

## Lopez Island School District #144

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Hi Everyone!

Happy Rainy Friday to you. I was recently asked what I thought were the most important developments or changes in public education in the last 20 years. Among my top three is the work of Carol Dweck on growth vs. fixed mindset. Dr. Dweck wrote *Mindset* in 2006, and her findings changed the way many of us teach, lead, and parent. It's a good read! Here's the gist...Having a growth mindset means we believe everyone is capable of growth and accomplishment. It means we value challenge, effort, and attitude. When we have a fixed mindset, we believe potential is predetermined, and that some people are smart or talented while others are not. We avoid challenges, stick to what we know, and give up easily. The truth is that we all have both growth and fixed mindsets depending on the context, but working towards a growth mindset can help us all fulfill our potential.

Here is one of my favorite quotes from Dr. Dweck's work: "If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don't have to rely on praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence." When parents help their children of any age develop a growth mindset, they praise for effort, persistence, learning from mistakes, and interesting problem solving strategies. Above all else, let us all remember that mighty three letter word, "yet."



### **Pumpkin Sale Tomorrow!**

Tomorrow is the PTSA pumpkin sale in the secondary parking lot loop from 10-1. There is a suggested \$5 donation and we'll send you home with some info about participating

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in the pumpkin carving contest. My husband, Paul, and I will be there from 11-1 (I signed him up for PTSA membership!) and we would LOVE to meet you and your family in person. Come on by and help us celebrate the season.

### For Secondary Families

Fall conferences will be November 4th. Pack will be cancelled on the 3rd and 4th. Conferences are typically 2 days, and we are going to have the second day during Term 3, which is the first term of the D, E, and F courses. We'll let you know when we set the date. Also, stay tuned for information on how to sign up for a conference time.

It is very important that both students and parents/guardians attend conferences. In my experience, there are very few circumstances that would necessitate a meeting between just parents and teachers, and those can always be scheduled. A conversation about a student's academic performance and social/emotional wellbeing in school should include the student.

Students and parents can reset their Skyward password by going to our school district website, opening "Qmlativ," entering their email and "forgot password." Check your email for the link; if you do not see an email, look in your spam folder.

### Library News

Our library collection's online catalog is now available for your use. It is the most current one available and has been updated in many ways. Our library media assistant, Deirdre Steinbrueck, has created a video to share the steps and process with you: [https://www.loom.com/share/82697d6a80e74b0598c739f79e948a90?sharedAppSource=personal\\_library](https://www.loom.com/share/82697d6a80e74b0598c739f79e948a90?sharedAppSource=personal_library) She encourages you to explore the new graphics and viewing options! If you have specific topics you'd like assistance in finding, please contact



Deirdre directly.

Book checkouts are encouraged! Here is the process:

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- 1) Write down your selections: Book title and author
- 2) Send an email to [dsteinbrueck@lopezislandschool.org](mailto:dsteinbrueck@lopezislandschool.org) with your selections
- 3) Books will be checked out to your student, cleaned and packaged for pick-up in front of the elementary school. Deirdre will send you an email when your books are ready for you (usually within 24 hours).
- 4) If your student has overdue books, they must be returned before more books can be checked out. Please make an effort to return them to the drop box located in front of the elementary school.

### Dipping Our Toes in the Waters of Hybrid Learning

As we look at guidance from medical experts, input from parents and staff, and Washington Covid-19 data, there are already a variety of in-person learning opportunities happening at school, mostly outside, with safety protocols firmly in place. Here are some examples:

- Kindergarteners are experiencing four days per week of in-person learning support through a combination of small groups of children at school and home learning visits.
- 1st-3rd graders have had special learning activities, like pumpkin math and science experiments, at school.
- 4th and 5th grade teachers have been offering four days per week of small group in-person learning support, with a focus on reading skills.
- Chemistry students experienced their first lab at school yesterday.
- Sustainable Ag students are spending Thursday mornings working and learning at local farms.
- Students enrolled in Weight Training and Conditioning are training with Coach Berg in the weight room in small groups.

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### What's going on around here?

*From Kendra Lewis: This week the 2nd and 3rd graders got to do some hands-on science. In one station, the students learned about energy with Ty Greacen. They were even able to use the energy from their bodies to generate electricity! In the other station, Chom Greacen led them through some fun experiments that had them asking, "Is this science or magic?" It was science! Thanks to Chom and Ty for making this happen!*



### Sustainable Ag joy!

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Have a great weekend. Stay dry...or dance in the rain...or both!

All my best,  
Martha, Secondary Principal

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