

November 13, 2020



Family Newsletter



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

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Upcoming Events

Monday, November 16: Virtual Family Cooking Night, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 17: Transition Information Night, 6:00 PM

Thursday, November 19: Partners in Education meeting, 8:00 AM

Wednesday, November 25: Early Release, 11:00 AM

Thursday, November 26: No School, Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 27: No School

Monday, November 30- Friday, December 4: Post Thanksgiving remote week of classes

Wednesday, December 2: Free presentation on Psychological Testing, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 7: In-person school resumes

Wednesday, December 9: Parent Advisory Group meeting, 8:00 AM

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

A message from Kurt

Dear parents,

We are watching, watching, watching, and we are very aware of the numbers of COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts. We meet and discuss them every day. As I said in my previous email, the data from schools so far is very encouraging. But we are watching.

To date, our buildings remain healthy and this has everything to do with the good decisions made by the members of our community. Thanks to you and thanks to your students for taking precautions so seriously. We may have a positive case in the future, but we have been in-person for 10 weeks, and this could not have happened without your support outside of the school day. Whether you are in-person or remote, thanks for being cautious and thanks for trusting us with your students.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kurt

Kurt Moellering, PhD
Executive Director

All School News

General announcements:

P.I.E. Meeting Link

Please use the following link for the next P.I.E. meeting on Thursday, 11/19:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89361346157>
Meeting ID: 893 6134 6157

Lunch

To see what's coming up on the menu, [click here!](#)

Important Cohort updates

Earlier this week, an announcement was sent regarding updates to the cohorts that will take place starting 12/7. To read the full announcement [click here](#).

Learning plan for the holidays

Following both the Thanksgiving and December breaks, there will be modification to our Learning Plan. To read the entire announcement with all the details, [click here](#).

Virtual Family Cooking Night!

Please join Lindsay **THIS Monday, November 16th at 6:30 pm** for a Virtual Cooking Night! On the menu is Butternut Squash and Turkey Chili. Any family interested please RSVP to lcunniff@learningprep.org. The ingredient list and Zoom link will be shared with all participating families

Free Speaker Series event

Neuropsychological and Psychological Testing: Guidance for parents and professionals
By: Dr. David Stein, Psy.D., New England Neurodevelopment, LLC



Wednesday, December 2, 2020
6:00 - 7:15 PM

This presentation will guide families and professionals through the process of neuropsychological and psychological testing from when adults are first concerned about a child, through the testing process itself, and review the expected outcomes from an assessment. The presentation will focus on practical guidance as to how to engage in an assessment and to support children and families using evidence-based methods after testing is completed.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Flu vaccine mandate

Nancy Ishkanian, School Nurse

The flu vaccine is now required for all children attending Massachusetts schools ages 6 months and up. **The deadline to receive the vaccine is 12/31/2020.** This new requirement is an important step to reduce flu-related illness and the overall impact of respiratory illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. If not already included in your child's immunization records already submitted, please submit your child's proof of vaccination to the school nurses via fax (Fax: 617-527-1514), email (nishkanian@learningprep.org) or provide us with a hard copy. Thank you!

An easy way to raise money for LPS!

Two-thirds of Americans purchase items on Amazon, do you? If yes, please consider using AmazonSmile for future online shopping. AmazonSmile is a separate website operated by Amazon that has the same products and prices as their regular website. The only difference is when you purchase on AmazonSmile .5% of your purchase goes to your favorite nonprofit of choice. That may not seem like much, but it can add up over time when an entire community like Learning Prep School takes advantage of the offer.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), go to Account, Other Programs, and Change Your AmazonSmile Charity to "Little People's School" (LPS's legal name) to sign up!

Middle School News

Whiteboards for students

The kids in school in 5th, 6th, and 7th will be getting whiteboards in school. For those at home there is an alternative.

If you do not have a whiteboard at home, you can use a piece of white paper in a transparency sheet. All you need is a whiteboard marker and you are all set to go!

Check out the following links to see how this can be a helpful tool:

<http://teacherblog.evan-moor.com/2017/09/14/diy-pocket-protector-whiteboards/>

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/learning-toolkit-blog/make-math-fun-diy-dry-erase-board.html>

Let me know if you have any questions.

Rachel Silva, Reading Specialist
rsilva@learningprep.org

High School News

TRANSITION INFORMATION NIGHT

ZOOM EVENT

NOVEMBER 17, 2020 6:00PM-8:00PM

A panel of professionals will be available to address common transition topics including:

- *State Agency Services*
- *Guardianship*
- *Public Benefits*
- *IDEA versus ADA*

Please RSVP by November 13th to
Gretchen Petersen at gpetersen@learningprep.org

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!

Thursday, 11/12 - 9:30 AM
Thursday, 11/19- 8:30 AM
Monday, 11/23- 12:00 PM

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



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