



Cougar Chronicles



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Mission Statement

Cougar Creek Elementary creates a safe, caring learning environment that supports a diverse community in reaching academic and social excellence.



Dates to Remember

October

- Thursday, 1 Picture Day "B" Kdgn, & 1st-5th Grades
- Friday, 9 PTA Popcorn Day, 25¢
- Saturday, 17 PTA Hi-Jinx Carnival @ LHS, 5-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, 27 Monthly Awards Assembly, 2:20 p.m.
- Wednesday, 28 Picture Retakes, "A" & Tuition Kdgn
- Thursday, 29 Picture Retakes, "B" Kdgn & 1st-5th Gr.

November

- Friday, 6 Veteran's Day Assembly, 9:35 a.m.
- Wednesday, 11 **NO SCHOOL**, Veteran's Day
- Friday, 13 PTA Popcorn Day, 25¢
PTA Bingo Night, 7:00 p.m.
- Mon-Fri, 16-20 Book Fair
- Tues-Fri, 17-20 **EARLY RELEASE**, Conferences
- Tuesday, 17 All-District Choral Festival @ LHS, 7pm
- Tuesday, 24 **EARLY RELEASE**
Monthly Awards Assembly, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed-Fri, 25-27 **NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Break



Early Release Days

Nov. 17-20 & Nov. 24

Students dismiss at 11:55 a.m.

Please note that students are served lunch before they leave on all early release days.

Please visit Lakewood School District's webpage for updated school information, lunch menu, district calendar, and this current newsletter.

www.lwsd.wednet.edu

Principal's Message

The school year is off to a great start! The month of September has been packed with meeting new friends and learning new routines. It was great to see so many of you at Open House!

As you know, this year we adopted a new math curriculum called Bridges. The program was developed by teachers to provide opportunities for all students to be successful in math through the use of research-based teaching methods and visual models. Consistent attention is given both to the mastery of basic skills and conceptual understanding. I encourage you to visit the website, mathlearningcenter.org. It will provide answers to many of the questions you may have. You may also type in the address below which will take you directly to a question and answer page: www.mathlearningcenter.org/curriculum/bridges/about.asp.

As always feel free to call your child's teacher or me if you have questions. We are excited about this new curriculum and look forward to exploring math with our students.

Lost & Found

This is an important change. Please note:

Our 'lost & found' will be collected monthly, beginning in October, and donated to a non-profit organization. If your child is missing an item, please have him/her check our lost & found box periodically during the month it turned up missing. Labeling your child's items with his/her name with permanent marker will make it easier for lost items to return to their owner.



Parking Lot

If you visit our school and plan to get out of your car, please park in one of our designated parking spaces. The circular driveway is for dropping off students only.

Questions? Please call our school office. Thank you!



Flu Season

Lakewood School District asks for your help in keeping our students and staff as healthy as possible!

FLU SYMPTOMS (seasonal and H1N1)

Typical symptoms of the flu include:

FEVER (100.4 degrees or higher) AND cough and/or sore throat often accompanied by body aches and fatigue.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME WITH THE FLU!

Lakewood School District policy states:

No return to school until fever has been gone for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine (for most flu cases, this usually means a minimum of 3-5 days away from work/school – up to 7-10 days occasionally).

If your child has been sent home or stayed home with a fever, we will be closely monitoring their status upon returning to school to prevent other students and our staff from becoming ill.

For more flu information, please visit the Lakewood School District website: www.lwsd.wednet.edu



Friendly School Reminders

- If you drive your child to school, please arrive between 8:40-8:50 a.m. Students are tardy at 8:55 and miss important classroom instructions when they arrive late. School hours are 8:55-2:55 p.m.
- If you need to change after school arrangements for your child, please send a note or call the office before 2:15 p.m. Messages are delivered to classrooms at 2:30.
- All students being picked up must be signed-out in the office.
- When sending a note or check to school, please write your child's first and last name, along with his/her teacher's name on it.
- When your child is absent from school, please call our office before 9:00 a.m. (360) 652-4517.
- Applications for free and reduced-priced lunches are available on-line or in our school office. You may call to have one sent home with your child. To find the application online, go to Lakewood School District's home page @: www.lwsd.wednet.edu. See 'Departments' in the column on the left side, then 'Food Services'. You will also find the current lunch menu on this site.



Band News

The Lakewood School District gives our Fifth Graders the wonderful opportunity to begin learning to play a band instrument. Many of you have already attended Band Night, signed your students up, and started bringing them to class. This note is simply to make sure that everyone who wants to join Band has heard about it. It's not too late! Just give Mrs. Lind a call at school, and she will give you all the information. We could use some more trumpet players. Let Mrs. Lind know ASAP if you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity for your student.



Picture Day – Tomorrow Thursday, October 1

To order a picture package, students need to bring the picture envelope to school tomorrow, along with a check payable to: "Designer Studio."

If your child misses this picture day, you would like to order a new package, or you do not like the way your child's photo turned out, retakes will be done on 10/28 & 10/29. (If you are dissatisfied with your child's photos, return the entire picture package on retake day.)

Thank You PTA!

A special thank you to our PTA and volunteers for sprucing up our grounds before school started in August! Our school looked great for the start of our new school year! Your time, energy, and effort (during one of our few rainy August days) was very much appreciated! Thank you again!

