MLK Dreamer’s Award Winner: Sherri Horn, Langston Hughes Para Educator

Please help us congratulate our very own Sherri Horn who received the MLK Dreamer’s award Thursday evening, January 23rd at the district annual MLK Celebration. Every morning Ms. Sherri greets all our students with her bright smile and words of encouragement. Ms. Sherri works each day to make connections with students. She always brings a valuable perspective to classroom conversations.

From the Counselor: Della is a big sister!!

Please welcome Layla to the Bobcat family. 9 month old Layla is a boxer Labrador mix who just spent 6 weeks in intensive training with Safe Harbor to be a therapy dog. She and Della will alternate days to allow 9 year old Della to semi-retire. Layla will continue her training on the job with Mrs. Jennings and take her certification test once she is one year old.

Upcoming Events

Jan 29: 2nd Grade Field Trip
Jan 30: Kdg & 1st Grade Field Trip
Jan 31: Langston Hughes’ Birthday Assembly
4th gr. Slice of Ag Field Trip
February:
Feb. 3 - 5: Book Fair
Feb. 4: Pancake Dinner
Feb. 6: 5th gr. Field Trip to Snow Creek (leave at 7:30am)
Feb. 7: 3rd gr. Guest Day at 3:00pm
Feb. 11: Site Council 5:30pm/ PTO Meets 6:30pm
Feb. 13: Class Parties 3:00 - 3:30pm
Feb. 14: NO SCHOOL / Recording & Reporting
Feb. 20 & 21: NO SCHOOL

Kindergarten Music Program

The Kindergarten program “Pajama Party!” will be presented on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Langton Hughes gym. Students will need to report at 6:30 p.m. to their classrooms. They may come dressed in their pajamas as it is a Pajama Party theme. They will also need to bring a small “stuffed, special friend” with them to school on March 3rd. We will be using them during the day for the dress rehearsal. The toys need to be no more than 12” tall/wide and will used for one of the songs. Also, please have students put their name or initials somewhere on their special friend. I told the students they could make a special scarf or band that has the name on it if they don’t want to write on their special friend. Thanks for your help and support! Mrs. Robinson-Music Teacher Phone 330-4416 or email srobinso@usd497.org

Music Programs for 2019-2020

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Watch D.O.G.S. Schedule
Jan 27-31: Bryen Chalfant, Michael Loewe, Heath Peterson, Tim Graham
Feb 3-7: Chad Robertson, Jared Barton
Feb. 10-13: Darrell Stuckey, Tim Wood

Sign up to be a Watch DOG by stopping by the office or calling 785-832-5890. Please arrive at 8:25am and check in at the office with your student(s). If you do not have a Watch D.O.G. shirt, you may borrow one for the day.

We are looking for two gently used Car Booster Seats.

If you have one that you are no longer using, please contact the office at 785-832-5890.

Langston Employee Recognition Program
One of the Lawrence Public Schools goals is to recognize Effective Employees as it is outlined in the District Strategic Plan. At Langston Hughes Elementary we will be recognizing one classified and one certified employee each month. This is a wonderful opportunity to publicly thank someone that has had a positive impact on your student or family. At the end of the third week of the month our Building Leadership Team will review nominations and choose a winner. Nominations are anonymous and will not be carried over to the next month. Please join me in celebrating our wonderful staff by nominating someone that has made a difference for your student. Hard copies available in the office.

For January:
Support Staff Member of the Month - Vote Now
Classified Employees: Food Service, Paras, Office Staff, Custodians, ISA’s, Library Clerks, Health Clerks, Speech Paras

Teacher of the Month - Vote Now
Certified Employees: Classroom Teachers, Sped Teachers, Gifted Teacher, Nurse, Librarian, Counselor, Art, Music, PE

Time to order a yearbook!
Orders can be placed online at: YBPay.lifetouch.com
Our school ID code is: 9513420

*Paper order forms also available in the front office (checks payable to LH PTO). Please contact Angela Randall (orangoku01@hotmail.com) for assistance.

**Deadline to order a yearbook is March 13.
We are also still accepting candid pictures for possible use in the yearbook until March 6. Please send pictures to orangoku01@hotmail.com or upload to Lifetouch’s partner site, Shutterfly Share Sites. Pictures can be directly uploaded from desktop, mobile devices or Google Photos Access to our unique site is:
https://langstonhughesyearbook1920.shutterfly.com/

School Lunch:
Please note January Menu changes:
January Lunch Menu Updated Jan 21st

Lunch Menus are on-line at:
https://usd497.nutrislice.com/menu/
Get the new app on your smart device as well.

You may pay on line at:
http://www.usd497.org/Page/4567

Langston Hughes Science Fair/ Family Science was a great success!
Thank you to all who volunteered and to all of our participants as well.

See what’s going on in the Learning Commons
http://langstonlearningcommons.weebly.com/

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/

See what’s going on in PE:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/145382366054365/
Pancake Dinner is coming up February 4th
5:00pm-7:00pm

Pancake Dinner Flyer

Volunteer to Help:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0D4B
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Pre-Sale orders due January 30th: Pancake
Dinner Ticket Presale Flyer

School Carnival
April 25 from 3:00 – 6:00pm

Carnival Committee
Volunteers Needed:
Please sign up today by clicking this link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4B
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We need lots volunteers to make this event a great success for our children.

Ways to Help support our school anytime throughout the year:
If you shop on Amazon, please shop
https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1900267
Langston Hughes PTO Inc as the beneficiary and the school will get donations from every purchase.

Help support our school by ordering pictures, cards and other projects through Shutterfly:
Order cards, family pictures and gifts by clicking the link below and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Langston Hughes:
http://langstonhugheselementary-
lawrencepublicschools.shutterflystorefront.com/

Book Fair is coming up February 3rd – 5th
Welcome to the Jungle! The 2020 Langston Hughes Book Fair “WILD FOR READING” will kick off with the Reading Contest Monday Jan. 27 through Monday morning Feb. 3. Reading contest logs will be handed out in the classrooms on Monday, Jan. 27. I'll reading logs must be turned in no later than noon on Monday, February 3. Depending on grade prices will be rewarded for number of titles, number of hours, and number of pages. Each student can only win one award. The book fair will begin in the library Monday morning Feb 3 before school. The fair will be in the library on Feb. 3-5.

Monday, February 3 8:30 AM Until 5 PM
Tuesday, February 4 8:30 AM until 8:00 PM
Wednesday, February 5 8:30 AM until 4 PM

Come enjoy the WILD FUN IN THE JUNGLE and stock up on all kinds of fantastic books! Don't forget to pick out books for your child's class in the teachers which basket!

Staff Appreciation Days
Sign-Up to help or bring something:
The PTO Hospitality Committee is responsible for coordinating and the majority of those days are coming up this spring. This is a great way to say thank you to our staff at Langston! I've included a Sign-up Genius link below to sign up to coordinate a specific appreciation day (ex: librarian, nurse, crossing guard). This could look like a little basket of the staffer's favorite things or dropping off a favorite lunch to the school for the person you are celebrating. Two weeks before your selected date, we will send you a reminder, a list of the staffers and a set of guidelines for you to follow. Additional information is included in the Sign-up Genius link below.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48AA2BA2F94-2020

We'd also like to say thank you to everyone for your donations last fall for the teacher conferences. We so appreciate your support. We will have another sign-up for food donations to support the Spring Teacher Conferences in February.

Again, we appreciate all of your help in celebrating our fabulous teachers and staff!
PTO Hospitality Committee -Charissa Robertson, Myranda Zarleno, & Kelsi Salava