



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning Loranger Families,

We have successfully turned the calendar into our third month of the school year. With a Holiday near the end of the month completely devoted to giving thanks, this month is the month that represents appreciation and gratitude more than any other. We at LMS are so thankful for all that we have. Even though the current pandemic has changed much of what we do, we still have much to be thankful for.

I am thankful for such an exceptional staff that works diligently every day to keep our students and community safe during the pandemic and at the same time deliver academic instruction. I am thankful for the supportive families and parents that we have that have done so much to contribute to our safe return to school. I have so much gratitude for our amazing custodial and maintenance team that make sure we have safe and clean spaces to learn in. I am thankful for the support and commitment that we have from Superintendent Suttie and our School Board who always put our students first. And I am thankful that for the amazing students that we get to work with each and every day. I hope that you are able to find some time this month to think of the things that you are thankful for.

A few notes for you this month:

Most Recent Executive Order from the Governor

You may have seen the executive order released by Governor Mills this past Tuesday. Of importance to us are the requirements for face coverings to be worn in public spaces now regardless of the ability to maintain physical distance. The executive order does define public settings, and schools are part of this change. Please remember if you are on our campus in any capacity to have your mask on at all times. Thank you.

PTO December Calendar Raffle

The Jameson/Loranger PTO is conducting a calendar raffle fundraiser for the month of December. There will be a drawing for each day during the month. Daily winners will be contacted via email or phone and announced on the [PTO Facebook Page](#). All profits will go to support students, teachers, and programming at Jameson and Loranger Schools. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, you can do so by visiting this [link](#). You'll also see that there are OOB Gulls sweatshirts you can purchase on that website if you are interested.

A Message From the Library

Many student favorites that were checked out last year are still missing from the library shelves. Please help your student look for any school library books that may be at home, and return them to

school as soon as possible so that they can be enjoyed by others. Feel free to reach out to Ms. West at mwest@rsu23.org with any questions.

Registration Information

Every returning student's parent/guardian was sent a "snapcode" to fill out the digital "Returning Student Registration". (This was sent to the first contact we have on file for the student.) This process replaces the paperwork that is sent home every year to update your child's information. **It is imperative that this is completed as soon as possible.** If you have misplaced the snapcode information that was sent, please contact Nancy Cote at ncote@rsu23.org. It is very important that we have updated contact information for all of our students.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences kicked off this week, and while they are very different from the in person conferences we are all used to, they went very well. We have one more fall conference night, next Tuesday, November 10 from 3:30 to 7:30pm. To schedule a conference using our digital scheduler, please click on the following link to sign up: [Loranger Memorial School 2020 Fall Conferences](#). The link is also posted to our website under the "Parents and Students" tab. The master password is OOB3to8. Once you have entered the master password you will need to login. If you created a login last spring, click the login button, and proceed from there. If you do not remember the login you created, click either the "I forgot my user name" or the "I forgot my password" link and you will be provided with assistance. If you did not use our system last year, you will need to click "Create New User Name" and follow the on screen instructions. Once scheduled, teachers will be communicating with parents to provide you with links to your virtual conferences. If you have any questions or need assistance please reach out to the main office at LMS. If you are not able to attend next week, and would like to have a conference with your child's teacher, please reach out to them to set up a time that would work.

Remote Wednesday's

While we will not be in session for a remote Wednesday next week to honor our Veteran's, it is important that our families and students understand the expectations of our Remote Wednesday morning meeting. It is the expectation that all students will attend, and teachers will be reporting attendance. During the morning meeting, teachers will be checking in with students and updating them on their tasks for the day. We are seeing some students who are not turning on their camera or engaging with their teachers during remote morning meetings. Please have a conversation with your child about the time of their morning meeting, and the expectations for their time, including their engagement with their camera on. Thank you.

Cooler Weather & Warmer Clothing

It seems strange to mention this today given the temperatures outside, I do want to remind everyone that many of our classes are being held outside as often as possible due to the current pandemic. Our staff will continue to utilize the space outdoors, so be sure to send students with proper clothing and outdoor gear. Our 3-5 students also go outside for recess. Our cut off for outside recess is feels like 18° so it is important that students have the appropriate clothing to participate in outside recess. Anything colder than feels like 18°, or when it is wet and rainy we stay

inside. If anyone is in need of warmer clothing, please reach out to our School Counselor, Judy Milligan at jmilligan@rsu23.org for assistance.

Snow Day Information

Yesterday a [memo](#) went out from Superintendent Suttie regarding Snow Days. This year on snow days we will be having remote learning days. This will allow us to maintain our current end of year school date of June 11th. Teachers and grade level teams are working on details of the plan for remote learning days, taking into account the possibility of power outages. Each teacher/grade level team will be finalizing their plans and communicating those out to families when they are complete.

School Nutrition Program

As a reminder, breakfast and lunch are available daily at school. Until THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR breakfast and lunch will be FREE TO ALL STUDENTS. Please still fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch application to determine if your child qualifies for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at Loranger and on our website at: <https://rsu23.org> on the Food & Nutrition Services page. School lunch menus are also posted to the website. Please feel free to contact Caroline Trinder, Food & Nutrition Services Director with any questions at ctrinder@rsu23.org or 934-4461 ext. 1239. We are looking forward to serving healthy and tasty meals all year!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Tuesday, November 10 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day, No School
- Tuesday, November 24 - Early Release Day
- Wednesday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Break

Enjoy the weekend and the weather with your families!

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