



Lakeland Hills Elementary School Newsletter

June 4, 2020

Dear Lakeland Hills Families,

We recently have been reminded of the racism that persists in our nation. We experienced tragedies involving Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and Christian Cooper. Each of these events has compounded some of the trauma that our students, families, and staff of color experience, in addition to navigating the stress we all have dealing with COVID-19.

As principal of your child's school, I recognize our staff need to not just react to these individual occurrences, but we must become disruptors of racism. As principal, I am dedicated to not allowing the fight against racism and injustice to fall on the shoulders of our community members of color alone but to lead it with them. As long as I am principal of this school we will continue to work to foster an environment where race will cease to become a determining factor in the success of any student. Together, let us foster an environment where all members of our community feel welcome, valued and accepted. Individually we may not be able to accomplish much, but together we can live out the quote by Mahatma Gandhi "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Privilege comes to me because I am a white woman. I have not experienced the racism that I know our students and families of color have experienced, or will experience, in their lifetime. I want you to know that I care for you and I feel saddened by the things you experience because of skin color. Racism is hateful and harms our children and families. Racism of any kind will not be tolerated in our community, EVER. Conversation about racism is scary for many of us, myself included, because we fear saying the wrong thing and offending someone, but it does not mean the conversations should not happen. The staff at Lakeland Hills are committed to supporting each and every one of you in any way we can. YOU are our community and we must lead this work together. We love and care for you! Please hug your children for all of us at Lakeland Hills.

With heartfelt sincerity,
Mrs. Barlow

Dear Lakeland Hills Families,

I hope you are in good health and spirits during this remarkable and challenging time. It is with a heavy heart that I write this brief message to you, the importance of which pales in light of the COVID19 crisis and the recent turmoil gripping our region and nation. Nonetheless, I would be remiss in not sending notice to the community that I will be leaving Lakeland Hills Elementary School at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year. Next year, I will be an assistant principal at Terminal Park Elementary.

Since arriving at Lakeland Hills in the fall of 2017, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the students, families and staff in our collective efforts to provide a welcoming learning environment and a high-quality instructional program to facilitate and promote student growth, learning and achievement. I am grateful for the opportunity afforded to me to work with a fantastic student population whose smiles and laughter I will miss. The support from families, PTA and other community groups has been tremendous and I thank you all. I am privileged to have worked with such an amazing and talented staff. Their dedication and commitment to the students is second to none.

Thanks again to everyone for making Lakeland Hills a tremendous place to serve. Stay healthy, happy, connected and engaged. Enjoy the summer break and I wish everyone all the best.

Warm regards,
Tim Hupperten

**It's Time to
Register for
Kindergarten!**



Will your child be 5 by August 31? If so, it's time to register for Kindergarten! During the stay home order, we are accepting kindergarten enrollment online. Follow the link to register your child for Kindergarten. www.auburn.wednet.edu/enroll

PTA ANNOUNCEMENT

The **2020 Golden Acorn recipient is Lois Stolee**. Lois has been volunteering at Lakeland Hills Elementary School for the past seven years. She is always at the school! She pitches in wherever help is needed and is very supportive and positive about all the activities for the students. She spends countless hours volunteering and is always offering to assist. Lois has served as a fantastic PTA Treasurer, knowing the boundaries, law and scope of the position while always being thorough and timely. **Congratulations and thank you Lois!**



The **2020 Outstanding Educator is Mrs. Vickie Leaf**. Mrs. Leaf has been teaching at Lakeland Hills Elementary School since it opened its doors. She always goes above and beyond for students and the staff. She gives so much time beyond the regular school day and classroom to offer clubs for students to be a part of. Mrs. Leaf puts together amazing family nights to get parents involved in the school as well. Each year students and staff look forward to the end of the year slide show she takes countless hours to create. Our school has been so blessed to have this giving and talented educator! **Congratulations and thank you Mrs. Leaf!**



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH (full day)

During the last week of school, you will have two days (**June 15th and 16th**) in which you may come to Lakeland Hills to **pick up any items your child left at school** prior to the building closure on March 13th.

- **On Monday, June 15th, and Tuesday, June 16th, please come to the gym parking lot of Lakeland Hills Elementary between 9:00am and 3:00pm.** PTA will have **all pre-ordered yearbooks** available for pick up these days only – **no additional orders will be possible.**
- You can **drive through the bus loading zone** along the curb, tell us your child's name, and a staff member will hand you your child's belongings.
- If you need to pick up your **child's medication**, tell the staff member and we will have our Nurse, Mrs. Wagner, or health tech, Mrs. Suy assist you. Any student medications not picked up by June 16th will be kept at Lakeland Hills in a locked cabinet until the fall. Families still needing to pick up medication would need to email Mrs. Wagner, School Nurse at: vwagner@auburn.wednet.edu.
- If you have **library books, or LAP AR books or book bags to return**, please hand this to the staff member assisting you.
- Students will continue to use **Chromebooks** as they access online learning through June 19th and **will not turn them in at this time UNLESS you are not returning to the Auburn School District.** Look for more information in the coming weeks regarding how we will facilitate the return of student Chromebooks to school.
- **If you are walking**, please walk to our designated area and follow the social distancing guidelines. A staff member will come to you. Please tell us your child's name and we will deliver the belongings to you.

Lost and found items will be set on the walkway in front of the gym and we encourage you to stop by this area to see if your child has an item that needs to return home. Materials will not be left out overnight. **After Tuesday, June 16th**, remaining student classroom items not picked up and "lost and found" will be donated.

If you are unable to come to Lakeland Hills for any of the designated times, please reach out to Tami Bauer, Office Manager, at tbauer@auburn.wednet.edu.

A 5th Grade Family Goodbye Drive-Thru is scheduled at Lakeland Hills Elementary on June 18th, starting at **11:00-11:45**.

5th Grade Teachers will do a Goodbye Drive-Thru for students on 37th Street at noon.

5th Grade Parents, look to Remind or email for details from your child's teacher.



Monetary donations can be made via Venmo, @Auburn-Foodbank, online at [Network for Good](#) or by check mailed to 930 18th PL NE, Auburn WA 98002. Please mark your donation with #ASDcares2020.

Food donations are accepted at the Auburn Food Bank between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.