

# Lafayette Leopard Lines

Greetings Lafayette Community,

Happy December! Tis' the season for giving. Lafayette is having their Winter Food Drive for White Center Food Bank, now through December 15<sup>th</sup>. Any non-perishable food item is welcomed.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." — Winston S. Churchill

There will be no school from December 19<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Winter Break!

I would like to wish each and every one of you a Safe and Happy Winter Break. Enjoy your time with family and friends. We look forward to your child(ren)'s return to school on January 3, 2017. Please remind your student of Lafayette's expectations 1. Show Respect 2. Make Good Decisions and 3. Solves Problems. Also remember to read as a family (or read to) at least 30-minutes each day ...even on Winter Break!

Sincerely, Cindy Chaput Principal @ Lafayette



## From the School Counselor:

This month the PAWSitivity Team has chosen to focus on the word "Compassion." Students in grades 3-5 will have a guidance lesson once a week centered around the idea of showing compassion and empathy to one another. Students will be invited to make posters to put up around the school to remind each other about our focus on compassion. We are also working on filling up our compliment wall, so please encourage your child to find others to give an 'unexpected' compliment to! This month, teachers will begin to introduce the Mood Meter component of our RULER Program. For more information on the RULER Program please visit the website here: <http://ei.yale.edu/ruler/>

Additionally, if any families are finding the approaching holidays a struggle financially, please get in touch with me as we have some resources that are available to support during this time!  
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## From the Music Room:

The K-3 music program and Mr. Seeberger's second year music students will perform some musical presentations during the morning assembly on Thursday December 15th.

Mr. Jacquet

## From the Art room with Mrs. Sandler

Kindergarten and First grade are working on an observational drawing unit. After viewing Vincent van Gogh's "Still Life with Sunflowers," we looked at real sunflowers that were in different stages of alive to dried. We learned to draw from observation: what we see versus what comes from our imagination. It's always a challenge, but through practice and feedback, we have really grown as artists.

Learning how to take the time and really look has proved to be so important – we are seeing details that we would have never noticed before! Eventually we will ink the drawings and do a light wash over them. I'm looking forward to their complete masterpieces!

## From the Library

The Scholastic Book Fair Fund Raiser is our Library reading event that provides books to students, their class and our families. There is a large selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are.

You can visit & shop the online at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/lafayetteelementaryschool2>

Remember, all purchases benefit our school.!

## From Nurse Sykes

Thanks to Aimee Corr and Noriko Shingai for volunteering with the Lafayette Fuel Up to Play 60/ Marathon Kids being held during lunch recess on Wednesdays and Fridays between now and Spring Break!

Every student has an opportunity to earn a Marathon Kids t-shirt, and other prizes. We are seeking parent volunteers who can help with tracking and who will jog/run/walk with students between 09:50am and 11:15am on Wednesdays and Fridays.

You must be registered as a school volunteer. Come to participate with your children and their classmates! Please see the School Nurse to schedule your time.



### 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:

**12/12;** 8-9am Coffee w/ the Principal

**12/16;** 1 hour Early Dismissal

**12/19-01/02;** Winter Break No School