

The Laredo Letter

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

Sept.
2016

Dear Laredo Families,

Our halls and classrooms are filled with the footsteps and laughter of our Laredo children. Their smiling faces and enthusiasm for learning brought a fresh energy to these first weeks of school. We enjoyed meeting many of you at our Back to School Night. Thank you for partnering with us to help each child learn and achieve at the highest level.

This year we are working to help each child develop a growth mindset. A person with a growth mindset believes they can become more intelligent, skilled, and talented with hard work, effort, and focusing on learning. They challenge themselves and value the importance of effort. The opposite of a growth mindset is a fixed mindset. A person with a fixed mindset believes a person has a certain level of intelligence, skills, or talents which cannot be changed. They fear challenge and avoid effort.

Throughout the year, we will highlight student examples of growth mindsets and will offer suggestions and ideas for helping our Laredo children to further develop a growth mindset.

We are off to a great year. Please know our doors are always open.

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Laredo Elementary School's Mission and Vision: This summer several Laredo staff members gathered to update the school's mission and vision statements.

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.

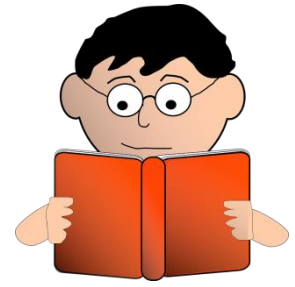
Vision

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

Important Dates

- **Sept 2:** No school
- **Sept 5:** Labor Day - No school
- **Sept 6:** Picture Day
- **Sept 6:** Vision Screening
- **Sept 8:** ABC Fundraising Kickoff Assembly
- **Sept 12:** Hearing Screenings
- **Sept 13-15:** 2nd Grade Chopper Toppers
- **Sept 15:** School Dance
- **Sept 15:** Family Night
- **Sept 16:** No school
- **Sept 20:** Kindergarten Take Your Parent to School Day
- **Sept 22:** ABC Fundraising Money Due
- **Sept 23:** PTO Meeting 8:00
- **Sept 29:** 3rd Grade Take Your Parent to School Day
- **Oct 5:** Field Day
- **Oct 5:** Count Day

A Growth Mindset Person Understands...hard work, determination, and practice are necessary. Laredo students are expected to **read** or be read to for **20 minutes every day**. Learning to read is just like learning to play a sport; it requires hard work, determination, and lots and lots of practice. A student with a growth mindset recognizes learning requires practice. You can help your child become a stronger reader by talking about what your student has read. Asking questions and helping them to make connections to their lives allows them to discover the world through books. Make this reading time enjoyable for your child and family.



Putting the pieces together in school

Each day your child is introduced to and practices new ideas and skills which they connect to their previous learning. In the end, they are ready for the college and careers of their choice. Unfortunately, when a child misses school (not due to illness), they do not learn the ideas and skills necessary to connect all of the pieces and they develop gaps in their learning. **Being at school is critical in order for them to learn.** If your child is too ill for school, please call attendance to report their absence.

Safety

To ensure the safety of every Laredo family and visitor please remember the following:

- In the parking lot, please pull forward in the drop off/pick up lane and stay with your car.
- If you want to walk to pick up your child, please park in a designated parking spot. The parking lot has been restriped to ensure the safety of everyone.
- Model using the cross walks to ensure your safety.
- Children riding bikes and skateboards need to walk them on school property.
- Avoid bringing pets as their behaviors can be unpredictable in large crowds. If you are bringing a pet for show and tell, please arrange this with your child's teacher.



Laredo Students...

Responsibility

On Task

Always Safe

Respect

2016-17 Proper Tennis Shoes for Physical Education

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th grade only

Tennis Shoes for Physical Education must be tied correctly to support the feet of our students! Tennis shoes should be laced through all eyelets, laced up snugly and tied correctly. Here are some good examples of what is ok:



Shoes that are untied, loose or “fashion” laced do not protect and support the feet of our students. Laces should not be behind the shoe tongue, untied, unhooked or hanging loosely. Here are some examples of what is not ok:



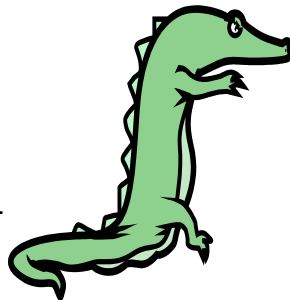
Here are reminders for the remaining days we have for Physical Education. Remember your student has a rotating day and P.E. is not the same day each week. Please check for their classroom teacher on the schedules below.

A - DAY

Alligator

S.SANDERS/BORCHELLER/STANDAGE/PONCE/GARNER

August	10, 16, 22, 26
September	1, 9, 15, 22, 28
October	5, 19, 25, 31
November	4, 10, 17, 28
December	2, 8, 14,
January	6, 12, 19, 25, 31
February	8, 14, 21, 27
March	3, 9, 16, 22,
April	5, 11, 17, 24, 28
May	4, 10, 16, 22

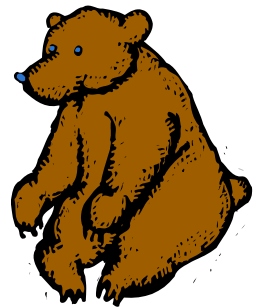


B - DAY

Bear

ECHOLS/WING/CZAPLA-HASLAM/OATES/HUTCHISON

August	11, 17, 23, 29
September	6, 12, 19, 23, 29
October	6, 20, 26
November	1, 7, 11, 18, 29
December	5, 9, 15
January	9, 13, 20, 26
February	1, 9, 15, 22, 28
March	6, 13, 17, 23,
April	6, 12, 18, 25
May	1, 5, 11, 17, 23



C - DAY

Cat

COYNE/WAGUSPACK/CASULLO/LOPEZ

August	12, 18, 24, 30
September	7, 13, 20, 26, 30
October	17, 21, 27
November	2, 8, 15, 21, 30
December	6, 12
January	4, 10, 17, 23, 27
February	6, 10, 16, 23
March	1, 7, 14, 20
April	7, 13, 19, 26
May	2, 8, 12, 18, 24



D - DAY

Dog

MONTANO/HANSON/SAGGAU/WORTHING/ZOLA/CINI

August	15, 19, 25, 31
September	8, 14, 21, 27
October	3, 18, 24, 28
November	3, 9, 16, 22
December	1, 7, 13
January	5, 11, 18, 24, 30
February	7, 13, 17, 24
March	2, 8, 15, 21
April	4, 10, 14, 20, 27
May	3, 9, 15, 19, 25

