



LACAMAS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

Leopard Tracks



Dear Lacamas Families,

May 2018

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 our 3rd through 5th graders participate in their Smarter Balanced Assessments.

Each week we will highlight individual classes that meet 95% or more of students in attendance, announcing their class. Already we're off to a great start! At the end of the month, every class who averages 95% of students in attendance will receive a special class incentive. 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 chocked full of activities that we are excited to share. Lacamas is looking forward to several grade level field trips, PALS Movie Night, Lacamas Fun Run, Author's Visit, the Book Fair, Kindergarten Orientation, 5th Grade Track Meet, 5th Grade Celebration, Lacamas Showcase, Field Day, Year End BBQ and our **"Let's Hear It For Lacamas Celebration"** on June 20th!

As our way to thank all who give of their time, energy, and heart, we invite our volunteers to a special **"Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon" June 6th** 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! Please mark your calendars and join us as we wrap up our 2017-2018 year at Lacamas Heights Elementary and get ready for our move to Lacamas Lake Elementary as a Leopard community.

Julie Mueller
Principal

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MAY 2018



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
		All School Assembly 9:15 AM (Gym)		
7	8	9	10	11
		PALS Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 PM (Library)		Movie Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM (Gym)
14	15	16	17	18
				Sat 5/19 Lacamas Fun Run 3:00 - 5:00 PM 
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28	29	30	31	
No School 				

June 2018



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4	5	6 All School Assembly 9:15 AM (Gym) Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 11:45 - 1:00 (Gym)	7 5th Grade Visits Liberty	8 5th Grade Track Meet (Doc Harris) Spring Book Fair Starts 
11	12 Sasquatch & 100 Point Party Lacamas Showcase 5:30 - 7:30 	13	14 5th Grade Celebration	15 Spring Book Fair Ends
18	19 Field Day & All School BBQ 	20 Last Day of School 1:30 PM Release	21 	22
25	26	27	28	29



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

Kaiden Anderson
Quinn Backus
Mason Herz
Camilla Rybak

First Grade

Jamison Cobb
Cooper McKinley
Justin Morris
Travis Nilsen
Katharine Paskowski
Jillian Plantenberg

Second Grade

Audrey Brasier
Matthew Fields
Liam Garcia
Harmony Keeves
Ali Miller
Yasmine Pell

Third Grade

Natalie Borst
Raya Brown
Evelyn Grabenkort
Cameron Reese
Lars Scarbrough

Fourth Grade

Dylan Castleberry
Matthew Diekmann
Nathan Hoff
Logan Lemond
Sawyer Mason

Fifth Grade

Z Hannah
Kaua Kanekoa
Lukas Morse
Abigail Pratt
Lizzy Rafferty
Hannah Rouse



Attend our FINAL PALS Meeting of the Year

Wednesday, May 9th

6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Library

Free Childcare, Snacks and Drink Provided

Stay Informed, Have a Voice and a Vote!



Topics Include:

- ⇒ Discuss Upcoming May & June Events
- ⇒ Discuss Open Positions for the 2018-2019 Year



**Join us for Family Movie Night
Friday May 11th - 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.

**Family Fun Run & Walk
Saturday May 19th 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.





PALS Open Positions 2018-2019 School Year

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. We have a great team to support you in these positions as well as any of these positions can be co-chaired / lead as well.

Board Positions

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Literacy Chair
- Assistant Literacy Chair
- Assistant Fundraising Chair



Volunteers Needed!

Committee Members

- 5th Grade Celebration Lead
- Affiliate Program / Grants Lead
- Dance Lead
- Field Day / End of Year BBQ Lead
- Open House / Ice Cream Social Lead
- Spirit Wear Lead
- Teacher Appreciation Lead
- Yearbook Lead

For more information on these positions, visit our website at:

<http://lacamaspals.weebly.com/volunteer-opportunities.html>

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.



Parent and Family Engagement

The district is holding its annual meeting to review our Parent and Family Engagement Policy and to seek input on how we can improve in our communication with and training opportunities for families.

These meetings are at the district's administrative offices (841 NE 22nd Ave.) on **May 15, 2018, at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m.** Please consider attending one of these 30-60 minute meetings.

If you cannot attend but want to provide feedback, please contact Allan Fleck at (360) 335-3000 ext. 79974.



Liberty Cross Country will hold its spring information meeting on Monday, 11 June from 6pm-7pm in the Liberty cafeteria. Our program is open to boys and girls grades 6-8. Last year we had a great season and are looking forward to doing more this coming season. The Liberty XC program is for runners of all abilities, no previous experience necessary!

Contact Tom Brossia at tom.brossia@camas.wednet.edu if you cannot attend but would like more information.





Keep Clipping & Savings Your Box Tops!

Keep saving your **Box Tops** and **Labels for Education**!! We will have another class competition in October of 2018. The class with the most collected **Box Tops** or **Labels for Education** will win a special prize!

Remember to continue to clip and save your **Box Tops** for our next class competition in October 2018!



More Ways to Help Raise Money for Lacamas!



There are ways you can help raise money for Lacamas every day! Some local and national merchants give a percentage of proceeds 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.

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rewards** rewards
Where shopping & giving unite



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 last month we would like to recognize and thank:

Jess Fuqua

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



Stay Connected!

Lacamas Heights Website
<http://schools.camamas.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

Fridays are Lacamas' Spirit Day!!

Every Friday, show your spirit for Lacamas!!

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



Yearbook Photos



We need your photos of classroom activities, school events, field trips, etc. for the school yearbook!

Our photographers can't be everywhere so help us get as many great photos as possible to create a terrific yearbook.

Send photos to:
lacamasyearbook@gmail.com
 and provide information about each photo and the grade level of the students in the photo.

Sending in your photos is great way for your child to be seen in the yearbook!!

May 30th @ 5:00



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Lacamas Heights

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charlie.volkman@camas.wednet.edu

You're invited!

It's time for Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-19 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!



Parent Input for Student Placement (1st-5th)

Child's name: _____ School for 2018-2019 _____

Current grade: _____ Current teacher: _____

What are your child's favorite activities?

What words describe your child's personality?

What are your child's strengths?

Do you have any concerns for your child?

Is there anything else we should know as we put together classes? We take many factors into consideration as we build class groups including abilities, age, gender, personalities and friendships.

Specific teacher requests are not accepted.



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

***Please fill out and return the bottom portion to your child’s current elementary school prior to June 20th or their new middle school before September 4, 2018**

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