

The West Weekly for Families

Sept. 3, 2023

Dear West Families,

Just a reminder, that Monday is a student and teacher holiday. I hope that you and your family enjoy the three day weekend.

If your child is interested in UIL, [HERE](#) is some great information to help you better understand opportunities for competing this year. We will be competing at our own LCMS campus this year!!

Thank you so much for your help with handwashing in the mornings! We appreciate your continued support with this!

According to our district policy, students who have phones, smartwatches, or other electronic devices on campus must keep them turned off and put away, including before and after school. You can help us with this by having your child keep phones and smartwatches at home. If you need to get in contact with your student during the school day, you can call the front office (806-993-2345), and we will be happy to help with that. If students are using personal devices, these will be confiscated with a \$15 charge to have them returned from the office. You might remember seeing this information in the electronic agreement that parents sign at the beginning of the school year in online verification.

*An exception to this rule would be for students who use their device for medical monitoring purposes.

We are gearing up for Battle of the Books! This is a fun competition for our 3rd-5th graders who love to read! A list of book titles was sent out over the summer to help your little reader get started. The list is also here in the right column in case your child wants to enjoy some of these books over the long weekend. Some are novels and some are picture books.

BOB Books 2023-2024

- *Casey at the Bat* by Ernest Lawrence Thayer
- *Skinnybones* by Barbara Park
- *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother* by Patricia Polacco
- *Thank you, Mr. Faulkner* by Patricia Polacco
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *The Stray Dog* by Marc Simont
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Little Lost Dog: The true story of a brave dog named Baltic* by Mônica Carnesi
- *Ramona and Beezus* by Beverly Cleary
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume

Sincerely,

Sasha Bennett, Principal

Important Dates Coming Up

- ★ Sept. 4 Labor Day - Student/Staff Holiday
- ★ Sept. 5 - Wear LCP is My Jam Shirt 
- ★ Sept. 6 - PTO Helping Hands
- ★ Sept. 6 - Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night 5:30
- ★ Sept. 11-15 - Celebrate Freedom Week
- ★ Sept. 11 - Wear Red LCP Shirt 
- ★ Sept. 12 - Officer Appreciation Day
- ★ Sept. 12 - Wear Blue West Shirt 
- ★ Sept. 19 - IT Appreciation Day
- ★ Sept. 19 - Wear LCP is My Jam Shirt 
- ★ Sept. 25 - Wear Blue West Shirt 
- ★ Sept. 25 - Guided Reading Books Go Home
- ★ Sept. 28 - Fall Picture Day
- ★ Sept. 28 - BOB Books Released
- ★ Sept. 29 - Popcorn, Pickle, and Cookie Day
- ★ Sept. 29 - Custodian Appreciation
- ★ Sept. 29 - Wear Red LCP Shirt 

Staff Spotlight



Our staff spotlight this week is our RLA TA for special education, Kimberly Trevino. Kimberly was born and raised in Lubbock. Here's what Kimberly shared about herself: "Alongside my loving husband of 11 years and two wonderful children, I've built a life filled with joy and purpose. For the past 5 years, I've been deeply committed to special

education, finding immense fulfillment in helping students with unique needs thrive. I will graduate in December with my Bachelors of Science in Behavioral Health Science, with hopes of obtaining my Masters in the near future and counseling afterwards. In my spare moments, I enjoy coaching travel volleyball, enjoying a good meal at a local restaurant, hanging out with my family, or reading a good novel, embracing the challenge of balancing my passions. What truly resonates with me is the connection I share with the kids – their boundless curiosity, resilience, and growth. The ability to make a positive impact on their lives is what makes my job so rewarding. West is truly the best, and I am so glad to be a part of it!" We are so glad to have Mrs. Trevino on our campus!

Our Week in Review

Rebecca Beardain, our campus DLS, creates these each week. I hope it gives you a little inside peek into the great things happening at West.

[August 20th](#)
[August 27th](#)
[September 3rd](#)

Family Digital Citizenship Tip

Click [here](#) to view this month's family digital citizenship tip.

Water Bottles

Parents, please make sure your child is bringing a water bottle to school each day!

Want to Thank a Staff in Member?

Our teachers are wonderful. Each month we celebrate a staff member of the month. If you would like to nominate a West staff member, [Here](#) is a link to do so. Your words of affirmation and encouragement mean so much to them.

Student Badges

All LCISD students will be issued ID badges. The purpose of the badges is to maintain the district's high standard of safety and security and to help streamline a number of student and teacher activities. [Click here](#) for more information about student ID badges. Students will have one on their backpacks as well to help with dismissal

Optional Student Insurance

Only \$30/year for each child

www.texaskidsfirst.com

Attendance & Dismissal Changes

Please notify the office and student's homeroom teacher of any dismissal change.
All Dismissal Changes must be received by 2pm.

Lubbock-Cooper ISD ATTENDANCE 2022-2023



REPORTING AN ABSENCE:

- Parents are to report student absences **INCLUDING** early outs/late arrivals in their Skyward Family Access via an attendance request. This can be done in the app or on a desktop.

Click the link below to view instructional video:

<https://youtu.be/XdoMVcFWgkY>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- When submitting an **EARLY OUT** or **LATE ARRIVAL** absence request, please be sure to **UNSELECT** the all day check mark as shown below. This ensures the attendance office knows what time your child will be leaving and arriving.

Campus attendance email is for submitting documentation, such as a Dr. note.



Lubbock-Cooper ISD Elementary Schools

23-24 Suzuki Program

[Here](#) is a link to register and for more information about our Suzuki Program.

LCP ATTENDANCE

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
Under Texas law, a student who experiences more than three unexcused absences in a four-week period or 10 unexcused absences in a six-month period may be referred to the court for truancy. In elementary school, this is considered parent contributing to non-attendance.

90% RULE
State law (TEC 25.092) requires all enrolled students to attend at least 90% of the days class is offered. Elementary school students may be required to repeat a grade if they are in school less than 90 percent of school days.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

ABSENCES ADD UP!
Missing 18 DAYS IN A SCHOOL YEAR
or 2 DAYS EVERY MONTH

EQUALS:
↓ LOWER TEST SCORES
○ POSSIBLE RETENTION

DID YOU KNOW?

- Texas is one of six states that fund their schools based on attendance rates and receives per-student funding under the basic allotment. Texas also requires all students to be physically present during our official attendance-taking time period to be counted for funding purposes. Elementary attendance is taken daily at 9:30 a.m.
- An automated attendance call goes out to parents whose child has received an unexcused absence for the day.



Is there a West teacher you or your student thinks goes above and beyond? If so, nominate them for the Mrs. Baird's "Teacher on the Rise" award. Winning teachers receive great prizes, and the students who nominate them will also receive a \$50 gift card. Parents, guardians, and students can nominate a teacher. To access the nomination form [click here](#). Each month a teacher will be selected across the south plains.

Parents, you can print out the coloring page. The winning student and their teacher will receive a FREE meal. It needs to be turned in on the Spirit Night.

[Here](#) is the link to the coloring page.

Lubbock-Cooper Spirit Gear

Interested in purchasing Lubbock-Cooper gear? Check out the Spirit Merchandise page on the LCISD website to find order forms and links for a variety of LCP swag!

<https://www.lcisd.net/page/spirit-merchandise>

(If you represent a parent organization and would like your order form included on the Spirit Merchandise page, email it to info@lcisd.net.)

COSTA VIDA SPIRIT NIGHT COLORING PAGE CONTEST



The winner will be randomly drawn and notified by their school PTA/PTO. Please return this coloring sheet to Costa Vida Lubbock on your school's Spirit Night for a chance to win a free kid's meal. The winning student's teacher also receives a free entree. Good Luck!

FIRST NAME _____ GRADE _____
TEACHER'S NAME _____ SCHOOL _____



SPIRIT NIGHT

20% OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO:
COOPER WEST PTO
THURSDAY, SEPT. 7TH
FROM 4-8PM



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SEPT
26
TUESDAY

PIRATE STADIUM
6PM

ADMISSION \$5 | 5 & UNDER FREE

FEATURING THE LBMS & LCMS BAND PROGRAMS

SCAN TO PURCHASE
TICKETS



OR VISIT
[HTTPS://URL.LCISD.NET/7TE](https://url.lcisd.net/7te)

TEAM LUKE HOPE FOR MINDS



\$33
REGISTRATION

5K GLOW RUN

@ LUBBOCK COOPER HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, OCT. 21 | 6 P.M.

REGISTRATION:

www.teamlukehopeforminds.org/register

Goodie bag, T-shirt, and glow sticks included with registration.
Pre register by Oct 14 to guarantee goodie bag and tshirt.

This Run and Trunk or Treat Event aims to raise funds to support children after brain injury and their families.

WWW.TEAMLUKEHOPEFORMINDS.ORG



PWC PIRATE WRESTLING CLUB

The official Wrestling Club for LCP Wrestlers

Why should your kid wrestle?

"Wrestling is a fun way to develop so many skills and habits that your child will use throughout their life on the road to being successful adults. It builds strong minds, strong bodies, communication skills, **SELF-DEFENSE**, and life-long friendships".

PRACTICE DAYS & TIMES

3rd-5th grade practice schedule

Monday/Tuesday practice 6:30-7:30pm

6th-12th Grade practice schedule

Sunday/Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

Interested?

Contact Coach Rios at jcrios@lcisd.net