

September/October Newsletter

Lodi Elementary School and OSC



Dear Families and Caregivers,

Welcome Back

It is so great to have kids and families back at school. It was great seeing kids excited to connect with friends, new teachers, and new friends. It is also good to reconnect with families. My second year at LES/OSC has been great and knowing families to start the year is one of the great things.

Getting Back Together

As the year gets into full swing I have seen numerous examples of kids helping other students in the classroom and on the playground. I have seen students make sure a hurt classmate made it into the nurse, I have seen kids say stop when someone was using unkind words. All of these examples are things we teach our kids and moments to be proud.

Over the last two school years there were also signs we need to teach and support kids more to be willing to embrace diversity and include everyone. One of the ways to do this is to start having some conversation. Between last year and this year we've had over six events where students have used racial slurs or racial epithets. These words and actions are not tolerated at our school! This type of language hurts kids and adults and is a sign more teaching is needed. When it happened last year we started by teaching the individuals involved, then moved to the classroom, then grade level. Now I am asking for your help as families/caregivers. I realize this conversation may be hard or you feel out of place dealing with race. For that reason, we have collected several resources to help support you in this conversation and we want to remind you that the worst thing to do is nothing. Thank you for your help and support and making this such a wonderful community for all kids and families.

Mike Pisani
Principal

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(608)592-3842

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Important Announcements

School Dates to Remember

October 4

-No School
Staff Collaboration Day

October 17

-PTO Carnival Night

October 21

-School Board of Lodi
Annual Meeting
7-10pm

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September

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2 | 3 Day 1 | 4 Day 2 | 5 Day 3 | 6 Day 4 |
| 9 Day 5 | 10 Day 6 | 11 Day 1 | 12 Day 2 | 13 Day 3 |
| 16 Day 4 | 17 Day 5 | 18 Day 6 | 19 Day 1 | 20 Day 2 |
| 23 Day 3 | 24 Day 4 | 25 Day 5 | 26 Day 6 | 27 Day 1 |
| 30 Day 2 | | | | |

October

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 1 Day 3 | 2 Day 4 | 3 Day 5 | 4 No school |
| 7 Day 6 | 8 Day 1 | 9 Day 2 | 10 Day 3 | 11 Day 4 |
| 14 Day 5 | 15 Day 6 | 16 Day 1 | 17 Day 2 | 18 Day 3 |
| 21 Day 4 | 22 Day 5 | 23 Day 6 | 24 Day 1 | 25 Day 2 |
| 28 Day 3 | 29 Day 4 | 30 Day 5 | 31 Day 6 | |



Oct 3

-FFA Day at the farm for 3rd graders

Oct 3

-5th Grade Aldo Leopold Field Trip "All about Energy"

Oct 4

-No School – Staff Collaboration Day

October 16

-OSC Parent Night
5:30-6:30pm

October 16

-OSC Board Meeting
6:30-8pm

October 17

-PTO Carnival Night
For Chocolate Sellers
3:15-4:45 3rd-5th grade
5-6:30 4^k-2nd grade

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When to keep your child home

A message from the school nurse

We want to keep all our students in school healthy and ready to learn. Your help is needed in this process. If your child has an illness that is contagious and can easily spread to other children it would be best for them to stay home until they feel better. Here are some basic guidelines to help you decide when your child should stay home.



FEVER: A child should stay home if they have had a fever of 100 degrees or over in the past 24 hours. Fevers usually follow a cycle where it peaks then goes away and peaks again. During the fever cycles encourage fluid intake to keep them well hydrated. Keep student home until they are able to participate in class and are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications like Tylenol or ibuprofen.



SORE THROATS: Student may attend school if they have a mild sore throat that is caused by a cold virus. However, if your student has a severe sore throat it could be from strep throat even if there is no fever. Children with strep may also have symptoms of a headache, stomach ache, or rash. If you suspect your child may have strep throat they will need to see a physician. Students being treated for strep throat may return to school after 3 doses or a full 24 hours of treatment with an anti-biotic, and feeling well enough to participate in school. For example, if the first dose was given at 1pm then child can return to school or other activities at 1pm the next day.

SEVERE COUGH/ COLD: A severe cold with a runny nose that is draining profusely will most likely interfere with your child's ability to engage in activities at school. If a student is coughing continuously and the coughing will be a disruption to themselves and others learning consider a call to your doctor for an assessment especially if the cough has been going on for multiple days.



VOMITING/DIARRHEA: If student has had two or more episodes of vomiting and/or diarrhea in the past 24 hours keep the student home from school the next day. If vomiting or diarrhea is accompanied by a fever and abdominal pain contact your doctor for instructions.

EYES: If the white part of the eye is significantly reddened and the child complains of itching or hurting, consider taking your child to the doctor to check for pink eye. Pink eye can be caused by a virus or bacteria. Usually it will start in one eye, but can be easily spread to the other. The child may wake up with a



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yellow crusty material on their eyelids if pink eye is present. If the pink eye is bacterial, they can return to school being treated for 24 hours with anti-biotic drops.

Allergies can also cause reddened eye and can be treated with antihistamines and cool compresses. A student with reddened eyes due to allergies does NOT need to stay home from school, but please inform school staff of the situation. You may also need to consult with your doctor for eye drops for allergies.

RASHES: If a rash is oozing or has areas of drainage, please have the doctor examine your child to rule out a staph infection (i.e. Impetigo, MRSA). These infections are very contagious. Your student may return to school after 24 hours of treatment with the rash covered by clothing or a band-aide. Rashes that occur within 2 days of a fever should also be evaluated by a physician. Also any round rashes could be ring-worm and can be spread to the other students. Ring worm needs to be treated and kept covered for the student to return to school.



ITCHING SCALP: Please check your student's head for lice. If you find lice or nits (lice eggs) in their hair, treat with medicated shampoo, and call your school's office for an information sheet on treating your house and further prevention.

If you have any questions about the above please contact either:

Jean Winter RN

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| Elementary School | 608.592.3842 ext. 2103 |
| Middle School | 608.592.3854 ext. 3484 |
| High School | 608.592.3853 ext. 4484 |

Rodney Barrow RN

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| Primary School | 608.592.3855 ext. 1004 |
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Some highlights from September!

- 3rd grade walked to the one room schoolhouse at the Lodi Fairgrounds
- OSC students have spent time at Reach Out Lodi and Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing.



It was a mismatched super hero kind of week of Lodi Pride last week for Homecoming!

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Resources on how to talk about race with kids from Mr. Pisani

| Articles for parents | YouTube Videos | Books |
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| How to Talk to Kids about Race: Books and Resources That Can Help | How to Talk to Kids about Race | Picture Books for Younger Children <u>Let's Talk About Race</u> , Julius Lester <u>The Name Jar</u> , Yangsook Choi <u>The Trouble with Half a Moon</u> , Danette Vigilante <u>The Color of Us</u> , by Karen Katz; Video- The Color of Us <u>We're Different: We're the Same</u> , Bobbi Kates & Joe Mathieu ; Video- Sesame Street read along |
| Slurs and Biased Language Table Talk: Family Conversations about Current Events | I Love My Hair The Color of Us | |
| Talking About Race With Young Children | | |



Books for Adults

White Fragility, Robin Diangelo
We Want to Do More Than Survive, Bettina Love
Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together In The Cafeteria?, Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD
Witnessing Whiteness, Shelly Tochluk

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