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A Letter From the Principal...

Hello Laurel Families!

The start of the 2022-23 school year is just days away and we are ready and excited to welcome new students and connect with students returning to Laurel. It's going to be a great year!

Please note the following important dates and contact the office at 970-488-5925 with any questions.



August

- 9 Homeroom assignments available on [ParentVUE](#)
- 12 4:30 – 6:00PM Meet the Teacher
- 16 First Day for Students
Kindergarteners with last name starting with A-L 1st day of school
- 17 Kindergarteners with last name starting with M-Z 1st day of school
- 18 ALL Kindergarten students attend
- 22 First Day for Preschool

September

- 1 5:30 – 7:00PM Laurel Back to School Night
- 5 Labor Day - School Not in Session
- 8 6:00 - 7:00PM PTO Meeting
- 16 No School for Students – Teacher Work Day
- 23 Laps for Laurel

This will be year 32 for me as an educator and year 21 as Principal at Laurel. I shared this news with the Laurel staff last spring and want you to know that I will be retiring at the end of the 2022-23 school year. I have enjoyed being the leader of amazing educators, making connections with incredibly wonderful families, and deeply cherished loving on children over the past 20 years at Laurel. It has been such a privilege to serve you all and I am going to treasure every moment of every day this last school year. Bring on 2022-23 – let's have a great year together!

Sincerely,

Tommi Sue Cox, Principal

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A Letter from the Principal, continued...

¡Hola familias de Laurel!

Faltan solo unos días para el comienzo del año escolar 2022-23 y estamos listos y emocionados para dar la bienvenida a nuevos estudiantes y conectarnos con los estudiantes que regresan a Laurel. ¡Va a ser un gran año!



Tenga en cuenta las siguientes fechas importantes y comuníquese con Mr. Peter Serna al 970-488-5990 o 970-567-2366 si tiene alguna pregunta.

Agosto

- 9 asignaciones de aula disponibles en [ParentVUE](#)
- 12 4:30 – 6:00 PM Conozca al maestro
- 16 Primer día para estudiantes
Estudiantes de jardín de infantes con apellido que comienza con AL
1er día de clases
- 17 niños de kindergarten con apellido que comienza con MZ 1er día de clases
- 18 TODOS los estudiantes de Kindergarten asisten
- 22 Primer día de preescolar

Septiembre

- 1 5:30 – 7:00 p. m. Laurel Noche de regreso a la escuela
- 5 Día del Trabajo - Escuela fuera de sesión
- 8 6:00 - 7:00 p. m. Reunión del PTO
- 16 No hay clases para estudiantes – Día de trabajo para maestros
- 23 vueltas para Laurel

Este será el año 32 para mí como educador y el año 21 como director en Laurel. Compartí esta noticia con el personal de Laurel la primavera pasada y quiero que sepan que me jubilaré al final del año escolar 2022-23. Disfruté ser el líder de educadores increíbles, hacer conexiones con familias increíblemente maravillosas y apreciar profundamente el amor por los niños durante los últimos 20 años en Laurel. Ha sido un gran privilegio servirles a todos y voy a atesorar cada momento de cada día este último año escolar. Traiga 2022-23: ¡tengamos un gran año juntos!

Sinceramente,

Tommi Sue Cox, directora

A Message from the Assistant Principal...

Dear Laurel Families,

Welcome back!!! It has been amazing seeing all of your smiling faces again, welcoming back old friends, and getting to know new friends. I love that you are each part of our Laurel community!

Looking ahead to this first month, students will participate in a few beginning of the year assessments. If you have any questions about any of these assessments, or why we use them, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Here is a quick guide:

- READ Act Benchmark – This assessment is conducted 1:1 and measures students’ reading performance, broken down into multiple subset areas such as first sound fluency, phonemic awareness, and accuracy. All students in K-3rd grade take this assessment, as well as any 4th-5th grade student who has a READ plan in place.
- STAR / STAR Early Literacy – This assessment is a schoolwide tool used to measure growth in both reading and math. All students K-5th grade take this assessment.
- MAP – This assessment is a districtwide tool used to measure both reading and math growth and performance. At the elementary level, it is taken by 2nd-5th grade students.

Future newsletters will feature our Lynx in the Spotlight. This feature recognizes the special friendships we have here at Laurel and has become a wonderful new addition to our newsletter. Students who are recognized also have their friendship feature on display outside our gym for all to see.

Do you know how we ROAR? Laurel students and families ROAR by showing RESPECT for ourselves, others, and our school. We OWN OUR BEHAVIOR by striving to do the right thing, recognizing when we have made mistakes, and growing from each of these experiences. We show a POSITIVE ATTITUDE by maintaining a growth mindset, and we know that when our brains are thinking our brains are growing. We also have RESPONSIBILITY for ourselves as learners and as members of our Laurel community.

Welcome to our school! Laurel is the best—YES!

Yours,

Amanda Pawelski
Assistant Principal



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Estimadas familias de Laurel,

¡¡¡Bienvenido de nuevo!!! Ha sido increíble volver a ver todas sus caras sonrientes, dar la bienvenida a viejos amigos y conocer nuevos amigos. ¡Me encanta que todos ustedes sean parte de nuestra comunidad Laurel!

De cara a este primer mes, los estudiantes participarán en algunas evaluaciones de principios de año. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre cualquiera de estas evaluaciones o por qué las usamos, no dude en comunicarse conmigo directamente. Aquí hay una guía rápida:

- READ Act Benchmark - Esta evaluación se realiza 1: 1 y mide el rendimiento de lectura de los estudiantes, desglosado en múltiples áreas de subconjunto como la fluidez del primer sonido, conciencia fonémica y precisión. Todos los estudiantes de K-3rd grado tome esta evaluación, así como cualquier 4th -5th estudiante de grado que tiene un plan READ en su lugar.
- STAR / STAR Early Literacy: esta evaluación es una herramienta para toda la escuela que se utiliza para medir el crecimiento tanto en lectura como en matemáticas. Todos los estudiantes K-5th grado tome esta evaluación.
- MAP: esta evaluación es una herramienta en todo el distrito que se utiliza para medir el crecimiento y el rendimiento tanto en lectura como en matemáticas. En el nivel elemental, se toma por 2^{Dakota del Norte} -5th estudiantes de grado.

Los boletines futuros presentarán a nuestro Lynx en el centro de atención. Esta función reconoce las amistades especiales que tenemos aquí en Laurel y se ha convertido en una nueva y maravillosa adición a nuestro boletín. Los estudiantes que son reconocidos también tienen su característica de amistad en exhibición fuera de nuestro gimnasio para que todos la vean.

¿Sabes cómo rugemos? Los estudiantes y las familias de Laurel RUGEN mostrando R ESPECT para nosotros, los demás y nuestra escuela. Nosotros O GANE NUESTRO COMPORTAMIENTO esforzándonos por hacer lo correcto, reconociendo cuándo hemos cometido errores y creciendo a partir de cada una de estas experiencias. Mostramos un POSITIVO A TTITUDE manteniendo una mentalidad de crecimiento, y sabemos que cuando nuestros cerebros están pensando, nuestros cerebros están creciendo. También tenemos RESPONSABILIDAD por nosotros mismos como estudiantes y como miembros de nuestra comunidad Laurel.

¡Bienvenido a nuestra escuela! Laurel es la mejor, ¡SÍ!

Tuyo,

Amanda Pawelski
Subdirector

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Student wellness and achievement starts with excellent nutrition. Well-nourished students perform better in the classroom. That is why Poudre School District is dedicated to providing healthy, nutritious meals in all school cafeterias. Check out our [Child Nutrition Newsletter](#) and our website <https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals> for menu links, meal prices and department information.

For the upcoming 2022-23 school year, students will no longer receive universal free meals. This is a change from this year (the 2021-22 school year) with free meals being offered to all PSD students. For the 2022-23 school year, families must apply and be approved for the Free and Reduced Meals program to receive benefits per USDA regulations.

Qualifying Students may Apply for Fees/Charges Waivers

Did you know? If your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals in Poudre School District, you may also be able to take advantage of another fantastic benefit: waivers for some school fees and charges. To be eligible for these benefits, you must be approved to receive free or reduced-price meals and complete an additional form each school year.

- **Free and Reduced-Priced Meal Application:** Families can apply on-line at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application> or pick up a paper application at your child's school. Applications must be completed annually to stay registered for the program. Answers to frequently asked questions can be found here - [Letter to Parents](#). Your child's free or reduced-price meal eligibility status is confidential.
- Once approved for free and reduced-priced meals, complete **PSD's Permission to Share Information for Fee Waivers and Programs to Receive Goods and Services Form**. This form is available on-line through the [PSD ParentVUE portal](#). Completing this form gives PSD's Child Nutrition Department permission to share your child's eligibility status with other district officials. These officials must also maintain confidentiality of your child's eligibility status. *You must fill out the Permission to Share form each year.*

Waivers are available for some but not ALL school fees and charges, including summer school tuition, extra-curricular activities and supplies, curricular supply costs and more.



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Child Nutrition, continued...

After you submit the form and your child is approved, SchoolPay will automatically update fees/charges that are eligible for a waiver, displaying a \$0.00 balance due once you proceed to checkout in SchoolPay. Many community programs and businesses (City of Fort Collins Parks and Rec, Comcast, Fort Collins Soccer Club) also waive or reduce fees with proof of free or reduced meal eligibility.

Families can also apply for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Broadband Benefit Program ([FCC BB information](#)) that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying households. A qualification is a household that is approved under the free and reduced school lunch or breakfast program.

Meal Account Payment

SchoolPay is Poudre School District's online payment partner. SchoolPay allows convenient online payment to all Poudre School District fees. To set up an account, view meal activity, view balances or make payments visit <https://psdschools.schoolpay.com>. Purchase activity and balances are updated each evening. There is no charge to register, but there is a \$1 transaction fee charged to partially offset the credit card processing fees.

Students may bring money to school and pay during mealtimes. Checks should be made out to the student's school and note the student's name and/or ID number. Cash payments will be accepted but all change will be added to the student's meal account. Ala carte items will be sold at all levels this school year. Please email refund requests to nutrition@psdschools.org and include your student's name and ID number.

Special Food Needs

For those families with students who require meal modifications, please read this Meal Modification Letter and follow the instructions included.

[Medical Statement for Meal Modification](#)

[Dietary Preference Form for Meal Modification](#)

[Discontinuation of Meal Modifications](#)

Have a question and you're not sure who to contact? Send your question to nutrition@psdschools.org and we will get it forwarded to just the right person.

Have a great school year! We look forward to seeing you In the Café!







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Keeping Your Child Safe on the Internet and on Apps

If you choose to allow your child to have a personal electronic device (phone, tablet, laptop, etc.) which includes internet and/or app access, then here are a few safe online and app behaviors:

- Using age-appropriate apps.
 - ⇒ TikTok is for ages 15+
 - ⇒ Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat are for ages 13+
 - ⇒ Age recommendations for other apps and games can be found in the Terms of Agreement.
- Having parental approval before downloading apps and specific permission before using apps
- Setting parental controls
- Using apps alongside a trusted adult who can model appropriate use
- Always sharing all passwords with parents
- Talking with parents about app use and app content
- Going to a trusted adult with questions or concerns about something they may have seen, read, or heard.

Unsafe online and app behaviors may include but are not limited to:

- Communicating with strangers, whether online or in person
 - ⇒ This includes but is not limited to “communicating” via prerecorded videos (like a TikTok video or Snapchat post) or by text, DM (direct message), or chat; most apps have embedded messaging options which cannot be monitored outside of the app.
- Using passwords parents don’t know
- Using the internet and/or apps without specific parental permission.
- Being secretive or being encouraged by others to use “secret” apps or passwords.

Please consider attending internet safety courses being taught by the Fort Collins Police Department. Dates will be shared as they become available.

Please contact Leah Roberts, Counselor, at 970-488-5935, or you can contact me at 970-488-5930, for further information about app safety.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pawelski, Assistant Principal

Mantener a su hijo seguro en Internet y en aplicaciones

Si elige permitir que su hijo tenga un dispositivo electrónico personal (teléfono, tableta, computadora portátil, etc.) que incluye acceso a Internet y / o aplicaciones, aquí hay algunos comportamientos seguros en línea y en aplicaciones:

- Usar aplicaciones apropiadas para la edad.
 - ⇒ TikTok es para mayores de 15 años
 - ⇒ Facebook, Instagram y Snapchat son para mayores de 13 años.
 - ⇒ Las recomendaciones de edad para otras aplicaciones y juegos se pueden encontrar en los Términos del Acuerdo.
- Tener la aprobación de los padres antes de descargar aplicaciones y permisos específicos antes de usar aplicaciones
- Configuración de los controles parentales
- Usar aplicaciones junto con un adulto de confianza que pueda modelar el uso apropiado
- Compartiendo siempre todas las contraseñas con los padres
- Hablar con los padres sobre el uso y el contenido de la aplicación
- Acudir a un adulto de confianza con preguntas o inquietudes sobre algo que haya visto, leído o escuchado.

Los comportamientos inseguros en línea y en aplicaciones pueden incluir, entre otros:

- ⇒ Comunicarse con extraños, ya sea en línea o en persona
- ⇒ Esto incluye, entre otros, "comunicarse" a través de videos pregrabados (como un video de TikTok o una publicación de Snapchat) o por mensaje de texto, DM (mensaje directo) o chat; la mayoría de las aplicaciones tienen opciones de mensajería integradas que no se pueden monitorear fuera de la aplicación.
- ⇒ Usar contraseñas que los padres no conocen
- ⇒ Usar Internet y / o aplicaciones sin el permiso específico de los padres.
- ⇒ Ser reservado o ser alentado por otros a usar aplicaciones o contraseñas "secretas".

Considere asistir a los cursos de seguridad en Internet que imparte el Departamento de Policía de Fort Collins. Las fechas se compartirán a medida que estén disponibles.

Comuníquese con Peter Serna a 488-5990 para obtener información sobre la seguridad de las aplicaciones.


Atentamente,

Amanda Pawelski, subdirectora

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Laurel Elementary

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasagna with Veggies • Cheese Calzone & Marinara • Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll • Deli Sandwich • Pb&J Sandwich • Green Beans • Assorted Italian Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange Chicken & Rice • Fish Filet • Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll • Cold Deli Meat & Roll • Pb&J Sandwich • Steamed Broccoli 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Burrito • Hot Dog • Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll • Deli Sandwich • Pb&J Sandwich • Refried Beans • Mexican Condiments- ELEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Pizza • Pepperoni Pizza • Hummus & Veggie Box • Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll • Pb&J Sandwich • Steamed Carrots • Assorted Italian Condiments
22	23	24	25	26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Nuggets • Cheese Lasagna Rollup • Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish • Cold Deli Meat & Pretzels • Pb&J Sandwich • Steamed Broccoli • Assorted Italian Condiments • Nugget Dipping Sauces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pork Chop Sandwich • Mac & Cheese • Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish • Cold Deli Meat & Pretzels • Pb&J Sandwich • Green Beans • Assorted Italian Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian noodle & Meatball • Chicken Patty Sandwich • Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish • Deli Sandwich • Pb&J Sandwich • Steamed Veggies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Tacos & Rice • Cheese Calzone & Marinara • Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish • Cold Deli Meat & Pretzels • Pb&J Sandwich • Black Beans • Mexican Condiments- ELEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Pizza • Pizza Bites • Chicken Caesar Wrap • Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish • Pb&J Sandwich • Peas • Assorted Italian Condiments
29	30	31	<i>Food Offered Daily:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburger & Cheeseburger • Cheese Ravioli & Roll • Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll • Cold Deli Meat & Roll • Pb&J Sandwich • Corn • Assorted Italian Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Drumstick & Roll • Chicken Alfredo • Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll • Deli Sandwich • Pb&J Sandwich • Green Beans • Assorted Italian Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese • Fish Filet • Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll • Cold Deli Meat & Roll • Pb&J Sandwich • Steamed Broccoli 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad Bar • Fruit Salad • Assorted Salad Dressings • Whole Wheat Dinner Roll • Chocolate Milk • Milk fat free • Milk low fat 1% • Assorted Condiments 	



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*¡Salud Family Health Centers se ha asociado con su escuela para brindar servicios dentales sin costo para el estudiante! Para inscribir a su estudiante en el programa, **escanee el código QR**, visite **Saludschools.org** o consulte al asistente de salud para obtener un formulario de inscripción.*

Todos los estudiantes son elegibles para servicios dentales sin costo, independientemente de su seguro o ingresos.

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