



LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Lagunitas and San Geronimo Schools ~ September 3, 2019
Serving Forest Knolls, Lagunitas, San Geronimo, and Woodacre, California

Quote of the Week: *“The more you know yourself, the more patience you have for what you see in others.”* (Erik Erikson, 1902 – 1994)

September 8	-	LEAP give-back night at <i>The Lodge</i> in Fairfax
September 9 – 12	-	7th grade backpacking trip
September 18 – 20	-	Open Classroom family camping trip
September 19	-	Lagunitas School District board meeting (all welcome) 6:30 pm in Room 20
September 20 – 22	-	Montessori family camping trip
September 24	-	Middle School parent meeting 6:30 pm in Room 17
September 27	-	Montessori all-program field trip to Hearts Desire Beach
September 30	-	Picture Day
October 1	-	Montessori PTO meeting 6 pm in Room 7
October 2-9	-	Parent Conferences – Early Release days

News and Information

While a new school year is always a busy time, and the change from a summertime routine feels swift, behind the current hustle is a sense of calm and the hum of excited learning. I see it in the youngest TK/K/1st grade classrooms where students are learning the sound of the letter *m* while building marshmallow structures, traced in sand, and listened intently to books read aloud. Students in 2nd/3rd grade classes visited the Gallery Route One *Box Show*, selected books for their personal bins, and used dice to work with the number 100. 3rd/4th grade students wrote *Who Am I* layered wheels and read a book about a new boy at school. 4th/5th grade students went on a scavenger hunt in the garden and dove into mixed fraction conversions while 4th/5th/6th grade students learned about their class pets and made zucchini fritters. Middle School students wrote book recommendations for classmates with tear-off titles from their summer reading assignment. They created inventions to solve engineering problems using criteria and constraints. They learned about rational, irrational, and whole numbers. And, they learned about a recently discovered 3.8 million year old cranium of an Australopithecus. All our students had Spanish classes and many elementary classes have already started their music, art, garden, and library programs. Middle School students had their first monthly assembly on zero waste, went to the beach all together, and start electives this week. It feels like it's going to be a very good year.

Behind the scenes we are all really busy. A school is like running a small city it seems, and we need to be prepared for anything and everything. We have a dedicated crew who handle a sometimes incomprehensible array of tasks of varying complexity, importance, and urgency each day. A lot of the most urgent work we do is confidential. If you ever feel you aren't getting an answer fast enough, most likely something is going on. Our small district has all the responsibilities of large districts but without the compartmentalized

staffing. We wear many hats and take multi-tasking to new levels. Often, a day can feel like absurdist theater. Not only do kids say and do the darndest things, but the juxtaposition of our tasks – big, small, and all important – can seem ludicrous. It keeps us smiling, and the teamwork feels rewarding.

We've had a good year with forms – thank you for getting the first day packet information to us in such a timely manner. This really helps. If you are one of the very few we've sent reminders to, please help us out by getting them in by the end of this week so we can create all our lists – the roster, medical needs, field trip drivers, and permissions.

*Laura Shain
Principal*



Dear Community!

Please help us kick off the **LEAP Give Back season at The Lodge in Fairfax** this Sunday, September 8th! Give Back events are hosted by our beloved local organizations who generously donate a portion of their proceeds to support LEAP, which relies on dedicated parent volunteers who work tirelessly to close the gaps in our Valley school funding for the Lagunitas School District.

The Lodge has graciously offered all day participation so get the day started off right with breakfast, lunch, dinner or all three!

The Lodge opens at 8 am and closes at 8 pm and has espresso drinks now too! So, let's show some serious love and make this Give Back year the very best yet!!

SGVCC Family Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 8:30 - 10 am.

Join Dave and Buck for their FREE, monthly Family Pancake Breakfast at the Lagunitas School Gym.

No need to register. Just come on by!



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NEW! Marin Rite of Passage ROOTS Year 1 Circle

10 after-school gatherings (4-7pm + dinner), 3 weekend day gatherings (10am-3pm), 3 weekend camp trips, 2 parent-only gatherings, 1-on-1 parent meetings

For female-id youth entering grade 6-7

[Schedule Here](#)

If interested, please contact support@gaiagirlspassages.org