

# LEOPARD LINK

January 2020



## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Students-

We had such an amazing December here at Larsen. It was so great to visit with families at SEP Conferences, and celebrate all of the great things your kids are learning and doing. It was also a great month because of the generosity of community members, to give to all of our students this winter season. We were so grateful as a staff to see so much support and help given.

Just another cold weather reminder. Please send your kids in warm gear. We like to get the students outside as much as possible so that they get a chance to play and enjoy the fresh air. The app that we use to determine whether we will have an inside or outside day is Purple Air. 32 degrees is an outside day, between 20-32 degrees is a choice day, and under 20 degrees is an inside day. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

A couple of calendar items to take note of are the District Development Day on January 10th. There will be no school for students on this day. On Tuesday, January 28th we will be having a Larsen School Zupas' Night. This is not a mandatory activity, but for those who are unfamiliar with this night, it is where a portion of the proceeds spent during dinner time hours, will go to Larsen School. More information will be coming. Feel free to participate if it is something that interests your family.

If your family wasn't able to attend our last PTA Sponsored, Classic Skate Night, just take note that the final skate night for this school year will be held on Monday, February 3rd from 5:30-8:30pm. Hopefully this will give you enough advance notice to arrange schedules and join us in the fun.

Have an enjoyable holiday season with your family. School will resume on Thursday, January 2nd.

-Mrs. Thomas

# PTA NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank you all so much for a fun Book Fair. Thank you to all you awesome volunteers that helped set it up and keep it running all week. We earned enough Scholastic dollars to give each student a book for Parents and Pastries. Our next Book Fair will be in April and it will be the buy one get one free.

Box tops have changed, instead of clipping you just scan your receipt. Check out how to sign up here <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

We also have an Amazon Smile account. Please add our school, especially while you are doing your Christmas shopping.

[smile.amazon.com/ch/87-0549045](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/87-0549045)

## Upcoming Dates

\*Jan 3rd birthday table. Come celebrate your students birthday during their lunch time. All January birthdays.

\*Jan 6th PTA meeting @ 1:15

\*Feb 3rd Classic Skate Night 5:30-8:30

\*Dec 2nd PTA meeting @ 2:15

\*Dec 9-13 Scholastic Book Fair

We are always looking for more volunteers. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email list feel free to contact me. Tiffany Hawkins 801-404-2133,  
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# STUDENT "SPOT" LIGHTS



December Leopard Leaders



Best Lunchroom Behavior



Best Hallway Behavior



Respectful to Adults



Legends of the Leap

Students will be working on both individual and class goals. Leopard Leaders will be chosen and honored from each class in the school. Leopard Leaders are those students who are exemplifying good leadership qualities and treating students and staff with respect. Our school attributes are as follows: Leopard Leaders, Accept All, Respect Self, Show Success, Empower Others, and Notice Needs.

Class goals for December are the class that knows their phone numbers the best, the class that follows school wide and class procedures well, and also the class voted friendliest class, by the other students

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- ❖ Jan. 2nd: School Resumes
- ❖ Jan. 6th: 9am-School Community Council
- ❖ Jan. 6th: 1:15pm-PTA Meeting
- ❖ Jan. 7th: Fire Drill in the Afternoon
- ❖ Jan. 10th: District Development Day-No School for students
- ❖ Jan. : PTA Meeting at 3pm
- ❖ Jan. 20th: Martin Luther King Holiday- No School
- ❖ Dec. 20th: Sing Around the Tree with Guest at 1pm

CHRISTMAS BREAK- School Resumes on Thursday, January 2



## \* Just A Reminder \*



**Please make sure to relink you Perks membership account at Macey's grocery store to Larsen Elementary. Last year our school received the highest amount of \$10,000 thanks to all you wonderful parents. Here is what Macey's says about the program:**

**"School Cents is our way of giving back and supporting our communities' education system. The School Cents program is run through Macey's Perks® program allowing us to electronically track the rewards each school earns. Your school will earn one percent\* of every purchase made by its supporters."**

**Here is the link if you have any further questions:**

**<http://maceys.com/school-cents>**

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

In November, we learned about Habit #3, ***First Things First***. We know that to put first things first we should:

- Identify priorities
- Work ***before*** play
- Using a calendar or planner will help organize your time
- Take action to achieve goals

Mrs. Shumway used the analogy of putting big rocks and tiny pebbles into a jar. The only way they all fit was to put all the big rocks in first and then add the tiny pebbles. This is like making sure all the important things are taken care of first, like, family time, reading and math practice, quality sleep, eating healthy food, etc. After those important things are taken care of, there is still time for fun things like video games and movies.

As we press forward into the holiday season, parents often notice that things are a little “off” for their children. They describe an increase in behavioral concerns and increased states of agitation. This is especially true if your child has experienced some form of trauma. Maintaining routines through seasons of what seems unpredictable to a child will be very helpful. Reviewing the week’s schedule and upcoming activity allows them time to mentally prepare for any disruptions.

Loud noises, bright lights and crowds can also trigger a sensory overload. Monitoring exposure to these things will be helpful and there’s no shame in leaving an event early if your children are agitated.

Take a moment, slow down, limit sensory input, and maintain your regular routine as much as possible will make the holidays just a little bit easier for everyone!

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