



ON THE CALENDAR

[LPS CALENDAR](#)

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| September 2, 8, 9, 13, 17 | MAP Testing | “Take chances. Make Mistakes. Get Messy” Ms. Frizzle <i>Magic School Bus</i> |
| September 6 | No School, Office Closed | |
| September 15 | Lifetouch Picture Day | |
| September 20 | 7:00pm PTO Meeting in the media center or zoom | |
| September 28 | PLC Day, School is Released at 1:33 ~No Family Service, No Preschool~ PTO Walk-A-Thon | |

All procedures, guidelines and dates outlined are subject to change based on recommendations and health directives put into place by the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department and the Nebraska Dept. of Education.

QUICK LINKS

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| 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

Our school year is in full swing and I couldn't be more proud of our Kloefkorn Cubs. The last two weeks have been full of learning expectations and routines, building community, and diving into learning. I have had the privilege of reading this year's school wide book, *I Promise*, by LeBron James to each classroom. This book has great examples of promises we make to ourselves to strive for greatness. Ask your child what promise they made for the 1st quarter.

Our 5th graders have demonstrated strong leadership throughout the building. I am thankful to have such great role models for the rest of our students! Unfortunately, our Saltdogs field trip was put on hold due to the pandemic. However, our 5th grade team will work hard to create opportunities to celebrate our 5th graders' milestone year.

I want to thank the many parents that joined us for our PTO meeting this month. It is wonderful to see the support shared for this community. Kloefkorn will be hosting our annual Walk-a-Thon fundraiser sponsored by the PTO on September 28th. Look for more information about this event and how to contribute to our school's main fundraiser in next week's Friday Folder.

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:

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| 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. |

Back to School Checklist

- Complete the [Online Verification](#)
- Complete the [Arrival/Dismissal Form](#)

Lifetouch Picture Day



- **Picture Day Date:** Wednesday, September 15
 - **Picture Day ID:** EVTF9DQZX

MAP Testing

Fall MAP Testing is coming soon! Please see the attached letter with testing dates for Kloefkorn.

- [MAP Testing Letter and Dates](#)

Music Moment

We are now able to offer our choir club to both 4th and 5th grade students. This group will meet from 7:20-8:10 on Tuesdays. If interested, please sign up using this [LINK](#).

We will start meeting on the morning of September 7th.

ParentVUE-LPS Parent Portal

Synergy ParentVUE is increasingly becoming the “one-stop shop” for information about your student’s teachers and classes. In addition to providing parents/guardians secure access to student grades (secondary), assignments, attendance, and class information, ParentVUE is also the avenue for parents/guardians to verify student enrollment in LPS (now through Sept 6th). Parents of secondary students can also pay fees (Chromebook fines, yearbooks, etc.) via ParentVUE.

The District’s goal is to ensure at least one parent/guardian per household has activated and uses their ParentVUE account. If you haven’t yet acquired an account, please contact the school office for an activation key.

Library News

How to Find your Library Website

Did you know that parents can access our school library catalog and online resources from home?

- Begin at portal.lps.org
- Enter your student's ID and password (If you don't have this information, the school office can provide it for you).
- Select "Library Website" from the alphabetical listing in the portal.
- Once you arrive at the library website, select Destiny Discover for the online catalog or choose the Home Access tab or Home Access button to explore other resources.



Digital Citizenship Tips

Did you know your school librarian leads digital citizenship instruction for K-12 students throughout the school year? These lessons are embedded in the standard curriculum. They teach about the following topics:

- Etiquette and respect
- Safety and security
- Digital identity
- Access and evaluation

The goal is to promote safe, respectful, and responsible digital choices. To learn more, keyword search for "digital citizenship" on the LPS website.

Welcome Daisy Mae to Kloefkorn



We would like you to meet Daisy Mae, a therapy dog who lives with Mrs. Swiatek and her family. Daisy graduated in April, 2021 with her Canine Good Citizen certificate and her AKC Community Canine Title. Students will have the opportunity to meet Daisy at Kloefkorn this school year. She looks forward to listening to students read to her, practice math facts or spelling words. Daisy can't wait to meet many new friends this year and is excited to be a Kloefkorn Cub!

Health Office

Hello, from the Health Office!

My name is Lori Kampsnyder and this will be my 3rd year with Lincoln Public Schools. I'm excited to join the Kloefkorn Health Office as the school Nurse. As a reminder, we ask for any pertinent health information regarding your student 's health like a physical, dental, hearing or vision that has been completed within the last 6 months. The Health Office will start their annual screenings for vision, hearing, height, and weight beginning in September. Please don't hesitate to contact us at the health office with any questions or concerns at 402-436-1148 Ext#2 for the Health Office.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among people age 10-24. Over the past five years, it has steadily increased.

Awareness is important so we can all work towards prevention. This can be a hard topic but these uncomfortable conversations are valuable. Talking about suicide *does not* increase the chances it will occur, in fact putting light on it helps a struggling individual feel supported.

To partner with families we will be presenting information to students about mental health warning signs and how to get help. Students in middle and high school will get detailed suggestions to increase their protective factors and self care while elementary students will get a general message about how to manage overwhelming feelings and how to ask for help. All information includes encouraging youth to talk to you as their parent/caregiver.

One of the best ways to help your child's emotional health is to remember these basics; get plenty of sleep, drink water, eat nutritious foods, spend time outside in the fresh air, and find ways to relax. Your child's school social worker, school counselor, or school psychologist is available during the school day to talk with you if you have concerns or questions we can help with. We want to work together to ensure all children have the tools they need to be well.

If you are in crisis and need immediate assistance, these resources are available any time of the day or night, any day of the week:

- *CenterPointe Helpline (Lincoln): 402-475-6695*
- *Nebraska Family Helpline: 1-888-866-8660*
- *National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255*
- *[Your Life Your Voice](#) (Boys Town) 1-800-448-3000 or text VOICE to 20121 (text charges from your phone carrier may apply)*
- *[HopeLNK](#) - website from the Lincoln/Lancaster County Suicide Prevention Coalition*
- *Lincoln Police Department (non-emergency) 402-441-6000 or 911 (emergency)*

PTO

Volunteer to help fill Friday Folders!

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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Andersen-Anschutz at jessica.ande3185@gmail.com.

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 the link below or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera!

Link: <https://signup.com/go/vwPbLNL>

PTO Notes:

- Look for Walk-a-thon information in next week's Friday Folders. Mark your calendars for Kloefkorn's Perfect 10! Walk-a-thon on September 28th. This is our one and only fundraiser of the school year.
- Check out our new [website!](#)
- Make sure to join PTO for the 2021-22 school year. Dues are only \$15 and help us to meet the needs of all our students! School directories will be distributed to members near the end of September and membership is the only way to get one!
- Do you have photos from the first day of school? Please email them to kloefkornyearbook@gmail.com.
- Next general meeting is September 20th at 7:00 pm in the media center or on Zoom. We will post a summary of our last meeting on our website soon. Please bring ideas about what you think PTO should accomplish this year!
- We still have committees that need chairs and members! Are you looking for a way to contribute? Check our website or email emily.killham@kloefkornpto.org to sign up.

DINE OUT NIGHT
DON AND MILLIE'S
Kloefkorn Elementary PTO

Tuesday,
August 31st

5-8 p.m.

**EARN 20%
FOR OUR
SCHOOL!**

**Grab your family and friends and join
us at Don and Millie's!**

**Twenty percent (20%) of every dollar
spent on great food and drinks will go
right back to your school!**

*Please mention Kloefkorn Elementary PTO to your
cashier when placing your order.*

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This event is privately sponsored and not sponsored or
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Girls on the run is so much fun @YOUR School!

Inspiring girls to be joyful,
healthy and confident.

www.GOTRNebraska.org

Complete schedule and details online.
Tuition/fees vary by site based on community support.

Financial
aid is
available!
Apply online!

Join a Team Today!

Girls on the Run of Nebraska combines exercise, education, mentoring and "Girl Power" to promote healthy habits and self-esteem in young girls. An innovative, nationally standardized curriculum incorporates lessons on teamwork, goal setting, communication and positive thinking with running activities to train for a 5K run/walk. A noncompetitive and supportive atmosphere encourages girls to work at their own pace to reach their goals.

At the end of the 10-week program, girls are encouraged to celebrate their progress by completing a joyful GOTR 5K with a parent-designated Run Buddy. The fun event is a great opportunity for little girls to accomplish BIG things. (GOTR 5Ks are optional; separate registration/fee required.)

Get Involved—Volunteer!

You don't have to be a runner to be a great GOTR coach. We're always looking for positive-minded, can-do women who want to build strong girls. Contact us to learn more!

The topics of bullying, being assertive, perseverance and challenging yourself while always focusing on positive attributes are very important to instill in our daughter. This community-based organization that gives these messages is very much appreciated. ”

—GOTR-Nebraska Mom

Online Registration

Fall Season.....September-November
Registration opens.....August 1

- Girls on the Run is offered once a school year at your location.
- Team size is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Many sites fill fast, so register ASAP!
- Participants receive GOTR T-shirt and backpack with registration.

Live. Learn.
Dream. Run

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