

April, 2021

LC ACHIEVES!

This Month's Focus: MTSS

Updated Physical Distance Rules

We will be welcoming back kindergarten and first-grade full-time on Monday, April 12th after spring break. With this change, there has been significant interest regarding when the remaining grades will return to full-time.

On March 25th, Governor Inslee announced that school districts in Washington could choose to adopt the CDC's revised physical distance guidance for schools. This is good news for our La Center community! The change will allow us to increase the number of students in classrooms, and therefore increase the number of in-person hours that students are at school. The new guidelines instruct us that it is safe to:

- Reduce the physical space between students in the classroom to 3 feet as long as community transmission of COVID is low or moderate
- Maintain 6 feet of physical distance between students in common areas like hallways
- Maintain 6 feet of physical distance between students during activities such as eating, band, and physical education
- Maintain 6 feet of physical distance between students and adults, as well as between adults

Of particular note, is the requirement to maintain 6 feet of space between students outside of the classroom. While this will be a challenge in some of our classrooms, it will be a bigger challenge outside the classroom. We do not want this to be a barrier to bringing students back. We will do what we ask our students to do in their lessons: think creatively and problem solve. There will be more to come on this issue.

MTSS

At the elementary school, Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) teams continue to meet monthly at all grade levels. Teachers are meeting with fellow MTSS team members to support student needs. Typical team members might include: principals, a school psychologist, a speech and language pathologist, classroom teachers, a title coordinator, special education teachers, school counselors and other relevant advocates for student support.

MS Honor Roll

The middle school had 162 students achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the first semester which qualified them for the honor roll. Of the 162 students, 68 earned a perfect 4.0 GPA. Congratulations to each student for their outstanding work and dedication to their studies while we were in the distance learning environment!

The high school is already looking forward to this year's graduation. At this point, if the state guidelines stay or improve, we are planning a traditional graduation ceremony on June 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in our stadium. Currently, students will be limited to two guests, but we are hopeful that additional family members will be permitted if the state Health Department removes restrictions. We want to make this year's graduation a memorable experience for our seniors and their families!



Our high school volleyball team finished in 4th place out of 6 teams. We actually tied with Castle Rock and King's Way for 2nd place but due to the tie-breakers, LC placed 4th. The girls' soccer team finished in 2nd place with their only loss coming at the hands of King's Way. Our cross country team had some great success this year. The boy's team is this year's league champion. The girls' team placed 2nd at the league meet. Our boys' golf team will be competing in Districts.

March 15 marked the first day of our spring sports season. Good luck to all of our athletes in the upcoming season!

The Special Education Department continues to look at evolving its MTSS program, which provides targeted support for struggling students. Our goal is to intervene early, so that students can catch up with their peers. The team has finished implementing the 504 Online process. 504 Online is tied to IEP Online and allows 504 plans to be created, stored and implemented just like an IEP.

BY THE NUMBERS

Section 504: Serving 97 students

Special Education: Serving 237 students

McKinney/Vento Homeless: Serving 22
students

Foster Care: Serving 5 students

DISTRICT POPULATION

(3/31/21)

High School: 490

Middle School: 409

Elementary: 672

Total Students: 1571