

January  
2021



# Bobcat News

## Upcoming Dates

Jan. 7: School Resumes

Jan. 18: NO SCHOOL

Feb. 2 & Feb. 4: Picture Day

Feb. 12: Teacher Work Day  
NO SCHOOL

Feb. 17-18: P/T  
Conferences

Feb. 18-19: NO SCHOOL

Check out our  
School Website:  
<https://www.usd497.org/langstonhughes>



## From the Principal *Jackie Mickel*

Happy New Year Langston Families.

It was a wonderful break and now our Langston staff is ready to have kids back in the building tomorrow. Our Group A students will come to school in person tomorrow (Thursday) and our Group B students will attend school in person on Friday. Please make sure students have their iPads, mask, water bottle and backpacks when they arrive.

We will continue with temperature checks at the curb for students arriving in cars and at the door for students who walk or ride their bikes. As a reminder, our dismissal for walkers and bike riders begins at 3:45 pm. At 3:50 pm we will begin calling down car riders in the order that their ride is parked in the line. Since the car line will not begin to move prior to 3:50 pm, there is no need to arrive any earlier than 3:45 pm. Arriving earlier only extends your wait time. Third grade students are in music, PE or art until the very end of the day and may be a little slower to exit the building. If you are participating in our car line, please have your iDismiss Car Sign displayed in the front windshield.

We are so excited to have students return. Please don't hesitate to call the office with any questions.

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### The Hybrid Model

**Group A:** Last names A - L  
*In Person* - Monday & Thursday.  
*Remote learning* – Tues., Wed. & Fri.

**Group B:** Last names M - Z  
*In Person* - Tuesday & Friday.  
*Remote learning*- Mon., Wed. & Thurs.

### The Distance Learning Model

Students will attend school remotely,  
Monday through Friday

### School Hours:

8:45am – 3:50pm M,T,TH, F

8:45am – 2:20pm Wednesday

Students may enter at 8:30am

Attendance: 785-832-5890

## See what's going on in Art:

<https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=56609>

<https://www.facebook.com/LangstonArt/>

## See what's going on in Music:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/270963556746371/>

**PHONE CALLS AND MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS:** We request that after-school plans be finalized and communicated to your child before drop-off in the morning. If you need to have an emergency message given to your child, please call before 2:30 pm. Since situations may arise that prevent staff from checking voice mail before dismissal time. If your daily schedule varies, please work out a system with your child so that they know before school what they are supposed to do at the end of the school day.



## Art and Office Staff Changes

As the new year begins we would like to give our best to our art teacher, Ann Hamil, who has taken a position with LHS to teach math. We will miss her creativity and her dedication to our Langston Students. We are also saying goodbye to our long-time Administrative Assistant, Dianna Dykes. She has taken a position at our District Enrollment Center and will be welcoming new families into Lawrence Public Schools. We wish them all the best.

Lifetouch will be at Langston Hughes to take individual pictures of students on **Tuesday, Feb 2 and Thursday, Feb 4.**



## FROM THE OFFICE

**Updating Student Information**—Any time you have a change in phone number, address, email, emergency contact or other personal information, please contact the office.

**Guardianship of Students/Child Custody**—In cases where there is a divorce or separation, each parent should understand that both parents have full access to the child enrolled in our school, unless there has been legal action that restricts access. If there has been legal action that restricts one of the parents from access to the child, a copy of such legal action must be on file with the Principal. Such documents must be filed, stapled and signed by a judge. The custodial parent is requested to present such documentation to the office to effectively enforce requests for restricted access.

Call **785-832-5890** or Email:

[Langston.hughes.attendance@usd497.org](mailto:Langston.hughes.attendance@usd497.org)



**Please be sure to call the office by 9:00am** if your student will be absent, is running late, or needs to attend remote for the day. If your student will need to attend remote, please let both the office and your teacher know. During this challenging year, attendance (both in person and remote) is more important than ever before. It is crucial that we continue to partner together to ensure that no child falls



By now you should have received your student's school fee statement. You may pay fees on-line by clicking here: <https://www.usd497.org/Page/4567> To set up your on-line account for the first time you will need your student's ID#. If you do not have it, you may call the office at 785-832-5890.

**Douglas County Free  
Dental Clinic - Sign up  
by February 8th:**

**[Free Dental Clinic  
Website](#)**

**[For more information  
and a printable  
consent form, click  
here](#)**

### **Counselor's Corner**

Reminder: Many of the safety nets provided by the CARES act expired at year's end. If you are facing housing or food insecurities, concerned about utilities, etc there are multiple resource links available on my site. If you would like help navigating these services PLEASE reach out to me. I'm happy to support and help.

**[School Counselor's Home Page](#)**

## **HEALTH & SAFETY PROCEDURES**

**[Q&A Heath/Clinic changes  
and COVID Information](#)**



### **PTO NEWS**

#### **Spirit Wear Update**

If you purchased Spirit Wear, your order should arrive soon. Once we receive them, we will sort them and give them to classroom teachers to hand out.

If you have multiple children, your order will be given to your oldest student.

Your Spirit Wear Committee  
Ellie Heath

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