

*The best way to have a good idea is to have a lot of ideas. –*

**Dr. Linus Pauling**

# Linus Pauling Pride



**Parent Newsletter**

Linus Pauling Middle School  
1111 NW Cleveland Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97330-2063  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Alicia Ward-Satey, Principal  
Darren Bland, Assistant Principal  
541-757-5961

April/May 2016 Linus Pauling Middle School Vol. 11 No.6 Corvallis, Oregon

**Happy Spring Linus Pauling Middle School Community,**

I hope everyone had a restful, reinvigorating break and time with family and friends to rejuvenate and reconnect. This spring break I was fortunate enough to travel with my family to Mexico to visit the town where my grandmother was from and to look for any family that may still live there. What a wonderful experience!

As we go into the last months of the school year, there will be many transitions, activities and excitement as the year draws to a close. We will be re-teaching expectations for behavior and for finishing the year strongly. Please help us in talking to your children about doing their best and working hard until the end of school year in June.

I want to personally thank the Linus Pauling community for your support of the Make Your Mark fundraising campaign this year. I am impressed with the support we received and for the projects that will be able to be funded because of your generous donations. Thank you again for your generosity.

In these next months, we will be making staffing and budget decisions as well as have a better idea of changes if any as we move into the next school year. I will have a more detailed overview of any changes for next year in the last newsletter of the year.

As I walked the halls today, talking with students and staff, I continue to be impressed with the passion and energy of the LP staff and the excitement for learning that our students possess. I am thankful to have the opportunity to lead such a wonderful school and learning community. Thank you again for your ongoing support of Linus Pauling.

**With much enthusiasm,  
Alicia Ward-Satey, Principal**



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### April

- 5<sup>th</sup> Track & Field @ Sweet Home
- 7<sup>th</sup> High school schedule pick-up during PE
- 12<sup>th</sup> Band Concert, 7 PM in Commons
- 13<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Concert, 7 PM in Commons
- 15<sup>th</sup> Track & Field @ Newport
- 19<sup>th</sup> Know Your County Government Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mock Congress Committee Hearings
- 20<sup>th</sup> Track & Field @ Philomath High
- 21<sup>st</sup> Pride Assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Middle School Bandfest @ OSU
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Early Release Friday (1:35)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Track & Field @ Cheldelin
- 29<sup>th</sup> Boys & Girls Club Dance

### May

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Choir Concert, 7 PM Commons
- 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation
- 5<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation
- 6<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation
- 9<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation
- 10<sup>th</sup> Track & Field @ LPMS
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mock Congress at LBCC in Albany
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mock Congress at LBCC in Albany
- 26<sup>th</sup> Track & Field Meet of Champions @ CHS
- 27<sup>th</sup> Boys & Girls Club Dance
- 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day, No School

## **ROBYN CHAPMAN WINS GOLDEN APPLE AWARD**



**Linus Pauling's own Robyn Chapman is a 2016 recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The announcement was made at the last Linus Pauling school assembly on March 10<sup>th</sup>. School superintendent Dr. Erin Prince made the presentation with the following words of praise.**

*"This is a teacher who loves kids;  
Has been instrumental in education in Corvallis  
School District for 8 years;  
Has a passion for music;  
Has made that passion her career;  
Takes on extra projects like talent shows;  
Rewrites and writes songs;  
Top-notch musician with a positive attitude and an  
amazing amount of energy!*

*Here are a few words from her colleagues:*

*She has gone above and beyond each and every  
year.  
She has shaped the music education of students in  
our community kindergarten through college over  
the past 8 years. When she shared with me the  
position switch and initial schedule, I asked if she  
played the guitar. Her response was no, but I am  
going to learn! Of course she would.  
I am glad that the Corvallis School District has  
secured this educator as a permanent employee.  
During her time at Franklin, she coordinated and  
produced talent shows, directed band, and taught  
music and technology. She is a professional with a  
passion for music in all its forms."*

*Congratulations to Robyn Chapman!!!*

**Robyn joins four other current LPMS staff members as a Golden Apple winner and with such an excellent staff there are sure to be many more to come.**

### ***LPMS Golden Apple Recipients***

2005 - Coulter Rose  
2006 - Sandy Fong  
2008 - Joe Fulton  
2012 – Stephanie Swenson  
2016 – Robyn Chapman

## **Many thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers!**

Once again, a huge thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers at LP. The amount of support we had for both the staff dinner (during conference time) and the Greek Olympics was absolutely fantastic! I've heard so many great things from the staff complimenting the constant outpouring of support they have at LP and it's one of the reasons they are so thankful to be a part of this school.

There will be a few more events coming up before the end of the school year, with the biggest being 8th Grade Celebration. Please be on the lookout over the next week or two for information and volunteer information.

**Katie Slayden  
Creative Director  
Slayden Management Team, LLC  
971-344-2800**

## **MOCK CONGRESS**

The 2016 Mock Congress, one of the most important events of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade experience, is fast approaching. Our students have been working hard on their critical issues and preparing bills to present for consideration. The speeches will be made at the committee hearings on April 19<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that students make every effort to attend school on that big day.

The culmination of all the effort by our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take place with the student-directed Mock Congress May 23-24 at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany. This is a wonderful event that creates lasting memories for our students and helps prepare them to be responsible citizens of our state and our country.

## **AVID**

We will be having an AVID Parent Information night on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Ava Helen Auditorium. This meeting is for parents of current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who want to learn more about the LPMS AVID Elective. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It is an elective class currently offered in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For the 2016-2017 school year, it will be offered in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

## OSU BAND FESTIVAL



The Linus Pauling Middle School Intermediate and Advanced Bands will travel to LaSells Stewart Center to participate in The OSU Middle School Band Festival on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Intermediate Band performs at 9:30 am, and the Advanced Band performs at 11:30 am. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

The following week, the Advanced Band travels to Newport, OR for the OMEA District XI Large Ensembles Band Festival on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The event takes place at the Newport Performing Arts Center. Performance times have not yet been announced, so check in to Mrs. Chapman's website for more details.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Linus Pauling Middle School Choir will participate in the OMEA District XI Choral Festival. More details will be listed on the website as they come available.



## Bus Routes

The schedule from First Student Bus will be available on the Corvallis School District website and at schedule pick-up. Go to <http://www.csd509j.net> then select the **Parents** option on the main menu bar, choose **Transportation Services** then **Home to School Transportation**. You may also call the bus company at 541-752-0174 with specific questions.

## Daily Lunchtime Outdoor Rec

This year during lunch we have **Green**, **Yellow** and **Red** days based on the weather outside (description of each below). Our goal will be to have Green days as much as possible which will allow our students to be outside during lunch.

**Green Day:** All students outside using the basketball hoops outside gyms, walking the track as well as utilizing the grass fields inside the track and behind the gyms.

**Yellow Day:** This will be utilized when it is not raining but the fields are muddy or overly wet. Students will be outside using the basketball hoops, walking the track and we will have the small gym open as well.

**Red Day:** This will be utilized when it is raining during lunch forcing all activities indoor. Students will use the large and small gym with no outside activities.



## Attendance Reporting – Call 541-757-3980

Accurate student attendance must be taken each school day, and Oregon state law dictates the types and the number of absences which may be reported as excusable. When your student will be absent from either a full or partial day of school, it is very important to report the absence to the school by 9:15 a.m. the day of the absence by calling the school attendance line. Voicemail is available for attendance messages around the clock. When leaving an attendance message, please give 1) your name, 2) the student's name, 3) date of the absence, 4) time of the absence, 5) reason for the absence, and 6) a phone number where you may be reached during the school day for information.

## LPMS Registration for the 2016/17 School Year

Registration packets will go home with current students by early May. It is important that these packets be completed and returned as soon as possible. If your child will not be continuing at Linus Pauling next school year please write that on the registration card and return the packet. Packets will include the registration card, technology use agreement, electives, and ListServ permission. Any questions about the upcoming school year please contact Mary Marshall, LPMS Registrar at 541-757-3979.



## District Food Service

Students attending the Corvallis 509J school district have meal accounts through a central computerized accounting system. This allows students or parents to deposit money in advance into the computerized system whereby students can then debit a meal or milk from their account. The system eliminates lost or stolen meal tickets and money as well as providing for confidentiality for students on the free/reduced meal program by way of variable account balances on the screen.

**ATTENTION: Payforit.net** is now available to apply payment with a credit or debit card to your child's account. Payment by check in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the student and the amount enclosed will continue to be accepted as well. **Parents please check your students lunch accounts, they are allowed only one charge. Help us keep the lunch line moving smoothly.**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitations

LPMS feeder elementary schools will visit May 4, 5, 6 and 9 to meet with the Principals, Counselors, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and to have a tour of the school given by our current 6<sup>th</sup> graders. If you have a student or know someone who does and who is not currently attending one of Corvallis's elementary schools but planning on attending LPMS for 6<sup>th</sup> grade this is a good time for them to visit. Please contact our Registrar, Mary Marshall, at 541-757-3979 to pick a day to attend.

## Electronic Devices

Cell phones must be turned off and put away at 8:45 a.m. when it is announced that *all* devices be put away. Students may use cell phones after they leave the building at the close of the school day. Responsible use of electronic devices is our expectation.

## Technology Safety

It can be a real a balancing act to teach our children the proper use of technology, review expectations, and keep them safe so they can benefit from the learning opportunities available through technology. Here are some safety suggestions: limit usage, set rules regarding private information, keep kids in sight, check browser history, and talk with them about what they are doing online. These are just a few suggestions for keeping kids safe online.

## iPad Support



Are you still having difficulty connecting to the internet from home? We have some new directions located on our LPMS webpage. You can also send your student to see Mrs. Peters and she will add a shortcut to the iPad to connect directly to the proxy server.

<https://sites.google.com/a/corvallis.k12.or.us/linus-pauling-middle-school/home/1-world-ipads>



## Library News and Reminders

Our library just received several boxes of new books for our Dual Immersion and Spanish programs. We also have several new novels ready for check-out. Business is brisk in our library every single day. We have plenty of voracious readers in our student body. We want all of our students to read and we have books for every interest and level. Parents are welcome and encouraged to check out our library. We can even make a parent account so that you can check out books yourself!

Keep sending in those *Boxtops for Education*. They have earned us hundreds of dollars towards the purchase of new books. A very special thanks to parent volunteer **Carri Jensen** for spearheading this great fundraiser for our library.

Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grade student **Alex Barth** who has qualified for the state finals in the national geographic geography bee. Alex will compete at state on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Book Savvy** won the LPMS OBOB title by defeating **S.M.A.R.T.** in the school finals in the Ava Helen Pauling Auditorium. Congratulations to team members **Josie Neely, Sydney Soskis, Cedra Eagles-Smith and Arianna Hendler!** The team advanced to state where they finished in the top 16. The team was coached by LP parent **Leann Eagles-Smith**.

Be sure to visit our [Library Website](#) for all the current news about our beautiful Linus Pauling Library! [www.paulinglibrary.weebly.com](http://www.paulinglibrary.weebly.com)

## Do you love to volunteer and help people?

Do you think you've participated in more than 50 hours of service work since June 2015?? If so, please fill out a Presidential Volunteers Service Award form to apply to earn this honor! Forms are available in the Linus Pauling MS Office and online at [www.mrshibbertsclassroom.weebly.com](http://www.mrshibbertsclassroom.weebly.com) under PVSA. All forms are due back to Mrs. Hibbert through the main office by **APRIL 15, 2016**.



**Corvallis School District 509J  
LINUS PAULING MIDDLE SCHOOL  
1111 NW CLEVELAND AVENUE  
CORVALLIS, OR 97330-2063**

**NON PROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE PAID  
SALEM, OR  
PERMIT NO 344**