

Lafayette Leopard Lines



Dear Lafayette Parents:

We hope you had a wonderful Mid-Winter Break. The days are getting longer and spring is beginning to show. Don't forget that March 12th we "Spring ahead" for Daylight-Savings.

As many of you know we are beginning our budgeting process for next year. We have now received our enrollment projections and budget allocation. With the state legislatures failure to fully fund education and the current Levy Cliff we are facing a budget shortage of about \$74 million District wide. Each school district must have a balanced budget thus we are planning for next year with limited funds. We will be working closely with PTA and Staff to develop a budget that focuses on what is best for students. We will also be setting priorities for what to budget in the event that funding is restored. This can be a hard and stressful time for all involved, but we at Lafayette are dedicated to ensuring each student thrives and our budgeting decisions will focus on student success. You can learn more by visiting the [SPS 2017-18 Budget webpage](#).

We know we have a very supportive community and each year we rely on PTA to fund portions of what we offer. We are one month away from the PTA Dinner and Auction. Our auction committee is working hard on creating a fun and productive evening for our school community. We hope you can each join us in supporting our school.

Cindy Chaput, Principal

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:

March is finally here! Jump Rope for Heart is this month on Friday March 31! Students will be preparing their jumping/rope moves this month. All are invited to come to the Kick Off Assembly this coming Monday March 13 at 9am. Students can register beforehand on www.heart.org/jump where you will find our school name. Any student that gets 150 dollars worth of donations before the assembly will get recognition and the Gaby Giraffe plush toy at the assembly. So get JUMPING!

Using RULER at home:

At Lafayette we are working hard on learning to manage our emotions. Teachers are using a program called RULER to help give kids the skills to Recognize, Understand, Label, Express and Regulate their emotions. One of the four anchors is the Mood Meter. The Mood-Meter is a tool that students AND adults can use to help them understand how their feeling and then regulate their emotions.

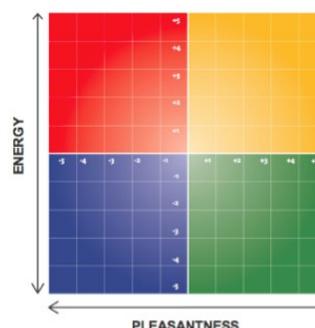
The Mood-Meter has four quadrants, red, yellow, green and blue— each represents a different set of feelings.

RED feelings: high in energy and low in pleasantness (e.g., angry, scared, and anxious)

BLUE feelings: low in energy and low in pleasantness (e.g., sad, disappointed, and lonely)

GREEN feelings: low in energy and high in pleasantness (e.g., calm, tranquil, and relaxed)

YELLOW feelings: high in energy and high in pleasantness (e.g., happy, excited, and curious)



Ask your child how they have used the Mood-Meter in class. There is also an App you can get that helps you label emotions and will even track how your emotions change over time. Check the App Store or Google Play.

From the Art room with Mrs. Sandler

Second grade is starting a unit all about the Lafayette Elementary School mascot – leopards! We are beginning by watching a documentary and looking at books about leopards to gather and share research about their anatomy, behavior and habitats. We will start with a drawing of leopards that will eventually become a painting. Once our painting is complete, we will begin a sculpture using earthenware clay to construct a 3D leopard. Starting out with a 2D medium allows students to better differentiate between an artwork that exists on a wall and one that exists in the round. It also gets them thinking about how they would like their work to interact with the space around it.

We just started this...pictures to come!

Yearbook Submissions Wanted!

We're starting to gather photos for our Leopard Yearbook. Please send any photos to Anna Birinyi via email aebirinyi@seattleschools.org.

We'd love to gather photo's from evening events, field trips, class parties and more.

Order forms will come home by March 1st. The cost of a yearbook will be \$20. Orders are due back by March 31st.

From Mrs. Daneah

February saw Lafayette embracing the idea of "**Perseverance.**" In the primary grades we spoke about setting a goal and working hard to achieve it. We continued the conversation from January about Martin Luther King Jr and celebrating our diversity. We read the book "The Name Jar" in grade two and shared what makes us unique and what makes us the same. In Kindergarten we read "Tacky the Penguin" and celebrated what makes each of us 'odd' just like Tacky. First graders are working on emulating "The Little Engine That Could" and creating goals for themselves that they'll need to practice their **Perseverance** to achieve. In a couple of weeks, the upper grades will start their round of classroom meetings.

As a school we are still focusing on helping our students learn the Mood Meter component of the Ruler Program. Please visit the Ruler website for more information! <http://ei.yale.edu/ruler/>



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:

3/8-10:4th Grade to Camp Colman

3/13:Assembly Jump Rope for Heart

3/20:8am coffee w/the Principal

3/21:1:15 pm Assembly "NOISE Opera"

3/22:2 hour early dismissal

3/29: Picture Day