



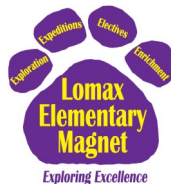
Panther Pride Newsletter



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“Lomax Magnet GTDA.....Creating Infinite Possibilities”.



From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Parents:

We are in the second semester of the school year and we are moving into the testing season. We are working hard to help all of our students progress and to prepare our 3-5th graders for the upcoming FSA beginning in April. I encourage you to check in with your child’s teacher(s) regarding his or her progress. Our conference night will be held Thursday, February 18 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Thank you to all of our fourth grade parents that attended our FSA writing night. If you did not have the opportunity to attend, and would like handouts, please contact the school to make a request. The writing FSA for students in grades 4 and 5 will be administered on April 6, 2021.

In honor of Black History Month students are participating in school-wide tribute to those who have paved the way for both African Americans, as well as people of diverse backgrounds. Each grade level and special area teachers are creating a timeline or display. Here are the topics that our students are focusing on this year:

- Kindergarten**- Inventors
- First Grade**- Entertainers
- Second Grade**- Authors
- Third Grade**- Poets
- Fourth Grade**- Military Service
- Fifth Grade** – Politics

MISSION

Lomax will build a community of active thinking and learning citizens through exploration, enrichment, elective and expeditions.

VISION

The Lomax community will develop the individual talents and strengths of each child.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Lomax Magnet welcomes all members of our community regardless of race, gender, ability, religion, accessibility and socioeconomic status.

We embrace these differences and believe that working together all students can achieve the full potential of their gifts and talents.

Regular School Hours

8:15 students on campus and breakfast served

8:45-Tardy Bell

3:00-Dismissal

Early Release Dismissal Times

2:00-Dismissal

School Uniforms

Lomax is a mandatory uniform school. The purpose of student uniforms is to build a climate where students are focused on learning. It has been a part of the Lomax tradition since it reopened as a Magnet School. School uniforms give our students cohesion and a great sense of belonging to the Lomax community. I am encouraging all parents and students to help us by abiding by our school uniform policy.

Warm regards,

Ire Carolina
Principal

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Free Tools to Improve Reading, Math, and Critical Thinking



Achieve 3000

One of the most effective ways to strengthen reading, improve overall literacy, and prepare students for the demands of college and career is to meet them one-on-one at their individual reading levels, while at the same time targeting grade-level state standards. Our school district is making this happen by offering ALL students in 3rd -5th grade access to Achieve 3000. To achieve the best results, it is recommended that students receive 4 activities or more in a month. Success is measured by students successfully reading articles and scoring a 75% or higher on the **first try**. Students can access this program at home. Please encourage your child to complete lessons at home as well. This will improve their reading Lexile level and move them towards being college and career ready. At Lomax we are designating at least 2 days a week for our students to focus on Achieve.

i -Ready



We are still encouraging the use of i-Ready for all students in K-5. Teachers are meeting with students in small groups and assigning lessons to address instructional needs of students based on the winter diagnostic and response to instruction. The expectation of i-Ready usage is for students to complete 45 minutes weekly in reading and math. The district recommended pass rate is 70%. We are encouraging our students to obtain a pass rate of at least 75% or higher on their i-Ready lessons.

myON



A personalized digital library at every student's fingertips. **myON** is student-centered literacy environment that gives students access to more than 6,000 enhanced digital books. Titles are dynamically matched to each individual student's interests, grade and Lexile reading level.

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Thank you for being a partner in your child's education. Working together as partners we ensure ALL students achieve success.

The Renzulli Profiler quickly identifies student strengths, interests, learning and expression styles and then matches each student with thousands of personalized engaging **Enrichment Activities**. Renzulli Learning features robust student grouping which supports our revolutionary strength-based **Project Based Learning (PBL) system**. Before your child begins, please complete profile.



***Achieve 3000 is only available for students in grades 3-5.**

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We value open communication between parents and teachers at Lomax. Please feel free to contact, via email or phone, your child's teacher to schedule a conference anytime throughout the year. However, the time between 8:15am and 3:00pm are dedicated to student learning. All conferences should be scheduled 24 hours in advance. We will hold conferences through zoom until further notice

Lomax students are looking sharp!



MANDATORY UNIFORM POLICY

- Purple, white or gold polo shirt
- Navy or khaki shorts, skirts, or pants
- Bottoms must be secured at the waist
- Shirts must be tucked in
- Closed toed shoes with a back (no lights, wheels or sounds)

FRIDAYS

Students may wear a Lomax Spirit shirt or college shirt with jeans or uniform bottom.

***If you have uniforms or jackets that your children have outgrown, please donate them to our uniform closet in the main office. Thank you to all the families that have already donated!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



February Events

1st	Early Release 2:00
8th	Early Release 2:00
12th	Non-Student Day
15th	President's Day Non-Student Day
22nd	Early Release 2:00

Parents and friends at home we do appreciate you supporting our students with eLearning by ensuring that students are on time and having needed materials for class. Please know that some activities have to be independently completed by your child. When a teacher is zooming with your child, please allow the teacher the opportunity to work with students Independently and in small groups.

eLearning Tips

- Establish routines and expectations. ...
- Choose a good place to learn. ...
- Students should dress for class.
- Stay in touch. ...
- Help students **'own'** their **learning**. ...
- Begin and end the day by checking-in. ...
- Establish times for quiet and reflection. ...
- Encourage physical activity and exercise. ...
- Please know that the teacher is your partner who wants your child to be successful..
- Save conversations and questions for the end of the zoom. Contact the teacher through email



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