

The Laredo Letter

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

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Fifth Graders explored the University of Colorado, Boulder. A group of fifth grade students toured the CU campus and attended a football game. Students were filled with excitement and dreaming of the future. The earlier we talk with our children about attending college, the more motivated they are to study.

Important Dates

- **Nov 1:** 4th Grade field trip
- **Nov 1:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Nov 2:** Picture Retake
- **Nov 3:** Parent Coffee
- **Nov 3:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Nov 8:** 2nd Grade Take Your Parent to School
- **Nov 17:** PTO
- **Nov 17:** 5th Grade Take Your Parent to School
- **Nov 18:** Choir Field Trip
- **Nov 22:** Thanksgiving Family Feast
- **Nov 23-25:** Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov 28:** School starts at 8 am
- **Dec 1:** Parent Coffee
- **Dec 2:** Kindergarten Field Trip
- **Dec 6:** Choir & Instrument

Walk to School and Field Day Fun! A special thank you to the Field Day volunteers who gave the students a fun-filled day. The students enjoyed working together as teams and taking on challenges.



Physical exercise can build new brain cells and relieve stress.



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Laredo Student Ambassadors: During fall break, eight fourth and fifth grade students were trained to become student ambassadors. They will be providing tours for our guests and leading team building opportunities for our students. Student ambassadors must be up to date with the classwork, homework, and demonstrate exemplary behavior. We look forward to growing this new program.

Watch for Information: Thanksgiving Family Feast, November 22



Growth Mindset Dreams... Instead of telling our children they can be doctors, lawyers, astronauts, etc., ask them what their dreams are. Then, tell them “You have your dreams, and that’s a good start. Be persistent and work hard. We’re on your side, and we’ll do everything we can to help you succeed. Go for it!” Helping our children recognize that their dreams can become reality through hard work, builds motivation for success.

Reading 20 Minutes Every Day

Matters... Successful Laredo students *read* or are read to for **20 minutes every day**. Our lives are crazy and family time can be difficult to find. Make reading a special time. For younger students, let them snuggle on your lap. For older students, read the same book and talk about what is happening and why. This is a great time to connect with our children.



Attendance Goal...Keep Coming to School...

Laredo had a 95% attendance rate for the first quarter. Congratulations for helping our students prepare for their future. Remember, we need to maintain attendance at 95% or better the remainder of the year. Students with perfect attendance will be recognized during the school awards celebration. Research shows students who attend school regularly are less likely to develop learning difficulties and fail and are less likely to be involved with the juvenile justice system. Students who attend school regularly have a higher graduation rate.

As the weather turns cooler, think about how you can help your child arrive to school on time. Ideas include setting coats, shoes, and backpacks out the night before, having walking buddies, and arranging carpools with neighbors.



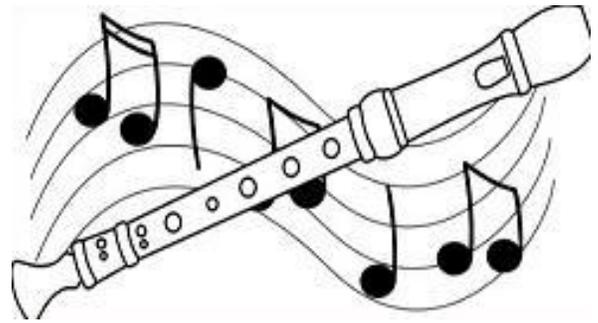
Thanksgiving Break: November 23-25 (Classes Start Nov 28th at 8 am)
Winter Break: December 16-January 4 (Classes Start Jan 5th at 8 am)

Recorder Time in the Music Room!

Recorders are a simple, flute-like instrument that has been around since the 16th century. We use them in Music class to sharpen our skills in playing, creating and reading music.

3rd, 4th and 5th Graders will be using recorders in the Music room starting in November. Many students have a recorder at home, and should start bringing them to school on Music days. It is a good idea to keep it in your backpack so it's always nearby.

Mrs. Davis has a limited number of colorful recorders that can be purchased in the Music room for \$5. 3rd Graders ONLY will receive a recorder *free of charge* for use in Music class this year! These will be stored in the Music room and sent home at the end of the school year.



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.