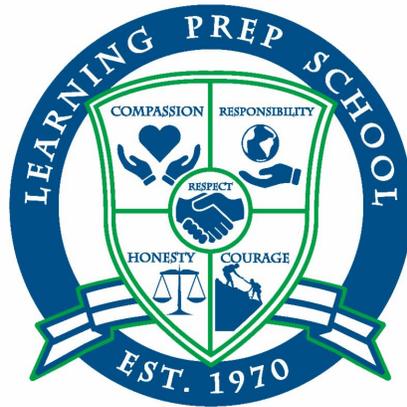


January 29, 2021



Family Newsletter



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

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Upcoming Events

Friday, February 12: Financial Literacy Fair

Friday, February 12: All school Wear Red Day

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

Tuesday, February 23: Parent Advisory Group meeting, 8:00 AM

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

A message from Kurt

Dear parents,

This week, I am asking for your feedback. Many of you will remember that we surveyed you very early in

the school year. We had just begun this strange, Covid-affected, in-person school year, and we wanted to know from you how the experience was for your student. The information you provided us was incredibly helpful. We felt gratified that most of you were generally pleased with the program we were providing. However, we also saw that we had some work to do. We took your feedback seriously. In fact, this feedback helped compel us to redo the schedules and expand cohorts at the end of the first term.

Now, at the midpoint of the year, we are asking for feedback again. We are asking if you could please take a few minutes to [complete this very short survey](#) (3 minutes). We are using the exact same questions because we feel like that would make for the best comparison in how we are making progress this school year. We really want to hear from you; we want to know how supported and successful your student is feeling; we want to know where we could be doing better. Overall, we want to continue to partner with you during this year when it is much harder than normal to communicate and connect.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this. I hope you stayed warm today, and I hope you have a terrific weekend.

As always,
Kurt

Kurt Moellering, PhD
Head of School

All School News

RESPECT spotted everywhere!

You may remember that in the month of January, we had a school-wide focus on one of our core values, Respect. Throughout the month we asked staff to send in examples of when they saw Respect in action and here's what they said...

"Yesterday, I noticed **Tessa** in the morning invited a new student to play with her friends. Not only was she being inclusive and thoughtful, she was respectful of the student when they said no thank you. Tessa is respectful because she thinks about others' feelings, and then listens to them."

"I would like to recognize **Eric**, Grade 11, for demonstrating respect on a daily basis. He follows school rules and routines without cues, and listens when teachers are speaking. Eric is considerate of others and is polite and patient when he communicates, regularly asking how others are doing."

"**Hala** is always respectful to her peers in the kitchen. With one student in particular, she takes the time to help her and show her how to complete tasks. She does it in a mature way that does not make the student feel silly. I have been impressed with her work this year."

"**Victoria F. & Joao Victor** daily exemplify our core value, Respect! Daily, they offer help to their classmates and teachers. In addition, they are exemplary students who are positively contributing to the LPS community."

"Today I was a little late getting back from my 3rd period. **Sam G** and **Luke T.** are my 4th period class. When I got back to the building, they were both patiently, quietly and respectfully, waiting for me, with goal sheets in hand. They both earned a Good Citizen Slip!"

"**Belleza** and I came up with an idea to replace a bulletin board in the stairwell for this February. In the center, there will be a heart "We respect and care for others" and then students can each create their own cut out heart to place on it and write a prompt with "I will..", "I can..." or "I....". Proud of her participating in involving our whole community in respect!"

"Shout out to **Nick Co., Jack,** and **David** in grade 12. They have really demonstrated respect this week with me as a sub in one of their classes that has had a lot of change. Having subs can be difficult, and it can be easy get distracted. They have just made my week as a sub in there, with all their hard work and staying focused!"

"**Ellie** waited patiently, during her counseling time, while her counselor helped another classmate in need and earned a Good Citizen Slip!"

We are so proud of our students for being such great models of Respect this month. Stay tuned next month for more examples of our February Core Value of the Month!

Financial Literacy Fair

Friday, February 12th, the LPS Transition Department will hold our annual Financial Literacy Fair for all

Junior and Senior LPS students. The Financial Literacy Fair is designed to help students understand the basics of budgeting and independent living by giving them a mock job and salary and having them visit booths that represent typical monthly living expenses. This year's event will be taking place through Zoom, and each booth will be represented virtually! Some examples of booths are: housing, taxes, savings/investing, insurance, transportation, health and nutrition, savings/investments, clothing, and education. The students will visit each booth and track their monthly spending while staying within their budget.

Volunteers from Price Waterhouse Cooper and Village Bank will be facilitating booths as well as LPS staff, working with the students throughout the event. We extend our warm thanks to them for helping our students gain essential financial skills needed for independent living!

Valentine's Day

Middle School:

Valentine's Day is coming up in a few weeks. At Learning Prep we prefer to use this day as an opportunity to express support and caring for one another. Encouraging students to express themselves through "Random Acts of Kindness" is a good message to them and for all of us too! Additionally, February 12th is "Red Day" at LPS, and serves as a visual reminder of the holiday. Staff and students wear red for the occasion. The Middle School will not be sharing Valentines or having a party in this day.

High School:

Everyone loves treats on Valentine's day, however, just a friendly reminder that students cannot share food, and we are a nut-free campus!

5th & 6th Grade Parents

At the beginning of the year we suspended the 5th and 6th grade email accounts as many students were struggling to use this new technology appropriately. Today I met with them to let them know that they will be getting their email accounts reinstated starting next week. We had a great discussion and reviewed the three rules (which students are also reviewing in counseling).

1. Only email teachers and counselors, no students. We talked about if students want to email other students then need to do it from a non-LPS device and email account.
2. Only email questions about classwork and homework.
3. Do not make Zoom invitations with friends or share Zoom links. We talked about if students want to Zoom with friends after school they should do so with a parent or non-LPS Zoom account and device.

Luis, our new computer teacher, is aware of some of the challenges the students were having and plans to address proper email usage with students in computer class or Independent Study. Students are aware that if they break any of the rules they will lose their privilege to use email and we will suspend individual email accounts.

Thank you for your support with this. If you have any questions, please contact MS Principal Amy Davis at adavis@learningprep.org.

Chromebook Maintenance

We are asking for your help in maintaining the performance of the students' Chromebooks. Please perform the following maintenance processes each week.

1st - Please 'Shut Down' the Chromebook. Here is a [link to screenshot directions](#) (This is a different process than pressing the Power Button or closing lid of the Chromebook).

2nd - Please check for ChromeOS updates. Here is a [video tutorial](#) for how to do this.

For our remote students: one suggestion is to do this during Monday, Period 3 (Enrichment).
For our in-school students: they will be performing this, each week, during Monday's Enrichment.

Doing both these steps each week will help the Chromebook with its performance.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Chase, Tier 1 Tech Support and Library Media Specialist at cchase@learningprep.org. Thank you!

High School Yearbook

Ordering Personalization for High School yearbooks ends on **TODAY**. So if you want icons, a name, or initials professionally printed on the cover, please order by this date! Traditional plain yearbooks can still be ordered after this deadline. Order at JostensYearbooks.com - Thank You!

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!

Wednesday, 2/3 - 10:00 AM
Tuesday, 2/9 - 8:30 AM
Tuesday, 2/23 - 12:30 PM

RSVPs can be sent to **Korina Martin**,
Director of Admissions at
kmartin@learningprep.org



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