



Loranger Memorial School

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Good Morning Loranger Families,

Happy Memorial Day weekend! Due to the Holiday next week (no school on Monday), and the half student day on Friday, June 11th, we are wrapping up our last full in person week of the year! Things are continuing to progress very well at LMS, and we are excited about closing out this year with our students. Be paying careful attention to communications, both through his memo, and from your child's teacher(s) so as not to miss anything that may be going on the last two weeks.

2021-2022 Class Placements

In preparation for the 21-22 school year, we are starting the process of class placement. While we do not accept requests for a specific teacher, you do have the opportunity to provide input about your child as a learner that will assist with classroom placement. Please reach out to Judy Milligan (jmilligan@rsu23.org) for rising fourth and fifth graders if you wish to share some information about your child. Ms. Milligan will provide you with a Google Form to fill out in which you can share details about your child to assist in the placement process. The information you provide will be used to make the best placement for your child. Please complete this process by Monday, June 7 to ensure that we have all the data necessary to make these class placement decisions.

Library Book Retirement Fair - Free Books!

Since it was not possible to hold a Scholastic Book Fair this year the JES & LMS Libraries are hosting a library book 'retirement party' - for books that have reached the end of their library life. These books have been read and loved, and now it is time for you to take them home - for FREE! The event will be held on June 2nd from 9:30-11:30 in the tent behind LMS. Books for all ages will be available. Get your reader ready for summer!

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311.

Outdoor Learning

With the changing of the weather, our teachers will be utilizing outdoor spaces more frequently. With that increase of outdoor use we want to be cognizant of our summer bugs, particularly ticks. It may be a good idea to have students perform a tick check when they arrive home in the afternoon, especially if they have done a considerable amount of outdoor learning. We will also be doing our part here to check for ticks prior to entering our building.

Apex Youth Connection Summer Camps

Apex Youth Connection offers low-cost camp options for area youth and they are looking to get the word out. You can get more information on those camps [here](#).

Kindness Challenge Alert from Mrs. Milligan, LMS School Counselor

Did you know about our kindness challenge at LMS? Every morning, we announce acts of kindness that students and staff have done. If someone sees a member of our community doing something kind, such as holding the door for someone without being asked, complimenting someone, helping someone with their work or making them feel better if they are upset, they send an email to Ms. Milligan describing the kindness and it is announced during morning announcements. They also have a slide made on our school tv screens with a picture of them and a description of their kindness. This is being done to encourage acts of kindness in our school. This program was started in February and we have already had over 150 recognitions. We are also recognized as a Certified Kindness School - look for the flyer on our front door which celebrates this!

Rental Assistance

The government has released rental assistance funds for families impacted by the economic downturn due to the pandemic. For more information please click this link:

<https://yccac.org/covid-19-rent-relief-program/>

School Nutrition Program

Breakfast and lunches are available daily at school and are free to all students throughout the entire school year. We ask that you still complete a Free and Reduced Application. These applications help us to receive funding and programming that helps all students district-wide. In addition, if you qualify, you can get Spectrum internet for only \$14.95/month! Applications are available at the front office and on our website at: <http://rsu23.schoollunchapp.com>. School breakfast and lunch menus are also posted on the RSU 23 Website on the [Food & Nutrition Page](#). 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!

Free Breakfasts and Lunches are also provided every Wednesday behind Loranger Memorial School between 10:15-10:45am, no need to RSVP, just show up!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Monday, May 31st No school - Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 10 at 6:00 - Grade 8 Promotion
- Friday, June 11 - Last day of school

Have a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend,

Matt Foster