

Lafayette Leopard Lines



Thank you so much Lafayette Community for your generosity at this year's auction! We surpassed our goals and set a record!! A special thank you to Pamela Quadros and Karin Guidry as well as all of the volunteers.

If you were unable to attend the auction and would like to make a direct donation go to <https://lafayette.schoolauction.net/auction2017/give>.

On April 22nd we will be celebrating Earth Day here at Lafayette from 9:00am-12:00pm. It is a Saturday morning and we will be having a community clean-up day. We are joining hands with our self help and Jackson Lewis P.C. We will have at least 25 volunteers. Please bring your child and help clean-up/freshen up Lafayette's grounds this Earth Day! There will be water, juice, donuts and coffee.

Things are moving along at Lafayette! During spring break, the building will continue to be painted. It is looking great. Students have voted on a school logo so we will be introducing that in our signage in our building. Thanks to the Pamela Quadros for taking the lead on this and working with volunteers!

The math committee continues to meet to make recommendations for next year's program. We will be bringing the recommendations to the community in May. Look for that next month. We will also be discussing other curriculum enhancements as well.

Thanks again for your continued support and generosity!

Always In Partnership-
Cindy Chaput
Principal @ Lafayette

Safety Reminder!

Please remember to only drop students off for school in the back at the playground. California Avenue is a busy street and we want to ensure students and drivers safety. Please drop students off on 45th Ave SW or SW Lander St to meet their class on the playground.

From the Gym with Ms. Banner:

Hope everyone enjoyed the Jump Rope for Heart event Friday March 31! As a school, we have raised \$4,450.00 so far! This is amazing since our goal was \$4,000.00. Thank you to everyone who helped volunteer at the event and who raised money for the American Heart Association. The thank you gifts have been ordered and will be given out to students in 4 weeks. In PE, we are finishing up the fitness reports for grades 3-5 which will be going home along with the report cards. Then to end the month we will continue to talk about heart health along with learning different Net Games.

Smarter Balanced Assessment

After Spring Break our 3rd through 5th Grade students will begin to take the state mandated Smarter Balanced Assessment. Students take both Math and English Language Arts (ELA) assessments. 5th Graders also take a science test. The ELA and Math tests both have two sections; a Performance Task (PT), and a Computer Adaptive Test (CAT). The Performance Task asks students to use their thinking and writing skills to work out a longer problem that is more authentic to the way they learn in school. The CAT test changes the difficulty of the problem as the student works through the test. It gets easier or hard based on how they answered, this always for a more accurate score for what students know and are able to do. The CAT includes problems like multiple choice, drag and drop, fill in the blanks, and short answer. In the ELA CAT there is also a listening component.

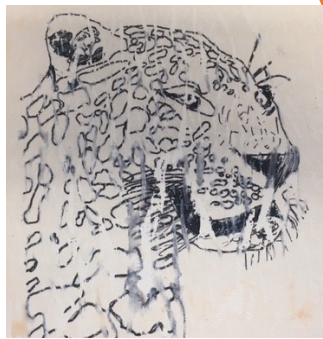
How can you help at home?

There are some easy ways you can help your child do their best! Helping them get to school on time and having eaten a healthy breakfast will allow them to have a great start. Another way is to talk with them about the test and ensure they aren't anxious. They should try their best and use what they know to answer the questions.

If you are interested in more information check out the [SPS's page](#) on the SBA. To find out exactly when your child is testing talk with your classroom teacher.

From the Art room with Mrs. Sandler

Second grade is up to a very different (even for me), engaging and school-spirited project. We used images of leopards are traced them with water based ink and tracing paper. After they were complete, we used a gel medium to transfer our traced images onto a canvas. It was an experiment for sure! Some



worked out great and some of us need to give it another go. It was a great lesson in perseverance. Once all of the images are transferred, we are going to use acrylic paint to finish our own unique leopard painting! I'm looking forward to our finished product!

From Mrs. Daneah

In March the upper grades resumed their rotation of classroom meetings. We revisited the idea of Perseverance from February; focusing on the areas that are the *hardest* for us to demonstrate perseverance in. We watched Derek Redmond, an Olympic Athlete, inspire us all to never give up. We set some goals for ourselves, thinking about the areas that are the most difficult for us to stick with something. In Grade 3, we practiced our communication skills by building Legos with a partner-without using visual cues we had to give instructions on what our partner should build and see if it matched our own Lego creation. We realized how important good listening was to communication, as well as how asking questions helps us to be more successful in learning! Fourth Grade we challenged ourselves to see if we could complete a set of instructions as an entire class-where each direction was contingent on the person before doing *exactly* what the card said. We discussed how critical paying attention, listening, and following directions were to success. In anticipation of the testing window starting soon, we emphasized how important it was to read the directions carefully and entirely before jumping in. The Fifth Graders spent some time practicing their collaboration skills and what it means to work successfully in a group. After being matched up into teams, they were required to solve a puzzle of squares as a group. Afterwards, we were able to process what should we "TRY" and "TRY NOT" to do to help our teams be successful. We'll continue our theme of focusing on communication, collaboration, and problem solving as we look at April's PAWSitivity word of the month "Peacefulness."

Remember we are continuing with our use of RULER as an entire school community. We're working to find a common area for a large Mood Meter to be displayed as well as a way for students to contribute their ideas. The PAWSitivity Team is working on a couple of new ideas to finish out the school year also, so stay tuned.

Happy Spring Break to everyone-here's to hoping for some sunshine so we can enjoy the fresh Spring air!

From the Library with Ms. Nakagawa:

Book Drive for Mary's Place Library Lafayette and Genesee Hill are combining efforts to support the newly opened Mary's Place in White Center. Victoria Brown contacted Lafayette with hopes of collecting New or Very Gently Used book donations to fill their shelves. Book Drive details are being organized and a flyer will be sent home in April!

Click the link below to learn more about Mary's Place and how your help would be greatly appreciated!

<http://www.marysplaceseatle.org/>

From the Health Room:

The health room is in need of some more spare clothes. If you have any clean used plants sizes 6-16 they would be greatly appreciated!



Daily Schedule:

- 1st Bell: 7:50 am
- Tardy Bell: 7:55 am
- K/2 Recess & Lunch: 9:50-10:35
- 1/3 Recess & Lunch: 10:20-11:05
- 4/5 Recess & Lunch: 10:55-11:40
- Dismissal: 2:05

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Dates to Remember:

- 04/19:Kindergarten to SCT
- :Room 10 to Brookdale Retirement Home
- 04/20:3rd Grade FUN
- 04/22:Earth Day @ Lafayette
- 04/27:8-9am coffee with the Principal
- :3rd Grade FUN
- 05/03:8-9am Kindergarten Tour