

The Laredo Letter

Serving the students, staff, and parents of the Laredo School Community

Dec/Jan
2016-17

Fourth & Fifth Graders hike Colorado:

By Destiney...The hiking trip was amazing. We learned so much. We learned about rocks, plants, and we even saw some deer. We also learned about the Navajo people from long ago. We learned that the water from long ago for many years flowed



over the earth. We had a great time and it's also a great opportunity to meet up with your friends too. We had so much fun.

Fourth and fifth grade students have enjoyed hiking various parks in Colorado. This opportunity was made possible by volunteer teachers.



Art News...

Beginning in January, students in grades 1-5 will be studying Ancient Egypt in Art class. Students will be introduced to the culture and the daily role that art played in Egyptian life. All students will make a sarcophagus, and then create different grade level projects inspired by this unique society.

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Choir News...

Dec 8th at 1:00 and 1:45. Laredo Gym. Music Assemblies and School Sing-a-Long

Dec 8th at 6pm Winter Concert (Choir and Instrument Club performing, all community invited)

Dec 14th 2:30-4:00 Laredo Holiday Caroling

More about Laredo Holiday Caroling

Who: Families invited! Students 3-5 may come without parent. Permission is necessary

What: We will meet in the music room to assemble cookie plates. We will walk to homes in our neighborhood to sing and leave a plate of cookies. We will walk back to Laredo for cookies and hot chocolate in the Gym.

How: Donations of cookies and student-made cards happily accepted. Send to Mrs. Davis in the Music room.

We also need to identify homes to visit! Please contact Mrs. Davis with the addresses of folks you know that we could visit with music, cookies and love this holiday season.

Important Dates

- **Dec 1:** Parent Coffee
- **Dec 5:** Kindergarten Field Trip
- **Dec 8:** Choir & Instrument Concert
- **Dec 14** Laredo Holiday Caroling
- **Dec 14:** PTO Potluck/Movie
- **Dec 16 – Jan 3** No School
- **Jan 4:** School starts at 8:00
- **Jan 10:** Parent Coffee
- **Jan 16:** MLK, No School
- **Jan 26:** PTO
- **Jan 26:** Culture Night
- **Jan 31:** 2nd Field Trip
- **Feb 2-3:** No School



Accept Mistakes as Learning Opportunities

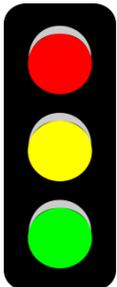
One of the best ways you can model a growth mindset is to speak candidly about the mistakes you've made, and what you've learned from them. Speak positively about your mistakes and struggles, and this will show your children that taking risks and making mistakes are a natural part of the learning process. Explain to your children that trying hard things is what helps us grow, and you can't be perfect when you try something hard!

10 Benefits of Reading 20 Minutes Every Day ...

1. Mental Stimulation
2. Stress Reduction
3. Knowledge
4. Increase Vocabulary
5. Memory Improvement
6. Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills
7. Improved Focus and Concentration
8. Better Writing Skills
9. Tranquility
10. Free Entertainment



How Many Absences are too Many in a Year?



CHRONIC ABSENCE 10 or more days

WARNING SIGNS 6 to 10 days

GOOD ATTENDANCE 5 or fewer absences

Attendance: Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 5 percent (or about 10 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

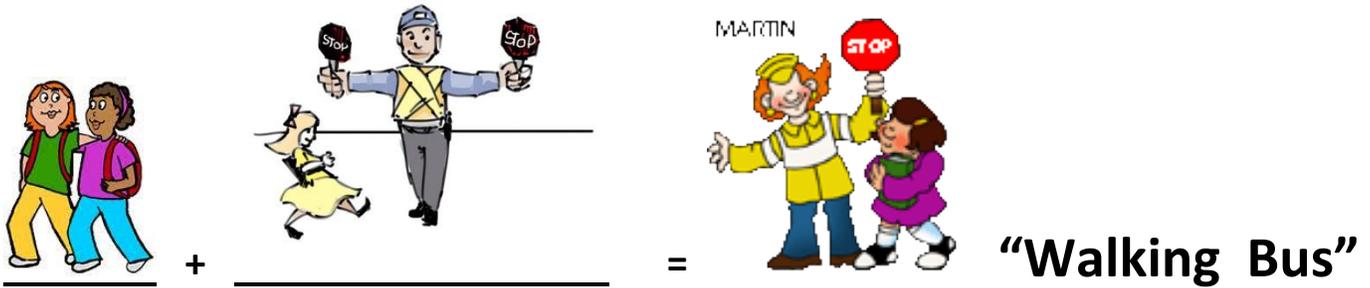


We love our pets, but they are not allowed on school property for the safety of our children and of your pet.

**Winter Break: December 16-January 4
(Classes Start Jan 4th at 8 am)**

Brr... Is your child missing their coat? Check the lost and found in the cafeteria.

LAREDO STUDENTS WALK TO SCHOOL!!



- What:** Walk to School on Walking School Bus #1
When: Every Wednesday at 7:30am
Where: **Walking School Bus Stop #1** - Mrs. Sanchez will start at 13th and N. Olathe Street and pick up students along the way toward Laredo!
Who: You and your siblings that attend Laredo Elementary and walk along bus route #1 on the map.
Who Else: Mrs. Sanchez will be walking with you as the bus leader! She will have on a yellow vest and carry a stop sign 😊
Why: Walking is always better for you than riding in a car! It also beats walking alone!
Map: See other side of this sheet

**Be healthy and safe, walk to school every
Wednesday with Mrs. Sanchez!!**



Laredo Students...

Responsibility

On Task

Always Safe

Respect

Mission

Laredo Elementary believes in excellence, in both the instructional practices and opportunities we provide, to develop a passion for learning that will empower students to achieve at the highest levels.

Vision

Every Laredo student is a learner, ready to achieve at the highest levels.