



# KLOEFKORN CHRONICLE

## KLOEFKORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### ON THE CALENDAR

### [LPS CALENDAR](#)

<b>September 28</b>	Walkathon During Specials (Times listed in PTO Message) PTO Dine Out Night	<b>“You’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”</b>  AA Milne <i>Winnie the Pooh</i>
<b>October 5 &amp; 7</b>	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15pm-6:45pm Book Fair 3pm-7pm	
<b>October 11</b>	PTO Meeting 7:00pm	
<b>October 12</b>	PTO Dine Out Night	
<b>October 15</b>	Elementary Plan Day No School for Elementary Students	
<b>October 18</b>	No School	
<b>October 19</b>	2nd Quarter Begins	
<b>October 26</b>	PLC Early Dismissal 1:33, No Preschool, No Family Service	
<b>October 27</b>	Picture Retake Day	

### QUICK LINKS

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

Hello, Families!

There is quite a bit of action coming to Kloefkorn in the next few weeks. I want to send my sincerest gratitude to the many families who have donated to our annual fundraiser. I hope to see many of you join your children as we walk laps during their Specials on Tuesday. (Schedule Below) Additionally, information is coming home today on Parent/Teacher Conferences. These will take place on October 5th and 7th. We look forward to seeing you back in the building either in person or through Zoom. Finally, I want to say a big thank you to the families that are supporting our PTO. Your support at meetings, committees, and volunteering within the school does so much for our community and continues to make this school special. We appreciate your support and interest in your child's education.

### 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:

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

### Picture Retake Day- October 27, 2021

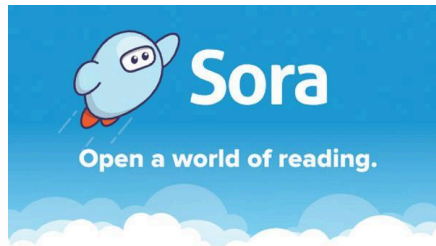
Please return picture packets with your student and notify the Kloefkorn office to add your child to the retake list. Students who were absent or new to Kloefkorn will be included in Picture Retake Day.

### Media and Technology

#### **Need a Library Book Now?**

Borrow and read one of thousands of high interest, popular books in Sora.

- Go to portal.lps.org.
- Log in with your LPS credentials. Contact your school office if your student does not know his/her username and password.
- Select Sora from the alphabetical listing in the LPS portal.
- Browse and check out a book.
- You can also download the Sora App on your devices.



#### **Digital Citizenship Tips**

Our students are learning about digital communication and online etiquette. Here are some prompts to help you continue the conversation at home:

- What do you like to do online? What are some positive ways you use technology?
- How do you use good manners online?
- What is the difference between face-to-face and online conversations? When would it be better to talk to someone in person rather than texting or posting something online?
- Should you ask permission before posting a photo or video of someone else online?
- How do you avoid other online distractions (games, browsing other websites, etc.) while doing schoolwork online?

#### **Looking for Parent Feedback via the LPS CLASS Survey**

During the month of October, Kloefkorn parents will have the opportunity to participate in a brief LPS CLASS Plan Survey. The data will help LPS evaluate ongoing CLASS Plan implementation, align professional learning efforts, and inform technology purchasing decisions.

To participate, please visit the following link: <https://lps.org/go/BQPG>

Your responses will remain anonymous to protect you and your students' privacy. The last day to complete this questionnaire is Friday, [October 29th](#).

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback in this important survey!

Questions can be directed to Ms. Cook.

### **Instructional Technology Tools (ITTs) in LPS & The LPS Portal**

LPS believes that effective instruction can and should include the appropriate use of instructional technology to support learning. To that end, a District Instructional Technology Tool (ITT) Committee works to identify ITTs that are safe for student use, support district learning goals, and encourage innovative teaching and learning. All reviewed ITTs are cataloged in the LPS ITT Matrix [<https://www.lps.org/apps/matrix/>].

The most frequently used, approved, and supported ITTs are made available to students and staff in the LPS Portal [<https://lps.org/go/YXGE>]. Students access their LPS Portal by clicking the 'HOME' button on their Chromebook.

Need a conversation starter with your student? Ask them for a tour of their LPS Portal and which ITTs they're currently using in class.

### **Nutrition Services Update**

Nutrition Services would like to remind all students that a lunch account is needed when a student with cold lunch wants to purchase milk or a student would like a second milk.. Families can add to their account [HERE](#).

### **Bubba's Closet**

Every year, Lincoln Public Schools Elementary Principals Network organizes and distributes winter clothing through the Bubba's Closet event. This year's event will once again look a little different due to the ongoing pandemic.

Families who are in need of winter coats for their pre-school and elementary aged children are asked to **fill out a form ([bit.ly/Bubbas2021](https://bit.ly/Bubbas2021)) by Friday, Oct. 1**. You will need to include your contact information, the child's size, age and school. Elementary principals cannot guarantee a new coat for every child, but they will do their best to fulfill as many requests as possible. Coats will be distributed to students through their school in late October or early November.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 402-436-1148.

### **Donating to Bubba's Closet:**

Those who are interested in donating to Bubba's Closet this year are encouraged to give through the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools Fund a Need campaign [bit.ly/donatecoats21](https://bit.ly/donatecoats21). Funds raised will be used to help fill the coat requests from families.

Donations of new coats (tags still on the garment) will also be accepted at each elementary school. Please call our office at 402-436-1148 ahead of time to arrange dropping off the donation.

## LPS Subs Needed

Did you know that if you currently hold a Bachelor's degree you might be eligible to be a substitute teacher?

- Meaningful impact on students - we rely on our substitute teachers to ensure that the well-being and education of our students continues when their permanent teacher is absent. This is a great way to invest in our youth.
- Great pay – Subbing in Lincoln Public Schools equates to almost \$150 per day. You can even choose to fill half day sub positions.
- Subbing is a great way to stay abreast of what's happening in our schools.
- You can set your schedule and sub over 85 school days. This allows you the flexibility to take care of other responsibilities.
- We even provide a half day orientation to prepare you to be a successful sub in our district.

Go to the following link for more information: <https://home.lps.org/hr/local-substitute-information/>

## PTO

### Walk-a-Thon: Kloefkorn Perfect 10!

Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (PLC day) during your child's specials time.

- 8:20 AM 5th Walkathon
- 9:00 AM K Walkathon
- 9:40 AM 3rd Walkathon
- 10:20 AM 1st Walkathon
- 12:10 PM 4th Walkathon
- 12:50 PM 2nd Walkathon

- Parents/family members (including younger siblings) are welcome to walk with your student(s). Please check in at the front office before proceeding to the playground area.
- Although we plan to be outside for the walk, because of the large number of visitors, PTO is asking that all participants over the age of 2 to wear their face covering for the event, especially if you are congregating in groups. Thank you for your support.
- We are currently over half way to our goal of \$25,000! Students have earned a D.J. for the walk and hat day (T.B.D.)! There are two ways to donate: 1. Send cash or checks (payable to Kloefkorn PTO, memo walkathon) and pledge sheets to the office in the envelopes provided. Please make sure your child's name/teacher are on the checks and pledge sheets. 2. Online using PledgeStar. PledgeStar will help you by allowing you to email friends and family for a convenient way to support your student. All donations will be credited to your student. Help make this our only large fundraiser of the year!

### Book Fair

The Book Fair is back and in person! Stop by the Library Media Center October 5th or 7th from 3:00-7:00pm to see all the great new books, check out your teacher's wish list, and help add to our Media Center with all of the proceeds! If you are unable to stop at the Book Fair, you can shop online from [September 29th](#) - [October 12th](#). Go to

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/kloefkornelementary> to discover over 5000 books. There is free shipping on orders over \$25 and 25% of the proceeds come back to our school!

The Book Fair is also in need of parent volunteers to help work during the event and tear down. If you'd like to help, sign up at <https://signup.com/go/wXfDqEf>.

Thank you to all volunteers!

### **Meals for Parent Teacher Conferences**

The school year is flying by and our first quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up quickly. What better way to help these amazing teachers and staff who lead our children's ever growing minds every week than with food! The PTO needs your help! Below is the link for you to sign up for something you may be able to provide for these two meals. All donations can be taken directly to the school and left with Carin by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the conferences.

Teachers do so much to shape these precious minds, let's show them how much we appreciate them!

<https://signup.com/go/kfbzxMp>


### **PTO Notes:**

- 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 at the beginning of October and membership is the only way to get one! Join by October 1<sup>st</sup> to get a school directory. Sign up at [kloefkornpto.ptboard.com](https://kloefkornpto.ptboard.com).
- Kloefkorn yearbook cover contest coming for 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Look for information in next week's Friday Folders. Deadline for submission is October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 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](mailto:emily.killham@kloefkornpto.org) to sign up.
  - Open chair positions: After School Programs, Art Fair, Fun Night
- 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Andersen-Anschutz at [jessica.ande3185@gmail.com](mailto: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 this link: <https://signup.com/go/vwPbLNL>
- Send pictures of your children during school activities (first day of school, walk-a-thon, field trips, recess, in class learning) to [kloefkornyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:kloefkornyearbook@gmail.com) to be included in the 2021-2022 yearbook.

### **Upcoming PTO Dates:**

- 9/28 Walk-a-thon
- 9/28 Don and Millie's Dine Out 5-8 p.m.
- 10/5 Book Fair/Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm-7:00pm

- 10/7 Book Fair/Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm-7:00pm
- 10/11 PTO General Meeting: Media Center 7 p.m.
- 10/12 McAlister's Deli Dine Out 5-9 p.m.
- 10/26 Don and Millie's Dine Out 5-8 p.m.



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