

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

April 17, 2018

Dear Families:

We had a beautiful transition back to school from Spring Break. Students and teachers were excited to get back to learning and had a blast sharing all the fun activities they engaged in over the break.

Laurel's Got Talent show was out of this world. As always, the students' talents were amazing, heartwarming, and just plain adorable. Thank you all for fostering the talents of your children and supporting them in expressing themselves and having the courage to perform in front of a crowd!

Our all-time favorite, BINGO Night, is fast approaching. Get yourself ready to win some prizes and fun goodies on April 27th at the Guaranty Showroom here in town! Please watch for a flyer coming home in your child's Tuesday folder for more details. We are looking to raise \$10,000 to support Outdoor School for our fourth graders, and this night is a huge contributor to this enrichment activity. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute by donating to this fundraiser, our Parent Group would love to accept your generous donations. The staff and children at Laurel thank you, and our community partners, so much for all that you do to support our school!

You are all invited to attend the Empty Bowls fundraiser that mainly supports our Bunches of Lunches program. This community never ceases to amaze me with their generosity, warmth and care for one another. We have a group of our students performing and entertaining the crowd! Come enjoy a warm meal, music, and good company, while supporting this amazing program.

Remember! April 25th is an early release day. Students will go home at 1:00 pm.

The third and fourth grade students at laurel are getting ready to take the Smarter Balanced test starting April 30th. Currently, the teachers and proctors are administering the practice test to allow students to get a feel of what it's like to take the test. Our students are having a positive experience practicing for this test, and we are anticipating the process to be smooth. This year all test sessions will take place in the classrooms. As such, we are working as a whole school to minimize disruptions and interruptions during the test. If you are planning to check your 3rd or 4th grade student out during the day, please notify the office early in the day, so teachers can be prepared to send your student to the main office. It would be fantastic if you schedule any doctor's appointments outside of your child's testing times. Please refer to the testing schedule being sent by your teacher for exact times.

In order to support your children to be successful on this assessment please remind them to:

- Go to bed early every night and get a good night sleep.
- Don't stress about it. We will be there to support them and help them in every way possible.
- Eat healthy, so they can work hard. Avoid sugary breakfast or snacks.
- Stay hydrated.
- Play after school to get energized and stress free.
- Think positive and believe in yourself. The test may have items that you do not know how to answer. That is ok. Just do your best!

You can find more information about this assessment on the Junction City Schools website. As always, if you have questions for me, please call our main office.

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!

In Box Tops news, We are really excited to announce our Box Tops winner for February. The winner this time comes from 2nd grade....**Mrs. Knox's class!!** They brought in a huge amount: 334!

That's the second highest number for the year. Way to go guys! Keep bringing those in, they really help us to get things that help make our school great! Remember that each Box Top is worth .10c for our school. So great job everyone! Keep cutting out and bringing in those Box Tops.

The winner for February will receive donuts for breakfast!



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!



Our Annual Bingo Night is coming up on April 27th!!

This year we will be having all the fun at the **Guaranty Show Room!**

It is going to be a very special and fun night!

The fun begins **at 6:00PM**, and there will be food and great prizes!

Please watch your child's folder for more info! See you there!

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!

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

Laurel Kindergarten Preregistration is **April 23RD-27TH**

Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30pm. If you have a child that will be five years old on or before September 1, 2018, and you live in the Junction City school district, your child will be starting all day kindergarten this September!

Please bring in your student's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of address. We will get your student enrolled in kindergarten for September, 2018.

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

Watch for information coming home soon, regarding our **Kinder Kickoff** Event, happening May 23rd!



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!

COMMUNITY STACKER

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

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

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.



- April 15-21 National Volunteer Appreciation Week**
- April 23-27 Administrative Professionals Week**
- April 23 School Board Meeting 6PM**
- April 25 1 ½ Hour Early Release**
- April 25 Administrative Professionals Day**
- April 26 Empty Bowls Event @ JCHS 5:00**
- April 27 Bingo Night!! 6-8PM @ Guaranty's Show Room! Family Fun Night!!**
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo**
- May 7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week**
- May 8 National Teacher Appreciation Day**
- May 11 Laurel Carnival, Family Fun Night!!**

Early Dismissal Days for 2018:

April 25th

May 23rd

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!