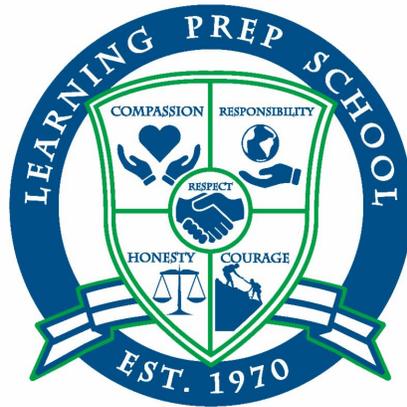


January 15, 2021



## Family Newsletter



Check out our *\*now weekly\** newsletter to stay informed about what is going on at LPS!

Visit our Website

### Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 18:** No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday, January 19:** Classes resume in person

**Tuesday, January 19- Friday, January 22:** STAR testing (teachers will let students know on what day their class will test)

**Wednesday, January 20:** Partners in Education meeting, 8:00 AM

**Monday, February 15 - Friday, February 19:** February Break

To see the full School Year Calendar, [click here](#)

## A message from Kurt

Dear parents,

It has been quite a while -- too long -- since we have had students on campus. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our in-person students back to campus on Tuesday. I am incredibly happy to report that we have not had any additional positive cases in our community during this additional buffer week. Our community is healthy right now; our HEPA air purifiers are in place; our cohorts and safety protocols remain very strong. After a long break, we are ready for our students. Considering what we are all seeing on the news right now, I feel very grateful for the strength and health of the LPS community. That said, we all know how out of control the virus is spreading. I hope this is our last closure for the year, but it probably won't be. We can't let down our guard. We must be as careful as we have been all year.

The core value we are emphasizing this month at LPS is respect. I have a great deal of respect for how the LPS community has worked together this year. You have followed our protocols, you have been patient as we work through changes to our model, and you have communicated your concerns and questions to us. The environment of mutual respect is incredibly important here. We respect our parent body, and are grateful for the respect shown to us.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing some of you in the cab line again next week.

Warmly,  
*Kurt*

**Kurt Moellering, PhD**  
Head of School

## All School News

### Menu

Click [here](#) to check out this week's menu.

### P.I.E. Meeting Link

Please use the following link for the Partners in Education meeting on Wednesday, 1/20 at 8:00 AM:

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83802594415>

Meeting ID: 838 0259 4415

### Welcome new staff!

We are very pleased to announce the hiring of several new staff members to our LPS community!

**Luis Gaitan** (new Computer Teacher) has a B.A. in Studio Art from Sam Houston State University (TX) and relocated to Boston recently from Texas, where he worked as a Technology Teacher, Student Program Administrator, and IT Administrator at a Montessori school. Prior to that he worked as a game designer and 3D artist creating animations and virtual simulations for training and marketing in the oil and gas industry.

**Kristen Stewart** (new 3 day/week OT) has her Master's in OT from the Utica College of Syracuse University and has worked as an OT in both school-based and pediatric outpatient clinic settings in Florida, New York, and Massachusetts.

**Claire Serrano** (new TA) is studying for her Master's in Public Policy and Graduate Certificate in Education Policy. She has worked as a legislative intern and campaign volunteer, and most recently as a case manager for at-risk young adults.

Welcome to Learning Prep School!

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### Student Citizenship

As you may know, in 2018, Ted Sharp started a good citizenship initiative and along with the leadership team, developed a Code of Conduct for LPS staff and students. This Code of Conduct consists of our five core values: Respect, Honesty, Courage, Compassion and Responsibility. Members of our school community are expected to demonstrate ethical and responsible behavior consistent with its core values. Such conduct is fundamental to a supportive and safe learning environment as well as a civil society. In order to review these core values, we will be focusing on each of them for the next 5 months. For January, we are focusing on **Respect**. Teachers and students are encouraged to use citizenship language in their classes and point out when someone is showing respect in what they say/do. Staff are also

encouraged to send in examples from their classrooms.

A Middle School reading teacher recently shared a great example:

*"We are reading and listening to the book: A Blast to the Past with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As you can imagine this text is rich with the core values that LPS has adopted. Today we spent a lot of time talking about respect. What it means to them and how it was used in the book. I got a lot of great answers in our discussion today. Nate said, "to show respect is to show kindness and caring." Luke said, "it means that people listen to others and what they have to say and not interrupt them", that's how they show respect and Ryan said, "A lot of people listened to MLK and his dream, he was respected and helped to give all people the right to vote". I am so proud of my student's responses!"*

It's so wonderful to hear of the great things happening in our LPS classrooms!

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## WMGH looking for study participants

The Cognitive Neuroscience Group (CNG) at the MGH Institute of Health Professions has reached out to LPS looking for families with children 8-12 years old, who would like to participate in their study aimed at understanding how children with and without language impairments learn from corrective feedback. The goal is to improve teaching techniques for children with a developmental language disorder.

[Click here](#) for more information.

# Middle School News

No news to report!

# High School News

## Order your Yearbook

Yearbooks available for pre-order. 52 full color pages this year! Still only \$45, buy yours today at [JostensYearbooks.com](http://JostensYearbooks.com)

**Attention Senior Parents!** Please send in pictures you and your student want featured on their senior page. Please also send in your congratulatory message. You can do this through the Google Form that was sent, or you can email Jon at [JDiBenedetto@learningprep.org](mailto:JDiBenedetto@learningprep.org).

\*\*\*Messages and pictures must be submitted before January 15th\*\*\*

# Other information



## Admissions Virtual Information Sessions

The best way to grow our wonderful community is by telling others! If you know someone who may be looking for a place like Learning Prep for their child, please encourage them to attend one of our weekly, Virtual Information Sessions!

Tuesday, 1/19 - 9:00 AM  
Thursday, 1/28 - 1:00 PM



## Show your school spirit!

Here's a great way to show your Panther Pride! Check out the School Store to buy shirts, jackets, hoodies, hats AND MASKS!

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RSVPs can be sent to **Korina Martin**,  
Director of Admissions at  
[kmartin@learningprep.org](mailto:kmartin@learningprep.org)

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