



Primarily Speaking Lima Primary School Hand in hand we make a difference!

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Important Notes and Upcoming Events

Welcome to the Lima Primary Learning Community! As the principal of the Primary School, I want to thank you for sharing your children with us each day. Our first week of school has been outstanding! The children have adjusted well, already acting as though they have been here for months!

September has been and already is definitely going to continue to be a busy month between our PTA and District events.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House is right around the corner. Please plan to join us for this important event. Kindergarten is **Wednesday, September 17, 2008** and **First Grade** is **Thursday, September 18, 2008**.



- **Jay Stetzer, story teller** will entertain the **children in the gym from 7:00-7:35. on Wednesday and Anthony Padilla, musician, on Thursday.** Please bring siblings **only** if they can remain in the gym supervised by school employees, during this event.
- **Parents meet with classroom teachers from 7:00-7:35** to learn about curriculum and classroom procedures. Children are brought to classrooms by 7:40.
- Families attend classrooms, book fair, and organization displays in the cafeteria from 7:40-8:30.

FALL WEEKEND

Every school in the District along with community organizations are represented in the homecoming parade during Fall Weekend. This year the theme is Disney with Lima's

Parents are Important!

Parents work hand in hand with our staff in many ways. Here is an update on ways to become involved:

- **School Committee Parent Reps for:**
 1. School Improvement Team
 2. Wellness & Nutrition / Assets

3. Teaching, Learning, and Technology
4. Decision Input Units—or budget planning teams

Please call or e-mail if interested in joining a group ASAP.

- **PTA**— Sign up to be a member and receive multi-

Float representing, "A Bug's Life". The design team is led by Kim Lester, PTA chair, and Jennifer Gillette, Art Teacher.

If you would like your child to ride the float, or walk along side it, please join us dressed in your favorite, "bug" attire. Meet at Brongo Bowl at 11:30 a.m. on September 27, 2008

PTA THANKS

A enormous thank you goes to our PTA for:

- Sponsoring Open House Entertainment
- Organizing our book fair
- Volunteering in the cafeteria
- Putting packets together
- Helping our students opening day
- Providing Smarty Folders
- Providing our first day breakfast

We appreciate all you do!

ple rewarding opportunities to **get involved** with school activities such as the **Publishing Company which is** an opportunity for working parents too!

Volunteer in the classroom, art room, or in the cafeteria on a regular basis or when you can.

All volunteers must attend training in October.

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A B C D E Schedule

9/8-12	D, E, A, B, C
9/15-9/19	D, E, A, B, C
9/22-9/26	D, E, A, B, C
9/29-10/3	D, E, A, B, C
10/6-10/9	D, E, A, B

We follow this letter schedule rather than the days of the week. Each month we will update the schedule. It is also included on the lunch menu.

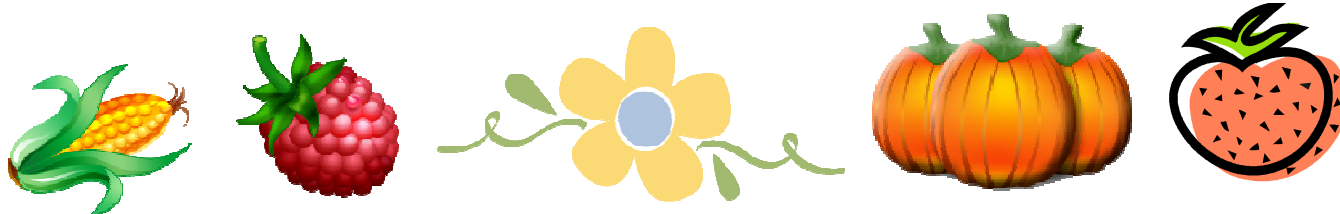


Dates to Remember

Kindergarten Open House	9/17
First Grade Open House	9/18
Book Fair	9/15-9/19
Reading Celebration	9/19
Roller Skating	9/23
School Pictures	9/24
Fall Weekend	9/27

GARDEN OF GOOD CHARACTERS

Imagine finding out that your son or daughter was recognized as being a member of “Smarty’s Garden of Good Character” for exhibiting one of Smarty’s pillars of good character. Later this month two assemblies will be held to introduce or review the six pillars of character as well as the Smarty’s Garden Club”. Smarty the cougar, our school mascot, will be our special guest. After teaching the students about Smarty’s six pillars of good character; Caring, Responsibility, Respect, Trustworthiness, Fairness, and Citizenship, we will begin filling our garden with post cards distributed by staff members who want to recognize a child for demonstrating good character. The post cards will be placed in a planter. Several will be pulled out daily whereas student names, along with a description of their good choices, will be recognized on the morning announcements. Then the cards will be sent home to share with families. Each child who receives this honor will have his/her photo placed on a fruit, vegetable or flower (created by the students) and placed in our hallway garden.



Last Spring, students at Lima Primary planted *Fair Flowers*, *Honest Herbs*, *Caring Carrots*, *Sharing Squash*, and other Good Character Vegetables in Smarty’s ‘real’ Garden. Now in its fourth year of development, and with help from grants, staff support and volunteers, the garden has become a great tool in encouraging good eating habits while promoting school lunches, and creating an outdoor classroom. This year’s garden theme supports Smarty’s pillars of Good Character. Students will get to harvest their bounty this fall, and Food Service will serve their vegetables and herbs in the Cafeteria’s Veggie Bar, Soups, and Salads! Yum!

Notes to Remember

Please note the changes in or reminders of procedures :



- **Remember homemade treats are not allowed** for classrooms—only for your child’s personal lunch or personal snack.
- **Refrain from bringing in lunches from fast food places and from including soda in lunches.**
- **Discuss school issues with appropriate school personnel.**
- Write **notes for early dismissal or pick up** rather than calling in the middle of the day.
- Do **not send children wearing flip flops** as they pose safety issues.
- **Drop off students at the stairwell in the parking lot** during bus arrival time.
- Be sure to **contact the teacher first if you want to visit your child’s class.**

PLEASE VISIT THE LIMA PRIMARY WEBSITE TO VIEW PHOTOS OF OUR FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL!

Continuing to Develop An Outdoor Classroom

Maintaining and expanding our garden

Vegetables
Fruits
Flowers
Trees
Picnic Tables

Continuing to develop a nature trail that includes:

Fitness stops
Bird trail
Butterfly trail



ALL FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS and this year.... PTA SUPPORT!

Parents and community members wanting to help may contact Mrs. Lupisella!