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Llewellyn Friday Family Announcements

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Llewellyn Elementary

Our children are stars!

***Mission:** At Llewellyn, children are challenged to learn and grow in an environment where teachers and parents collaborate in every child's achievement. Llewellyn embodies the spirit of a community dedicated to children succeeding in academics and developing qualities of respect, responsibility and self-confidence.*

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. While the opening of this year will look very different from the last, all of us at Llewellyn can't wait to welcome all of our students and families back for another engaging year of learning, new experiences, and the chance to form new friendships and relationships-all in new ways! I want to thank you for your continued support, kindness, patience, and flexibility this year and hope that we can continue to work together to navigate these uncharted waters and provide a learning environment that allows your child to grow and thrive academically and social emotionally.

Last year I wrote that as principal of Llewellyn it was my goal to create a dynamic and rich environment for students and staff. I hope to continue with this goal even with a virtual start to the school year. This involves making sure students will feel engaged and inspired, will embrace others (be inclusive), and will grow both academically, socially, and emotionally. I still believe that when we create and sustain cultures of community, excellence, and growth through strong relationships, frequent collaboration, and excellence in teaching and learning, we are providing the foundation for students to grow to be global citizens who think critically and act peacefully to improve our world. Something I think all of us can get behind these days.

Llewellyn School Hours: 8 am- 2:15 pm. Class schedules with more detail will be shared very soon. Your child's school day will consist of some live instruction (with the teacher), some independent work time, and small group instruction or support, as well as specials (music, PE/Movement, etc.).

Staff Changes

While we have all experienced great changes since March, fortunately our Llewellyn staff will look mostly the same with the exception of a few new staff members who will be joining our Llewellyn family. Please join me in welcoming:

- ★Grade 1- Camille Omev (An experienced teacher, coming to us from the Creative Science School.)
- ★Grade 5- Nancy Nielsen, joins our staff permanently!
- ★CB K-2- Devin Gallagher (formerly a member of the Grout CB team for the past 4 years)
- ★Counselor- Allie Penix will join Brittany Sill-Turner on our new counseling team. Ms. Brittany will be on leave shortly after the school year begins to care for her new baby!! Congratulations, Ms. Brittany!!
- ★Library Assistant- Kari Shawen (an experienced LA who loves to be involved with OBOB)
- ★ Head Custodian: TBD Due to district changes, Darren Rogers, who has been a huge part of our community will be transferred to another school. We are VERY sorry to see him go!!!

Chromebook Distribution: Many families responded to the Device Needs Survey sent out in our past newsletter. We are working to compile the information and gathering enough chromebooks to meet our community's needs. **Chromebooks will be distributed at Llewellyn between the hours of 1:00pm-3:00pm on Wednesday, August 26th.** If you are not able to pick up your child's chromebook at this time, please contact me or one of our secretaries and we will connect with you to find a time that works for you. If you are new to Llewellyn and did not fill out the survey we will work to get you one as fast as we can. Our supply is limited at this time. *During distribution we will observe all Social Distancing precautions and ask you to make sure that you and any family members with you remember to wear a mask. Distribution will be in front of the school (under the covered area if it is raining).*

☆ Upcoming Events at Llewellyn

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our recent Information Sessions. I hope the information was useful. During the sessions, I shared that I would like to offer follow up sessions, as I truly value your input and feedback. Please watch emails and announcements carefully for upcoming dates and times.

Soft Start

You should have received the Districts communication email sent today giving more details about the Soft Start Schedule and its focus from September 2nd-September 11th. To help you plan for these weeks, remember that your child will not be engaging in virtual instruction for an entire school day during this time.

- Each class (grades 1-5) will hold a Morning Meeting/Social Emotional Lesson time followed by a few practice sessions to allow students to get used to using our Seesaw learning platform and apps.
- Kindergarten classes will begin their class meetings & practice sessions on September 8th.
- Every family, K-5, will receive a 30 min. call/visit/chat from their teacher scheduled during September 2-11th.
- Classroom teachers will reach out to you to set up your family's individual meeting time.

Our priority in these meetings is to connect with you and your child to begin to establish a relationship, as well as to support any needs you have concerning the technology your child will be using during Distance Learning.

Other important dates to remember:

- Chromebook distribution Wednesday, August 26th 1:00-3:00pm @ Llewellyn.
- First Day of School (Grades 1-5) September 2nd
- First Day of School (Kindergarten)-September 8th
- No School-Labor Day September 7th

Kinder families! SAVE THE DATE! We would like to invite you & your child to a special celebration of your child's First Day of Kindergarten on the afternoon of September 8th. Details to come very soon!

Parent & Student Calendar

Those of you who have been a part of the Llewellyn Community previously, know that usually at the beginning of the year we distribute Family Calendars that contain not only important event dates, but information from our School Handbook. This year we will be posting monthly calendars on our school website and important dates will be included in each weekly newsletter. Copies of the Handbook will be posted on our school website soon.

PTA

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to become involved at Llewellyn. Our PTA has a variety of ways that you can assist our students and their teachers, even during Distance Learning. Look for information from our PTA about upcoming PTA meetings (virtual) and how to join. You can also contact the PTA at llewellynpta@gmail.com.

Hang in there everyone! We recognize that the opening of school this year brings with it some challenges, even some frustration, but built within all this is also excitement, hope, and the opportunity to do things differently. Llewellyn has long been a community that is dedicated to children succeeding. As a staff with you alongside us as partners, I am confident we can make this year one to remember.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at 503-916-6216 or via email at pgwynn@pps.net. Welcome back to school! I look forward to seeing you and your student very soon!

Warmest Regards,
Pamela Gwynn
Principal, Llewellyn Elementary School

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