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Dear LISD Families,

I hope you are all happily dry or happily dancing in the rain on this lovely Friday.

Thanks for all you are doing at home to cultivate learning. Please remember that teachers have office hours and they are happy to meet with both students and parents to offer individual and small group tutoring, clarify instructions, and do what we can to set your kiddo up for success. In a recent staff goal setting conversation, one of the major themes that surfaced was engagement. We are all thinking deeply about what that looks like in remote learning, and getting creative about keeping students engaged in ways we couldn't have imagined a year ago. This means trying new methods and technologies to see what works and for whom. It's a time of playful exploration and out-of-the-box thinking. Challenge accepted!

Our Newest Board Member

Wendy Stephenson has been elected by the LISD governing board to fill the board vacancy left by John Holding and complete that board term. Many thanks to Wendy for taking on this challenge and jumping in with positive energy. I'm excited to get to know you, Wendy :-)

Lunch Program

We are delivering a delicious breakfast and lunch to over 170 Lopez children and teenagers Monday through Friday. This is a beautiful collaboration between the garden crew, kitchen crew, and transportation crew!

Really Good News!

From Lila Chase: Kate Auckland delivered her amazing monologue in Drama this week and it made me realize that I could feel so much emotion and empathy in front of a **computer screen**! What a wonderful feeling to come through a screen - both from the presenter and the audience when we are so used to only experiencing that in person. Thanks Richard C, Kate, and Drama class!

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From Richard Carter: I would like to give a HUGE shout-out to the Drama students, for a variety of reasons. This past two weeks we've had (I've had) technical difficulties that have sometimes required them to wait around while I access Zoom. Every single one of them has stuck around till I can get on. Several have acted as communicators to classmates, telling them that I am trying to log on and will be there soon. Some have wound up as Host and transferred that to me before I even realize it. And then there's the effort and perseverance required to do this kind of work via Zoom. It's remarkable. I am very proud of them, and it makes it a pleasure to try to serve them.

From Kendra Lewis: Ms. Kendra has enjoyed her 1:1 Zoom reading time with each one of the second and third graders. She is excited to start Zoom reading groups next week!

From Lorri Swanson: Check out the pic on the right of the 4th grade **seat fleet**...class of 2029!



From Brian Goff: School-homing is magical! I love spending time with each child, at their home, around their yards and woods. Being able to honor each student and family, exactly where they are...this is changing how I see school.

Have a rejuvenating weekend. In case you're wondering what to fix for dinner, it's National Quesadilla Day. You're welcome, friends!

All my best,
Martha, Secondary Principal