

LAUREL ELEMENTARY

A Great School With Tomorrow Inside



Laurel is committed to creating a safe learning community where each and every student is actively engaged. We strive to be compassionate and responsible citizens with a focus on academic growth and individual excellence.

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Attendance Line: (541) 520-2042

May 15, 2018

Dear Families:

I can't believe we are planning for the end of school already! This year has gone by so fast. There is a lot of fun coming up in the next few weeks at Laurel and I wanted to highlight some of the major activities that will take place. Joy has been identified by the Laurel community to be a core value and we are keeping this value in the forefront of our minds as we plan for a strong conclusion of this magnificent school year.

Kindergarten Kick off, May 23rd: (1:30pm day session and 5:00pm evening session): We are looking forward to hosting all of our incoming kindergarten families for a fun-filled, informational event. You will get to meet the Kinder Crew (staff) and receive information about our program and ideas on how to prepare your children for kindergarten. You and your children will also enjoy a school bus ride around the neighborhood. If you know a parent, friend or neighbor who has a kinder student, please spread the word.

May Spirit Days: Every Friday in May is going to be a spirit day. Students voted on themes for those days and they are so excited to dress up for these events. For example, last Friday was twins day. Please refer to the flyer sent home last week for the rest of the May month spirit day themes. Those are super fun days and kids enjoy every bit of it!

Swim Week, June 11-15th: This week is probably the most favorite week of the year. Students in grades 1-3 will be going to the pool next to our school to swim with their class for 30 minutes each day. Each year, students look forward to having loads of fun during this week.

Fourth Grade Outdoor School, June 4-7th: Fourth graders will have a unique experience this whole week at Camp Harlow. This is a fun-filled, educational experience that is the highlight of the fourth grade year. The teachers can always use some help during this week, so if you are able to volunteer, please contact your teacher.

Fourth Grade Recognition, June 18th: This event marks the culmination of our fourth graders' achievement and accomplishments at Laurel. While it's going to be hard to send them off to middle school, we are so proud of where they've come thus far and where their bright future might take them.

Field Day, 4th Grade Walk, and last day of school, June 19th: This is an exciting day for all of us! The kids will engage in super fun outdoor activities and visit lots of exciting stations. At 12:15, the whole school will watch our 4th graders walk the halls for the very last time. They will cheer them on and wish them the best in the years to come. We invite all of you to join us in this marvelous celebration.

May 29-June 1st is going to be safety week. We will be re-teaching and practicing all the safety drills we have taught all year. I will keep you up to date on this week's scheduled drills as we come closer to it. Enjoy the beautiful weather! Hope to see you in some or all of the upcoming fun activities!

Warmest Regards!

Nadira Rizkallah, Principal

Box Tops for Education!

We are really excited to be participating in the Box Tops for Education™ program again this year! Box Tops are a great way to benefit all of our students by bringing in extra money for our school. Box Tops are found on hundreds of products and each little Box Top is worth .10¢.

All you need to do is look for the Box Tops, clip them, and send them to school with your child either in a baggie or on the collection sheet that is available in the classrooms.

To print off more Box Tops collection sheets or learn more about the program, please visit boxtops4education.com

We will collect the Box Tops at the end of each month and have a grade level winner and school wide winner for who brought the most Box Tops in.

We hope this will be Laurel's best year yet in collecting Box Tops. Thank you for your support!



FROM THE KITCHEN

If you have multiple students who go to Laurel,
you can write one check for lunches!
Thanks for your help!



LAUREL ELEMENTARY ON FACEBOOK!

Did you know we have a facebook page to keep everyone updated on current events?
Visit our page: Laurel Elementary School
Like it, and now you can check events on the go!

Breakfast In The Classrooms

Please note that breakfast is served in the classrooms from **8:00-8:15**.
All food is then returned to the Kitchen at 8:15, so instruction can begin.

Please be aware, if your student is late, after 8:15,
we cannot serve them breakfast.

Thank you

All Parents & Guardians:

Please make sure the office has your most recent telephone number on file.

This is the number we will use in case of an emergency.

Emergencies can be about your child, or about the school.

If we have inclement weather, and there is a delay or no school announced, you will be alerted.

To make sure we have the most recent number, and to find out if you are on the alert system,
please fill out the form and return to office, or call the front office.

541-998-2386

Thank you for your help in keeping us all safe!

PARENT VISITORS:

All visitors must sign in at the front office, and wear a visible visitor's badge.

Parents are welcome to come visit their student/s during lunch time.

We ask that parents do not go out to recess for visits. For in classrooms volunteering,
Please pre-arrange with your student's teacher. Visits can become a distraction to the student's routine
if not pre-arranged, and we like to keep the students engaged in school activities to the maximum
extent.

If you have any questions regarding this, please call the front office.

Thank you!

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

KidsHealth is the #1 most-trusted source for physician-reviewed information and advice on children's health and parenting issues. There are sections for educators, parents, kids and teens in English and Spanish. www.kidshealth.org

If you have questions, please call or email our district nurse, Carol Puderbaugh.

Thank you all for your help!

ATTENTION FOR SAFETY!

When students are being dropped off, the car line needs to be used. Please follow the line around the pool parking lot, and line up in front of the north side of the school, along the sidewalk.

We are seeing students and adults darting across the street in between cars, and it is not safe.

Please use the crosswalk if you park across the street from the school. We have crossing guards on duty in the morning and the afternoon to help you cross safely.

Please do not stop at any of the stop signs to let your students out. This holds up traffic, and is not safe for the students to be in the street.

Please, let's keep our students safe at all times.

Thank you!

We are looking forward to an exciting year for kindergarteners in 2018/19!

Our **Kinder Kickoff** Event is happening
May 23rd!

There are 2 sessions, and you only need to attend one:

1st session @ 1:30

2nd session @ 5:00

Come and meet the Kinder crew, key school representatives, and take a bus ride around the neighborhood!

Snacks and drinks provided!

Kids will enjoy activities while you hear from School representatives.

See You There!



COMMUNITY STACKER

Our Community Stacker, located in the hallway just passed the office, is full of wonderful brochures and flyers.

With summer approaching you can find flyers on different sports and outdoor activities, as well as camps for summer:

There are football and soccer pamphlets up front available for all ages!

Look for the community newsletter for pool hours!

Lots of fun daycare and camps coming in!

Check it out next time you come in!

OFFICE HOURS

Our front office is open 8:00-3:30 for walk in visitors,
And 7:30-3:45 for phone calls.

After office hours, please email your students teacher with questions.

For attendance please call the attendance line to keep our office phones open for all other communication. The attendance phone number: 541-520-2042

SCHOOL HOURS/SUPERVISION

Our front doors open at 8:00AM. There is not adult supervision out in front of the school until 7:50AM. If you drop off your student before 7:50, they will not be supervised by an adult, and are not allowed into the building until 8:00AM, when the bell rings.

After school, all bussers, walkers, bikers and picker-uppers should be on their way home by 2:45.

There is no longer adult supervision after 2:45.
Thank you for helping us keep all students safe.



- May 21** School Board Meeting, 6:00PM
- May 23** Early Release Day (School is out at 1:00)
- May 23** Kinder Kick Off, 2 sessions, 1:30 & 5:00 (only need to attend one)
- May 25** Jog-A-Thon
- May 28** NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day
- May 29-June 1** Safety Week
- June 4-7** 4th Grade Outdoor School (at Camp Harlow)
- June 8** Inflatables Day
- June 11-15** Swim Week (grades 1-3)
- June 16** JCHS Graduation 2:00
- June 17** Father's Day
- June 18** 4th grade recognition
- June 19** Field day; Last day of School; Early Dismissal at 12:30

Early Dismissal Days for 2018:
May 23rd & June 19th

Things to Know

Please call to let us know your student will be late or absent by calling the attendance line at **541-520-2042**.

Please send a note with your child if their schedule has changed—we must have authorization from an adult. Messages from students are not sufficient. If there are any changes to your student's schedule, please notify the office **BEFORE 2:00 p.m.**

Please complete a background check now if you are volunteering or going on any field trips throughout the year. This prevents last minute crunches and ensures you will be able to participate in your child's activities. Thank you!!

Lost and Found

Please have your student check the lost and found. We have a very big supply of warm jackets and sweatshirts that we know belong to someone!

The Lost and Found is located in the Media Center, and will be put out front by the office the last week of the month.

At the end of the month, all items will be donated to charity.



STAFF PARKING ONLY

Please remember that the staff parking lot located at the North end of the building is for School Staff Parking Only. Please do not use the parking lot entrance as a turn around. There are staff members trying to pull in and out, and students who are using the sidewalk. Thank you!