

EAGLE NEWS

DECEMBER 2016



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BOOKS BEFORE BEDTIME

Please join us for a night of reading, cookies and holiday fun!

Who: We will have some special guests from the Mclane/Black Lake Fire Department and the Olympia Police Station

What: Pajama Party, Cookies, and storytime before bed! Come in your best pair of PJ's!

Where: LP Brown Library

When: December 8th from 6pm-7pm

Please send your child to school with donations of hot chocolate packets being collected in the library if you are able, thank you!



BROWN'S WORLD

On November 30th, Brown's World testing will be on *North America and Central America*, please contact collette.rauch@live.com if you are able to volunteer to help test the students.

WINTER PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

AT 2:30 IS OUR BAND, ORCHESTRA AND 4-5TH GRADE CONCERT.

ALSO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER

15TH AT 2:30 IS OUR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE WINTER CONCERT. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO COME ENJOY SOME WINTER CLASSICS!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS...

DECEMBER 2016

12/7—HALF DAY/EARLY RELEASE (12:30PM)

12/8—BOOKS BEFORE BEDTIME (LP BROWN LIBRARY 6-7PM)

12/13—PTO COOKIE EXCHANGE

12/14—BAND, ORCHESTRA, & 4-5TH CONCERT (2:30PM)

12.15—K-3RD WINTER CONCERT (2:30PM)

12/19-1/2—WINTER BREAK/NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 2017

1/2—NO SCHOOL

1/4—HALF DAY/EARLY RELEASE (12:30PM)

1/9-1/13—SNACK DRIVE

1/16—NO SCHOOL

1/18—HALF DAY/EARLY RELEASE (12:30PM)

1/18—PTO GENERAL MEETING IN LIBRARY (6:30-7:30PM)

1/27—HALF DAY/EARLY RELEASE (12:30PM)

PTO COOKIE EXCHANGE

December 13th is our annual PTO cookie exchange where we rely on volunteers to donate baked goods for a potluck style spread of yummy treats. This is for all 65 staff members including bus drivers so we need lots of donations and variety. Please

email l.p.brownelementarypto@gmail.com and I can send you the link for the signup.



EVERY PENNY COUNTS FUNDRAISER

December 15th PTO will be making the monthly collection from each class for the Penny Drive and for Box Tops.



BOX TOPS

Box tops will be collected from each classroom on the last Thursday of each month and the class that brings in the most each month will receive a popcorn party. Please watch for some sheets being sent home for the students to put their cutout box tops on. This makes things a lot easier for the box top coordinator when counting them to redeem.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Counselor's Corner

Kathie Wade, LP Brown Counselor

If you've been in the LP Brown front office, you'll have seen our Holiday Giving Tree. We have families in need in our community and have put tags on our Holiday Giving Tree where people can help an LP Brown student or family. Thanks to those who have already picked up tags! A reminder that **wrapped** gifts (**with the tag attached** in such a manner that it can be easily removed without tearing the wrapping) are due back to the main office no later than Friday, December 9th.

If you haven't already picked up a tag or tags, please consider doing so.

If you missed the deadline to request gifts from the holiday tree or need additional assistance for the holidays, fliers with community-based services went home last week and are also posted on the bulletin board outside the front doors at LP Brown.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday – remember, what's in our hearts and how we treat each other is more important than anything we can buy.



Volunteer SIGN-UP



We Need Volunteers

L.P. Brown is looking for volunteers to help our students grow academically, socially and emotionally. We love having classroom volunteers but this year we are also looking for adults who would be willing to be a mentor and role model for students. Just coming in to eat lunch and hang out at recess for an hour a week can mean so much to a child. If this sounds like something you would be willing to do please let us know by contacting Mr. Brownsmith at abrownsmith@osd.wednet.edu and visit the OSD website at <http://osd.wednet.edu/community/volunteer> to become an approved volunteer.

COLD WEATHER ATTIRE

The mornings are getting frosty and the average daily temperatures are dropping and staying low for most of the day. We do encourage students to wear coats when going to recess. We ask that parents also remind their children to wear their coats and gloves at recess. Please note that although hats are not worn in the building or class, children are of course permitted to wear them out at recess or when coming and going to school.



INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please keep the following information readily available in case you need to check if school has been cancelled or delayed due to weather or other emergency conditions. Radio: KGY 1240AM OR 96.9FM; and KXXO/MIXX 96.1 FM. Internet: <http://osd.wednet.edu> or <http://psecs.wednet.edu>. Parents, please keep in mind that there is no student supervision when school starts late or is cancelled. Web or media alerts will inform families if emergency/snow bus routes are being used. For more information access the EMERGENCY INFORMATION under the Activities & Services link on the OSD home page at <http://osd.wednet.edu>.

Notice of Nondiscrimination 2016-17 School Year

The Olympia School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, reports of alleged sexual harassment, concerns about compliance, and/or grievance procedures: Jeff Carpenter, Title IX Officer, (360) 596-8544; Kari Lewinsohn, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator, (360) 596-7538; and Scott Niemann, Affirmative Action Officer and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, (360) 596-6193. All three individuals may also be contacted at 1113 Legion Way S.E., Olympia, WA, 98501.

Principal's Corner

Dear families,

As we approach the holiday season, I feel obliged to provide a brief recap of our efforts this fall. Specifically, how we are striving to educate the 'whole child' in an era of increased pressure on academics.

As many of you may know, the LP Brown staff decided to highlight a character trait each month. We found that our classrooms were monopolized by conversations about reading and math – a necessity in schools, to be sure. We noticed little time carved out to help our students recognize and explicitly learn the skills of being good friends and citizens. With a character trait highlighted each month across the school, teachers are able to weave these ideas into their instruction.

In October, students learned more about "cooperation." Classroom and school activities emphasized this theme. This learning then rolled into "gratitude" as a focus for November, helping our students practice the skill of thanking others for their efforts. Students helped make a gratitude chain, which currently is hung in the hallways. We now turn to "caring" during this month of December. During the holiday season, there are many opportunities for children to demonstrate caring toward others in the school, family and community.

To help reinforce this character learning at home, we hope you can engage your child in conversations about the trait of the month. School is a logical place to learn to read and write. It is also a prime location to help our children learn the life skills necessary to become thoughtful, caring members of our community.

As you gather with friends and family this holiday season, many guests will ask your child, "how is school?" Listen closely to see if they talk about the pride that comes from learning and demonstrating the character traits.

I wish you each a restful holiday season!

With warm regards,

Joel Lang



From The Health and Wellness Room

The 2016-17 Flu Season and What You Should Know About Prevention

Respiratory infections affect the nose, throat and lungs; they include influenza (the "flu"), and colds. The germs (viruses and bacteria) that cause these infections are spread from person to person in droplets from the nose, throat and lungs of someone who is sick.

You can help stop the spread of these germs by practicing "respiratory etiquette,"

Keep your germs to yourself and protect others:

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose.

Discard used tissues in the trash as soon as you can.

Always wash your hands after sneezing, blowing your nose, or coughing, or after touching used tissues or handkerchiefs. Wash hands often if you are sick.

Use warm water and soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizers to wash your hands.

Try to stay home if you have a cough and fever.

Get your Flu Vaccine every year

From The Health and Wellness Room (Cont.)

The single best way to protect children from the flu is to get them vaccinated each year.

Flu vaccine protects against the most common flu viruses expected during the upcoming season. Traditional flu vaccines are made to protect against either 3 flu viruses (called “trivalent” vaccines) or 4 flu viruses (called “quadrivalent” vaccines). Quadrivalent vaccines protect against the same 3 viruses as the trivalent vaccine plus an extra B virus. There is no preference for one vaccine over another among the licensed and recommended flu vaccines this season.

Why is FluMist® not recommended this season?

Studies conducted soon after the nasal spray flu vaccine was approved showed it was performing as well as (and sometimes better than) flu shots. Unfortunately, there have been recent problems with how well the nasal spray flu vaccine has worked. No one knows why this happened. Many people are trying to learn why, so that nasal spray flu vaccine may in the future again be an option for kids and parents.

Reasons to get your child a flu shot:

A flu shot can keep your child from getting sick with flu. Influenza is more serious than the common cold. It can lead to serious complications, including hospitalization or death. Each year an average of 20,000 children younger than 5 years are hospitalized because of influenza complications.

Since 2004-2005, flu-related deaths in children reported to CDC during regular flu seasons have ranged from a low of 37 to a high of 171 deaths.

Children, especially school-aged children, are more likely to catch the flu. Millions of children get sick with flu every season. A typical flu illness can mean missing a week or more of school. Once infected, children can spread the flu to parents and siblings, other family members, and friends.

Vaccinating your child protects people around them (like grandparents, babies or anyone with long-term health problems) who are more vulnerable to flu.

Children with certain long-term health conditions (like asthma or diabetes) and all children younger than 5 years are at high risk of serious illness when they get the flu.

Flu vaccine is not perfect. Some vaccinated people may still get sick, but if they do, flu vaccine may make their illness milder.

Flu vaccines are among the safest medical products in use. Hundreds of millions of people have safely gotten flu vaccines for more than 50 years. There may be mild side effects from getting vaccinated, but these are so much less of a problem than getting sick with the flu!

Children 6 months through 8 years of age need either 1 or 2 doses of vaccine.

Children 6 months through 8 years who received at least 2 doses of any licensed trivalent or quadrivalent flu vaccine at any time before July 2016 will only need 1 dose this season.

Children 6 months through 8 years getting vaccinated for the first time, or who have only previously received 1 dose of vaccine in the past, should get 2 doses this season. The first dose should be given as soon as vaccine is available to “prime” the immune system.

The second dose should be given at least 28 days later to build more and longer lasting immune protection. Children who only get 1 dose, but need 2 doses, are likely to have less or possibly no protection from that single dose.

