

Dear LPSSA Students and Parents:

Welcome Back!

The 2021-2022 school year is rapidly approaching and the entire LPSSA staff is excited to have our students back for five full days of instruction. I hope that you all enjoyed your summer and your child(ren) are as excited as we are to return to school!

The voluntary/optional supply lists for all grade levels are available online at <https://sites.google.com/view/los-primeros-pto/>

All students, staff, parents, and visitors to campus must wear a mask while indoors in accordance with current health directives. Students will also need to wear their masks in some outdoor spaces on campus labeled mask zone.

PVSD Website

The PVSD will have all the necessary district level forms and information. Please make sure that you visit the site regularly.

Middle School Orientation

Orientation will be held on **Thursday, August 19, 2021**

6th Grade 8:30 AM-9:30 AM

7th Grade – 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

8th Grade - 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Make-up sessions for all grades will be Friday, August 20, 2021 from 9:00-10:00 AM

*PLEASE see the Middle School Orientation letter for more details.

Class Rosters

K-5 Class Rosters will be available through Q on **Friday, August 20, at 4:00 PM**. This year, Pleasant Valley School District Schools will continue the practice of not publicly posting class lists. In addition, there will not be public postings of school maps labeling the classrooms with the teacher names. This is due to privacy and safety concerns for our students and staff. Your child's teacher and classroom and/or schedule will be available in Q Parent Connect at 4:00 PM on August 20. If you have not logged into your account, you can call or come into the school office to get your account

information. In addition, we will have people available on campus the first day with lists that can tell you which classroom and teacher your child is assigned to. They will also help direct your child to his or her classroom.

First Day of School

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 25, 2021**. Dismissal on the first day of school will be 11:55 AM for kindergarten students, 1:57 PM for all 1st-3rd grade students and 2:55 PM for all 4th-8th grade students. *Parents will need to drop their child off and pick their child up from the front of the school each day. Parents will not be allowed on campus at this time due to COVID restrictions. **Kindergarteners may be walked by a parent or guardian to their classroom door on the first day of school only.***

Regular Start and Dismissal Times

The school day begins promptly at 8:10 AM for ALL students. Dismissal for first-third grade students is 1:57 PM on Monday-Friday. Dismissal for fourth-fifth grade is 2:55 PM Monday-Wednesday. Dismissal for middle school (6th-8th grade) students is 2:55 PM, Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Dismissal for 4th-5th is 1:57 PM on Thursday and Friday. Dismissal for 6th-8th is 1:57 PM on Thursday.

7TH Grade Tdap Immunization Requirement

All students entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade MUST have proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster immunization for fall enrollment. Students WILL NOT be allowed to attend school without the immunization. For more information please refer to the PVSD website at <https://www.pleasantvalleysd.org/Page/1>

Teacher Assignments for the 2021-2022 school year

Kindergarten: Marien, Miller, and Janowicz

First Grade: Monka, Kurtz, and De La Torre

Second Grade: Griffin, Fletcher, and Kircher

Third Grade: Brown, Reves, and Kallen

Fourth Grade: Luna and Doss

Fifth Grade: Abraham and Farrell

Middle School: Casillas (Science/Math), Lippold (LA/Hist), Wright (PE), Sheaffer(Art), Pochen(Science), Schweers(ELA), Otto(Math)

Childcare

Before and after school childcare is available on the LPSSA campus as a parent pay program (7:00AM-7:50 AM and 12:57 PM-6:00 PM). Questions and registration opportunities must be directed to PVSD Childcare at 805-389-2100.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night is **September 9th** via Zoom. More information to come.

Los Primeros PTO

Our PTO is a non-profit group in place to support our Students, Teachers and Staff. We fundraise to pay for enrichment activities, supplies for our Teachers & Students and to promote a spirit of Community at Los Primeros. Please join us this year (\$10 family membership), there are many ways to volunteer and help! Some of the the programs we support include:

- Enrichment - Art Trek, Music and Science programs
- Panther Wear
- Teacher Allotments (\$500 to each classroom), plus \$1000 each for MS Science and Art
- Field Trips (we pay for the 2nd field trip per grade)
- 8th Grade Promotion
- Various classroom and TAP room supplies, periodicals, scholastic books
- PE and Recess equipment
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Events throughout the year
- Family Socials and Carnival
- FUNdraisers such as Family Restaurant/Skate Nights, Book Fairs, Jog-a-thon and Silent Auction Dinner Dance
- Recognition like Student of the Month and Paw Day

Cell Phone Policy

This is a reminder that ***students are NOT permitted to carry a cell phone on their person during the school day. Cell phones MUST be off and in their backpack or locker.*** If a student needs to make a phone call throughout the school day, they are expected to make it from the office. Parents are asked to respect this policy and refrain from calling/texting their student throughout the school day as it creates classroom and campus disruptions.

Morning Parking Lot Procedures

Cars may enter the parking lot at the entrance closest to the corner of Kendall and Los Nogales. Cars must travel in a circular pattern around the lot to the exit. The parking lot will ONLY be used for staff parking and dinner/dance auctioned parking spots. Students MUST be dropped off at the curb in front of the office. This curb is for the immediate unloading of students only and the students should be prepared to immediately exit the vehicle. Please pull forward to the farthest spot you can, do not drop your student off in front of the gate your child enters. Parents wishing to walk their student(s) to the gate must park on the street. We strongly encourage families to carpool or park across the street in the neighborhood and walk with your student to school.

Drop-Off Procedures

Students are strongly discouraged from being dropped off prior to 7:55 AM. Campus supervision will NOT be provided prior to 7:55 AM. All students will have their temperature taken before entering the campus. Upon your students' arrival at LPSSA, they will proceed to the playground (K-5) or put belongings into lockers and proceed to the covered lunch area (6-8). Children will not be allowed to remain in the hallways or enter classrooms. A warning bell will ring at 8:05 AM. Students will immediately proceed to their classrooms. The school day will begin at 8:10 AM in the classroom.

Pick-Up Procedures

All students will be dismissed from the two front gates.

Promptness

The attribute of promptness is one of the many character traits that our students must master to ensure success in life. Parents are part of the teaching team and expected to model this character trait for their student(s) by bringing them to school on time and picking them up on time. Research has proven that students that arrive early are more prepared to learn based upon the fact that they have had an opportunity to unpack and organize, socialize, and get themselves mentally prepared to meet the challenges of their day. Students are NOT to remain on campus more than 15 minutes after dismissal. LPSSA does not provide campus supervision for parents who are late picking up their student(s). PLEASE BE ON TIME OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ON-SITE CHILDCARE.

Classroom Interruptions

Nothing replicates uninterrupted classroom instructional minutes. Therefore, classroom interruptions will be kept to a minimum. It is the responsibility of the parent to work out transportation, pick-ups, playdates, etc. and communicate these plans to their students prior to the start of the school day. Additionally, if a student forgets a school-related item (book, lunch, PE clothes, and project) and the parent is willing to deliver it to campus; the student should be instructed by the parent to come to the office and retrieve it during the student's time (recess, lunch, passing period). The office will not call the classroom for a student to pick up items brought to school, such as PE clothes and lunches. Please talk with your student about having him or her check in the office if he/she forgot something.

Closing Thoughts

This year will be a great school year in this ever changing world. We will learn, grow, work, and refine our practices together. Most importantly, we will get to know each other and celebrate our time together. We look forward to seeing the students' joy as they come to school each day. I am excited to see all the fun activities that the ASB and the PTO have in store for the students. The collaboration between parents, the school, and the students will allow us all to succeed as we move through the year.

I am looking forward to serving you as your principal of Los Primeros School of Sciences and Arts.

See you on **Wednesday, August 25!**

Kate Snowden, Principal, Los Primeros School of Sciences and Arts