

LEOPARD SPOTS

PTSA Newsletter for Parents and Students

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Principal's Message

Youth between the ages of 10 and 15 are the most maligned and misunderstood age group in the U.S. During early adolescence, kids move through puberty at varying rates and times. Yet, as a group, they reflect important characteristics that have a major affect on their relationships with parents, educators, and others who care for them. Young adolescence increasingly are able to think abstractly, not only concretely; both concrete and abstract thinking styles may be in evidence in the same young adolescent, depending on the issue or situation. Lakeridge Junior High School takes into account the needs of young adolescence and attempt to create an environment that promotes the growth of students intellectually, socially, and emotionally. In this quest, there are some unique characteristics of young adolescence we take into account:

In the area of intellectual development young adolescence:

- Are intensely curious and have a wide range of intellectual pursuits, although few are—or need to be—sustained.
- Are inquisitive about adults and are keen observers of them, depending on their cultural upbringing; some young adolescents also may often challenge adults' authority.

In the area of social-emotional development, young adolescents

- Have a strong need for approval and may be easily discouraged.
- Have a strong need to belong to a group, with approval of peers becoming as important as adult approval, and on some matters even more important.
- In their search for group membership, may experience significant embarrassment, ridicule, or rejection from those in other cliques from which they are excluded.

At Lakeridge, we desire an inviting, supportive, and safe environment. A successful school is an inviting, supportive, and safe place, a joyful community that promotes in-depth learning and enhances students' physical and emotional well-being. In such a school, human relationships are paramount. We are committed as a staff to create strong positive relationships with your student so we can help them navigate this period of their lives.

We thank you so much for your support of our school and encourage your involvement. We want your input and concerns. We hope you know that we have the best interest of your student in mind. We look forward to a great year in working as partners in the quest for the success of your student.

Garrick Peterson

Principal Lakeridge Junior High School

Message from the PTA

Welcome back. My name is Karen Bartholomew. I am happy to be serving as the PTSA president for Lakeridge Jr. High this year.

We have a fantastic board who are dedicated to helping your children have a successful experience in school. We hope that if you are not already a member of PTSA you will consider joining. Students, parents, and teachers can join the PTSA for \$5.50. The PTSA is a resource for families and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child. When the school needs volunteers they call on the PTSA. This year we will sponsor and help support the school with Ribbon Week, Reflections, the Magazine Drive (the big fundraiser for the school), sucker sales, flex time, vision screening, many teacher appreciation activities and other one time events. There are many opportunities to serve and you are always welcome to join us. If you have not signed up and would like to help please email me at bhkasb@mstarmetro.net.

Our PTSA meetings will be on the third Tuesday of every month from 10-11:00 a.m.

We appreciate Mr. Peterson and his staff for all they do to make Lakeridge Jr. High the best school.

Karen Bartholomew

HELP NEEDED

Any Bi-lingual patrons who would be willing to MENTOR ESL FAMILIES, helping them to integrate into the school community and helping them access community resources.

Patrons who have ideas or needs for STUDENT SERVICE PROJECTS to be completed during FLEX time during school. We'd like to include seniors, Boy Scout Eagle projects, anyone else with a good idea. Our goal is to teach students to think about the needs among their friends, in the school, in their neighborhoods, in the state, and take off from there.

CRT test scores

Along with mid-term grades you should receive a copy of your student's last years CRT (end of level) test scores in Science, Language Arts and Math. A score of 3 or 4 is considered passing. A score of 1 or 2 indicates need for improvement or below grade level. The detailed scores at the bottom will help to determine specific areas of need. If you have any questions regarding these results, please call the counseling office at 227-2416.

Ribbon Week:



Red Ribbon Week is the most far-reaching and well-known drug prevention event in America. At a time when an increasing number of Americans are saying YES to a drug-free life, it is important to make the ideals expressed during Red Ribbon Week an important part of our everyday life.

Utah also combines violence prevention (purple ribbon) with its drug prevention (red ribbon) week celebrations. Thus, in Utah we drop the red in the title and call it simply "Ribbon Week." Together we can build safer and healthier kids. Wear a red and purple ribbon (or clothes) and stand firm against drug abuse and violence in Utah.

Nationally Red Ribbon week is celebrated October 23-31. At Lakeridge our Ribbon Week campaign is Oct. 8-10 (no school the 11th and 12th). Here's a schedule of the fun we'll have:

October 8th (Monday)

- Olympic Gold medalist, Noelle Pikus Pace, Ribbon Week assembly
- Get your wristband for the week
- Sign the pledge banner at lunch time
- Wear red or purple and get a treat!

October 9th (Tuesday)

- "Chalk one up for non-violence" chalk murals at lunch
- "It's no sweat living drug free"
- Wear sweats and get a treat!

October 10th (Wednesday)

- Try out the "drunk goggles" at lunchtime
- "Give drugs the slip and don't let violence sneak up on you"
- Wear slippers or sneakers and get a treat!

Show your school spirit and join us in these fun activities.

9th Graders

The Counselors have been presenting the "Freshman Focus" in the 9th grade history classes. Topics discussed include Scholarship Club, National Jr. Honor Society, Academic Letters, and Service Letters. Each student was given a pamphlet with information regarding all of these programs. Additional copies can be obtained in the counseling office.

Discount Cards For Sale

The PTSA is once again selling the Lakeridge Leopard Discount Card. The discount cards are \$10 and will help fund teacher appreciation activities (birthdays, luncheons, teacher appreciation week) Reflections, Red Ribbon Week, awards, and other things that directly help the school. Please support the PTSA and the school by buying your card. They have hundreds of dollars in savings and expire August 31, 2008. For more information contact Karen Bartholomew at bhkasb@mstarmetro.net.

Leopard discount cards include:

Artic Circle – buy 1 shake at regular price get 1 free.

California Pizza Kitchen - 10% off purchase.

Coney - 1 free topping with custard purchase.

Fantastic Sams - \$2 off a regular price adult cut or \$1 off a regular price kids cut.

Flix Club - rent 1 edited movie at reg. price get 1 free.

Gas n' Go - buy 1 price best car wash and get 2nd free.

Hogi Yogi – buy 1 sandwich and 2 drinks at regular price & get 1 sandwich free.

Lube Doc – 10% off full service oil change.

Magelby's Fresh – buy 1 meal and 2 drinks & get 2nd meal free.

Miracle bowl – 1 free game with 1 paid

Parks Sportsman – rent 1 ski package and get 1 ski package free.

Pretzel Maker – buy 1 pretzel & drink at regular price get 1 pretzel free.

If you have items of interest or articles you would like to have in the newsletter please e-mail them to me at jc@code911.com by the 20th of each month to have them included in the newsletter.

*Thanks,
Jalanne Collins*

Powerschool Access

Powerschool is a valuable tool to help you track your student's grades and attendance. It can be accessed on the internet through the Lakeridge website, <http://lakeridge.alpinedistrict.org> or at <http://powerschool.lake.alpine.k12.ut.us>. Each student's user id is their 6 digit student number. Returning eighth and ninth graders will use the same password as last year. Seventh graders and students who are new to Lakeridge have a new password assigned. These are included for all students on the mid-term progress report that was mailed home the end of September. If you have misplaced this important information you or your student can stop by the counseling office at any time to obtain it.

Please get in the habit of checking your student's grades on a regular basis. When you click on the percentage below each letter grade you are shown a detail page for that class. It lists each assignment as well as the score received.

Reflections

*The PTA Reflection contest theme this year is:
"I can make a difference..."*

Contest entry forms will be available in the office after Tuesday September 25th. For rules visit the web site <http://utah.pta.org>.

Lakeridge entries are due October 26th. Please bring them to the front office.

All those who enter will be excused from school to come to an all-you-can-eat ice-cream bash/ awards presentation.

Flex Time at Lakeridge Jr. High

At Lakeridge Jr. High we know that all students can learn and succeed. To help the students succeed, Lakeridge will put into place a program called Flex Time. During this time students have a choice to go to Enrichment Activities, participate in Intervention or if they need to make up work in a class in which they have been a "bad cat".

Enrichment Activities is a time in which the student can choose a class they have a particular interest in or are curious to learn more about. The student gets to choose. They could also just use the time to catch up on reading a good book. Whatever they choose to do.

The Intervention is because we know sometimes things in life just happen and we fall behind. Flex time can help with that. During flex time if the student falls behind in one or more classes they will stay in Intervention class and catch up on work. When they have caught up, they can rejoin their friends in the Enrichment classes.

It's all about the choices we make whether we succeed or not ... study for that test or not; keep up on homework or not; read or not; etc. It's a proven fact that if you keep up on your homework and don't procrastinate; you will SUCCEED!

October

- 2 Scholarship Club UVSC Leadership Conference 8:30-1
- 5 Iowa Testing ends
- 8 Red Ribbon Week
- 9 Goblin Chase
- 11-12 UEA — No School
- 15 Preparation Day — No School
- 18-19 8th Bridges/ Choices Comp Lab
- 19 Art Zoo Field Trip — 9th Grade Art Students
- 24 Band Concert 6:00 pm
- 25 Japanese Foreign Exchange Students visit Lakeridge
- 26 First Quarter Ends
- 26 9th grade "Fright Night" Dance 7-9 pm
- 30 Spook Alley 6-8 pm
- 31 Halloween — Dress-up Day

November

- 1 Canned Food Drive Starts
- 1-2 7th TLC Booklets
- 4 Daylight Savings Time
- 5 Basketball Tryouts begin
- 7 Student Led Conferences School from 8:15 – 12:00
- 8 Student Led Conferences Choir Festival at Canyon View
- 9 Movie Night 7-9 pm
- 12 American Math Competition 3 pm
- 14 Yearbook Group Pictures
- 16 Canned Food Drive Ends School Service Project 3-4 pm
- 20 TLC Assembly #2
- 21 Teacher Comp Day – No School
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Break
- 27 Scholarship Club - Auditorium
- 29-30 Regional High School MUN

