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Linus Pauling Pride



Parent Newsletter

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Greetings Linus Pauling Community!!

Teacher Professional Development - Hope you are enjoying the summer and are taking advantage of all of the wonderful things to do during the summer in Oregon. For the second summer, I was able to travel to Denver to attend the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Institute with 12 of the wonderful staff members at Linus Pauling Middle School. Teachers were able to learn many different strategies for increasing rigor in writing and reading for all students. They were also able to better understand how to teach and expect organization within the classroom and to have students work collaboratively and ask good questions about what they are learning.

Binders for 2016-17- Organization is an important student skill in middle school, high school and beyond. We all know as adults, organizing our obligations and responsibilities is key to being successful. As part of our school wide Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) initiative, **Linus Pauling will implement school- wide binders starting in the Fall of 2016.** Our goal is to help all students gain organizational skills that will help them become college and career ready. By implementing an organization system for all students, we hope this will help all students move closer to that goal. **The school will supply each student with a 3-4” 3-ring binders (no zippers) but students will be asked to supply the items that will go inside the binder.** The items students will be asked to purchase are:

Please note: *All spirals and notebook paper need to be 3 hole punched to fit in the binder*

- Binder 3 hole pencil pouch (zippered)
- Binder dividers – write on dividers with at least 7 tabs
- 3 spirals
- 2 pkgs. College-ruled notebook paper

- 1 graphing spiral -- for all math classes except Math Concepts A and B
- Ink pens – blue or black
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Ruler
- Set of colored pencils
- Scientific calculator (Pre-Algebra, Foundations, Algebra and Geometry only). School will have some available to check out if needed.
- Compass (Geometry only)

Please note that a complete supply list can be found within this newsletter. If you have any questions about the supply list, feel free to contact the office at LP.

New Assistant Principal - I am happy to introduce Aaron McKee, the new assistant principal at Linus Pauling. The vacancy occurred when Darren Bland was named the principal at Cheldelin MS in June. Aaron comes to LP from Crescent Valley HS where he worked for 2 years as assistant principal and before that had worked at Linus Pauling as a teacher for 10 years. Overall he has worked in the Corvallis School District for 27 years. Please welcome Mr. McKee!! I am excited for a new school year and the new beginnings and hope it brings. I am privileged to work at Linus Pauling and to have a staff that is caring, enthusiastic and has your child's best interest at heart. Take advantage of the remaining summer vacation to relax and rejuvenate and we will see you September.

Warm Regards,

Alicia Ward-Satey, Principal

Upcoming Events:

August 15 – Sept. 7 Office hours 8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

August 23-24 Back to school schedule Pick-up Days (pick-up schedules, pay fees, lockers assigned/put school supplies in lockers, sign up for activities/athletics) Commons

8/23 – 6th graders only, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

8/23 – 7th graders only, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

8/24 – 8th graders only, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

8/24 – Any grade student, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

August 25 – WEB – 6th grade and new student orientation, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

September 5 – Office Closed (Labor Day Holiday)

September 7 – School Begins, Front office opens at 8:00 a.m., Commons opens at 8:15 a.m., classes begin at 8:55 a.m.

September 12 – Picture Day – All students should have their pictures taken on this day.

September 22 – Fall Parent Curriculum Night, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Check website for more information.

Volunteers Needed!

Welcome to the kickoff of another great school year at LPMS! As you know, there are so many fun activities spanned across the year for both students and staff, and most of it cannot be done without the help of our volunteers!

My name is Katie Slayden and I am your Volunteer Coordinator at LP. I am working as the liaison between events and volunteers to make your experience easy and fun. As mentioned, there are a ton of volunteer opportunities throughout the year—starting right off the bat!

Registration Schedule Pick Up, August 23rd, 24th

This is a big event where we rely heavily on the help of our volunteers to help keep things running smoothly. Volunteers will help with collecting registration fees (background check required, see below), as well as distribution of schedules, locker info, school clubs and PTO table info. Details can be found here <http://signup.com/go/GiyRto>

If you are able to help with this event, registration is easy—just click on the above link or the SignUp button (formerly Volunteer Spot) on the Linus Pauling home page to get started.

Get Involved!

We currently have openings for the following spots for this coming school year.

- Display Case managers (2 openings)
- Box Tops Manager
- Staff Appreciation Coordinator (1-2 openings)
- Social Committee Chair (1-2 Openings)
- Social Committee (no limit)
- Lunch Time Chaperones (no limit)

If any of these openings are of interest to you, please contact me for more info.

DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS: All volunteers working WITH kids and money must have a school verified Criminal History Background Check (CHBC). Signing up to volunteer via VolunteerSpot does not mean that you have been cleared to help with this event. If you have not completed a CHBC within the past 2 school years, then go to the LPMS web page (Parents/Volunteers) and complete the online forms. The CHBC form can take up to 21 days to process as it involves multiple agencies. Approximately 5 days before this event, LPMS staff will confirm that you are clear to volunteer.

Looking forward to another great year at LPMS!

Katie Slayden

WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) News

August training sessions will be on Monday, August 22nd and Tuesday, August 23rd, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm (both days).

6th grade orientation day is Thursday, August 25th. WEB Leaders need to be at LPMS at 7:00 am. Activities will conclude by 1:00pm

AVID

For the 2016 – 2017 school year there will two 8th grade AVID Elective classes taught by Jody Chilvers. In addition, there will be one 7th grade AVID Elective class taught by Jason Haun. We are very excited about this expansion of our AVID program. The LPMS Site Coordinator will be Steph Swenson.

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 free/reduced meal program by way of variable account balances on the screen.

Payments to meal accounts can be completed online at Payforit.net with a credit or debit card. Payment by check in a sealed envelope marked with the students name will continue to be accepted.

Please complete a Free and Reduced-Price Meals form online at <https://district.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp/> before school begins if you feel you may qualify. Forms must be resubmitted each school year.

Linus Pauling Middle School Cross Country Team - FALL 2016

Join the Linus Pauling Cross Country Team for the 2016 season. Run for fun, for friendships, for fitness, or run to race.

The philosophy of LPMS XC emphasizes building character from the satisfaction that comes from an honest effort in a team structure. We encourage everyone to improve at his/her own level; we help promote friendships among athletes; we believe strongly in establishing proper running and fitness habits; and we value hard work.

Participation fee includes coaching, bus transportation when necessary, a technical t-shirt, and incidental expenses such as race fees. **However, no one is turned away because of inability to pay.** Practices will be M, T, and Th each week, directly after school, from 3:50 to 5:00 p.m. If races occur on Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday, we still meet on M, T, and Th. Practices encompass dynamic warm-up drills, a wide range of running intensities, strength and core work, stretching, and occasional running wisdom. Athletes work at their own level. Races are 3000 meters (1.8 miles).

Official practice starts on August 29th, the week before school starts. There will be informal gatherings during the month of August, based on the coaches' schedules. Please write to Mr. Behrens a

lpmsxc@gmail.com with any questions, to request being placed on the mail list, and to receive all announcements and updates.

Please plan for a sport's physical if your child is a 7th grader or is now an 8th grader and did not turn in a new physical last year. Physicals are good for two years. The OSAA-required form is available on the school website at <https://sites.google.com/a/corvallis.k12.or.us/linus-pauling-middle-school/forms>.

Here are some great summer reading suggestions:

The 2016-17 OBOB and ORCA lists!

The OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) selections:

Courage for Beginners by Karen Harrington
The Journal of Curious Letters by James Dashner
Masterminds by Gordon Korman
Unfriended by Rachel Vail
Zombie Baseball Beatdown by Paolo Bacigalupi
The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann
A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
The Menagerie by Tui T. and Kari Sutherland
The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblich
Death by Toilet Paper by Donna Gephart
Dark Life by Kat Falls

The ORCA (Oregon Reader's Choice Awards) winners:

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier
The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm
The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson
Egg and Spoon by Gregory Maguire
Greenglass House by Kate Milford
The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woods

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