



BOBCATS BULLETIN

La Center Elementary

Principal's Message

A Pawsitive beginning to our 2024 school year at LCES!

This year has begun with smiling faces and students hitting the ground running. Our teachers worked hard in preparation for our students so that they felt welcomed, encouraged, and supported here at La Center Elementary. Our students have learned to continue with our **Bobcat Motto** of: "As a Bobcat Learner, I show respect to myself, others and things" as well as our new and improved "**PAWS**" for success tools.

Students and staff know that our learning community will succeed if we practice the following actions at school:

- Practice Respect
- Accept Responsibility
- Work Together
- Safe choices

Students get rewarded with a "Bobcat Coin" from staff members who witness a student demonstrating a PAWS action. That coin gets placed in our Bobcat Bucket where the school works together to earn a fun school wide thematic day of celebration when it is full! It is getting closer by the day.

Greg Hall 3-5 principal



Important Dates:

October 3:

PTO Mtg @ 2:30pm

October 11:

No School-

Teacher Workday

October 16:

Unity Day! -
Wear Orange



October 22:

Earthquake Drill

(see page 3 for more details)

October 24:

Picture Re-Takes



October 25:

Kindergarten Pumpkin
Patch Field Trip

PTO-Creature Crawl

5-7pm More info below!



October 28-November 1:

Conference week -Early
Release

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The school year is in full swing and I'm excited for another year here at La Center Elementary School. Our teaching staff worked hard to get their classrooms up and running for the first day of school. Our custodial and maintenance staff has our buildings looking good and operational each day for our students.

It was great to see all the students and families filling the school during those first few days, because educators without students are like a tennis ball without a golden retriever—they are fine on their own, but together, they bring so much more joy!

Students have been learning about our new school expectations, PAWS (Practice Respect, Accept Responsibility, Work Together, Safe Choices). This is our anchoring expectations throughout our school.

Go Bobcats!

Steve Avery, PK-2 Principal



PTO Birthday Books

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

 signupgenius.com

Hours/Schedule

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:

7:45am-2:15pm

Students can enter at 7:30am

Wednesday:

8:45am-2:15pm

Students can enter at 8:30am

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri. 7am-3:30pm

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Welcome to fall at La Center Elementary School. For inclement weather please send your students with an extra change of clothes in their backpacks (all grades), and a warm coat.



If your student needs any medications at school (including over the counter medications) a medication authorization signed by your provider is needed at school each year. See attached medication authorization form.

We have many students in our district with food allergies. Please remind your student to not share snacks, lunches, or extra food in class, cafeteria, or on the bus to ensure the safety of our food allergy students.



Thanks from your La Center Elementary Team



Safety Drill Update for LCES

Did you know that we practice a school wide safety drill at least once a month? This month (October) we are practicing an earthquake drill scenario. We had our first fire drill scheduled at the end of September and review our drills for a few details. This is in the event of a fire on our campus that requires a school wide evacuation. At that time we have all students and staff relocate to a designated location away from the building, then have a system to account for every student. A common scenario for this event could be a fire in the kitchen for example. Things we look for as a team when doing the fire drill:

1. Did classes get out quickly and orderly?
2. Did everyone know where to go?
3. Did the mechanics of the alarm work effectively?
4. Was everyone accounted for?
5. Was communication from the incident command center and staff clear and effective?
6. Staff feedback for any areas of improvement?

Playground Under Construction

Our west playground near the round building and cafeteria was in need of an additional covered play area so students had a place to play when it rains. This summer, construction began and is well under way. We anticipate the structure will be up and ready for students by the end of September. Just in time for the rainy season (fingers crossed). In the meantime, our students have been playing on the football field over by the bus zone on the opposite side of our campus.

Stay tuned for updates. We are all anxiously looking forward to the improved playground area.





Creature Crawl Donations

The La Center PTO is asking for donations for the Creature Crawl. Please drop off items at the office on or before October 21st. We really appreciate yo...

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Creature Crawl Volunteers

The La Center PTO needs volunteers to make the Creature Crawl an amazing event for all!! Please review the available slots below and click on the...

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LA CENTER ELEMENTARY PTO
PRESENTS

CREATURE CRAWL

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Bring own bag for candy



CASH PREFERRED
CARD ACCEPTED
AMEX/VISA/MC

!!
OPEN TO THE
COMMUNITY

FRI OCT 25TH

5-7 PM

La Center Elementary school

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

No scary masks or weapons

TICKET
ENTRY

\$4

PER PERSON OR \$20 MAX PER FAMILY

DINNER INCLUDED
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER DECORATION

Any questions/concerns please contact the PTO at Bobcatspto5k@gmail.com

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Counselor's Corner
October 2024



Character Trait of the Month

As September comes to a close and October begins, we wrap up our exploration of Respect and shift our focus to Responsibility. Respect is seeing value in all people and things and treating them with care. Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices. Please partner with us in exploring our monthly character traits to reinforce your child's learning at home. Each month we will share a PurposeFull People Family Letter filled with tips and resources for diving into the character traits with your family. Below, you will find the letters for Respect, Responsibility, and an Introduction to PurposeFull People.

[PurposeFull People Respect Family Letter](#)
[PurposeFull People Responsibility Family Letter](#)
[PurposeFull People Introduction Family Letter](#)

National Bullying Prevention Month
Unity Day, October 16

We invite you to join us in wearing something orange on Wednesday, October 16, Unity Day as part of National Bullying Prevention Month! By wearing orange, we are showing unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion, <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>.

Bullying Prevention Lessons

At La Center Elementary, we are teaching all students to use the stoplight approach of Stop (red light), Support (yellow light), and Report (green light). Bullying is hurtful, repeated behavior that involves an imbalance of power as opposed to rough-and-tumble play or conflict that happens between peers of equal status. To know more about the stoplight and how to support your child in being an upstander to bullying, please take a few minutes to read [PurposeFull People's Bullying Prevention Family Letter](#).

Community Resources

If you or someone you know needs assistance with holidays, this is a good time to connect with an organization as many of them have deadlines later this month. For help finding an organization that provides holiday, food, clothing, or housing assistance, please reference our [La Center Community Resource List](#). If you need help connecting to a specific resource or have a unique need, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's school counselor.

[La Center Elementary School Counseling Website](#)

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Important Reminders:

-Pay attention to "No Nut" classrooms when bringing in class treats.

-Background Checks need to be done yearly if you wish to help in a classroom, volunteer, field trips, etc. (paperwork is on our web page or in the office)

-After school changes need to be communicated with the office by **1:15pm** to ensure your student gets the note. Call our attendance line @ 360-836-0237 or the Office.

Excusing Absences:

Anytime your student is missing school please call the attendance line at 360-836-0237 or office at 360-263-2134 to let us know and we can mark your student accordingly.



Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Avery, PK-2 Principal
Greg Hall, 3-5 Principal