

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

Dr. Linus Pauling

# Linus Pauling Pride



## Parent Newsletter

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### *Some of our upcoming events*

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>: Track meet at Junction City HS**  
**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: Know Your County Govt. Day**  
**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: Greek Olympics**  
**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: Track meet at LPMS**  
**Tuesday, April 25: Mock Congress Committee Hearings.**  
**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Track meet at LPMS**  
**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>: Meet of Champions at CHS**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday May 30 and 31: Mock Congress at Linn-Benton Community College.**



## Greeting from your Health Navigator

### **Summer Activities**

Summer is approaching! If you need assistance with registering your student for summer activities such as summer camps and swimming lessons, please contact your Health Navigator. Scholarship opportunities are available for some activities, have. You can reach Viviana at 541-766-4688

### **Save the day for these FREE community events**

Go Outdoors Day: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at Peavy Arboretum  
Aqua Campeones Swim Day: August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Osborn Aquatic Center

### **Do you need assistance with applying for the Oregon Health Plan?**

Contact the Linus Pauling Health Navigator. Viviana Gonzalez is a trained community partner that can assist with OHP enrollment and accessing medical care. Remember that you can apply for the Oregon Health Plan at any time of the year. Enrollment is always open. You can reach Viviana at 541-766-4688.

### **Greetings LPMS Community,**

It's hard to believe that we have already arrived at spring break. The last 2 ½ months of school will be filled with activities and preparation for next year. Here are a few things to keep in mind as we come back from spring break.

**Aaron McKee-** I want to take a few words and congratulate our assistant principal, Aaron McKee. After a rigorous hiring process, Aaron has been named the principal at Crescent Valley High School, beginning the 17-18 school year. I am very happy for him, but must admit that I am sad to see him leave Linus Pauling. His prior experience with Linus Pauling and the fine job he has done for time he has been with us has been invaluable. He builds strong relationships with students, staff and community and has been a great person to work with. He will be greatly missed!! Good luck, Aaron.

**Assistant Principal Hiring-**In April the process for choosing a new assistant principal will start. I am expecting that we will be screening candidates and holding interviews sometime in April. I will keep you posted as we proceed through this process.

**Spring Conferences-** I want to invite you to attend the spring parent-teacher conferences at LP. This is an opportunity for you to check in with your student's teachers. There will be a drop in time on Thursday, April 13th from 5:00-8:00 in the evening. Please see this publication for more detailed information.

Finally, just a quick reminder that the 7th grade class will have their annual Greek Olympics on Wednesday, April 19th and we will be conducting the Smarter Balanced Assessment during the months of April and May.

I want to let you know that I feel very privileged to be the principal at Linus Pauling Middle School. We have a great staff, students and community that cares deeply for students and their progress. Every day is different and it is heartwarming to see the students as they grow into young adults.

Wishing everyone a relaxing, rejuvenating time with family and friends.

**Sincerely,**

**Alicia Ward Satey, Principal**

## HEALTH ROOM

The LPMS health room is for quick checkups and emergencies. Students cannot stay for long periods of time. We prefer to limit visits to 10 minutes, after which the student will return to class or we will call home to have them picked up by a parent or guardian. Students are allowed to bring over the counter medication that will help them stay in school, as long as they have a signed permission form to do so.



**Attendance Reporting – Call 541-757-3980**

*There are free refrigerator magnets with our phone numbers in the office!*

Accurate student attendance must be taken each day. Oregon state law dictates the types and number of absences which may be reported as excusable. When your student will be absent for either a full or partial day of school, it is 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 absence, 4) time of absence, 5) reason for absence, and 6) phone number where you may be reached during the school day for information. Courtesy calls begin mid-morning if your student has not been excused; this takes time so please try to make the initial contact.

**Attention:** If your student needs to be picked up early for an appointment/other reason, contact the main office at 541-757-5961, our main phone number, the attendance line messages are retrieved often but we do not want to miss having your student ready to go.

## Dual Immersion Staff Profile: Señor Becerra

My name is José Becerra and this is my first year teaching at LPMS. I teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts and Social Studies in the Dual Immersion program, where all the materials and conversation is in Spanish! I love my job because I am able to use my native language to teach students the beauty of being able to communicate and understand the language. In the process they become bi-literate and bilingual, which will open many educational and vocational opportunities in the future.

I was born and raised in the Willamette Valley and went to OSU to receive my Bachelor's Degree in History. I decided to add an Education Major my sophomore year after volunteering to work with students at LPMS. That was the motivation I needed to know that my future belonged in education.

This is my second year teaching. Last year I taught at the high school level, which I really enjoyed as well. I taught Global Studies, American Government, and Spanish 1 & 2. However, my true joy is in Dual Immersion, because I have the opportunity to teach content material in Spanish. My goal is to motivate students to become successful citizens. Hopefully, they learn believe in themselves while understanding the importance of being respectful, responsible, and honest. Above all, I want to inspire students to strive for a bright future and a lifelong love of learning.

## BECOME A WEB LEADER!

Applications for the 2017-2018 WEB Leader team were handed out, in PE classes, on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Applications are due, by 2:30pm, on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (the week after Spring Break). Though some dates have not been nailed down, applicants and their parents need to be aware of some mandatory dates for WEB activities (listed on the application form).

Applications will be available, up to the deadline, in the counselor offices. Applications need to be submitted to Mrs. Porter, in LPMS' main office. Any questions should be addressed to the school counselors.

## SCIENCE FIELD TRIP TO MARY'S PEAK!!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade science students will be going to Mary's Peak, for a planned field trip on Thursday, 5/18/17. We'll need about 40 parent volunteers who are willing to hike, explore and supervise. This promises to be a wonderful educational excursion to the highest peak in the Oregon Coast Range and it's an all-day affair. Interested parties please email Vicki Kurlak by April 10: [vicki.kurlak@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:vicki.kurlak@corvallis.k12.or.us)

Interested parents should make sure they have completed the volunteer requirements for the district (sooner rather than later).

## MOCK CONGRESS IS HERE!

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in Mock Congress Committee Hearings on Tuesday, April 25. It is best to not have any absences or appointments on that important day.

Also, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go to LBCC on May 30 and 31 for our Annual LPMS Mock Congress. Again, students will not want to miss these days because of absences or appointments, but also because it promises to be one of the most memorable events of their middle school years!

## LIFE SKILLS

The Life Skills class has been busy with weekly field trips to the library and cooking. We recently visited the Crossfit Train Gym and had a blast! The class is looking forward to spring when we can take walks and go to the grocery store. We are also looking for a recumbent stationary bike for the classroom! If anyone has one that they aren't using, we'd love to have it.

## TRACK AND FIELD!



Track and field is underway at LPMS and we have another excellent turnout. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help with our home meets on April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> and at the Meet of champions on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Here is the track meet schedule for 2017.

Thu, Apr 6 North South Classic @ Junction City  
 Tue, Apr 11 MVCC @ Cheldelin  
 Thu, Apr 20 MVCC @ Linus Pauling  
 Thu, Apr 27 Patton Invite @ McMinnville  
 Tue, May 16 MVCC @ Linus Pauling  
 Thu, May 25 Oregon Middle School Meet of Champions @ Corvallis HS

Need more information and to volunteer please email head coach Coulter Rose at [lpmsrtrack@gmail.com](mailto:lpmsrtrack@gmail.com).



### 2016-2017 LPMS Concert Schedule (Subject to change)

Apr. 8, 2017	Day time	Anyone Interested	NAlbany
Apr. 21, 2017	TBD	Int. & Adv. Bands	LaSells Stewart Ctr. OSU Band Festival
May 3, 2017	Day time	Advanced	Newport, OMEA Dist. XI Instrumental Festival
May 10, 2017	Day time	Advanced Choir	TBD OMEA Dist. XI Choral Festival
June 1, 2017	7:00pm	All Choirs	LPMS
June 7, 2017	7:00pm	All Bands	LPMS

## MAKE YOUR MARK!

This year's Make Your Mark fundraiser has officially ended! We are pleased to announce that our current total is just over \$11,400.00 and it is still growing! We received a number of donations from individuals and our students earned over \$7,000 through the Jog-A-Thon. We are so happy with the success, and excited about the possibilities to expand our students educational opportunities. Thank you all for the support you have shown our students and programs here at Linus Pauling!



## Linus Pauling Library News



Double Trouble, featuring 7<sup>th</sup> graders Cedra Eagles-Smith and Sydney Soskis, competed brilliantly in the OBOB Regionals in Silverton on March 18<sup>th</sup>. After several rounds of pool play they went into bracketed play ranked 4<sup>th</sup> (out of 41 original teams). They then went from the sweet 16 to the elite eight, but lost the battle leading to the final four by just one question! The team received plenty of positive feedback for their sportswomanship and how amazing they were for being just a two-person team (most OBOB teams had four members). Congrats to Sydney & Cedra!

Kristy Kemper-Hodge, the wonderful youth librarian at the Corvallis Public Library, will visit LPMS on Wed. April 4<sup>th</sup> for our monthly Book Club discussion. This month we will be talking about the graphic novel *Nimona* by Noelle Stevenson. Kristy will be in the purple area of the library during lunch time/outdoor rec. Please encourage your children to attend. They do not need to be members of an OBOB team and Kristy is very engaging. The conversations often lead to other great books.

### New Books in Spanish for LPMS!

The LPMS DLI program received a grant for \$5000 to expand our library collection of Spanish books. We have already received about 50 new titles. Once they have been processed and entered into the district system, they will be on the shelves for checkout. If you would like to suggest a selection to add to our collection, please contact Mr. Fulton at [joe.fulton@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:joe.fulton@corvallis.k12.or.us)

## AVID

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college and career readiness elective for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Mrs. Chilvers and Ms. Swenson met with all of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts classes to talk about the AVID elective and answer questions. Parents of current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the AVID Parent Information Meeting on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to learn more about the AVID elective. AVID applications are due Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Swenson.

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