

## Lopez Island School District #144

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Dear LISD Families,

**“It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it.”**

-Jacob Bronowski

I love this quote! As lovely and easy it is for children and teenagers to be compliant, cheerfully do what we ask, and believe what we tell them, we are raising thinkers, right? We want to raise citizens of the world who know how to nurture their own curiosity, conduct research, cultivate and trust their internal wisdom, and ask great questions. If you are encountering this sort of free thinking at home in the form of resistance, here are some strategies for supporting your student's active intellect with an open mind and an open heart:

- “Tell me more about that.”
- “What do you think you/we should do?”
- “Do you have a theory about this?”
- “What makes you think that?”
- “What do you think we should do to figure this out?”
- Give an honest answer, even if it is “I don't know....yet.”
- Demonstrate a growth mindset by using words like “yet” (see above) and being openly curious.

Thank you again for all you are doing to support remote learning at home. On behalf of the LISD staff, I salute you! I ran across [THIS](#) article ([in Spanish](#)) recently and thought it had some great tips for parents who are working hard at home to keep our students engaged in learning activities. Many of these tips are applicable to both elementary and secondary students.

**There will be no school for students on Friday, October 16 due to staff inservice.**

### Remote School Survey

Thanks so much to the 40 folks who have completed the [Parent Survey](#). If you haven't already, please take a few moments to give us feedback on remote learning this fall. We want to know how things are going at home in terms of both technology and instruction.

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### Lunch Program

The USDA waiver that is allowing us to deliver free lunch to children from 0-18 ends on December 31st. We'll update you if that changes. In the meantime, please take a look at the eligibility requirements for free or reduced lunch and fill out the form if you think your family is eligible. Here is a [LINK](#) to the information and registration form on our school website.

### Current Safety Protocols

A number of staff members are working on campus right now and we are all adhering to the following safety protocols...in case you are wondering:

- Wearing masks when we are walking around the building.
- Checking and documenting our temperature and answering a series of health related questions
- Notifying our Covid-19 site supervisor if we have been off island
- Working with our Covid-19 site supervisor on a safety plan before bringing small groups of students on campus

### Conferences

Conferences for secondary students will remain November 4-5. Conferences for elementary students are moving to the week of November 16. Stay tuned for more information on fall conferences.

### For Secondary Families

Your student will receive (or has already received) a message from their Term 2 teachers with helpful information and Zoom links for Monday. Please note that the daily schedule has shifted slightly from Term 1. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

Forgot your password to Skyward/Qmlativ? Go to our school district website, open "Qmlativ," enter your school email and click on "forgot password." Check your email for the link; if you do not see an email, look in your spam folder.

If you are looking at the schedule for the first week and thinking, "What?!? No school on Fridays?," remember that you are looking at a short week due to teacher in-service. There **will** be school on Fridays.

Teachers are available for **student support** Monday through Friday from 1:30-3:45. We hope that students will take this opportunity to connect with their teachers during these office hours to receive

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additional assistance and support in their classes. Parents, you too can set up time to talk to a teacher during office hours.

Qmlativ access has been restored for 6th grade students. Thanks for your patience!

### From Our School Counselor

School Counselor Jeanna Carter will be starting parent/guardian meetings soon, and because of COVID 19, will be Zooming grade level meetings. Also, if parents/guardians are interested in topic areas she will create a coffee hour meeting that could be in person with social distancing following Federal, State and County Guidelines. Parents/Guardians can email Jeanna topics you would be most interested in talking to her about in small groups.

### Really Good News!

From Kendra Lewis: Last Friday, the 2nd and 3rd graders got to learn about sheep and wool during our Fun Friday Zoom. Our guest zoomer, Gabrielle Hall, gave us a virtual tour of her family's farm. We got to see sheep, pigs and bees. Then she taught us about how they shear the sheep, comb the wool and spin it into yarn! We can't wait to visit the farm in person, once it is safe to do so.

From Brian Goff: Next week in small groups, Kindergarten is going to the Jones Farm Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze. Thank you, Sara and Nick! School-Home visits are starting to feel like normal school...What a gift, thank you parents!! Seeing each child individually, will evolve to seeing two students at one house, so learning can be shared with a peer. Instead of one-hour small group school visits, we expand to two-hour visits, late in October.



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From Kristen Ryan: Take and Make Tinker Lab kits will be ready for pick up on Friday for Elementary Enrichment next week... Families can access directions and videos for their projects via the following links:

- K/1: Gummy Build  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Giolyo2jba\\_voAwRUyJux0PSVH7Rv0AC7Pvg3LMcuwA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Giolyo2jba_voAwRUyJux0PSVH7Rv0AC7Pvg3LMcuwA/edit?usp=sharing)
- 2/3: Bee Hummer  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dQNA9bUlo3Z36\\_Fs6YBxpcMKqUX98thlZSjCbPDi\\_tg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dQNA9bUlo3Z36_Fs6YBxpcMKqUX98thlZSjCbPDi_tg/edit?usp=sharing)
- 4/5: Penny Battery [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nJhrYP\\_A12TN8HV-2DraDc6ZqYtQSEQzode4QxkMqls/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nJhrYP_A12TN8HV-2DraDc6ZqYtQSEQzode4QxkMqls/edit?usp=sharing)

Families can also share about their student's enrichment experiences in Art, PE, Library, and Tinker on this padlet: <https://padlet.com/kryan161/xy1iu0bixykjevwi>.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

All my best,  
Martha, Secondary Principal

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