



School Mission:

“Wildcat PRIDE is our mission.”

- Persevere**
- Respect**
- Integrity**
- Dedicate**
- Engage**

Lakeland Hills Elementary School Newsletter

June 16, 2022

From the Principal...

To all our Lakeland Hills Families,

Another school year is coming to a close. The first part of this year was difficult as we navigated through the Covid pandemic and all that entailed. It felt like it was going to be the longest year ever, but then the second part of the year flew by and it's hard to believe the year is over! As we say good-bye to our 5th graders, we wish them all the best. We know they are ready to tackle middle school. They will do well!

Along with saying goodbye to our 5th graders we have a few staff members who will also be leaving us. It is with heavy hearts we say “so long” to:

- Tami Bauer, our Office Manager, who has been running Lakeland Hills for the past 10 years! She took care of everyone and everything, and she will be greatly missed as she begins a new adventure in Oklahoma!
- Mrs. Gesell, one of our 3rd grade teachers, has taught for 35 years, the last 16 of those at Lakeland Hills. She is retiring and can't wait to go on a vacation any time of the year!
- Ms. White, our ECE Extended Day teacher, will be moving to the TAP program at the high school level. She has been at Lakeland Hills for the past two years, working with our littlest students. She is excited about getting hired to do her dream job!
- Mrs. Opuszynski, one of our Speech and Language Therapists, will be leaving the district to work at the Birth-3 Developmental Center in Federal Way. She is looking forward to doing her dream job and is excited for the opportunity she has been given.
- Mr. Wes Adams, one of our Resource Room paras who also does traffic patrol and runs the Computer Club, has decided to go back to school to get his teaching degree. He has been a wonderful addition to our staff over the past two years, and we hope to see him here again once he receives his degree!
- Mrs. Lowry, one of the 1:1 paras in our SLC program, will be moving to Mt. Baker Middle School with one of our students. She loved her time with us, and we sure loved having her here, too!

We wish all of our Wildcats well on their next adventures.

I hope all of YOU have a wonderful summer (I know it's coming at some point!) Thank you for hanging in there with us this year, and we will see you again next year!

Warm Regards,

Colleen Barlow, Principal

DATES to note

Every Monday is Mariners Monday; wear your M's gear!

Every Tuesday is Wear College Colors Day.

Every Friday is School Spiritwear or Blue Friday.

June

17 - PTA Mother/Son Nerf Night, 6:00-8:00pm

22 - Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip

23 - Last Day of School—Dismissal at 10:45am

August

30 - Open House

4:30-5:00pm Kinder

5:00-6:30pm GR 1-5

September

6 - First Day of School for Grades 1-5

6-8 - Individual Family/Teacher Kindergarten Conferences

9 - First Day of Kindergarten Classes



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.

ASD Provided School Supplies

Beginning in the fall of 2022, the ASD will provide all required school supplies to all students. Harnessing the power of buying in bulk, the ASD is providing pencils, notebooks, pens, earbuds, erasers, crayons and much more. Grade-specific school supplies will be distributed during the first week of school and will be replenished throughout the school year. Schools will have supplies for new students who enroll during the school year.

The district made this change as part of its strategy to put equity into action. For some families, purchasing school supplies put a strain on the family budget. This shift provides each student with the correct school supplies for learning and removes the burden for families to buy them.

If students want to bring supplies, they will be allowed, but every basic school supply will be provided. Click [here](#) to see what supplies will be provided.



Don't forget to sign up for the Mother-Son Nerf Night Out this Friday!!

The PTA is putting on a night of fun courtesy of *Blast & Dash!!* The event will take place tomorrow, June 17th, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Lakeland Hills Elementary playground.

Cost is \$15 per pair; \$5 each additional child. Pizza and dessert will be provided. To register click [here](#).

Save the Date!

Open House for the 2022-23 school year will be:

Thursday, August 30th

Kindergarten: 4:30-5:00pm

Grades 1-5: 5:00-6:30pm

There will be a group meeting in the gym from 5:00-5:20. Classrooms will be open for students and families at 5:30.

Students can bring their school supplies to leave in their new classroom, and parents will have the opportunity to sign up for November conferences.

Lunch with the Principal

Throughout each school day, our teachers and staff submit students' names for demonstrating Wildcat PRIDE. On Fridays we draw one name in each grade level for Lunch with the Principal from all the Wildcat PRIDE tickets submitted that week. Wildcat PRIDE is demonstrated in the following ways:

Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Engagement

This Tuesday the following students had lunch, donated by *The Rock*, with Mr. Vannatter:

K - Brooke Buzar	1 - Hunter Orzechowski
2 - Anna Vander Mey	3 - Amy Hruza
4 - Jacob Sadler	5 - Lul Teklay

A big THANK YOU to the following Lakeland Hills restaurants for donating Lunch with the Principal meals to our students this year! We appreciate it!!



Links to MAY S.T.A.R Reading:

[May Kindergarten Form](#)

[May 1st Grade Form](#)



Reminder: There will be no more Late Start Mondays.

School starts at **8:45 on Monday, June 20th.**

Attendance Matters! The week of June 6 - 10, 2022 we had a 94.88% attendance rate school-wide.

The class with the highest participation rate for June 6 - 10 is: **Ms. Nichols' 3rdGrade Class!! Way to Go!**