

June 4, 2021



## Family Newsletter



The weekly Learning Prep School Family Newsletter designed to keep you informed and celebrate our community.

### Important Dates

**Friday, June 4:** Commencement, 6:30 PM

**Monday, June 7:** Deadline to register for Summer Program

**Tuesday, June 8 & Wednesday, June 9:** MCAS Grade 9 Biology

**Thursday, June 10:** Partners in Education (PIE) Meeting, 9:00 AM

**Friday, June 11:** Middle School Field Day

**Monday, June 14:** Last day of After School Program

**Tuesday, June 15:** 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony

**Tuesday, June 22:** Last day of school, Early Release 11:00 PM

**Monday, July 12 - Friday, July 30:** Summer Program

**Monday, August 30:** First Day of School, Early Release 11:00 AM

A message from Kurt

Dear parents,

On behalf of the entire Learning Prep community, I offer enthusiastic congratulations to the members of our senior class who are graduating tonight. We wish you the best, seniors, and we hope you keep in touch.

Congratulations on your successful completion of a senior year that will be unlike any other year in your lives. You did it!

Sincerely,  
Kurt

Kurt Moellering, PhD  
Executive Director

## Leadership Blog

### Consistency and Change

*Gretchen Petersen, Chief Operating Officer*

Typically, kids thrive in an environment that is predictable and consistent, opposite of how this school year has gone and the future months will be. How do we help them adapt, survive, and accept that change is part of life, something that there will be more or less of at different times? Helping them focus on consistencies in life and finding things that they DO have control over, are good places to start.



Consistencies can come in many different forms. From people to places to processes, there are consistencies everywhere. Identifying reliable people to reach out to when they're feeling overwhelmed could help them feel supported. Choosing places they can go to in their time of need or just to relax could help them feel secure. Having a schedule, even on the weekends and summertime, could help them feel grounded. Even having a mental picture, or talking, drawing, or journaling about these stabilities could benefit kids in an unpredictable world. Because, let's face it, consistency is a relative term as those things that are consistent are still apt to change, sometimes.

A sense of control in times of change is incredibly important. Giving options to kids can help them have some influence over parts of their lives, even if they are small choices. For example, asking a child to clean up their room either now or in a half hour is a choice they can make and feel like they have a voice. Allowing them to be part of a family decision can add to their self esteem and make the process of a change seem less anxiety provoking. Pointing out different activities they participate in and behaviors they exhibit that are under their control can help them realize how much power they possess each day.

Consistency and control contribute to a sense of well-being, especially in times of ambiguity. Keeping communication open with children, helping them identify stabilities and allowing them to have input in decisions can only aid in their ability to manage change in times of uncertainty.

## All School News

### Dismissals

If you are dismissing your child early, please send an email no later than 8:00 AM to:

Middle School:

[ccaruso@learningprep.org](mailto:ccaruso@learningprep.org)

High School:

[transportation@learningprep.org](mailto:transportation@learningprep.org)

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### Get LPS Gear!

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

[SHOP NOW](#) and enter code PLAY10 at checkout for 10% OFF!

### Lunch Menu

To review next week's menu, [click here](#).

### Admissions Info Sessions

If you know someone who may be looking for a place like LPS, please encourage them to attend

## Calendar

Please see the 2021-22 School Year Calendar, updated 5/27/2021.

[Download it here.](#)



one of our weekly, Virtual Information Sessions!  
Thursday, 6/10  
Wednesday, 6/16  
RSVPs can be sent to **Korina Martin**, at [kmartin@learningprep.org](mailto:kmartin@learningprep.org)

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## Construction on Washington Street

Please note that Newton had made us aware of work that will begin on Washington Street next week and wrap up the week of 7/5. This work should not impact travel to and from school except for some slight traffic delays.

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## 8th Grade End of Year Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 19th

Time: 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: Richard McGrath Park (Warren) - Across the street from Learning Prep School  
1600 Washington Street, West Newton  
(Visitor Parking Spaces and Legal Parking on Myrtle Street)

To RSVP please respond to the earlier email sent or contact:  
Susan McConathy  
[susan\\_mcconathy@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_mcconathy@yahoo.com)  
781-956-4092

*Please note that this event is organized, planned and run by our amazing LPS parents.*

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## Annual Registration Paperwork

Every summer Learning Prep School sends out our Annual Registration Paperwork for students returning in the fall. Please note that this paperwork may be sent out slightly later than usual as we will have to wait on guidance from the state regarding Covid policies, which will inform some of the needed paperwork.

Annual Registration Paperwork will continue to be completed online through the [SchoolAdmin Parent Portal](#) (the same portal where application materials and previous registration paperwork has been completed).

When the paperwork is ready to be completed, families will be notified via email - likely around mid- to end of July.

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## Next PIE Meeting

Join our last PIE (Partners in Education) meeting of the year on **Thursday, June 10th at 9am** via Zoom. Get involved and learn about the fun events we are planning for our students and families for next year!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89065465802>

Meeting ID: 890 6546 5802

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## Summer Registration ENDS MONDAY!

Summer program will run Monday, July 12th – Friday, July 30th, 2021

**The registration deadline is Monday, June 7th.**

To learn more about the Summer Program [click here](#).

For any questions, please contact Gretchen Petersen at [gpetersen@learningprep.org](mailto:gpetersen@learningprep.org).

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## Private Facebook Group

To foster connections among our current LPS families we have created a private Facebook group just for you called **LPS Panther Parents & Families Group**.

Click this link to join!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/803852983897093>

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