

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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I am happy to welcome all Linus Pauling families in our first newsletter since the arrival of students. The building has been buzzing with middle school energy and it has been inspiring to see our 6th graders go from struggling to open lockers and find their classrooms to making new friends and fitting right in. Our staff have been collaborating to build routines and teach expectations that help your scholars quickly feel comfortable and a part of our community. I know our teachers have worked to build relationships that will pay dividends throughout the year. Our WEB leaders have done an excellent job of demonstrating leadership and making our new scholars feel welcome. There is a lot to be proud of in our Pride!

If you were unable to make it to our Parent Curriculum Night on September 27th you will have another opportunity to meet our excellent staff during Conferences, October 25th - 27th. Conferences at middle school are done arena style with teachers stationed throughout the commons, so parents can line up to meet briefly with specific teachers. The conference schedule details should be available by the time you receive this newsletter. Please keep in mind that this time is set aside specifically for you to meet with teachers, as it is challenging for teachers to meet during a normal school week.

One way to check your scholar's progress is through Pinnacle, which you can find a link to at the top of the school district's website www.csd509j.net. Pinnacle allows parents to track absences and academic progress. If you are new to Linus Pauling, you should have received your login information. If you are a returning family, your login should remain the same. Please contact our registrar, Mary Marshall, if you are having difficulty. We ask teachers to update Pinnacle at least once every two weeks so please keep this in mind if checking regularly. It is best if you can talk with your scholars about what they have learned

rather than points earned, while at the same time teaching them the responsibility of turning work in on time and making up work when absent. These are important skills to take to high school.

Students have been using their iPads in class and soon they will start coming home with your scholars. iPads are meant for academic purposes and it is important that they come back to school with a full charge. Please let your teachers know if there are any problems using iPads at home. Speaking of technology, we were excited to learn that the district will be launching a new website for Linus Pauling in early 2018. Stay tuned for this update!

One of our most successful fundraisers last year was the jog-a-thon. We are grateful to our PE department's willingness to combine fitness with fundraising. Look for information to come home soon on this excellent way to contribute to Linus Pauling.

There are some exciting events coming up and we hope to see you at some of them:

Long Range Facility Planning Community Information Night on October 10th 6:30 pm in Library

Home Cross Country Meet October 12th 3:30 pm at Avery Park

Advanced Band performing with CHS Pep Band at Spartan Stadium October 12th at 7:00 pm.

AVID Parent Night October 19th at 6:30 pm in health room by PE hallway

Choir Concert October 23rd 7:00 pm in Commons

Conferences with Teachers October 25th -27th in Commons

Fall is a time of transition and I hope it is the beginning of an excellent school year for all Linus Pauling families.

Best Wishes,

- **Greg Hyde**

Counselor's Corner:

As Professional School Counselors, we work with students on an individual basis, in small groups and in their classrooms. The focus of the Linus Pauling counseling program is on academic skills, career awareness, and personal/social skills. We attend parent-teacher conferences and at the request of the parent/guardian or teacher we can be present as our schedule allows. WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) is another aspect of our counseling program. This program engages, develops, and trains older students at LPMS to be leaders and mentors. Our 8th graders volunteer to help the 6th graders throughout the first year of their transition to middle school.

Here are some reasons *students* might want to talk to the School Counselor:

- "I had an argument with my best friend and she doesn't want to be my friend anymore."
- "Some kids in my science class are talking about fighting after school."
- "My parents argue all the time and I don't know what to do."
- "My grandfather is really sick and I'm scared he's going to die."
- "My mom just had a baby and she doesn't have time for me anymore."
- "We're moving again!"
- "My dad wants me to be an engineer like him, but I want to be a pilot."

Here are some reasons *parents* might want to talk to the School Counselor:

- "This is John's third school this year and he's having difficulty adjusting."

- "My husband is being deployed in two weeks and Carolyn may need some help coping with this change."
- "Sam used to be excited about school, but lately he doesn't seem to care."
- "My wife and I recently separated and our daughter could use some help understanding this."
- "My son seems to be the target of some teasing and bullying after school. Can you help?"

~Ms. Chilvers and Mr. Hilberg are your LPMS Counselors for 2017-18.

Healthy Youth Programs' Tend, Mend and Mingle!

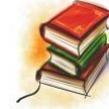


The Healthy Youth Program invites you to join them for Tend, Mend and Mingle, a monthly community work party in our school garden. You can work on garden-related projects and build community through hands-on/minds-on service learning projects. This will be at our school garden on the 3rd Thursday of the month between 9 AM and 11 AM. There will be no work party in December or January.

How do you volunteer? It's easy. Just meet and check in at the LP front office, sign the volunteer form and head out to the garden, which is near the track. And of course, children are welcome!

Please contact hyp@oregonstate.edu with any questions.

Linus Pauling Cross Country



Linus Pauling Library News



Back by popular demand in our beautiful Linus Pauling Library is Open Mic at lunch time. Open Mic is when students from all grade levels sing, play instruments and tell stories. 14 brave souls have signed up to perform in our upcoming Open Mic on Sept. 29th. The performances will take place in the purple area of the library, and all interested students are welcome to watch. Other open mic dates are Oct. 20th, Dec. 1st, Jan. 19th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 23rd, Apr. 27th and June 1st.

The 2017 Linus Pauling Cross Country Team is off to a fast start its 10th year! The LP girls, powered by a 3-6-7-9-10 finish from Madeline Nason, Ava Betts, Vivienne McFarland and twins Hannah and Kate Middleton, easily won the McMinnville Middle School Invite on Sept. 22nd. The girls remained undefeated by placing eight runners in the top 14 at the Jefferson Invite on Sept. 26th. Madeline Nason was the overall champion and Ava Betts, who had finished 3rd in the Fall Festival Women's 5k two days earlier, was 2nd. After two meets the girls are 18-0 against complete teams!

The Linus Pauling boys team, led by Spencer Middleton in 7th and Seth Hannigan-Downs in 15th, placed 5th in the McMinnville invite. At the Jefferson Invite the boys finished 4th out of 17 teams and were led once again by Spencer in 7th and Seth in 11th. The boys are 16-7 against complete teams after two meets.

You can catch complete results and the full meet schedule at the Linus Pauling page on athletic.net: <https://www.athletic.net/CrossCountry/School.aspx?SchoolID=22090>



Kristy Kemper-Hodge, the wonderful youth librarian at the Corvallis Public Library, will visit LPMS on the 2nd Wed of every month for our Book Club discussion. Last week Kristy dropped by during lunch time and met with interested students to decide which books we will read and discuss this year. Please encourage your children to attend. They do not need to be members of an OBOB team and Kristy is very engaging.

I am teaching a family history class for 6th grade students in the library during 4th period. All 6th graders will get a chance to research their family history at some point this year during the Exploratory rotations. We use great websites like Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, Fold3 Military Honor Wall and FindAGrave.com for our research. These kids are learning important research skills while taking pride in their heritage. It's been a lot of fun.

The Corvallis School District has switched to a new library checkout and research system. It is called Follett Destiny and is up and running in time for the 2017-2018 school year. We think students and staff alike will enjoy this new program.

Finally, our annual Scholastic Book fair will be held Dec. 4-8. If you would like to help out just let me know. – *“Geography Joe” Fulton*

Greeting from your Health Navigator

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.

ATTENDANCE

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. – Thanks! *Ms. Hascall*



Attendance Reporting – Call 541-757-3980

AVID NEEDS PENNANTS!

We are looking for college pennants and posters donations. Please drop off college pennants and posters for any college or university to the LPMS Office for Steph Swenson.

STEM

STEM is the newest 8th grade elective taught by Amanda McBride. Students are currently using K'nex building materials to discuss engineering and design in structures. They are also recognizing the connections between our everyday lives and STEM subjects such as simple machines, geometrical shapes around us, as well as impacts on gardening that influence our food sources. Programs that are in developing mode are our 3D printer unit, coding and programming, and the Pinewood Derby. Our students seem excited about STEM.

Staff Spotlight!

By: Alexandra Rominger

Name: **Natalie Vega-Juarez**

Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Favorite color: Hot pink

Age group: Work in all grade levels, mostly 6th.

Position: Educational Assistant

Fun facts: New to LP. Natalie.

struggled in school and sees herself in the student shoes. She wants to push and challenge students to do better. She really like music and dancing!

Name: **Bea Boedtker**

Hometown: Corvallis, Oregon

Favorite color: All colors

Age group: 7th grade-- best group ever!

Position: Humanities Teacher

Fun facts: 30 years in Corvallis Middle Schools. Bea wishes the best for all of the kids and wants the best for each of the students. She wants to be an accessible resource for all. Bea loves playing trivia and she loves the staff at L.P.

EXPLORATORY!

All 6th grade students will be spending 4th period in our Exploratory Wheel. The rotations are approximately five weeks each. Our first rotation ends on October 6th and we hope the students have enjoyed these special classes. Below are the start dates for each new rotation followed by the rotation order and teacher.

Exploratory Session Start Dates

October 9th; November 13th; January 8th;
February 12th; April 2nd; May 7th

Subject/Teacher

Art – Ms. Hall
Spanish – Ms. Gish
Music – Mrs. Chapman
Genealogy – Mr. Fulton
FACS – Mrs. Renaud
Coding – Ms. Boss
AVID – Ms. Corkery

Newspapers in Education

The Gazette-Times is coming back to LPMS! 50 copies of the GT will be dropped off every weekday to LPMS. Life Skills students will be delivering the papers to classrooms that have requested them. We will only be receiving about 50 copies, so no classroom can order an entire class set. Teachers, keep your request reasonable and send it to Holly Deffenbacher. The papers will be delivered during 1st period. You will also be able to find a copy of the paper in our beautiful Linus Pauling library.

The Advanced Band to Perform at CHS Football Game!!

The Linus Pauling Middle School Advanced Band will perform at the Corvallis HS football game with the CHS marching band on Thursday, October 12.

The choirs will have their first concert of the year on Monday, October 23rd at 7pm in the LPMS Commons.

NEWS FROM OUR PARENT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR!

Volunteers needed:

Staff appreciation co-chair – please contact Michelle at 541-602-1193. We will also need individuals to help with daily staff appreciation activities the last week of October.

Book fair volunteers also needed at the book fair Dec 4-8th.

Look for an email on these opportunities soon.

Please join us at the next two LPMS Dine Outs.

Thursday, November 2nd - Dine Out for LPMS at China Blue Restaurant (2307 NW 9th Street)

20% of total sales from 11 am to 9 pm will be donated to the PTO. Dine In or Take Out. (541-757-8088) Must present the flyer or mention LPMS for your receipt to count for the fundraiser.

Monday, December 4th and Tuesday, December 5th - Dine Out for LPMS at Pastini Pastaria

(1580 NW 9th Street) 50% of net proceeds from both days will be donated to the PTO. Dine In or Take Out. Must mention LPMS for your receipt to be stamped and counted for the fundraiser.

If you are not on the LPMS listserv, please sign up TODAY by sending an e-mail from the address you want to get listserv messages from to:

LPMS-News+subscribe@Listserv.CSD509J.Net.

See you at the LPMS soon!



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