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LA CENTER ELEMENTARY



JANUARY 2025

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Mr. Avery's Corner



PK - 2 ND PRINCIPAL

In December, our students celebrated Winter Break preparations with activities like the Kindergarten Holiday Show on December 19th—fantastic work, Kinders! Classrooms were filled with the holiday season and exciting events that create lasting memories with students.

As 2024 concluded, we eagerly anticipate the exciting learning and activities awaiting in 2025! Our school is constantly alive with energy, enthusiasm, and positive energy; each day is always a new adventure!

I truly hope you had a joyful and safe holiday season! Thank you for your continued support in making our school a warm and welcoming place for learning and growing.

Jan. 9th ~ 2:30pm

La Center PTO Mtg. in ES cafeteria

-All are welcome & encouraged to attend the PTO mtgs. Many hands make light work & the pay off....your kids benefit from your involvement!

Jan. 14th ~ Hold Drill

Jan. 20th ~ No School - MLK Jr. Day

**Jan. 24th ~ No School - Teacher
Workday**

Jan. 27-31st ~ Kindness Week

**Jan. 31st ~ Monthly Character Trait
Assembly**

-Teachers contact families if their student is receiving an award so they can attend

January's Character Trait is: Perseverance

Mrs. Gray's 1st Grade Class



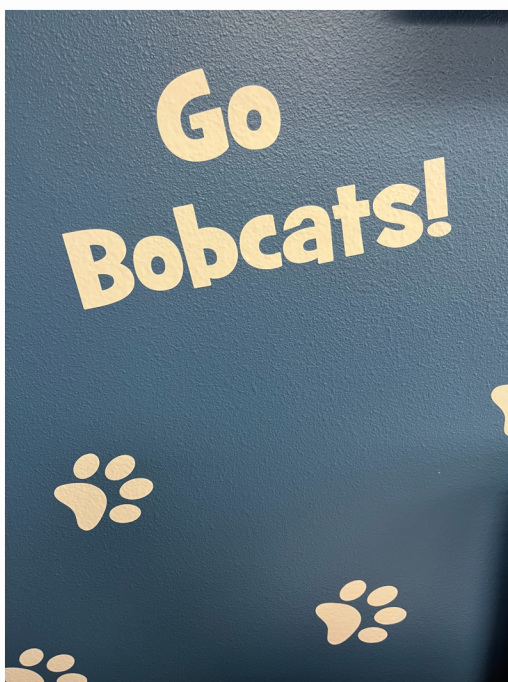


LCES Community Support

Our La Center community members continue to step up and support students at LCES.

- Families generously donated canned foods for families in need as part of our district "Stuff the Bus" food drive.
- Our La Center Lions have generously ordered a Plus Optics Vision Screener for us to use for our annual training, and as needed throughout the school year as we annually screen students for hearing and vision.
- We have five parent volunteers who have signed up and are working with students to provide guided math support in partnership with our math coaches, principals, and teachers. Call the elementary school office if you are interested in learning more as we still need more math volunteers.
- Among other great things, our PTO is volunteering time after school hours to help increase school spirit by painting paw prints, school logos, and bobcat blue walls throughout our building. The LCES staff are thankful to be a part of the La Center learning community in partnership with families!

~ Greg Hall
3-5 Principal





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Play Shed Update on the West Playground

The covered play area is constructed and standing tall in all its glory! The bark chips finally arrived and spread throughout the area. The new walkway is in place and accessible to students. Even the drainage has been installed to divert the extra rain water away. Our last hurdle was the fresh dirt that was spread over the disturbed areas around the play shed. It turned quickly to mud as we anxiously awaited the Hydro Seed to get planted and turn those areas into kid friendly (and shoe friendly) grass to play on. The seed was spread in late November and now we hope and wait for the grass to grow during this frosty time of year. Our Bobcats have full access to the west playground and field areas as we have temporarily fenced off the new grass seed areas. Much improved and we are optimistic the new grass will be established soon.

~Greg Hall
#2WEEKS



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LOST & FOUND

DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY THE LOST & FOUND WHENEVER YOU VISIT OUR CAMPUS TO CLAIM ANY OF YOUR CHILD'S LOST ITEMS!

DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING THEIR WATER BOTTLES HOME SO YOU CAN GIVE THEM A GOOD SCRUB OUT! THEY START TO GET SLIMY!

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Be sure to check your student's lunch accounts for negative balances.

Money can be added to lunch accounts online and in the office with a check or card, the office can't accept cash.

For assistance making online payments please contact the office and they will be happy to help!



ATTENDANCE LINE

The Elementary School now has an attendance line! Parents can call OR text to leave the office a message regarding a current absence, previous absence, or an absence that's coming up!

Don't forget to provide your child's first & last name

This phone # is a great way to communicate to our school a GO HOME CHANGE - Call before 1:15pm for same day changes!

Attendance or Go Home Changes: 360-836-0237



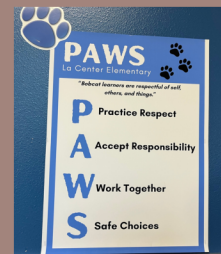
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Bobcat PAWS

Have your students mentioned Bobcat Coins or PAWS? We are always looking to reward good behavior here at LCES.

Our students are taught and reminded of the PAWS for Success:

- Practice Respect
- Act Responsibly
- Work Together
- Safe Choices



Students earn a magical “Bobcat Coin” when a staff member observes PAWS behaviors. Those coins can result in a classroom reward by their teacher and eventually end up in the school wide Bobcat Coin Collection Bucket. Once that bucket gets full, all students earn a thematic celebration day!

Please ask your students about PAWS and how the Bobcat Coins are earned.





Counselor's Corner January 2025

Character Trait of the Month

With shorter days, persistent cloudy skies, and summer far in the distance, Perseverance seems to be a perfect theme to explore this month. All month long, we will be learning that Perseverance means pushing yourself to work through challenges and obstacles. Students will have opportunities to explore how planning and goal setting help us to persevere when faced with obstacles. To join us in exercising our Perseverance muscles, please take a look at PurposeFull People's Family Newsletter: [Schoolwide Perseverance Family Letter](#).

Great Kindness Challenge: January 27-31

Join us for [The Great Kindness Challenge](#) the week of January 27-31, 2025. As part of an ongoing effort to encourage a culture of kindness in our school and community, we will be challenging students, staff, and families to practice intentional kindness all week long. Students will receive checklists with suggestions for kind acts that they can perform throughout the week. If you'd like to participate as a family, you can download the app and register here: <https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com/familyedition> Let's make Kindness Normal! Here's a story shared by PurposeFull People's co-founder, Houston Kraft, about why this matters. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSywOITPWRw>

Community Resources

Does your child need a warm coat for the winter? Every year the Knights of Columbus donate new coats for kids. Please reach out to your child's school counselor if your child needs a coat. For further community resources, 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.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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