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A Farewell Message from our Principal....

Well it's been a very interesting school year. I just want to reach out to everyone and thank you for all of the support, this year especially. I have enjoyed my time here at Lopez but I have decided it's time for change. I am retiring at the end of June 2021. While I am looking forward to traveling and enjoying more free time, I would be lying if I said it's not without shedding some tears as I have loved being here at Lopez and will miss everyone, especially our students. I wish everyone the best and I feel Lopez will continue to be a great school years after I am gone. Take care and may God Bless all of you!!!!

Mike Engle, Proud Principal of Lopez Elementary

Achieve 3000 Read to Succeed Winners!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Achieve 3000 Read to Succeed Contest Winners!

1st Place- Mrs. Anderson's (PM) 5th grade class with 47.3 points and 100% of the class completing 8+ activities!

2nd Place- Mrs. Smith's (PM) 4th grade class with 22 points and 78% of the class completing 8+ activities!

3rd Place- Mrs. Piccorelli's (AM) 3rd grade class with 20.4 points and 81% of the class completing 8+ activities!

These students earned cash to spend on a class party! Congratulations to our winners. *It pays to read and think deeply!*

Upcoming Dates:

May 3- Early Release @ 12:55

May 3-6- FSA Testing Grades 3-5

May 10- Dismissal @1:55

May 11th- All Library Books Due

May 12th-14th- 5th grade FSA

May 17- Dismissal @1:55

May 24th- Dismissal @1:55

May 28th- Last Day of School Dismissal @11:25AM

myON Super Science Challenge

Calling all 3rd - 5th Grade Scientists!

Join our Super Science Challenge by accessing the school project created in your myON account. You can find this through CLEVER, or by going to <https://myon.com/>. After reading and successfully passing the quizzes on 4 books, you can choose a prize from our treasure box. After 9 books, you can choose an even bigger prize: large candy bar, ice cream treat, or chapter book! These texts were chosen to help support your understanding of key science concepts and to prepare you for the Science FSA (5th grade). Good luck, and keep reading!



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May 3rd- May 7th

Have your child show their teacher and other staff members how much they appreciate them by writing a special message from the heart.



Help support our fifth grade graduation banquet by buying a Smencil. What is a Smencil? It is a colored fruit scented pencil. Smencils come in ten different yummy fruit flavors. Smencils will be on sale beginning **May 3rd**.

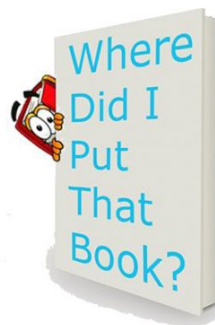
Media Center News from Mrs. Wenger @LopezLibrary

Thank you to all that supported our Spring Book Fair! All money raised will be used for our students to purchase new books for the library, and incentives to encourage reading.

The last day for book check out is **May 7th**. All library books are due **Tuesday, May 11th**. I will be sending home notices soon to find those missing books.

The top 10 places to find missing books are:

1. Between the bed and the wall
2. Shoved in the back of the bookcase
3. Underneath/in the couch
4. In the car (the book wanted to go on a trip!)
5. Inside the dresser
6. Under the bed
7. Between the sheets (usually found at the foot of the bed)
8. In their book bag
9. In a brother/sister's room
10. On the very bottom of the toy box



Summer reading flyers will be going home the last week of school. Keep an eye out for these materials. Remember students can read online using www.myon.com and <https://sdhclope.axis360.baker-taylor.com/> Student login is their lunch number and i-ready password. Keep reading and have a great summer!

Testing Tips

1. Get a good night's sleep before a test.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast in the morning.
3. Arrive to school on time.
4. Have a positive attitude.
5. Read all the directions and answer choices carefully before you pick the best answer.
6. Eliminate choices that are not reasonable.
7. Don't get stuck on more challenging questions. Skip, move on, and return to them at the end.
8. Notice if you are starting to lose focus and do a quick brain break.
9. Pay attention to operations, vocabulary, and details (ex: there are whole numbers on the number line)
10. Label any models and graphs to assist in finding the answer.
11. Review and check your work after you have answered all the questions. (Don't leave any blank)
12. Read directions carefully to see how many you need to select. ("Select ALL that apply" means select more than one answer)
13. Code the question with circling numbers and underlining important information.
14. Remember: A test cannot measure your worthiness, kindness, empathy, creativity, or courage.



May is Mental Health Month! We would like for you to join us in spreading the word that mental health is something everyone should care about. The pandemic has had a profound impact on the mental health of people of all ages. Now, more than ever, we need to find ways to stay connected to our families, our school, and our community. No one should feel alone or without information, support, and help they need. Please feel free to contact any of us in student support services (Mrs. Ealey, Ms. Lemp, Ms. Pearson, or Mrs. Kennedy) at any time if you have a need. We will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month, May 10th through May 14th.

Mental Health Awareness Month-Spirit Week, May 10th through May 14th

Message Monday—Students and staff are encouraged to share positive messages by creating posters, wall art, sidewalk chalk displays promoting kindness, mindfulness activities, and mental health awareness quotes, and/or slogans.

Tuesday: Team Up Against Stigma—Wear a favorite “team sport” t-shirt, jersey, or other attire to team up and help reduce stigma associated with mental health.

Wellness Wednesday—Students and staff will participate in a variety of activities to promote positive and healthy coping strategies. Students and staff are encouraged to plan a time for wellness activities such as deep breathing, stopping and stretching, listening to music, creating a piece of art, or walking outside.

Tie-dye Thursday—Wear a variety of colors or Tie-Dye outfits to show a wide range of emotions that students can experience and express in healthy ways.

Fabulous Friday—Wear something green into your Friday fashion in honor of Mental Health Awareness month.