



March, 2021

# LC ACHIEVES!

**This Month's Focus: Diversity and Inclusion**

**We're Back!**

With the announcement that the COVID case numbers have fallen to acceptable levels, we've been able to return all of our students on a hybrid schedule! Students attending PK-8 had returned by the end of February and high school returned during the first week of March. Thank you to everyone who has worked incredibly hard: teachers, students and parents alike, to create the best possible learning environment under unprecedented conditions. Our attention now turns to preparing to get everyone back to campus on a full-time basis in a safe and responsible way that complies with all applicable health guidelines.

**ES  
Community  
Zoom  
Night**

Counselors and principals in our elementary engaged with Bobcat families in an online evening event on Feb.18th. Counselors led a craft activity and Mr. Hall led a virtual scavenger hunt. To culminate February's character traits of kindness and cooperation, Mr. Nolan read the story, "Can Cat and Bird be Friends?" It was a great opportunity for students, teachers and families to interact while fostering relationships in a fun way.

**HS  
Industry  
Fair**

Kevin Doyle, high school Career and Technical Education Director, has included the La Center School District as one of five school districts to join in the virtual SW Washington Industry Fair, March 18th, from 5-7 p.m. Employers will share what their company does, including important steps on how to get the correct credentials needed for holding the various available positions. This might include specific training with the companies, schooling or on-site training. Parents and students can apply for jobs with some of the companies, as well as make contacts for future business opportunities.

**MS  
Character  
Strong  
Program**

Despite COVID, the middle school Character Strong program has soldiered on, racking up some truly impressive totals. So far this year, 304 students have received at least 1 character card and a total of 1455 cards have been given out. Additionally:

- 102 students have received a king size candy/favorite fruit and a yard sign
- 41 students have received a very cool LC t-shirt
- 4 students have received a very cool LC hoodie
- Lauri Landerholm, Daniel Thiessen, Sara Cosmi and Rochelle Wilson have made 147 home visits (so far)

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of the climbing tower at the high school. Spearheaded by Brian Zylstra, the tower was funded entirely by donations. LC alumni Grayson Frazer had the honor of making the first ascent as a reward for his longstanding dedication to a project that continued two years beyond graduation. Thanks to the many companies and individuals who donated time, money and materials to make the climbing tower a reality. Without their help, the tower would not have been possible!



The students attending Life Skills class with Special Education teacher Angie Thompson, had a fantastic opportunity to Zoom with Norman Huynh, the Associate Conductor of the Oregon Symphony and the Music Director of the Bozeman Symphony Orchestra. He taught the students a few of the conducting patterns that all conductors use and spoke about the many job skills needed to become a conductor.

We continue to expand on our 504 online system which mirrors the IEP online platform. Counselors have been working hard to get students entered into the system and managing due dates. The 504 online system has improved documentation and consistency of 504 plans, communication with staff and improvements of accommodation plans for students. The end goal is to have all LCSD 504 plans processed and entered into the system by December of 2021.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Section 504: Serving 90 students

Special Education: Serving 229 students

McKinney/Vento Homeless: Serving 19 students

Foster Care: Serving 3 students

### DISTRICT POPULATION

(2/26/21)

High School: 485

Middle School: 409

Elementary: 671

Total Students: 1565