



LACAMAS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

Leopard Tracks



May 2017 Issue



Dear Lacamas Families,

Can you believe it is May and the end of the year is just around the corner! It's amazing how fast a school year goes. What a privilege it is to watch our kids grow as we work together as a Lacamas community.

For the month of May we have an attendance challenge, encouraging our kids to commit to being at school learning and growing every day. Attendance is a key indicator for our kids' success. Research supports that good attendance supports students' attitudes, habits and academics. We know that every minute of learning counts! This is especially important as we begin our 3rd through 5th graders Smarter Balanced Assessments. Our school wide goal is to reach 98% of students in attendance, celebrating with an all school Popsicle party. We're off to a great start with 95%! As a family you can support positive attendance habits by setting a regular bedtime and morning routine, setting out things the night before for school the next day, developing support plans to get your child to school for when things come up, and planning family trips during school vacations. We appreciate your support for your child's positive attendance!

Looking toward our year end activities and events, I want to take the time to thank all our parents and volunteers who have helped make this school year so successful. Lacamas is known for being a caring and supportive community. From our hardworking PALS group, classroom volunteers, enrichment activity supporters, high school assistants and student teachers, your commitment and support of Lacamas is what helps make this community so special. I believe we provide the best for our kids when we work together. Thank You!

May and June are chock- full of activities that we are excited to share. Lacamas is looking forward to several grade level field trips and performances, Family Game Night, Grand's Breakfast, the Book Fair, Elementary Robotics Competition, PALS Movie Night, Kindergarten Orientation, Lacamas Showcase, the Talent Show , 5th Grade Celebration, Fun Run, Field Day and our year end BBQ! Please take the time to check our monthly calendars and join us for these year-end events.

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As our way to thank all who give of their time, energy, and heart, we invite our volunteers to a special **"Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon" May 24th from 11:45-1:00** in the gym. Students and staff are excited to share with you our heartfelt appreciation for all you bring to enrich our kids' education and lives. We want to treat you to a special lunch with our kids, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

It is hard to believe that we are heading into our last two months of school! I am looking forward to our final days of learning, fun, and celebration as we wrap up the 2016-2017 school year as a Leopard community.

Julie Mueller
Principal

Attend our Next PALS Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th

6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Library

Free Childcare, Snacks and Drink Provided

Stay Informed, Have a Voice and a Vote!

Topics Include:

- ⇒ Teacher Presentations - Specialists
- ⇒ Discussion & Approval of 2017/2018 Budget
- ⇒ Discuss Upcoming May & June Events
- ⇒ Discuss Open Positions



MAY 2017



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
	teacher  appreciation Week			
8	9	10	11	12
	PALS Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 PM (Library)			Movie Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM (Gym)
15	16	17	18	19
				Sat 5/20 Lacamas Fun Run  3:00 - 5:00 PM
22	23	24	25	26
		Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 11:45 - 1:00 (Gym)		
29	30	31		
No School 	1st Grade Zoo Snooze (Schlenz)	1st Grade Zoo Snooze (Clary) Kindergarten Orientation 5:00 PM		

June 2017



Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

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			1st Grade Zoo Snooze (Room 105 - Faddis)	
5	6 Safety Patrol Celebration	7 Green Team Celebration 1:15 - 3:30 PM	8	9 5th Grade Track Meet (Doc Harris) Spring Book Fair Starts
12	13 Grands Breakfast 5th Grade Visits Liberty PALS Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 PM (Library)	14 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 1:30 - 3:30 PM (Gym)	15 Sasquatch & 100 Point Party Lacamas Showcase 5:30 - 7:30 PM	16 Spring Book Fair Ends Kindergarten Review
19	20 5th Grade Celebration 2:30 - 3:30 PM (Gym)	21 Talent Show 9:30 - 11:00 AM (Gym)	22 	23 Field Day & BBQ
26 Assembly & Last Day of School (Full Day)	27 	28 	29	30 



April Character Education Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were given Character Education Awards for the month of April. The character education trait for this month was "Cooperation".

Kindergarten

Cooper McKinley
Jillian Plantenburg
Wyatt Roberts
Maylee Spence

First Grade

Rowan Armintrout
Thomas Insko
Colton Jones
Thor Richardson
Jaxon Sullivan
Sofia Zagariya

Second Grade

Aiden Andrews
Vincent Enos
Lotus Keeves
Caiden Schawl
Olivia Thomas

Third Grade

Ian Blake
Evan Fisher
Timothy Gavrilov
Rylee Johansen
Aaron Pierson

Fourth Grade

Titan Brody
Kenner Ellis
Marco Galekovich
Logan Malone
Emma Posey
Lilly Throop

Fifth Grade

Tiana Foley
Brooke Gross
Maci Jenkins
Anika Kerls
Dason Miller
Zayah Shore



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all our wonderful Lacamas teachers, specialists and support staff for all that you do for our kids!!

You are all amazing!!





**Join us for Family Movie Night
Friday May 12th - 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Doors Open at 5:30
Entry to Movie is Free**



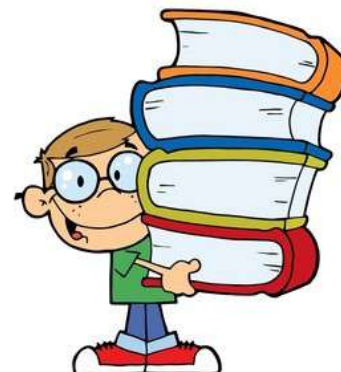
Snacks & Refreshments will be available for \$1.00 each.

Raffle prizes will be available for purchase.

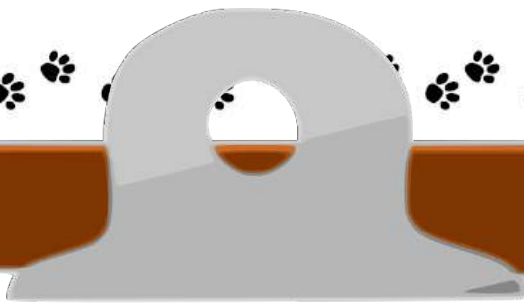
**Mark Your Calendars!!
Spring Book Fair is Coming to Lacamas
June 9th to June 16th**

Our school's spring book fair is scheduled from **Friday June 9th to Friday June 16th** and we hope you will be able to join us! This is your child's opportunity to purchase books before the summer starts. All proceeds from Scholastic Book Fairs go back to our school to help support our library and reading programs.

We will also be holding our Grands Breakfast on **Tuesday June 13th**. This is a great time for to enjoy breakfast with your leopard and shop at the book fair.



More information on the book fair and Grands Breakfast will be in the June issue.



Keeping Up With Mrs. Moran

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendars!

Family Fun Run & Walk

Saturday, May 20, 2017

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Camas High School Track

As part of Lacamas' running program and as a way to offer students another way to fill their "lap cards," we would like to invite students, families, and their friends to participate in a fun-filled run/walk.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

5th Grade Track Meet

Friday June 9, 2017

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Doc Harris Stadium

Come and support our 5th Graders as they compete against other 5th grades from Camas schools in a fun filled day of track & field events.

Field Day & BBQ

Friday June 23, 2017

During School Hours

@ Lacamas

A fun filled day of game and activities for our kids as we close out the school year! This event requires a lot of volunteers to help oversee all the games.

If you are interested in helping at any of these events, please contact Mrs. Moran at 833-5740 ext. 78453.



A “Note” from Mrs. LaValley

Dear Lacamas Families!

It was wonderful to have so many of you visit in the month of March and enjoy a music class with your children...many of you came more than once and that was great! You are always welcome to visit music class with your child anytime you are here at school...we love to have visitors!

There is some exciting news in the music room in case you haven't heard from your children yet! We have received six of our seven Marimbas! They are beautiful and will be such a fun musical experience for our kids to have every year when we do a Marimba unit of study in music class. Many of you know that we received a \$10,000.00 grant last year from our PALS group and the CEF (Camas Educational Foundation). This grant was for our school to purchase custom made Marimbas. It has taken nearly a year for them to be made...there's not a lot of local Marimba builders so we were on a long wait list. This summer I will be taking a week long course to learn more about teaching elementary school students Marimba music. Next year I will also be starting a select Marimba performance group from our 5th graders that will meet weekly and hopefully perform for our school and local Camas events! 5th graders interested must have a passion for furthering their musical experiences and a strong understanding of rhythm and note reading. They must have been successful on recorder and have excellent behavior at school! Sign ups for this select group will be available in the fall.

Another thing to look forward to in the fall is our Lacamas Choir! This performance group is for any 3rd-5th grader that wants to join. We meet once a week in the morning before school from 8:00-8:45. I am looking for a couple of parents that would be interested in designing a t-shirt for our Lacamas Choir Kids. If interested please let me know!

Finally, our 4th grade Recorder Karate kids will be having two performance opportunities. On June 14th they will be performing for our school assembly, and then on June 15th they will be performing in the evening at our Lacamas Showcase. Students will play, as a group, every belt they have passed, and students that have passed all the way to black belt will receive their special certificate at the June 15th performance. This group of 4th graders have been truly impressive in their dedication to learning how to play recorder. I can't wait for you to hear them play!

Our Lacamas families are amazing and I'm constantly impressed with the effort that your kids put forward in trying new things and also being respectful and responsible in the music room! Thank you for the awesome work you do with your kids!

Musically,

Shelley LaValley
shelley.lavalley@camas.wednet.edu





PALS Open Positions



We are still looking for some additional volunteers to help oversee some of our PALS sponsored activities throughout the year. Most positions don't take up very much of your time during the year, but are critical for us to continue to provide our kids with all the exciting activities they've come to love.

Current Openings (Will continue for the 2017/2018 School Year)

- ⇒ **Vice President (Board Position)** – Assist the President and carry out the President's duties in his or her absence or inability to serve. This role will shadow the current Co-presidents.
- ⇒ **Assistant Reading Chair** – Assist and shadow the current Reading Chair. The primary focus will be helping to run the 3 book fairs throughout the year. The ability to be at the school during school hours during those 3 weeks (Oct/Feb/June) is a must.
- ⇒ **Harvest Festival Lead** – Oversee the setup of the Harvest Festival (~Oct 28th). Most games are already built though some may be reverberation. New ideas about set up are encouraged but not necessary.
- ⇒ **Movie Night Lead** – Run 3-4 movie nights throughout the year. Select and purchase the movie, lead sound system set up and concessions, create prizes for raffling at Intermission (these occur on Fridays through the year)
- ⇒ **Spirit Wear Lead** – Design the spirit wear that will be offered for the year. Manage inventory and be available on key nights like Back to School and Movie nights to sell Spirit wear to the student body. Make Kindergarten T-Shirts prior to Back to school night.
- ⇒ **Bookworm Bazaar Lead**- Assist Mrs. Loukes (Librarian) in the bazaar which runs at lunch 3 times throughout the school year. With her help, making sure there are enough items for kids to “purchase”. Set up the Bazaar, track points used by kids. Organize the 100 point party at the end of the school year with Mrs. Loukes, this would also occur during lunch.
- ⇒ **Assistant Dance Chair** – Shadow current Dance chair in preparation to take over the Dance chair role in 2018/19
- ⇒ **Sasquatch Party Lead** - Organize the Sasquatch party at the end of the school year with Mrs. Loukes. This occurs during lunch and consists of a lunch and small prize given to the kids who read the Sasquatch books.

If you have additional questions or are interested in any position, please come to our May 9th meeting or let us know at: Lacamaspals@hotmail.com



Volunteer of the Month!

Each month PALS will be selecting a volunteer of the month to thank with a Starbucks gift card for their dedication to Lacamas Heights.

For April we would like to recognize and thank:

Leanne Williams

Thank you to all who volunteer time and energy to help make Lacamas a wonderful place for our children to grow and learn.

**Thank
YOU!**

Stay Connected!

Lacamas Heights Website

<http://schools.camas.wednet.edu/lacamasheights/>

Lacamas Heights PTO Website

<http://lacamaspals.weebly.com>

Like the **Lacamas Heights PTO** on **Facebook** to get regular updates and reminders about all Lacamas Heights events.

<https://www.facebook.com/LacamasHeightsPALS>

Email

lacamaspals@hotmail.com



We are always looking for volunteers for helping with the various PALS

events throughout the year. If you are not receiving email requests for event sign-ups and would like to be added to our mailing group, please let us know at:

Lacamaspals@hotmail.com

Remember Fridays are Lacamas' Spirit Day!!

Every Friday, show your spirit for Lacamas!!

Wear your Lacamas shirts, or anything in purple or gold!





Keep Saving Your Box Tops & Labels for Education!



We will have another class competition in October 2017!! The class with the most collected Box Tops and Labels for Education will win a special prize!

Remember continue to clip and save in your Box Tops and Labels for Education to earn money for Lacamas! These funds help support our kid's activities!



More Ways to Help Raise Money for Lacamas!



There are ways you can help raise money for Lacamas when you do your everyday shopping! Some local and national merchants give a percentage of proceeds back to Lacamas for every purchase you make.

- Shop at **Amazon.com** and use our Affiliate link available on our website at: <http://lacamaspals.weebly.com/amazon-affiliate.html>
- Link your **Fred Meyer** rewards card to Lacamas.
- Link your **Red Robin** Royalty reward card to Lacamas.
- Link your **Escript.com** account to Lacamas and shop online and/or link their merchant loyalty cards to your account.
- Consider consigning any clothes that no longer work for your family at **Schoola.com**.

May 31st @ 5:00



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Lacamas Heights

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You're invited!

It's time for Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 school year. The purpose of orientation is to meet the kindergarten teachers, get acquainted with the classrooms and building, learn about kindergarten curriculum, and even take a ride on a real school bus!

Visit With Staff About:

- Kindergarten Readiness
- Curriculum
- Volunteer Opportunities

We hope you can join us!



Tdap Vaccination for Incoming 6th Graders

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Washington State law requires that all children attending 6th grade (11 years and older) must show proof of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccination before the first day of school. Please update your child’s Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form at school with the date your child received their Tdap vaccine (see below).

According to national recommendations, all children starting at age 11 years should have a health check-up that includes vaccinations. Schedule your child’s check-up at least one month before school starts to make sure he/she is up to date on all their school required vaccinations. Talk to your child’s doctor, nurse, or clinic for more information on vaccinations or visit: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/adolescent.htm

Sincerely,

Nursing Services

Nursing Supervisor-Camas School District

***Please fill out and return the bottom portion to your child’s current elementary school prior to June 26th or their new middle school before September 5, 2017**

6 th Grade Tdap	Date Given		
	Month	Day	Year
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) Vaccination			
STUDENT NAME:		BIRTHDATE:	

I certify that the information provided is correct and verifiable. I give permission to school health services to update my child’s immunization records at school with this information.

X _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date