



KLOEFKORN CHRONICLE

KLOEFKORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December, 2021

ON THE CALENDAR

[LPS CALENDAR](#)

November 24-26	No School
November 29	Elementary Plan Day- No School for Elementary Students
November 30	PLC Day, Early Release at 1:33, No Preschool, No Family Service
November 30	Winter Chorus Concert at 6pm
December 3	Pajama Day
December 6-10	PTO Food Drive
December 7	Winter Band Concert at 6pm
December 9	Winter Orchestra Concert at 6pm
December 14	PLC Day, Early Release at 1:33, No Preschool, No Family Service
December 20	PTO Meeting @ 7:00 pm
December 23- January 4	Winter Break- No School
January 5	Welcome Back to School. Start of Quarter 3

***The future
belongs to
those who
believe in the
beauty of their
dreams.***

-Eleanor Roosevelt

QUICK LINKS

Kloefkorn Website	Kloefkorn Facebook	PTO Website	LPS Security Webpage	<i>Kloefkorn Traffic Video Coming Soon</i>	School Handbook	Meal Menus
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A Message from Ms. Cook

Kloefkorn Families,

In just 5 short weeks we will be at the end of the first semester of the 21-22 school year! Our students and staff are doing tremendous work and I am so proud of our Kloefkorn community.

The cooler weather has arrived! We will make every attempt to take children outside for recess throughout the winter. Fresh air and exercise fuel their bodies for learning throughout the school day. If it is raining or bitterly cold we have options for indoor recess. Please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves/mittens. Also, younger children will benefit from practicing zipping, buttoning and snapping. If your child is missing a coat, gloves/mittens, please have him/her check our lost and found. Over winter break, we will donate all lost and found items that have not been claimed.

Speaking of winter weather, in the event school closes due to weather, families will receive a phone call from the district office in the early morning. The hope is that this allows working parents a little more time to make arrangements for childcare. You can also log onto the LPS website: www.lps.org for school closures and of course, the local television and radio stations will carry the latest announcements.

Wishing your families a Happy Thanksgiving weekend!

Ms. Cook

LPS Safe Return to School Plan

Please follow the link for a full update on LPS’s Current Safe Return Plan. [LINK](#) Lincoln Public Schools will continuously review and update the 2021-22 LPS Safe Return to School Plan throughout the school year as the risk of COVID-19 spread in our community changes. This work will be ongoing as new research emerges and more guidance is provided to the school district from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and the U.S. Department of Education.

Procedures to Note:

Masks are required for all staff, students, and visitors. Visitors are currently restricted from the cafeteria.	Dividers will be used in the cafeteria, providing barriers between seats.
Students will wash or sanitize hands frequently throughout the day, including before lunch.	Students will practice social distancing to the extent possible during the school day.

Library News

Do you remember the print edition of the World Book Encyclopedia that you may have consulted when you were in school? Your student still has access to this resource [today](#) - just in a different online format. World Book Web is bigger and better than ever and has components that serve preschool through adults. Your child can access this from their LPS portal.

- World Book Early Learning for very young learners
- World Book Kids for primary learners
- World Book Student for upper elementary and middle school learners
- World Advanced for high school through adult learners

Have your student go to this database to see these resources and more!

Digital Citizenship Tips

LPS teachers instruct students about their digital identity and help them learn how the use of digital tools can have both positive and negative effects on personal well being. You may want to work together to create a plan that balances time spent online and offline. They can play in their rooms, draw, take a walk, play outside, etc.

Important Testing Information Update

We wanted to let you know about a change in plans for testing this winter. LPS had planned to have all students in grades 3-8 participate in a winter pilot of the NSCAS Growth ELA and Math tests. Recently the Nebraska Department of Education decided to limit the NSCAS Growth Pilot to a much smaller sample of students. Our school will no longer be participating this winter, but will take the NSCAS Growth tests in the spring. Students in

grades K-1 will take MAP Fluency and students in grades 2-3 will take the MAP Growth Reading to meet the requirements of the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act. Days and times for these grade levels will remain the same as previously posted.

Kindergarten	December 8, 2021. 8:30 am MAP Fluency
1 st Grade	December 2, 2021. 8:30 am MAP Fluency
2nd Grade	December 9, 2021. 8:30 am MAP Growth-Reading
3 rd Grade	December 1, 2021. 8:30 am MAP Growth Reading December 2, 2021. 8:30 am MAP Growth Reading

Spring NSCAS Results

The results from the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) English Language Arts (ELA) and Math pilot assessments that were administered in spring 2021 are now available in Synergy ParentVUE.

[Directions for how to access them are available here.](#)

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is discouraging the comparisons of student test data with data from previous years and cautious use of data for students because of changes to the length (the pilot was shorter) and content of the assessments, and the impacts of the pandemic on opportunities to learn and demonstrate learning. Families and educators who know individual students are best equipped to interpret individual student test information in the context of other data available. Any assessment result is limited in its ability to tell the story of learning for an individual student. Schools will use these results along with many other types of data to monitor student progress.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Arrival: Students should not arrive prior to 8:00 as we are not able to provide supervision until this time. Students who participate in the breakfast program may enter at 7:45am.

Dismissal: Students in grades 1-5 are dismissed at 2:53. Kindergarten students are dismissed a little before, giving them a head start to meet with their ride. All students must go directly home or to a school-sanctioned after school activity.

Rules of the Road: [It is important that we all do our part in keeping students safe during busy traffic times. As the temperature drops, concerns have increased.](#) If using the front drive thru loop, please be sure to pull all the way forward and remain in this spot until completely loaded. Students should exit from the right side of the car to avoid moving traffic. Staff will guide students into the school building. Please be cautious of the many cross walks around the school property. The back parking lot is designated for busing transportation. *This is not a space for curbside drop off/pick up.* To help maintain safety with restricted visibility, if dropping/picking students up from door 5, please walk your child to and from the supervised crosswalk.

Dressing for Winter

We have now entered the time of year where temperatures can fluctuate greatly. It's important for our students to dress for the weather. The temperature and weather conditions are the determining factor on inside or outside recess. Have your students dress in layers with hats, gloves and warm coats so we can be outside as much as possible. Thanks for your help!

Lost & Found

Our lost and found area is overflowing! We have been collecting many coats, sweatshirts, hats, mittens and gloves. Please remind your children to take a look and claim anything that belongs to them. At the end of the 1st

semester we'll donate all unclaimed items to a local charity. Adding a label to coats and hats could help return lost items.

PTO

Upcoming Food Drive to Support Riley Elementary December 6-10th

The holidays are upon us and we have so much to be thankful for! As a way to give back, we encourage our Kloefkorn families to take part in our annual Food Drive to benefit students and their families from our sister school, Riley Elementary. Look for a sack in your child's Friday Folder on December 3rd to bring donations in the following week, or send them in your own bag.

Suggested items below (other non-perishables are great too!):

Monday, December 6: Peanut butter/jelly (no glass jars please)

Tuesday, December 7: Cereal, canned soup

Wednesday, December 8: Canned fruits, canned vegetables

Thursday, December 9: Boxed meals, instant pasta/mac and cheese, canned meats

Friday, December 10: Snacks (applesauce, goldfish, granola bars, etc), and any other item you wish to donate

Forget to fill the sack? No worries! Drop off any of the above items in the grade-level bins in the Kloefkorn school entryway throughout the week.

There will be prizes announced for the grade donating the most food, including an extra recess!

Yearbook Assistance Needed!

If you take pictures during your child's classroom party on November 23, please send them in! Have pictures from school functions? Send pictures of your children during school activities (walk-a-thon, field trips, in class learning) to **kloefkornyearbook@gmail.com** to be included in the 2021-2022 yearbook.

Friday Folder Sign-Up: Teachers have a lot of great and important information to send home each week with our students, so a fast and easy way to volunteer is to help fill Friday Folders. Folders can be filled anytime from 8:30-1:00. This is an adult only volunteer opportunity, so younger siblings are unable to help. Please note, at this time, LPS is requiring all visitors to the school to wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status.

To sign-up, click on this link: <https://signup.com/go/vwPbLNL>



Show your Kloefkorn Cub spirit! The online store is open through **November 28th**. Visit the following link and order your gear:

<https://kloefkornelementary2122.itemorder.com/>



Did someone say cookies? The PTO is planning a Cookie Exchange for the teachers and staff on **December 14, 2021**. We would like to send them all home with a box full of cookies as a small token of our appreciation for all they do for our school. This means we need A LOT of cookies! Bake or buy an extra few dozen of your family's favorite cookies to share with our teachers & staff.

Use the link to sign up so we can prepare enough room for the "Kloefkorn Cookie Wonderland". Donations can be dropped off in the office on Monday **December 13th** or until 11:00 a.m. on **Tuesday** the 14th. We would also love a few "cookie elves" to help set up on the day of the exchange.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/486992052052986083/false?popup=true#/invitation>

Upcoming Dine Out Dates:

11/23 Dine Out at Don and Millie's 5-8 p.m.

12/28 Dine Out at Don and Millie's 5-8 p.m.

1/11 Dine Out at Slim Chickens 5-8 p.m.

Barbara Baier
Lanny Boswell

Kathy Danek
Connie Duncan
Don Mayhew

Annie Mumgaard
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