



Lion's Roar

Linkhorn Park Parent & PTA Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! Linkhorn Park Elementary once again achieved Full Accreditation for our students' outstanding performance on the spring SOLs. Our staff continues to work hard to sustain and raise student scores. We are very proud of our students and we applaud our staff for doing such a great job in preparing our students for these state assessments. We appreciate the support of our parents who strive to reinforce the skills that are taught during the school year. The combination of outstanding teaching, teachers who make it a point to establish a sense of pride and success in their classrooms, students who seek to achieve, and supportive parents makes for a winning combination. LPES has it all, thanks to you!



TRANSPORTATION

The safe transportation of all our students is of the highest priority to our school. We ask that all parents write a note (use your "A Note to the Teacher" pad) if their children deviate from their regular mode of transportation home. All transportation changes must be received in writing.

* **Private transportation drop off begins each morning at 8:10.**

STUDENT SAFETY

Our school staff does not arrive in our building until 8:05. Unfortunately, we have no supervision of students until 8:10. **Therefore, students are not allowed in school before 8:10.** This policy is made in the interest of student safety. As you know the Parks and Recreation Department sponsors before and after school care if you need to have your children at school before our opening. You can contact them at 385-0401.

Parents and visitors are welcome to visit our school. It is necessary for all visitors to sign in and obtain a visitors badge before proceeding through the building. Visitor badges are available either from Ms. English, our security assistant in the front hall or the office personnel. This procedure again is in the interest of student safety. Child safety is one of our highest priorities and we appreciate your help in keeping our students safe. All doors to our school are locked except for the main doors to the building.

STANFORD 10 TESTING

All fourth grade students will be tested with the Stanford 10 tests in September. Our fourth grade students will be tested September 21-25. The Stanford 10 tests are given nationwide and will give you an opportunity to compare your child's standing on these tests with all students around the country. They are tested in language arts, math, science and social studies. Please make sure that your children arrive on time during these testing days as all tests will begin first thing in the morning. The test results will be shared with parents as soon as they are received in the school.

HOMEWORK

If a student is ill and parents are willing to pick up homework, please advise the office in the morning so that the teacher will have time to gather the information for the parent. If you call in the late afternoon, it is often impossible for the teacher to get the materials ready without advance notice. Thanks for your help in this matter.



LUNCH CHARGES

In order to eliminate the large amount of student charges for lunch we initiated the following policy. Students will be allowed to charge three lunches. After that time students will be provided with a sandwich, milk, and a piece of fruit for lunch until the outstanding lunch charge is paid. Our cafeteria manager will continue to send home slips with students who have outstanding charges so that parents will be well informed of outstanding charges due.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

Thursday will be the day that information is sent home to parents. This information should contain newsletters, PTA notices, and other appropriate information pertaining to school. Homework is listed in planners for students in grades 3-5. Each child in these grades are furnished with a planner. Individual homework sheets are used in grades K-2.

GIVE ME BOOKS, GIVE ME WINGS



Give me books, give me wings,
let me fly from the page
to a once-upon time in a long-ago age;
taking off for an extraterrestrial place
with brave words for my flight
through the darkness of space;
gliding down to an ocean's mysterious deep
with watery shadows and pictures to keep;
soaring back to the earth and a world that I know;
give me books, give me wings
to climb higher and grow.



Myra Cohn Livingston



HAPPY AD FORM

Happy Ads can be anything you'd like them to be! Congratulate your child, thank a teacher or staff member, pass along get well wishes, birthday greetings, or encouraging words. We will publish the **first thirty ads** received in the next issue of The Lion's Roar. Please limit your Happy Ad to **40 words or less**. The deadline for submitting ads is **September 18 , 2009**.

Dear _____

(Teacher's name)

(Classroom number)

(Print child's full name)



Linkhorn Park Elementary School PTA

Debbie Lou Hague, 2009-2010 PTA President



Dear Linkhorn Park Families,

Did you have a great first week? I know that getting back into the routine of school and all those other activities can be challenging but it is always fun.

I hope I was able to meet you at the Open House last week. If not, be sure to email me and introduce yourself at beachhagues@cox.net. At Open House, parents were given a PTA newsletter and information on volunteering and membership. A big thank you goes out to Courtney Graves and Jennifer Tucker for making that a successful event.

The PTA website has information that you might find interesting. Check out the PTA Calendar, Executive Board list, and directions for registering for membership at <http://www.linkhornparkes.vbschools.com/pta.htm>. You will also find past newsletters, By-laws and information on upcoming events at that site.

I'd like to briefly tell you about what the PTA has planned for the fall. Our first event is coming up on September 17th at 4:30. This Annual Parent Teacher Kickball game is sponsored by Beach Ford. On October 30th, we will have our Monster Mash. I hope that we will have many parent volunteers for this fun ghoulish evening. Movie night will be held in November.



We are also in the process of scheduling assemblies, a spaghetti dinner, student-teacher basketball game, and fundraising activities. Your membership dues and fundraising efforts pay for many activities at Linkhorn. Each room parent is given money for activities in the classrooms and teachers are given money for supplies. I hope that each of you have already become a member of Linkhorn Park Elementary School's PTA to support our children and their teachers.

If you are new to Linkhorn this year, I hope that we've done our job to make you feel welcome. I remember how intimidating it can feel to walk into the school when you have no idea where anything is, or who to ask for help. The PTA is a great resource for all of those questions you may have. One of the best ways to become familiar with the school is to volunteer. We are asking for each parent to volunteer at least 3 hours to LPES this year. We call it "3 for LP". There are lots of different ways to get involved, and there is no experience necessary. There are many jobs you can do in the comfort of your own home. What other job gives you that much flexibility and pays so well? I know of some Committee Chairs that can use your help. Cindy Brooks is looking for room parents. If you are interested please contact her as soon as possible.

I look forward to a terrific year full of excitement.

Debbie Lou Hague
Linkhorn Park Elementary PTA
President



School is Open! Drive Carefully!

