Greeting Lake View Families,

That’s it for September. Our first month is in the books and our students and teachers are off and running toward their 2017-18 goals.

You may have heard about No Excuses University and seen an increased focus on learning about colleges at Lake View over the past year. No Excuses University is a book by Damen Lopez that calls on all elementary schools to teach and prepare each child so that they will have the opportunity to choose college in their future. Much of this preparation is directed towards getting each child to proficiency and beyond in their academics but Damen also makes the point that waiting to teach our kids about college until they are in high school or even middle school is waiting too long. At Lake View, we are talking about colleges, flying college banners and pennants, and even practicing a few college fight songs in some of our classrooms. I am looking forward to our continued growth in this commitment to preparing all students for college opportunities after they move on from our elementary school. If you have ideas or resources that can help us with our college commitment please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Finally, we are focused on 3 important goals at Lake View that I want to share with all families.

Goal 1 – All students will be proficient or beyond in reading and writing when they transition from Lake View to middle school. This goal will be supported by targeting a year or more growth at each grade level.

Goal 2 – All students will be proficient or beyond in math when they transition from Lake View to middle school. This goal will be supported by targeting a year or more growth at each grade level.

Goal 3 – Lake View will create a school environment that celebrates multiple cultures, inclusivity, and highlights contributions by all races and creeds.

There is certainly much more within each action step that we are developing as we target these three goals but I wanted to share with all of our community as we start the year. These goals will only be achievable if we partner as a school and community to truly prepare all of our kids for future opportunities and success. I’d love to hear your feedback and ideas about our goals. Please contact me or make an appointment so that we can visit over a cup of coffee.

Cardinals Go Beyond!

John Aiken
GLOBAL READERS - sponsored by King County Library System

Our librarian is looking for 1 very committed parent volunteer to help with Global Readers. Please contact her if you wish to keep this opportunity alive for our 4th and 5th graders. This program will not be available this year without parent commitment by 10/2/2017. Permission slips and a PowerPoint Presentation can be found in the Destiny Home page – 1st Category under Global Reading. Permission slips are due by Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017.

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COUNSELOR’S CORNER

Ways to set your child up for homework success

1. Turn off the TV set. Make a house rule, depending on the location of the set, that when it is study time, it is "no TV" time. A television set that is on will draw youngsters like bees to honey.

2. Designate specific areas for homework and studying. Possibilities include the child’s room or the kitchen or dining room table. Eliminate as much distraction as possible.

3. Regularity is a key factor in academic success. Try to organize the household so that supper is served at a standard time, and once it and family discussions are over, it’s time to crack the books. If the student doesn’t have other commitments and gets home reasonably early from school, some homework can be done before supper.

4. Teach your child that studying is more than just doing homework assignments. One of the most misunderstood aspects of schoolwork is the difference between studying and doing homework assignments.

5. During a homework session, watch for signs of frustration. No learning can take place and little can be accomplished if the child is angry or upset over an assignment that is too long or too difficult. At such times the parent may have to step in and simply halt the homework for that night, offering to write a note to the teacher explaining the situation and perhaps requesting a conference to discuss the quality and length of homework assignments.

Should parents help with homework? Yes—if it is clearly productive to do so, such as calling out spelling words or checking a math problem that won’t prove. No—if it is something the child can clearly handle himself and learn from the process. And help and support should always be calmly and cheerfully given.

These simple suggestions can make homework time much smoother and more successful!!

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The theme for September’s students of the month was “Friendship”. The following students were honored at an assembly on Thursday, September 28, 2017. They had lunch with the principal on Friday, September 29, 2017.

- Layton Umemento
- Lourdes Alonso
- Asher Franklin
- Kailynn Berringer
- Sergio Gomez Hernandez
- Talon Totten
- Avery Hansen
- Kayla Mitchell
- Aaliyah Pounds
- Mason Riley
- Laila Lopez Hernandez
- Safia Cao
- Jasmine Watson
- Olivia Atchison Sanchez
- Elaina Cheetham

FEDERAL SURVEYS WILL BE SENT HOME IN OCTOBER

Government legislation provides financial assistance to eligible school districts. Auburn School District’s assistance this school year is based on the number of students who live, or whose parents are employed, on tax exempt property, or are serving in the Uniformed Services as of Monday October 2, 2017. Will you please complete the form when it comes home, whether applicable or not, so that Auburn School district may apply for these funds.

Required by the U.S. Office of Education, this completed, signed, and dated form becomes proof of the district’s eligibility and is subject to federal audit. Your efforts in providing accurate information and returning this form promptly are appreciated. We need this form whether it applies to you or not. Thank you very much for your assistance. It is most appreciated.