



Lopez Island Elementary School

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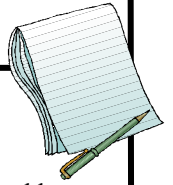
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Lisa Shelby, Principal



Week at a Glance

January 30 - February 3, 2012

Monday - 1/30

- ◆ Orders for Quiche begin from the French Club
- ◆ HS BB away @ Tulalip

Tuesday - 1/31

- ◆ HS BB home v. Lummi 5pm; MS girls BB away
- ◆ Olympia meeting 3:30, Alex's room

Wednesday - 2/1

- ◆ Winter Arts Night 6-9pm @ LCCA

Thursday - 2/2

- ◆ HS BB away @ Highland; MS girls BB away

Friday - 2/3

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Principal's Piece ~

Hello Lopez Elementary Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed our snowy winter wonderland last week. We are regrouping here and busy rescheduling events from that snowy week. There are many upcoming events highlighted in this newsletter! Watch for details coming home soon about our next Discovery Days as well, scheduled for Feb. 15-17.

I apologize that this newsletter is a day later than usual in getting to you, we had some technical difficulties on this end. I want to thank you to all the staff who make this weekly newsletter happen, and all the valuable content it includes! It is a truly collaborative piece of work. Enjoy reading about all the wonderful things we have going on here at school. We hope you have a chance to stop in soon to see for yourself! Thank you for sharing your children with us. —Lisa

K-12 Connections

To have on your radar (date coming soon): we need your help for our next K-12 Buddy Day. Volunteers are needed to help the kitchen staff prepare for the special k-12 lunch. They will need help preparing and serving lunch as well as volunteers to help with dishes. Contact Dana or Sam at ext. 2188 if you would like to volunteer in the kitchen that day.

Thank you!

Reminders to Remember

- ◆ Thank you to all the families that sent in donations to our elementary SNACK program.
- ◆ Due to the snow last week our Winter Arts Night has been reschedule to Wednesday, February 1st at 6:00 pm at LCCA.
- ◆ Alex's math/literacy class - **PARENT MEETING Tuesday, January 31st at 3:15pm** in Alex's room to discuss and plan our trip to Olympia including fund raising ideas and chaperones for the trip. Parent participation is greatly appreciated!
- ◆ Due to the loss of important practice days during our recent snowy weather, the 4th and 5th grade music program scheduled for January 31st will be rescheduled at a later date. Stay tuned!
- ◆ Our ART CLASS desperately needs empty, clean, clear plastic, soda and juice bottles for a fun art project! Please send all bottles to Valerie's classroom. *Thank you, Valerie and Ms. Brown.*
- ◆ Come see "Cafeteria Man" on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 4:30 pm at Port Stanley School. We have much to celebrate with our school lunch program at Lopez, and we need support to make it even better. Come check it out!

Valentine's Day Carnation Sale at Lopez School



**\$2.00 each or
a bouquet of 3 for \$5.00**



*delivered to your someone special at school on Valentine's Day!!

**Pre-sales during HS lunch
Feb. 6-10**

Proceeds benefit Lopez High School Yearbook!
Contact Stephanie,
468-2202 ext.2302



Question Of The Week

Did you know that you can apply math to snowflakes?
What do you know about snowflakes?

Vocabulary Word of the Week

Hexagonal— having six sides
(hint for snowflake question!)



WORLD LANGUAGES WORD OF THE WEEK

- ◆ color (English)
- ◆ el color (Spanish)
- ◆ el couleur (French)



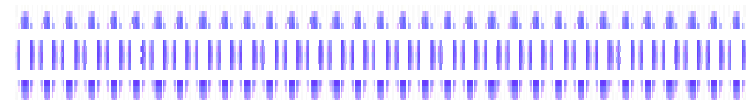
Homeroom Highlights

Connie - We studied Wilson Bentley, the scientist who first photographed snowflakes. We let nature dictate our one day of homeroom last week.

Dale - We're finishing up our murals inspired by the Bayeux tapestry.

Alex - We need plastic bags! We have a great project with recycling them, but we need them in fairly good condition. Please drop them off in Alex's homeroom (room 4). We need to be conscious of recycling, and to reward ourselves when we do recycle in order to acknowledge how we have changed in the past few years.

Nancy - We are working in small groups to act out some conservation and recycling scenes.



Chinese New Year 2012 Rings in Year of the Dragon

By Cindy Gugich



Gong Xi Fa Ca! That's the traditional Chinese New Year greeting that means "wishing you prosperity" in Mandarin. The first day of the Chinese New Year - which began at

midnight on January 23, 2012 - is celebrated by billions in China, and around the world. It's a holiday that lasts for 15 days, culminating with the *Lantern Festival*.

Each year is associated with one of twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac. For 2012, it's the *Year of the Dragon*. Most Chinese New Year celebrations are based on the folktale of a wicked monster named Nian who would emerge on the last night of the year to destroy villages and eat people. A wise elder advised villagers to scare the monster away with bright lights and loud noises which they did by lighting fireworks, and banging drums. The plan worked so well that the tradition continues, and on first day of each new year, celebrants greet each other with the words "Guo Nian" which means "survive the Nian",

Celebrate by checking out one of these books from our entryway display: *Chinese New Year; Dragonsong; Beautiful Warrior; This Next New Year; Buster Changes His Luck; White Tiger, Blue Serpent; Cat and Rat; Why Rat Comes First.*



Classroom Content

Spotlight on Science Math

Connie's - In literacy we continue to read books around astronomy and/or the moon. Our writing has incorporated moon poems, snow cinquains, and winter paragraphs. This Friday, we will be sharing our myth books with other classes and students.

Alex's - On next Tuesday afternoon at 3:15, literacy and math parents are welcome to come to a meeting about the Olympia field trip.

Dale's - We'll be reading about Wilson Bentley this week ~ the first person to photograph snowflakes and reveal that no two are alike. In math, we're working on counting coins and making estimates.

Nancy's - In math this week we are classifying triangles. We are working on problem solving strategies, and finding fractions and mixed numbers on a number line.

Rachel's - We are working on identifying the four seasons.

SCHOOL TO HOME LEARNING CONNECTIONS

Part Two: What's the Angle?

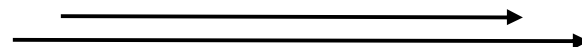
See how many angles you can find in the alphabet. Print all 26 uppercase letters. Now with a different colored marker, mark the right angles - (*for example, there is one in the "L"*), acute angles - (*Three in the "A"*), and obtuse angles (two in the "X"). Have fun!

How Can You Help?

- ◆ **Connie** - I could always use volunteers during math stations from 10:30-11:30am.
- ◆ **Alex** - Plastic Bags in good shape are needed for a project in homeroom. Thank you!
- ◆ **Valerie** - Collecting plastic bottles for an art project. Please send in your clean, clear plastic, soda and juice bottles. We appreciate your help!

OUT OF CLASS LEARNING EXTENSIONS

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET A FLU SHOT!!

Flu Vaccinations are available through San Juan County Health on Lopez, Tuesdays, 9am to 5pm. Parents can call 378-4474 to schedule an appointment.

The following table can be helpful in trying to determine if you or your child has a cold or the flu.

<u>SYMPTOMS</u>	<u>COLD</u>	<u>FLU</u>
Fever days	Rare	Usual; 100-102 F; lasts 3-4
Headache	Rare	Common
General aches	Slight	Usual; often severe
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual; can last up to 2 weeks
Extreme exhaustion	Never	Usual at beginning of illness
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common, can become severe

Please contact the school when your child is home ill. Providing information about your child's symptoms, to Ali or Ronda, allows us to keep track of clusters of illnesses and to reinforce preventive measures. As a school we also report these patterns to the San Juan County Health Department.

Here's hoping that you and your family stay healthy this winter season!

