students are invited to wear their favorite costumes!** There will be some fun raffles, food and more fun! We also are starting our **Cool Pops** program for the year. It's a flexible, easy way for dads, grandfathers, uncles and other male role models to volunteer and get involved in our students' education. Interested 'Pops' are invited to attend a pizza meet and greet on **October 9 at 6:30PM**.

Fondly,
Chris Cadwell

OCTOBER, 2018

2nd

Character Day: Wear Orange for Bullying Prevention/Responsibility

3rd

Fun Run Pledges Collection
Grade 4 Field Trip

4th

Fall Picture Day

8th

Columbus Day Holiday— No School

9th

Cool Pops Meet & Greet 6:30PM
Follow Monday Specials Schedule

10th

PTA Spirit Night: Chic-fil-A

12th

PTA Bingo Night 6:30PM (Costumes Welcome!)

15th

PTA Meeting 6:30PM

22nd

County-wide Staff Development Day— No School

24th

Pastries w/ Penguins (A-G) 7AM

26th

Pastries w/ Penguins (H-P) 7AM

29th

Pastries w/ Penguins (Q-Z) 7AM



PARENTVUE AND FORMS

We remind all families that it is necessary to activate their ParentVue account. This is needed in order to access required beginning of the year forms, and the quarterly student report card. Families who have not activated their account are receiving a notice with directions the first week in October. We ask that families activate their accounts and complete the forms by October 12. Please contact the school office if you need assistance. ParentVue can be accessed directly from the main LCPS webpage– www.lcps.org and from the LCPS app.

NUTRITION CLUB

We are grateful to partner with Loudoun Interfaith to provide weekly food bags to needy students. If your family has food needs, please contact our Parent Liaison, Paula Callaghan at the school office.

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CSP PENGUINS FUN RUN!

As the Penguins Fun Run is about to conclude, a special **thank you** to all of our families for your support of the program! The students enjoyed character education and STEAM theme and had a lot of fun running in the Penguins Fun Run! THANK YOU to the families, friends, grandparents and others who came out to cheer the students on, volunteer and celebrate them at the Fun Run! You all helped make the program successful!



The Fun Run pledge closing and collection date is **October 4**. A reminder flyer from PTA will come out. As of Sept. 28, we had \$23,390 pledged profit, exceeding our set goal, presuming that all pledges are collected in the coming week. It looks like Mr. Cadwell will be getting silly string to fulfill his Principal's Challenge! We are so grateful for all of the support of Cool Spring! We appreciate everyone turning in and/or having pledges processed this coming week. As noted, funds raised will go towards **Chromebooks, leveled texts for literacy instruction, document cameras and teacher instructional grants**.

Thank you to the local business for their sponsorship of the students' Fun Run t-shirts: WeedMan, Legacy Orthodontics, Mullen Orthodontics, Rita's Italian Ice, Hancock Orthodontics, Hunt Country Sotheby's Int'l Realty (Mrs. Regina Petrucci Neumann).

PE NEWS

We have just completed our first round of Physical Fitness testing for our 4th and 5th grade students. They are tested on their flexibility, cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular endurance, and muscular strength. In the coming weeks we will be setting fitness goals for the year based on these tests. Please talk with your child about their goals, this could be something great to work together on as a family.

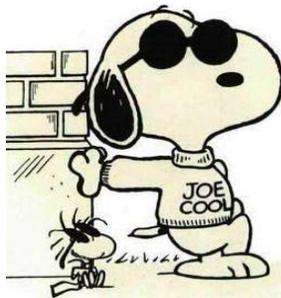


Also, this month we will begin our **PE Superstars** bulletin board in the gym. Each week we will select a new class to feature. A PE Superstars paper will come home with each student from the selected class to fill out and return. We will display each students paper on our bulletin board. We are excited to see all the different activities that our Penguins do!

If you have any question regarding the Physical Education Program please visit our webpage or you may contact Mrs. Blakeney and Mr. Nowak at: 571-252-2890

HEY, POPS!

Calling all dads, uncles, grandfathers and other positive male role models! Our Cool Pops program is about to start for the 2018-19 school year. Cool Pops is a great way to encourage involvement among fathers, uncles, grandfathers within students' education. PTA would like to encourage some of our new dads to sign up! Our Cool Pops volunteer in classrooms and help around the school. Commitment is very flexible and managed through an online sign up. Come on out with your student for a pizza and open gym Meet & Greet on October 9 at 6:30PM. A flyer came home last month and is on the PTA website. Questions? Contact Kim Hart at kimhart6@gmail.com



ALLERGY AWARENESS

The LCPS breakfast and lunch menu is available online at: <http://lcpshhealthycafe.org> and on the Cool Spring website. We will not be including the menu with the monthly school newsletter.

LCPS has reviewed and revised guidelines to promote healthy nutritional habits amongst all students and to support students with severe food allergies.

Related to these guidelines, we cannot accept any cookies, cakes, cupcakes or other food treats for students' birthdays; including for use during lunch. We are no longer permitted to have ice cream from the cafeteria be purchased for birthdays as well. For classroom parties during the school year, the teachers will work in conjunction with room parents and in communication with parents of students with severe food allergies to ensure safe and health conscious food items are present.

Additional information can be found in the Cool Spring Family Handbook which is available online. We recognize that students like to celebrate birthdays, but these guidelines are in place for the safety of all students. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.