

Lopez Island School District #144

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Hello there LISD families!

I'm so happy to announce our LISD K-12 habits of character (drumroll please!).....

- **Kindness**
- **Belonging**
- **Ownership**
- **Perseverance**

These are the result of a lengthy collaborative process. We call them *habits* instead of *traits* because the word *habit* sends the clear message that these are things we can and should work on. It's part of that growth mindset language I wrote about last week. Two of these, kindness and belonging, are relational character habits. We believe that these will help our students make and sustain positive and healthy relationships in our school community. The other two, ownership and perseverance, are performance character habits. We believe these will help students become more effective learners who are able to reach their highest academic aspirations. Ownership could actually belong in both categories....owning their own behavior in interactions with peers and adults, and also owning their academic successes and challenges.

Now we begin the work of leading our students in discussions about these habits and what they should look like and sound like in every school context and every developmental level. You can help us by discussing these words at home, encouraging students to apply them and make specific connections.

Another thing we have been working on recently as a whole staff is the development of a set of staff community agreements. I shared these at the board meeting this week, inviting the board and the parent community to join us in living by these agreements and deeply considering how these can guide us in creating a vision for the future. I'm going to introduce one community agreement each week in the family letter. The first community agreement is this: ***We take care of self, others, the school environment, and the natural world.*** How does this resonate with you? What does it mean during remote school? How about "regular" school?

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For Secondary Families



Ahoy, me hearties! Thar's more Zoom on th' horizon fer ye.

Fall conferences will be November 4th from 1:00-7:00. Pack and office hours are cancelled on the 3rd and 4th. Look for an email from teachers on how to sign up. I encourage you to sign up for a conference and to make sure your student also attends. This is an opportunity to ask great questions about your child's progress in school and how to help them at home, AND an opportunity to provide the teacher with helpful information about how to best support your child.

Final grades are entered for each of our 7 terms. Those grades will go on a student's transcript and impact their GPA. If a student gets an undesirable grade and works with the teacher to complete assignments and demonstrate mastery of standards for that course, a grade can be changed at the teacher's discretion.

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Veteran's Day

There will be no school on Wednesday, November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day.

Coffee Talk

I will be hosting a Coffee Talk on Thursday, November 5th at 5:00. Here is the [ZOOM LINK](#). A few folks have suggested that each coffee talk have a theme as well as a time for some general Q & A and sharing. This week's theme is Tech Talk. Bring us your questions about the technology we are using for remote school!

From Jesse Hammond, LISD Director of Technology

- Our new phone system should be up and running Friday the 6th! Woohoo!
- Student technology agreement forms are past due. You can find the link [HERE](#)

Star Testing

Contact Kathy Booth for information on your student's Star score (kbooth@lopezislandschool.org).

What's going on around here?

From Kendra Lewis: The second and third graders got a special treat last week when a guest chef showed up on our Fun Friday Zoom to do a little cooking demonstration. Chef Wally Henderson showed us how to make his speciality: grilled cheese. His dad was present to assist him as sous chef and his brother, Huck (5th grade), did an excellent job as cameraman. We are looking forward to more cooking demonstrations from the Henderson crew.

From Lorri Swanson: My 4th graders are meeting weekly outside for book club. We're reading some great titles: Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper, Ranger in Time - Escape from the Great Earthquake by Kate Messner, From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg, and Class Dismissed by Allan Woodrow.

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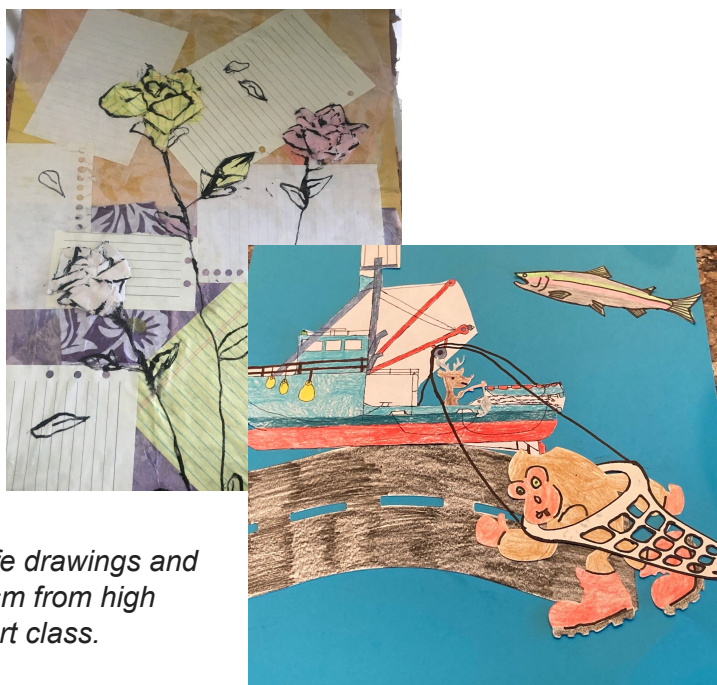
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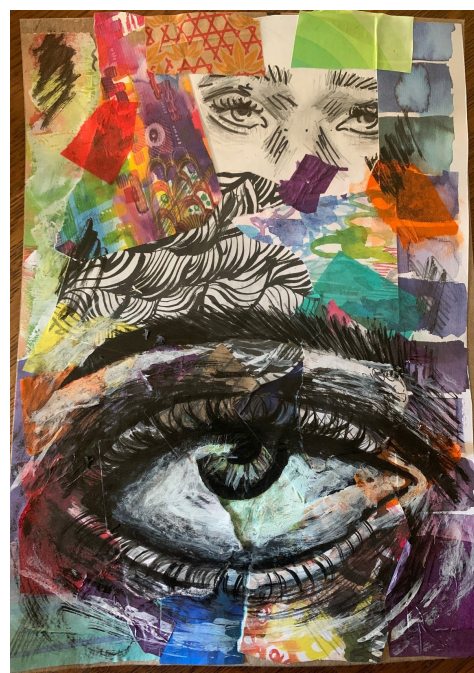
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We're also participating in Random Acts of Kindness Bingo. Each month kids identify 25 random acts of kindness that pertain to themselves, where we live and during Covid times. Kids check them off bingo style within Seesaw, our 4th grade virtual learning platform. When they get a bingo, they become a member of our Kindness Club - displayed on our outside window for kids and families to check out.

From Rebecca Hamilton: 4th and 5th grade are having a costume party outside on Friday in small groups using staggered times. We will play games, take costume pictures and eat yummy goodies! Maybe some hot apple cider - who knows.



Mixed media life drawings and surrealism from high school art class.



Have a great weekend!

All my best,
Martha, Secondary Principal

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