



School Mission:

“Wildcat PRIDE is our mission.”

Persevere
Respect
Integrity
Dedicate
Engage

Lakeland Hills Elementary School Newsletter

January 6, 2021

From the Principal...

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2021! I hope you all had a fantastic winter break and were able to disconnect from the computer screen for a couple of weeks and enjoy time with family. As you may know we are currently planning for returning to school soon. You should have received an email from the district office asking you to complete a survey regarding your plans for coming back to school in a hybrid model or staying online only. The district has made several attempts to collect each individual student preference, and I want to thank those who already filled out the survey for each of your students enrolled in our school. The survey is now closed and you will not be able to select your preference this way. Instead, a Lakeland Hills staff member will be calling every family who did not respond, so be prepared with which option works best for your family. If you prefer not to wait for a staff member to contact you, please call the office at 253-876-7711 with your student name and preference. Please keep in mind, if we cannot reach you, your student will automatically be enrolled into the online program for the remainder of this school year. We must have your choice before Friday morning, January 8th, so time is of the essence.

The choices again that you will be offered are:

Hybrid Program: The hybrid model is different than we previously shared with you. We will bring in one group of students in the morning and one group in the afternoon, Tuesday-Friday. This is the AM/PM hybrid model. Assignment to morning or afternoon in-person sessions will be determined by neighborhood areas to accommodate transportation and class sizes. Students will do independent work and receive specialist instruction the half of the day they are not at school. The Monday schedule remains the same as it is right now.

Auburn Online Program: We expect there will be families who are not comfortable returning to any in-person instruction, so we will continue an online only schedule. The Auburn Online start and end times will be modified to align with the AM/PM hybrid schedule.

Auburn Online PM Program: The Elementary PM program (4:30-7:45 p.m.) will continue if there is sufficient enrollment. The Elementary PM program is an online only program and will not be available for in-person.

All of us here at Lakeland Hills are excited to have our students who can come in person back in the building with us, and we look forward to continuing online learning for those families who need to continue with that model. Either way, we need your input!

At this time of year, I usually start gearing us all up for the Auburn Food Bank Food Drive. There is no information about the Food Drive yet, but I will keep you posted if any news comes to light. So many people in our Lakeland Hills community stepped up last spring to donate to the food bank when they desperately needed our support. If the call comes again I hope you will consider joining our efforts to do what we can to support the Auburn Community. Stay tuned for more information as it comes in.

I wish you all a great weekend and hope life is being kind to you!

Mrs. Barlow
Principal
Lakeland Hills Elementary

DATES to note

Every Monday is PLC Late Start at 9:40am.

Every Tuesday is Wear College Colors Day for staff, students, and parents.

Every Friday is School Spirit-Wear or Blue Friday.

January

13 - 6:00-7:00pm PTA

General Membership Meeting (Virtual)

18 - NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

NO SCHOOL Dates to note:

- **Jan. 18 - M.L. King Jr. Day**
- **Feb. 15-19 - Mid Winter Break**
- **March 8 - Waiver Day**
- **April 5-9 - Spring Break**
- **May 10 - Waiver Day**
- **May 31 - Memorial Day**
- **June 1-2 - Alt. Emergency School Closure days**



From the Assistant Principal...

Lunch with the Principal has been a great success! Teachers have been submitting student's names for demonstrating Wildcat PRIDE.

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On Fridays we draw one name at each grade level from all the Wildcat PRIDE tickets submitted to have lunch with the principal.

Due to distance learning we are unable to have lunch with our students, but Mrs. Barlow and I will drop off a certificate and a lunch coupon to each of the 6 PRIDE Winner's homes. **Thank you to our sponsors of Hops n Drops and The Rock for providing the meals.**

Last week's amazing Wildcats are:

- K- Soren Visario
- 1- Christopher Vidrio
- 2- Kaitlyn Maina
- 3- Bupe Saini
- 4- Malia Drake
- 5- Rozelin Olivares-Osuna

Eric Vannatter
Assistant Principal
Lakeland Hills Elementary



New Library Website

Mrs. Hupperten has completed the website and it can be found on the Lakeland Hills home website under the Library tab or you may **click on the Library website link above.**

Remote Library Book Check Out:

Just follow the directions in the link, then come on Wednesdays between 11:10 am and 12:40 pm to pick up your books. Mrs. Lee will have them ready for you at the outside library door. It is located on the playground near the playshed and the first grade classrooms. You will get an email to let you know your books will be ready to pick up. Hope to see you soon!



Hotspot Checkouts

The Auburn School District is checking out hotspots to families who need additional Internet support. If you currently have a hotspot checked out and are NOT using it, we ask that you please return it to our school so another family in need can use it. To coordinate a return please email Christi Lee at clee@auburn.wednet.edu. Thank you for your help in ensuring all families have Internet access.

REMINDERS:

GRK packet pick up is 8:00am-3:00pm **every Thursday** from classrooms.

Links to December Star Reading are below:

[December-Kindergarten S.T.A.R. Reading Form](#)

[December-1st Grade S.T.A.R Reading Form](#)

GOOD NEWS: The week of Dec. 14—18, 2020 we had a 97.68% attendance rate school-wide. The class with 100% participation for Dec. 14-18 is....**Mrs. Knudtsen's & Mrs. Allen's 3/4 grade class.**

WAY TO GO WILDCATS!!

Attendance is taken daily at Lakeland Hills. Teachers will be taking attendance at the start of every school day and calls will be placed or emails sent if your student is not present. **If for any reason your student cannot participate in class or is late, please call our office at 253-876-7711 to excuse the absence, or use the [Report an Absence](#) link on Lakeland Hill's school webpage**



Our School Vision: To prepare our students for life-long success in a diverse world, Lakeland Hills Elementary provides a safe and academically rigorous learning environment so that all students achieve a year or more of growth each year.