

# Lafayette Leopard Lines



Dear Lafayette Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and had lots of time to spend with family and friends. The new year has brought lots of sunshine and cold weather. Please remember to tell your student to wear their coats during recess times. It is really cold out! We are working hard here at the school. During the fall, Anna and I had the opportunity to visit every classroom many times and also did 90 minutes of observing literacy. Research shows that students who receive 90 minutes of explicit instruction in literacy along with 20 minutes of reading a night make substantial gains. Our balanced literacy program at Lafayette provides instruction in phonemic awareness/listening comprehension, phonics/word work, vocabulary, comprehension skills/strategies and fluency. Also students respond in writing to reading. These are the skills that students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades are assessed in on the Smarter Balance Assessment (SBA) in late spring. This year students are being assessed using the interim SBA's so that we can measure where they are and individualize instruction to meet their needs.

This month on January 19, 2017 is our General PTA meeting here at Lafayette at 6:30pm-8:00pm. This month there will be a guest speaker on Gun Sense and safety around guns. Should be an excellent presentation! Excited to hear about it. Also, PTA is still looking for volunteers for the upcoming Auction on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the school play. The school play this year is "The Little Mermaid" under the direction of Ms. Duke. It is open for all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to try out on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> afterschool in Ms. Duke's classroom-Room 22. If you are interested in helping out with costumes, scenes, etc. please call and let us know. Should be lots of fun!

Quick reminder that there will be no school on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. There will be an assembly on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Enjoy the new year and the sunshine....stay warm!!!

Cindy Chaput, Principal

## From the Gym

Hello! My name is Mrs. Kris Banner and I am the new Physical Educator here at Lafayette Elementary School. Prior to Lafayette I was elementary P.E. teacher at Northbridge International School Cambodia. I have enjoyed the two weeks here as everyone has been so welcoming and I am excited to be a part of this new team. Before the holiday, students were working on the Adventure Challenge Unit. This unit works on student's communication skills, helps build trust and encourages students to have an open mind to solve problems. Students will communicate their thoughts, ideas, and opinions in a positive manner to help their team achieve success. Please drop by the gym and say hi or email me at : [klobrien@seattleschools.org](mailto:klobrien@seattleschools.org) if you have any questions.



## From the Art room with Mrs. Sandler

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade embarking on another challenging art journey while learning how to draw one-point perspective. Students come up with a theme of their choice and list elements of that theme that will be depicted in their work. Using pencils, rulers and lots of feedback, we will construct a drawing that will eventually become a watercolor painting.

I'm looking forward to enjoying the process as well as appreciating the final product!

**From Nurse Sykes:**

Volunteers are needed during lunch recess for Fuel Up to Play 60 Marathon Club tracking. This involves going out with the students, and tracking their laps on the school iPad. Volunteers are needed during lunch recesses on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please see the school nurse if you can help. (You must be registered as a school volunteer.) Thank you!



**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:**

1/9: Coffee w/the Principal

1/16: MLK Day - No School

1/19: Kindergarten Tour  
3-5 pm

1/25: 5th grade field trip to Olympia, WA  
Capitol Tour 8:30 am

1/25: Pizza w/the Principal 5-6 pm

1/27: 1st Grade to SCT  
10:30 am