

The Leopard's Tale

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IMPORTANT DATES:

November 21 **GOTTA EAT NIGHT**, Panera, Columbia Mall, 6-9 pm
November 21 & 22 Schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences
November 23 Schools closed for students. Parent/teacher conferences.
November 24 & 25 Thanksgiving Holiday, schools and offices closed.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Het Patel
Nikki Nath
Nicholas Dalson
Pedro Pastore
Pranav Krishnan
Annika Brown
Madison Roberts
Aidan Kristo
Devary Bennett

"Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Football half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence." -Erma Bombeck

There is so much to be thankful for here at LKMS!

It was wonderful to see so many parents and guardians visit their children's classes this week for American Education Week. On Wednesday, Mrs. Ober and I enjoyed meeting with several parents during "Coffee and

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Conversation." Our discussion took many paths, including sharing our school focus and initiatives for this school year and student safety in light of current events. I appreciate the partnership between home and school as we work together to provide quality first instruction in a safe school environment.

This week we have celebrated our "Superhero" paraeducators and student assistants! These valued staff members provide the necessary supports to assist students in accessing a high quality education. We enjoyed spoiling them and letting them know how much they are appreciated.

Last, but certainly not least, this week students received their first quarter report cards. I am thrilled to announce that 86% (629) of LKMS students achieved Honor Roll status! 253 students across grade levels achieved Principal's Honor Roll - straight A's in all subjects! We are so proud of all of our honor roll students. Keep up the great work!

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I certainly am thankful to be Principal of this wonderful school.

Lucy Lublin

THE CARSON SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS (8th Graders Only): —Lime Kiln will be selecting ONE eighth grader to nominate for the 2017 Ben Carson Scholarship. Our nominee competes for the scholarship through the Carson Scholarship Foundation and winners are awarded \$1000 kept in escrow for them towards college expenses. Potential nominees must be

- Ø Academically excellent (3.75 GPA or higher in 6th and 7th grades as well as the first quarter of 8th grade)
- Ø Role models in the school, via their citizenship and contribution to school life
- Ø Service minded, as indicated by the good works they do in the community

Students heard about the selection process last week from their English teacher and were invited to take home a letter with application instructions. Specifically we need to know about the student's resumé in the service area—we're already very aware of academics and citizenship. A

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panel of teachers will review the submissions and make the selection. The announcement of our LKMS nominee will be made in December. Questions? Contact Cindy Clemens clemens@hcpss.org or go to <http://carsonscholars.org/>

PTA INFORMATION...

PTA Membership Drive Contest...The PTA invites every family to become a member, to support the school and PTA-sponsored programs! Membership is only \$20 per family (includes two adult memberships) and can be paid by cash or check (sent to the front office, please include student name(s) and homeroom) or by PayPal at <https://lkmspta.wordpress.com/membership/>.

Beginning November 15th and running through December 15th, the PTA will be sponsoring a Membership Drive Contest. The homeroom that has the highest percentage of its students' families registered for the PTA will win a T-shirt decorating contest - to be held during extended homeroom on Wednesday, December 21st. Membership forms will be available in each homeroom for students to bring home, and a leaderboard will be updated each week outside the front office. Currently, six homerooms have over 50% of student families registered as PTA members!

PTA/DRAMA LEARNING CENTER...Calling all Ogres, Forest Creatures, and Royalty!! Lime Kiln Middle School PTA, in conjunction with Drama Learning Center, would like to invite you to join us in presenting the greatest fairytale never told! Shrek the Musical, directed by Mr. Dustin Merrell, is coming to the Lime Kiln stage this spring. Get ready for a great ensemble cast that will have ogre-sized fun! To register, please go to <http://dramalearningcenter.com/after-school-class/> Questions? Please contact eileendensel@gmail.com.

Canvas: Inbox Messages vs. Grade Comments

When working in Canvas, teachers can communicate with students and parents about assignments and grades, in two ways.

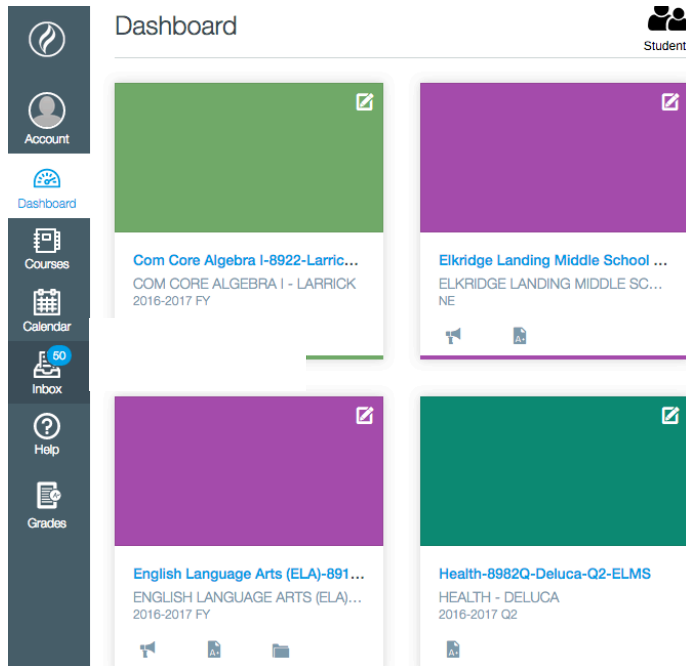
Inbox Messages:

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Inbox in Canvas is the email system. The teachers can send a message to an individual student or observer (parent) or to multiple students/observers of a course.

In return, both students and observers can respond to the email. The staff has set up this inbox system so that it is tied directly to their @hcpss.org email. This is the best method for communicating with teachers about comments, assignments or grades.

The Inbox icon is found on the menu on the left when you initially log onto Canvas.



Grade Comments:

When entering grades, Canvas allows the teacher to insert a comment tied to that specific assignment/grade.

A speech bubble icon identifies that the teacher has made a comment. To read the teacher's comment, click on the comment icon.

CW: Calentamientos Set #1 - Aug 30-Sept 15 Classwork	Sep 15 by 11:59pm	13	15	
Quiz: Greetings and Classroom Expressions	Sep 16 by 11:59pm	23	25	
CW: Cuaderno - check #1	Sep 22 by 8am	6	10	 

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Students are allowed to respond to these comments directly. However, observers are unable to do this. Again, this is not the best way for students /observers to communicate with teachers, as teachers do not receive notifications of comments left by students in this manner.

Get your QR code readers ready!



We want to hear from you. Parent voice matters at LKMS.

What's a QR code?

QR stands for quick response. It is a two-dimensional bar code that can be read by a smart phone that will link you directly to a survey, website, or other information on the web.

Do I need a QR code reader?

YES! During conferences at LKMS next week, there will be a QR code available for you to scan and complete a brief survey. We want you to tell us what topics matter to you as parents. We are making it convenient for you to complete the survey while waiting for your conference. That information will be used to bring quarterly parent information sessions we are calling Parent Academies.

How do I get a QR reader?

Simply go to the iTunes store or Google Play store and search for a QR code reader and install it on your smart phone.

Does my child need a QR reader for Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D)?

Educationally, QR codes lend themselves to great interactive, highly engaging lessons. Teachers can use QR codes for scavenger hunts, self-

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directed learning stations, and so much more. Consider allowing your child to install a QR code reader on their devices for school.

What if I cannot get a QR code reader on my phone or it doesn't work?

No worries. During conferences, we will have the survey available at several computers in the media center. Just stop by at your convenience to complete the survey there.

Don't forget. Look for the QR codes at each conference location/classroom. Scan it. Complete the brief survey. And get ready for Parent Academies at LKMS. Parent voice matters.



Source:

Give it a try!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION...

The **RHS SPIRITGEAR ONLINE STORE IS NOW OPEN** only until 11/20/16. <https://rhsboosters2016.itemorder.com/sale>

Orders will be ready for pickup, **JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**, beginning Tuesday, December 13th, 2016.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

UNDER ARMOUR items, WINTER GEAR from Fleece headbands and knit scarves to gloves and flannel pants & boxers, BRAND NEW 1/4 Zips , Joggers, and Women's V-neck Tops, Stadium Chairs and Blankets. Plus much, much more! <https://rhsboosters2016.itemorder.com/sale>

Teen Opportunities Fair

Sat., Nov. 19, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia MD

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Recreation and Parks in partnership with HCPSS, invites you and your student to participate in the Teen Opportunities Fair. This **FREE** event showcases leadership, volunteer and recreational opportunities for 11-17 year olds. Visit more than 50 exhibitors and explore the great things to do in Howard County. Win great door prizes, try hands-on activities and connect with unique organizations. For more information, or to become an exhibitor, please contact Holly Harden at harden@howardcountymd.gov or (410) 313-4625.

Free Summer Sampler! Monday, January 16, 2017, 9 AM-12 PM.

For Grades 1 and up. Drop your camper off and let our staff provide a morning of musical theatre fun! Learn a song, do some dancing, and take part in some theatre exercises to get a sneak peak of our camp day! Take advantage of early registration deals! Be here for our big show announcement!

RSVP by January 9, 2017. Registration is free!

For more information visit our website www.campofthearts.com, call 410/730-3987, or email camp@wildelake.org

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