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Dear LISD Families,

I hope you all were safe and warm on Wednesday. It was a power down day in many ways. The power was down and so many of us had to “power down” ourselves. The day caused me to reflect on my own perceived reliance on technology and how I might build in more tech breaks at home. We spent the afternoon picking up tree debris around the house, and I’m sure some of you sustained some property damage or had to chainsaw yourself out of your driveway or road. This was my first big storm and school closure since living on Lopez. Both personally and professionally, I learned a LOT about preparedness.

Today is the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, and Monday is the federal MLK holiday (**no school**). To help your children understand the significance of this day and the life and work of Martin Luther King, there are many resources and books available for every age and developmental level. Suggestions from the [U.S. Department of Education](https://www.ed.gov/education/civilrights):

1. Read about the Civil Rights Movement...the 1950s, 1960s, and ongoing.
2. Volunteer for a day of service as a family. This is certainly easier said than done during the time of Covid, but it is still possible to be of service. MLK said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’”
3. Read the “I Have a Dream” speech as a family and discuss.
4. Do a family internet search for MLK monuments and memorials throughout our country.
5. Do a family internet search for historical civil rights locations around the country.

I suggest following the curiosity of children and teenagers. If you try any of the activities listed above and there is a spark of curiosity or interest in a historical event, an idea, a memorial, etc., that might be an interesting path to follow.

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District Office News

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Sara Jones, our new District Office Administrative Assistant. Sara has been substituting in this position, but has just accepted a contract. Sara's responsibilities include purchasing, preparing packets for and taking minutes at school board meetings, and assisting the superintendent. She has jumped into all of it with a great attitude and a growth mindset.

Farming Education



On Thursday, Sustainable Ag students did some soil testing in our production garden and then pruned trees in the school orchard with arborist, Andre Entermann, from Sunnyfield Farm.



Elementary Report Cards

All elementary report cards are delayed one week. Report cards will now be available for families to view on the Qmlativ system during the week of January 25th. In September, we switched our student information system from Skyward to Qmlativ and we are working through a few glitches with the report card section. Thank you for your patience. We will be sending more information in next week's Family Letter with tips on how to access your child's account in Qmlativ.

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From Richard Carter

Thanks to 6th grade families for their effort in picking up and dropping off books for Literacy class! Really appreciated. Also, 7th & 8th grade families could get a head start on next term by contacting me for drop off and pick up of books for Term 5.

Board Appreciation

January is National School Board Recognition Month! I want to take this opportunity to formally and publicly thank the members of our LISD board. In Better Together, Simon Sinek wrote, "Leadership is not a rank or position to be attained. Leadership is a service to be given." Jenny, Chris, Wendy, Del, we see and appreciate all you do in service of the children of Lopez Island.

One of our school lunches this week was squash curry with naan bread. This is something I love about our LIFE program. I took the photo in our school garden in early fall, and then this squash shows up in January's lunch. #lifeonlopez

Have a lovely weekend.

All my best,

Martha Martin, Secondary Principal



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