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On March 13, 2020 Little Lake Schools as well as most all other schools in the area closed their doors due to COVID-19 and moved all students into distance learning. At the time we thought the school closure would last a few weeks at the most. When we did not return back from spring break the hope was that we would be able to open again in the fall. Back in March of 2020, no one would have guessed or predicted that our schools would be closed for 13 months.

However, here we are today with our schools finally open again in a hybrid model. The 13-month journey that got us here today was filled with anxiety, new learnings, interesting challenges, surprises and unexpected positive outcomes. Our year of moving through the pandemic was successful due to the combined effort, work and dedication of the entire LLCSD community. At this time, I the Superintendent, and the three LLCSD Assistant Superintendents, wish to take this time to share our words of thanks.

During this year of COVID-19 and distance learning, I wish to thank the LLCSD community for the constant understanding, patience and support as our district responded to the variety of new challenges and opportunities that came forward as a result of the pandemic. COVID-19 forced us all to deal with something that is very new and different from what we have long considered to be normal and routine. In the spirit of “Students First” and “Whatever it Takes” I wish to thank the LLCSD community for being the amazing district that it is, working together for the betterment of our students, staff and community.

El 13 de Marzo de 2020, las Escuelas de Little Lake, así como la mayoría de las demás escuelas del área, cerraron sus puertas debido al COVID-19 y cambiaron a todos los estudiantes al aprendizaje a distancia. En ese momento pensamos que el cierre de las escuelas duraría unas cuantas semanas como máximo. Cuando no fue posible regresar después de las vacaciones de primavera, la esperanza era poder abrir nuevamente en el otoño. Allá en Marzo de 2020, nadie hubiera adivinado o predicho que nuestras escuelas estarían cerradas durante 13 meses.

Sin embargo, hoy nos encontramos nuevamente con nuestras escuelas finalmente abiertas en un modelo híbrido. La travesía de estos 13 meses que nos trajo hasta aquí, estuvo llena de ansiedad, nuevos aprendizajes, desafíos interesantes, sorpresas e inesperados resultados positivos. Nuestro año de superar la pandemia fue un éxito gracias al esfuerzo, el trabajo y la dedicación conjuntos de toda la comunidad de LLCSD. En este momento, yo, el Superintendente, y los tres Asistentes Superintendentes de LLCSD, deseamos aprovechar para compartir con ustedes nuestras palabras de agradecimiento.

Durante este año de COVID-19 y de aprendizaje a distancia, deseo agradecer a la comunidad LLCSD por la constante comprensión, paciencia y apoyo mientras nuestro distrito respondía a los distintos retos y oportunidades que surgieron como resultado de la pandemia. COVID-19 nos obligó a todos a enfrentarnos con algo muy nuevo y diferente de lo que durante mucho tiempo consideramos normal y rutinario. Siguiendo el espíritu de “Los Estudiantes Primero, y Hacer lo que Sea Necesario”, deseo

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The Little Lake City School District employs an outstanding staff of highly qualified and experienced teachers and classified staff members. It is my honor to highlight for readers of *School News* two of our district employees: 2020 Teacher of the Year, Sergio Espinoza and 2020 Classified Employee of the Year, Siomara Negrete.

Sergio Espinoza joined the Little Lake City School District in 1998 as a kindergarten teacher at Paddison Elementary School. After beginning his tenure with us he eventually moved to teaching fourth grade. Mr. Espinoza has been at Paddison Elementary since starting in 1998. Mr. Espinoza has served on various school and district committees. Sergio is a dedicated and talented teacher and educator. He has tremendous passion for the work he does with students, always providing the extra care and support that students need to be successful. He understands and works well with all types of learners, including gifted, underperforming, socioeconomically disadvantaged and English learners. Throughout his years of teaching Sergio has developed great rapport with students, staff and community both inside and outside of the classroom.

If one were to visit the district and ask about Sergio, one would hear comments such as, "Sergio is an outstanding teacher because he teaches with all his mind and all his heart." "He cares about each and every student." "His passion is informed by research and best practices." "He wants to see each and every student progress." "He is very focused in making his students do their best by being very flexible and open to their way of learning." "He has a growth mindset and is always willing to take the lead on site and district initiatives." We are all proud to have Sergio represent the Little Lake City School District as the 2020 Teacher of the Year.



Dr. Bill Crean
Superintendent

El Distrito Escolar Little Lake City cuenta con un sobresaliente equipo de maestros y personal clasificado, altamente capacitados y con amplia experiencia. Es un honor para mí destacar ante los lectores de Noticias Escolares a dos de los empleados de nuestro distrito: Maestro del Año 2020, Sergio Espinoza y Empleado Clasificado del Año 2020, Siomara Negrete.

Sergio Espinoza se integró al Distrito Escolar Little Lake City en 1998, como maestro de kínder en la Escuela Primaria Paddison. Después de comenzar sus funciones con nosotros, eventualmente pasó a impartir cuarto grado. El Sr. Espinoza ha estado en la Primaria Paddison desde que comenzó en 1998. El Sr. Espinoza ha servido en varios comités escolares y del distrito. Sergio es un maestro y un educador dedicado y talentoso. Tiene una enorme pasión por el trabajo que hace con los estudiantes, siempre brindando el cuidado y el apoyo adicional que los estudiantes necesitan para tener éxito. Entiende y trabaja bien con todo tipo de estudiantes, incluyendo a estudiantes superdotados, a estudiantes de bajo rendimiento, socioeconómicamente desfavorecidos y alumnos Aprendiendo Inglés. A lo largo de sus años de enseñanza, Sergio ha desarrollado una gran relación con los estudiantes, el personal y la comunidad tanto dentro como fuera del aula.



Sergio Espinoza
2020 Teacher of the Year

Si visitara el distrito y preguntara por Sergio, escucharía comentarios como, "Sergio es un maestro sobresaliente porque enseña con toda su mente y todo su corazón". "Él se preocupa por todos y cada uno de los estudiantes". "Su pasión se basa en la investigación y las mejores prácticas". "Quiere ver el progreso de todos y cada uno de los estudiantes". "Está concentrado en lograr que sus estudiantes hagan su mayor esfuerzo, siendo muy flexible y abierto a su forma de aprendizaje". "Tiene una mentalidad de crecimiento y siempre está dispuesto a asumir el

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Congratulations Sergio Espinoza and Siomara Negrete!

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Little Lake's Classified Employee of the Year is Siomara Negrete. Siomara joined the Little Lake City School District in 2015 as a Food Service worker at Paddison Elementary School. In 2016 Siomara transferred to Lakeland Elementary to assume the position of Lead Food Service Worker I. In 2018, Siomara moved to Lakeview Elementary School. In 2018 Siomara assumed the role of Cafeteria Manager at Lake Center Middle School where she has since remained. During her time in Little Lake Mrs. Negrete has served on various school and district committees. Siomara is a dedicated and well respected member of the Little Lake Team. Each and every day she goes above and beyond to support the students, families and staff of the district.

If one were to visit the district and ask about Siomara, one would hear comments such as, "Assuring that students have the proper nutrition so they can do their best academically is Siomara's first priority." "She is a hands-on worker." "She is innovative and creative, especially for middle school." "During the pandemic she was the model for "Students First" and "Whatever it Takes." "She is always willing to learn and improve her skills." "She always has a smile on her face." "She is always pleased to serve the students and school community." "She is a great leader." We are all proud to have Siomara represent the Little Lake City School District as the 2020 Classified Employee of the Year.

The Little Lake City School District is extremely fortunate to have employees of the caliber of Sergio Espinoza and Siomara Negrete. Both serve as worthy representatives of our proud district.



**Siomara Negrete
2020 Classified Employee of the Year**

liderazgo en las iniciativas del distrito y del plantel escolar". Todos nos sentimos muy orgullosos de que Sergio represente al Distrito Escolar Little Lake City como Maestro del Año 2020.

El Empleado Clasificado del Año de Little Lake es Siomara Negrete. Siomara se integró al Distrito Escolar Little Lake City en 2015, como trabajador del Servicio de Alimentos en la Escuela Primaria Paddison. En el año 2016, Siomara se transfirió a la Escuela Primaria Lakeland para asumir el puesto de Trabajador Líder de Servicios de Alimentos I. En 2018, Siomara se cambió a la Escuela Primaria Lakeview. En ese mismo año, Siomara asumió el puesto de Gerente de Cafetería en la Escuela Intermedia Lake Center, donde ha permanecido desde entonces. Durante su tiempo en Little Lake, la Sra. Negrete ha servido en varios comités escolares y del distrito. Siomara es un dedicado y muy

respetado miembro del equipo de Little Lake. Siempre y cada día, ella hace todo lo posible para apoyar a los estudiantes, las familias y al personal del distrito.

Si visitara el distrito y preguntara por Siomara, escucharía comentarios como, "Asegurar que los estudiantes tengan una nutrición adecuada para que puedan rendir al máximo académicamente, es la máxima prioridad de Siomara". "Ella es una trabajadora práctica". "Es innovadora y creativa, especialmente para la escuela intermedia". Durante la pandemia, fue modelo de "Los estudiantes primero" y "Lo que sea necesario". "Siempre está dispuesta a aprender y a mejorar sus habilidades". "Siempre tiene una sonrisa". "Siempre está encantada de atender a los estudiantes y a la comunidad escolar". "Ella es una gran líder". Todos estamos orgullosos de que Siomara represente al Distrito Escolar Little Lake City como Empleado Clasificado del Año 2020.

El Distrito Escolar Little Lake City es extremadamente afortunado de contar con empleados del nivel de Sergio Espinoza y Siomara Negrete. Ambos son dignos representantes de nuestro orgulloso distrito.



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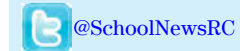
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As this school year comes to an end in many ways it feels like the beginning. It is wonderful to see a bit of normalcy returning to our lives and that begins with students back in the classrooms. Zoom took on a whole new meaning to children as they spent hours in front of a computer screen instead of in a classroom. There are many milestones in a child's life, but none of us were prepared for anticipating the next milestone of not wearing a mask. That will be a happy day.

In this issue you will read how each school has welcomed students back.

Congratulations Sergio Espinoza, teacher of the year and Siomara Negrete, classified employee of the year! I would like to thank all of the district teachers and employees for their dedication to educating our youth in a clean, safe environment and especially during this unusual year.

It is always a pleasure to speak with Superintendent Dr. Crean. His enthusiasm for the Little Lake School District is contagious.

Our next issue is November 3. Have a fun summer!

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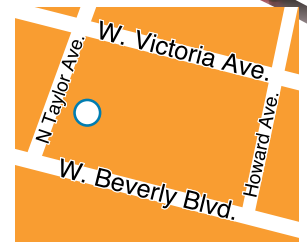
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A third ongoing fundraising activity that you can participate in is the AmazonSmile program. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Little Lake Educational Advancement Foundation (LLEAF) every time you shop, at no additional cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to LLEAF. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> to create or log into your Amazon account and choose LLEAF as your charity of choice. Also please forward this email to your friends and family, and ask them to have their purchases support LLEAF as well!

La misión de la Fundación para el Progreso Educativo de Little Lake (LLEAF, por sus siglas en inglés) es enriquecer y apoyar los programas educativos del Distrito Escolar Little Lake City a través de la recaudación de fondos de la comunidad, la participación activa y el conocimiento de las necesidades del distrito y de los estudiantes. Cada año, LLEAF patrocina dos importantes eventos para la recaudación de fondos: el Torneo de Golf en el mes de Marzo y el Stand de Fuegos Artificiales en Julio. Desafortunadamente, debido a la pandemia actual, ambos eventos de recaudación de fondos han sido pospuesto. A medida que tanto la Nación como el Estado de California comienzan a recuperarse de la pandemia de COVID-19, tenemos muchas esperanzas de que LLEAF pueda reanudar el torneo de golf y el stand de fuegos artificiales en 2022.

Una tercera actividad de continua recaudación de fondos en la que puede participar, es el programa AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile es una forma sencilla y automática de apoyar a la Fundación para el Progreso Educativo de Little Lake (LLEAF) cada vez que compra, sin ningún costo adicional para usted. Cuando compre en smile.amazon.com, encontrará exactamente los mismos bajos precios, una amplia selección y una conveniente experiencia de compra, tal como en Amazon.com, con la ventaja adicional de que Amazon donará un 0.5% del precio de compra a la LLEAF. Visite el sitio <https://smile.amazon.com> para crear o iniciar sesión en su cuenta de Amazon y elija LLEAF como su organización de beneficencia de su elección. Además, ¡por favor reenvíe este correo electrónico a sus amigos y familiares y pídale que sus compras también apoyen a LLEAF!



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Safety is Key to a Fun-Filled Summer!

By Chantel Rothenburger and Danny Luna, coordinators
Injury Prevention Program,
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach

Temperatures are rising and summer is around the corner! As COVID-19 restrictions lift and friends and family begin to gather outside, make sure to keep safety top of mind. Follow our tips to have a safe and fun summer:

Sun Safety

Sunburns are caused by overexposure to UV rays and can increase the risk of skin cancer.

- Seek shade. UV rays are strongest and most harmful during midday.
- Wear hats that shade the face, scalp, ears and neck.
- Apply sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and UVA and UVB (broad spectrum protection) 30 minutes before going outside and reapply as needed!

Water Safety

Every day, about 10 people die from unintentional drowning.

- Never leave your child in the water without adult supervision, no matter how shallow.
- We recommend using US Coast Guard-approved floatation devices.
- Enroll your child in swimming lessons.
- Install barriers, such as fencing around a swimming pool.

Bug Safety

Protect your family by preventing bites and diseases, like West Nile virus and Lyme disease, which can be transmitted by insects.

- Avoid areas where insects congregate, such as stagnant pools of water.
- Use insect repellents containing DEET.
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Linda Rigg
Principal

Returning to Campus

April 12, 2021, was a very special day at Cresson Elementary. It marked the day that students were able to return to school in person for the first time in over a year. A great deal of planning, preparation and communication went into ensuring that all of the necessary materials, procedures and practices were in place and understood in order to protect the health and safety of

everyone. On that special first day back, everyone did their part to make sure that students moved safely and efficiently to their classrooms, met at the door by their teachers. There was so much excitement in the air as children and adults enjoyed the opportunity to once again be on campus, in their classrooms, teaching and learning in person. Although we are wearing masks, sanitizing frequently, and maintaining an appropriate distance, we are so happy to once again have students on campus.



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Denise Frenes-Gomez
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Excited to Be Back on Campus

Jersey welcomed back some students for in-person instruction on April 12th. Students and staff were very excited to be back on campus after being gone for over one year! Jersey's PTO did an excellent job decorating the entrance to Jersey and the gates to welcome our Eagles back. Although our classrooms look a bit different, our teachers have done an incredible job to make their classrooms feel like their home away from home for our students. Our support staff has stepped in to take temperatures, supervise students, and ensure everyone is following all safety measures that have been put in place to keep everyone safe. Our students have done a great job following all safety protocols in and out of the classroom. We are so proud of our entire Jersey community for keeping true to our district beliefs and putting our students first and doing whatever it takes!



Lake Center *Middle School*

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Jack Sokoloff
Principal

Students First!

Lake Center Middle School welcomed students back to campus on Monday, April 12, 2021! We are so appreciative to have our students back in our school buildings. We have spent considerable time preparing and planning for this day. Our school is equipped with many layers of protection for staff and students. On 4/19/21, the Los Angeles County Office of Public Health conducted

a site review and reported “Overall Assessment: School is compliant. No further recommendations at this time.” They also reported, “We are very glad to see the hard work that your school community has put into place for the safe return of students for in-person instruction.” Once again, we have buildings with a future in them, students, and in Distance Learning. In the words of 6th grade student Hayden, “I didn’t want to go at first, but now, I think it’s good.”



Lakeland *Elementary*

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**Georgette
Baltierrez-
Manohorathat**
Principal

Thank You, All!

The school year is quickly coming to an end. We have had a wonderful year here at Lakeland Elementary School. It is truly amazing how much has been achieved by our students, staff and parents during this school year.

Our school has been especially successful this year because of the ongoing collaboration between our parents, students and staff members. This year has been especially challenging for students, parents, teachers and staff alike. It is hard to believe that it has been over a year since our world was turned upside down. I am extremely grateful for the work that our community has done in order to continue to increase student achievement and well-being.

On April 12, we opened our school for hybrid instruction. What an exciting time that was! Our students, teachers and staff were giddy with excitement on the first day of in-person classes. We also had the honor of being visited by one of our LLCSD school board members, Manuel Cantu, as well as our superintendent, William Crean. Thank you, Mr. Cantu and Dr. Crean, for joining us in welcoming our students and staff back on campus.

As I walked the campus, I was excited to see the students engaged in in-person learning. Students also had the opportunity to enjoy breakfast outside and take a break. A huge thank-you to all staff, teachers and our PTA that worked so hard to prepare. Our staff and custodians worked tirelessly to ensure that all classes were ready



with Plexiglas, PPE and all required supplies. A special thank-you to parents and students for ensuring that you are following all protocols in order to ensure everyone's safety. Great work, Lakeland!



Lakeside *Middle School*

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Ana Gutierrez
Principal

Finally Back!

After 13 months of distance learning, many Lakeside students returned to school on Monday, April 12th! Staff welcomed them and ensured that all protocols were followed to ensure everyone's safety. These protocols include: frequent hand sanitizing, social distancing, personal (non-shared) equipment and materials, all day bathroom supervision, prepackaged meals, and students remaining with their cohorts.

Students were able to reunite with their friends and meet their teachers in person for the first time this year! On Monday, Dr. Crean, our Superintendent, joined us in welcoming back our students and, on Wednesday, our Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. Zamora, and Board Member, Mrs. Ramirez, also visited to greet students as they left campus. Many thanks to all of our employees at the school and at the district office for their efforts to create a welcoming and safe environment for our students and teachers. We had a fantastic first week!



Lakeview *Elementary*

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Kelly Love
Principal

The Second First Day of School

On Monday, April 12th, balloon arches waved at the entrances to Lakeview Elementary School to welcome our students back to campus for the first time in 13 months. The excitement was palpable as our students waved to everyone they knew and bounced up and down on the floor decals.

Our students have expressed that they are happy to be back at school because it's easier to focus, they get to go outside, see their friends, and communicate without breaking up or worrying if they are on mute! Our teachers are also pleased to be teaching in person as well. Many of them have expressed how much more they have learned about their students' personalities and abilities in just a few short weeks.

One teacher stated, "The best part of being back in person is the energy and engagement the students have with what they are learning! The ability to authentically see what their needs are, both academically and emotionally, and then be able to help support and meet those needs has been beneficial."



All in all, it has been an incredibly positive experience for students and staff alike. The students have adapted quickly to new protocols and procedures, and they follow the safety protocols exceptionally well. We are looking forward to finishing off the year on campus as we embrace that sense of a return to normal.

William Orr *Elementary*

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Rebecca Casillas
Principal

Reopening William Orr

We are very excited to have reopened our campus after more than a year of being closed! April 12 marked our first day of hybrid learning. It was so wonderful to see all of our students so eager to return to campus! PTO decorated our lawns and everyone followed our safety protocols, such as wearing masks, maintaining social distance,

and washing their hands often, making our reopening a huge success. We look forward to continuing to see our TK/K hybrid students in person Monday-Thursday and virtually on Fridays and our Grades 1-5 hybrid students in person on Mondays and Wednesday and virtually Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. We also have students continuing with 100% virtual learning and we continue to be proud of their progress and hard work as we finish out the year. A big thanks to all of our community, teachers, and staff for all of your continued support!



Paddison *Elementary*

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**Dr. Lorena
Martinez-Vargas**
Principal

New Protocols on Campus

We were thrilled to experience a smooth school re-opening at Paddison Elementary School! March 13, 2020 was the last day our students were physically on campus for the 2019-2020 school year; distance learning followed. More than a year later, April 12, 2021, Paddison Panthers were welcomed back on campus for in-person instruction. Students, parents, teachers and all support

staff followed specific protocols including temperature checks, hand sanitizer and physical distancing. Each and every person is to be celebrated! It is keeping true to the Paddison ways--be safe, responsible, respectful and kind--that keeps us all healthy. We also want to give a warm shout out to the our Paddison Families who chose to continue with Distance Learning. They, too, have been supportive and flexible with the adjustments as we navigate the road ahead of us together.

As Always, Go Panthers!



Waiting for Temperature Check

Stuebaker *Elementary*

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Yasmin Ruiz
Principal

Welcome Back Superstars!

Watching the children as they walked on to campus, had me feeling like a student on the first day of school. Friends waved at each other frantically as they stood on their designated spots. Although they were wearing masks, I know they were smiling. I was smiling! This was the day we had been looking forward to all year. Teachers waited by their doors to welcome their students

back. The noise on campus was exhilarating rather than the deafening silence of an empty school. As I walked around to the classrooms it was as if they had always been here. No time was wasted and instruction continued. At the end of the day, the children went home and were so excited to return. Stuebaker staff has made the reopening of Stuebaker a seamless experience. All of the children are happy which is the most important to me.



During this year of COVID-19 and distance learning, I wish to thank LLCSD community for your incredible support, patience, and flexibility throughout this pandemic as we navigated to find different and creative ways to continue to provide students with high quality instruction. You all committed to work alongside your children to learn many new online learning tools and platforms. I was amazed by your resilience, fortitude, and determination that you have all demonstrated. We continue to prove that the LLCSD community does “Whatever it Takes” for our students.no matter what the circumstances!

During this year of COVID-19 and distance learning, I wish to thank the LLCSD community for your partnership in the safety, education, and well-being of our students. It took many hands to work through the pandemic, each having their own role and responsibilities. A few groups that I would like to acknowledge are the Nutrition Services staff who prepared and distributed meals to our students, the dedicated Custodial staff who made sure our campuses were clean, safe and ready to receive staff and students for in-person instruction, our talented educational staff who engaged students in learning both virtually and in-person and finally, our wonderful parents who helped their children connect and continue to learn during this unusual school year.

During this year of COVID-19 and distance learning, I wish to thank the LLCSD community for their continued patronage in our school lunch program. Your daily visits and friendly hellos helped us remain hopeful. We are grateful for your patience and grace while technology worked to resolve your technology issues. We are thankful and honored for the trust you have placed on our custodial and maintenance staff as your children return to in-person instruction. We will not lose sight of this trust and responsibility.

Most importantly, we wish to thank the Little Lake students for all your effort, hard work and dedication throughout distance learning. We know that you missed being in school, seeing your friends and teachers every day, and taking part in all the fun activities that normally take place throughout the year. Although that all changed for you this year, we are all proud of each and every one of you and applaud you for all that you did to make your year of learning a success. LLCSD students are the best!

agradecer a la comunidad de LLCSD por ser el increíble distrito que es, trabajando juntos para la superación de nuestros estudiantes, personal y comunidad.

Durante este año de COVID-19 y de aprendizaje a distancia, quiero agradecer a la comunidad LLCSD por su increíble apoyo, paciencia y flexibilidad a lo largo de esta pandemia, mientras maniobrábamos para encontrar formas diferentes y creativas de continuar brindando a los estudiantes una instrucción de alta calidad. Todos ustedes se comprometieron a trabajar junto a sus hijos para aprender nuevas herramientas y plataformas de aprendizaje en línea. Me sorprendió la capacidad de adaptación, fortaleza y determinación que todos ustedes han mostrado. Seguimos demostrando que la comunidad de LLCSD hace “Lo que Sea Necesario” por nuestros estudiantes ¡sin importar las circunstancias!

Durante este año de COVID-19 y de aprendizaje a distancia, deseo agradecer una vez más a la comunidad LLCSD por su ayuda conjunta en la seguridad, educación y bienestar de nuestros estudiantes. Se necesitaron muchas manos para trabajar durante la pandemia, cada una con su papel y responsabilidades únicas. Algunos grupos que me gustaría reconocer son el personal de Servicios de Nutrición que preparó y distribuyó las comidas a nuestros estudiantes, al personal de Conserjes dedicado para asegurarse que nuestros campus estuvieran limpios, seguros y listos para recibir al personal y a los estudiantes para la instrucción en persona, nuestro talentoso Personal Educativo que comprometió a los estudiantes en el aprendizaje virtual y en persona y, finalmente, a nuestros maravillosos padres que ayudaron a sus hijos a conectarse y continuar aprendiendo durante este inusual año escolar.

Durante este año de COVID-19 y de aprendizaje a distancia, quiero agradecer a la comunidad LLCSD por su apoyo ininterrumpido en nuestro programa de comidas escolares. Sus visitas diarias y sus amistosos saludos nos ayudaron a mantener la esperanza. Agradecemos enormemente su paciencia y delicadeza mientras tecnología trabajaba para resolver sus problemas técnicos. Estamos agradecidos y honrados por la confianza que han depositado en nuestro personal de conserjes y mantenimiento cuando sus hijos regresaron a la instrucción en persona. No perderemos de vista esta confianza y responsabilidad.

Más importante aún, deseamos agradecer a los estudiantes de Little Lake por todo su esfuerzo, arduo trabajo y dedicación a lo largo del aprendizaje a distancia. Sabemos que extrañaron estar en la escuela, ver a sus amigos y maestros todos los días y participar en todas las actividades divertidas que normalmente se llevan a cabo durante todo el año. Aunque todo cambió para ustedes este año, nos sentimos orgullosos de todos y cada uno de ustedes y los felicitamos por todo lo que hicieron para que su año de aprendizaje fuera un éxito. ¡Los estudiantes de LLCSD son los mejores!



**Have a fun summer
and remember to read!**

Taegyong's Book Review



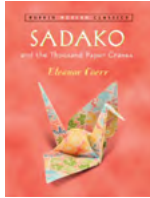
Taegyong K.

Sadako's Wish

Title: *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*

Author: Eleanor Coerr

Have you ever heard about the myth of one thousand paper cranes? This story is based on the real story of Sadako Sasaki and the thousand paper



cranes. Sadako loved running. However, she got the atomic disease, and she couldn't run anymore. One day, her friend, Chizuko, showed her how to make a paper crane and said, "If a sick person folds one thousand paper cranes, the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again." She gave Sadako the paper crane that she folded as the first one. Then, she decided to make one thousand paper cranes to make her well. Did she fold one thousand paper cranes? Did her wish come true? This book is not only about Sadako's story, but also about the horrors and tragedy of war. This is a touching and inspirational story. If you are interested in her story, I recommend this book.

Taegyong K. is a 5th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to play video games, board games, and badminton. She would like to be a person who is kind and helps others.

David's Review



David H.

Funny Mystery Book

Title: *The Boxcar Children #157 - Science Fair Sabotage*

Author: Gertrude Chandler Warner

Would you like to read a funny mystery book? If so, you should read *Boxcar Children #157 Science Fair Sabotage*.



The main characters are siblings Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden. Henry is calm, Jessie is curious, Violet likes photography, and Benny loves food.

Jessie is doing a science fair project on pollution and finds that the stream she's studying is shrinking but can't figure out why. The plot is tricky but the kids work together to solve the mystery. You have to pay attention to the story and details, but if you do, it's worth it because you get to solve the mystery and feel good about yourself!

I liked the book because the author wrote the book in a witty and funny way that makes you feel like you're right there with the Alden kids.

If you love puzzles like I do, this is the book for you!

David is in third grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tennis, and basketball.

Daniel's Review



Daniel H.

Funny and Silly

Title: *Cat Kid Comic Club*

Author: Dav Pilkey

Do you like funny and silly books? If you do, you will love *Cat Kid Comic Club* because it's about Li'l Petey from the Dog Man series and this book will make you laugh!



Li'l Petey starts the Cat Kid Comic Club where he and his friend, Molly the tadpole, teach their friends how to make comics.

My favorite part of the book is the show and tell party where everyone in the club shows the comics that they created. Everyone agrees that it's okay to make mistakes because you can always improve yourself.

You should read this book because it is a funny book that has no scary parts, no violence, and teaches a good lesson. The author also uses silly words and pictures in this book. I read this book very quickly with a smile on my face and you will too!

Daniel is in first grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, soccer, and basketball.

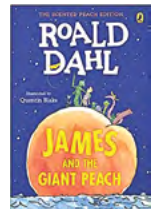
Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Whoa, a Giant Peach!

James and the Giant Peach is a classic children story written by Roald Dahl. The story is about James, an orphan boy who was forced to live with his wicked aunts after he lost his parents in a horrible rhinoceros accident. One day,



James received a bag of magic crystals from an old man. The man said these crystals would change his life forever. James accidentally spilled the crystals on his aunts' peach tree. The peach fruit kept growing bigger and bigger. It grew big enough for James to fit inside. From that point on, his adventure began.

The story is magical and suspenseful. Reading this book taught me the importance of friendship and having hopes and dreams. I recommend this book for anyone who loves magic and mystery. Since this book is not very warm and fuzzy, it may be best for kids who can separate facts and fiction or younger kids to read with parents.

Kailani is a 3rd grader who loves to read. When not playing with her baby brother, Kailani likes to color and draw. She started taking Spanish lessons while sheltering-in-place. Horseback riding and skate boarding are the new activities she enjoys. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.



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Parent To Parent



Jodie Lynn

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, often our kids were on their devices upwards of eight hours per day. What can parents do to keep them safe online and on their cell phones? It seems like more than ever, kids are getting spam emails, calls and texts from unknown sources. This is not acceptable, quite scary and exhausting to try to constantly monitor.

COVID-19 has isolated the majority of us and leaves us with levels of uncertainty, unusual scariness and frequent loneliness. Individuals are in a vulnerable place, especially our kids. This is the perfect time for sexual predators to approach them as it can come in many forms.

Give your kids a set of online safety rules that they will understand with explanations that they will believe and take to heart.

It's important for you to know which online games that your kids are playing. Many are multiplayer games where several online players can be together playing at once or just watching. These games have text and voice chat capabilities from around the world. This is highly dangerous because people can pretend to be someone else and of a certain age and can expose kids to unsuitable and unacceptable predatory language and content. These individuals can develop friendships with kids and eventually encourage them to meet in real life. It's important to recognize that each game has specific settings which you should check out and change for better online safety.

Remember not only to talk with your kids frequently about staying safe online, but also explain that anyone at any age can be cyberbullied. If a person or group want them to chime in about someone, tell them to ignore the request and don't return to that area and group. Explain why it's so important to think about what they are going to post at any given time or in any area before doing so, to keep their passwords safe, to always log off and not to click on links from people that they don't know. The right thing to do is to report the cyberbullying to an authoritative figure as well. They may just save a life.

You could also take their electronic devices away for a few hours each day, but for those hours that they're on them, rules and guidelines still need to be in place. Even if your kids seem to have level heads on their shoulders and you feel like you can trust them, they can still be sneaky.

It's easy to hide all kinds of online activities from parents with various apps:

Snapchat is a program where people can send images, videos, etc. to friends which will disappear within 10 to 30 seconds. It's pretty popular among teens. The hidden danger is that those "private" moments are not really deleted. They're hidden in files on most phones. Even more devastating and scary is that if someone takes a screen shot, the message, image or whatever can be posted anywhere.

Finsta is a fake Instagram account where anyone can create photos, conversations, etc., staying anonymous and keeping everything private through sharing with a few close friends and can be hidden on devices. But again, just like anything else, if a screen shot is taken, boom, it can show up anywhere online.

Be sure to read about popular apps and arm yourself with knowledge for options that you as the parent can do to help your kids be safe. Below you'll find a few but there's many others that you can find by doing an online search: Instagram, YouTube, Kik, Telegram, TikTok

There's also several phone apps offered to parents to help them monitor their kids' phone and online activities.

For unwanted calls or texts, it's simple to register landlines and cell phone numbers with the office of your state Attorney General's No-Call list for unwanted calls or texts. It's available online, free and will cut down on both. While it does take a few weeks to actually go into effect, it's best to get that done straight away. Do a little research and you'll also find several other government agencies where complaints can be made. Unfortunately, it's not going to totally eliminate them and that is even truer for robot calls. Learning some basic rules to share with your kids can also help.

For example: Don't answer any calls that are not in your contact list. If it's truly someone trying to reach you, they'll leave a message. If they don't, the number can quickly be blocked. The same goes for unwanted texts. The exception in this situation is going to be from "Unknown" or "Private" numbers, which are really hard to trace because no number shows up. However, there are phone apps to help with this. As far as spam email goes, if it's opened, don't click on any links. Look up how to set up filters and teach your kids how to recognize, delete and block it.

As you are well aware, this whole cyber safety situation is extremely exhausting. But, there's no way of getting around it if you're going to be proactive in protecting your children.

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