Weekly Update

“Make time to enjoy the simple things in life”

We have completed the first week of the 2015-16 school year! I am so excited to have the students back, as the building always seems so lonely during the summer without them. We would also like to welcome Ms. Jennifer Chin (3rd Grade) and Ms. Amanda Baxtrom (Middle School ELA and Social Studies) to the Lenart Family!

Please join us for Open House on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a wonderful time to meet the Lenart Team and learn more about this year’s goals. I will provide updates on the state of Lenart’s budget and share the most current data. Parents will also have the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher(s) and learn more about instructional goals and initiatives for the year.

I would like to thank all of the Lenart families for your continued support and patience as we continue to work through all of our transportation changes. This year, Lenart is serviced by five different transportation companies: Alltown, Ammons, A.M., SCR and Sunrise. There have also been changes to the processing of any stop change request forms. This year, forms will be processed on a semi-weekly implementation schedule. Requests received by Tuesday will begin on the following Monday and requests received by Thursday will begin on the following Wednesday.

There are many dates that have been listed in this update so please update your calendar. Have a great weekend!

~Principal Sims

Upcoming Events

September 15
NWEA testing begins

Local School Council Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Lenart Library

September 18
Scholastic Book Fair Begins

September 23
Lenart Open House (PreK-8th)
5:30-7:00 p.m.

September 25
Scholastic Book Fair Ends

October 2
Walk-a-Thon

October 7
High School Fair
9:00 a.m.

October 12
No Classes in Observance of Columbus Day

Volunteers Needed!
The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Friday, September 18, 2015. This is a wonderful opportunity to replenish home libraries that were depleted during summer vacation! Ms. Golden is also in search of parent volunteers. If you are interested in assisting with the Book Fair, please visit Volunteenspot to sign-up. There is also a link on the school’s website.
NWEA Testing Begins

We will begin Fall administration of the NWEA on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. This assessment will provide teachers with baseline information to assist in planning instruction for students. Please review the attached schedule to find the dates and times that your child will be testing. Encourage your child to get plenty of rest to ensure that they are focused and ready for testing. Student progress reports and goals will be shared in the weeks following testing.

J at School

This year, Lenart is partnered with J at School to provide recess and afterschool support to students. J at School is offering an excellent selection of Enrichment programs for students. Fall enrichment classes include: Musical Theater, Electrical Engineering, Science Art, Lego Master Builder Class, Martial Arts, Tumbling, Minecraft, and Chess. All classes take place from 3:00-4:00 p.m and begin on Monday, September 28th through Thursday, November 12, 2015. Please visit gojcc.org for more information on the classes and to sign-up. A flyer with description of classes is also attached.

Procedure for Online Enrichment Enrollment for J at School

Step 1: Go to J at School Website http://www.gojcc.org/children-family/j-at-school/
Step 2: Click on Program and Registration in the top right corner (Orange Tab)
Step 3: Click on Program Type
Step 4: Click on J at School
Step 5: Click on Enrichment
Step 6: Click on Lenart

P.E. Uniforms

This year, Lenart is transitioning to a universal school wide P.E. Uniform. The Lenart P.E. uniform consists of a Lenart T-Shirt (sports and spirit shirts are acceptable), Red Lenart P.E. shorts or sweatpants. Uniforms can be ordered online at lenart.cps.edu. Order forms can also be picked up in the main office.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Parents are asked to drop-off students on Perry Street from 7:30 -7:50 a.m. Any student arriving after 7:50 a.m. are considered tardy and must enter through the main entrance. To facilitate a smooth transition into the building, we are asking parents to give farewell hugs and kisses on the playground. Parents who are picking up students at dismissal should wait outside Door 2 on LaSalle Street until their teacher escorts them outside. All transportation and dismissal changes should be made in writing to the teacher. In the case of emergencies, please call the office at 773.535.0040 to notify the school of any changes.

School Fees

School fees ($100) for this school year are now due. For your convenience, school fees can also be paid online at lenart.cps.edu. School fees help ensure that the school is able to continue to provide art programming, online licenses for student learning platforms and other instructional materials. This year, Lenart experienced significant budget cuts making the school dependent on the fees to continue programs such as ALEKs and Compass Learning. Your support is greatly appreciated!