

# Lopez Island School District #144

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Dear Elementary Families,

I hope everyone's enjoying summer, we are all very excited and ready to start the new school year!

There are a few new things about Lopez Elementary for this upcoming year. Here are just a few:

- Welcome new para-educator staff members: Lexy, Alison, and Sarah. They will be supporting our students in classrooms.

Please help us in welcoming our new staff members!

## **Open House:**

The Elementary School **Open House** is scheduled for **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 pm.** Please add this to your calendar!

## **Bus Loading Change:**

Parents we have a small **change to the bus loading process at the end of the day**. Our teachers will be walking elementary students over to the secondary school's bus loading area at the end of each school day. We did this two years ago and for safety reasons are transitioning back to this way of loading busses at the end of each day. This transition allows for elementary parents to pick up their child/children in front of the elementary school and reduces the volume of people front of the elementary. The morning drop-off routine will stay the same with elementary students being dropped off in front of the elementary school and secondary students being dropped off in front of the secondary. Please let me know if you have any questions.

## **The First Day of School:**

### **Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>:**

**The First Day of School is Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, and school starts at 8:30 am.** This will be an early release day and students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. Lunch is not served on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Starting Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, both breakfast (8:15) and lunch will be served.

### **Kindergarten:**

**The first day of school for Kindergarten students is Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and is a half day ending at 12:00.** Our Kindergarten program is a full day program and starts at 8:30 am. An outline of the kindergarten schedule is below. Ms. Grace, the kindergarten teacher, will be sending home more information about our kindergarten daily routine.

### **Kindergarten Schedule:**

<b><i>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</i></b>	
8:15-8:30	Breakfast available
8:30	Kindergarten start
11:15-12:00	Lunch/Recess
12:00	Half Day Dismissal
3:15	Full Day Dismissal

<b><i>Tuesday –Early Dismissal</i></b>	
8:15-8:30	Breakfast available
8:30	Kindergarten start
11:15-12:00	Recess/Lunch
2:00	Early Dismissal

**1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade Elementary Students:**

**The Elementary Schedule and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Rotations:**

On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, students will be in the following academic areas at the following times:

<i>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</i>		Literacy	Math	Science/Social Studies
8:15-8:30	Breakfast available			
8:30-9:50	Academic Block I	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
9:50-10:05	Recess			
10:05-11:20	Academic Block II	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
11:20-12:00	Lunch/Recess			
12:00-1:30	Academic Block III	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1:30-2:20	Enrichment			
2:10-2:20	K-5 Recess			
2:20-3:00	3-5 Rotation			
3:00-3:15	Tech Time			

<i>Tuesday –Early Dismissal</i>		Literacy	Math	Science/Social Studies
8:15-8:30	Breakfast available			
8:30-9:50	Academic Block I	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
9:50-10:05	Recess			
10:05-11:20	Academic Block II	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
11:20-12:00	Lunch/Recess			
12:00-1:10	Academic Block III	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1:05-1:15	Recess			
1:10-2:00	Enrichment			
2:00	Dismissal			

We look forward to the new school year knowing it will be filled with learning, growth, and excitement for all our students, parents, and school community. As educators, we continue to be committed to meeting your child where they are in their learning journey. Please do not hesitate to call or drop by school with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Partners in Education,

*Mr. Auckland*