



March 2 – 5  
Room 20



## LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Time to  
Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time  
March 8, 2020

**No School for students on Monday, March 9**

**Lagunitas and San Geronimo Schools ~ February 29, 2020**  
*Serving Forest Knolls, Lagunitas, San Geronimo, and Woodacre, California*

**Quote of the Week:** *“Life-transforming ideas have always come to me through books.”* (bell hooks 1952 – present)

### Important Dates

- March 1 - Readathon LEAP fundraiser begins
- March 2 – 5 - Book Fair in Room 20 from 8 am – 4 pm daily
- March 2 - Pajama Day to celebrate the start of the Book Fair and the Readathon
- March 3 - Montessori PTO meeting 6 pm in Room 7
- March 9 - No School for students (Professional Development Day)
- March 12 - Lagunitas School Board meeting 6:30 pm
- March 13 - End of second trimester
- March 17 - LEAP Board meeting 7 pm in Room 20
- March 18 - Open Classroom parent meeting 6 pm for potluck / 6:30 meeting
- March 20 - Middle School dance (details soon)
- March 21 - LEAP Music Series with Tim Bluhm
- March 24 - Middle School parent meeting 6:30 pm
- March 28 - LEAP Give-back night at the Papermill

### News and Information

#### Book Fair and Readathon

Our new style Book Fair is opening this week! This year, we are partnering with Copperfield’s Books to create a book fair that fits in with the Lagunitas style. It’s local. It’s curated. It’s beautiful and inviting. Thanks to the inspiration and great efforts of several Lagunitas parents, our new Book Fair truly feels like OUR Book Fair. Please stop by Room 20 by the lower campus library Monday through Thursday this week to check it out. Purchases support our school and support our students’ love of reading. Teacher wish lists will be created and displayed for those wanting to give a special book to the class – and know that teachers appreciate any and all books you select.

Our LEAP Readathon has begun! Student reading sponsorship helps raise funds for LEAP and in turn funds our art, music, aides, field trips, mini-grant, and elective programs. Readathon also simply encourages reading and we all love that.

## **Health Precautions and the Corona Virus**

The Marin County Office of Education has supported us in determining health precautions and protocols to prevent the spread of illness and the Corona virus in particular. We are encouraging frequent hand-washing and have purchased hand sanitizer for classroom use before snack and lunch breaks. Our maintenance crew will increase efforts to disinfect classroom surfaces. Parents can help by keeping children with respiratory illness home. We are encouraging staff to stay home when sick. People with fevers should stay home until fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. Please remind children to keep hands off their faces and especially out of their mouths, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue, arm or sleeve (not hands).

Here is a resource from EdSource for families: <https://edsources.org/2020/coronavirus-qa-what-california-parents-and-students-should-know-about-covid-19/624413>

See additional information from Public Health Officer, Matthew Willis, below.

## **Middle School Electives**

We have one final round of Middle School electives to bring us to the end of the year! Our students enjoy having many choices for the last hour of each week. On Fridays, from 2:10 – 3 on 3 out of 4 weeks a month, we have small group electives for our middle school students.

If you have an idea of a project or topic to lead, please let me know. Our students enjoy soccer, art, music, games, crafts, drama, yoga, dance, digital technology including photography and movie making, building, writing... Please email me at [lshain@lagunitas.org](mailto:lshain@lagunitas.org) if you are considering helping us with an elective.

*Laura Shain  
Principal*

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**LEAP's annual Read-a-thon (In Open Classroom and Montessori) is upon us **March 1 - March 31!****

Rise to the reading challenge while raising money for the Lagunitas School District. Challenge yourself and your sponsors! Booklets were sent home with students on Friday, February 28th.

### **READ-A-THON CONTEST!!!**

Prizes will be awarded to the three students in each school who have:

- ✓ Read the most books
- ✓ Gathered the most sponsors
- ✓ Raised the most money

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Please remember to pledge to **LEAP!**



Thank you to all the LEAP pledgers, give-back-night diners, scrip card users, and Farm Fresh subscribers! Your donations bring our wonderful art, music, Spanish, and elective programs. They fund some of our classroom assistant time and some of our middle school PE. Our students LOVE these programs, and our teachers APPRECIATE the support so much.

All are welcome to attend the LEAP board meeting Tuesday, March 17 at 7 pm in Room 20.

<https://leap4education.org/ways-to-give/>

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The Community Center is offering a trip for Middle School Students to the **Marin County Youth Court** on the following Thursdays: January 16, February 13, March 19, April 16, May 21. We will witness the county's restorative justice program in action, hosted by Don Carney and the Marin YMCA.

**Who:** This trip is for students in 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Date:** March 19, April 16, and May 21.

**Time:** 3:50 – 7:00 pm

**Transportation:** Meet at **3:50 pm** at Gym front steps. We'll carpool in the SGVCC 15-passenger van.

**RSVP:** Reserve your space. Limited to 13 participants, maximum.

**Contact:** Julie Young [jyoung@sgvcc.org](mailto:jyoung@sgvcc.org)

**Important:** Please submit the Participation & Liability Waiver that was emailed to the Lagunitas School or Community Center front offices.

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From Matthew Willis, Public Health Officer, County of Marin:

### **County of Marin Joint Statement Against Discrimination in COVID-19 Response**

The spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a global health emergency and a national health emergency in the United States. This is a serious and rapidly developing situation, affecting thousands of people worldwide. As the virus spreads beyond its origins in Wuhan, China, we must model a balanced, proactive and informed response.

In Marin County, a person's risk for the illness is based mainly on where they, or someone they have had close contact with, have travelled. There is no racial, ethnic or cultural basis for the disease. Yet, we know that bias is already surfacing. Members of the Asian community, especially the Chinese community, have been subjected to discrimination and exclusion, in Asia, Europe, Australia and the United States.

News media are reporting from around the world stories of hostility and discrimination toward Chinese customers and students, and insults hurled in person and on social media. This is unacceptable and harmful. This is a common and unfortunate societal response to epidemics, and we must do better.

We know that racial, ethnic and cultural discrimination cause bad health outcomes. In the case of an emerging illness, stigma about the illness makes people less likely to come forward, to seek help or ask questions. That makes it harder to fight the disease and protect community health.

Public health authorities at the local, state and federal level are taking action to protect our community. Currently, the best way to prevent the spread of disease is to practice consistent hand washing, cough or sneeze into your sleeve, stay home if you are sick, and get a flu shot. Most masks do not effectively prevent against infection, but if you are sick, wearing a mask can help keep you from infecting others.

Let's come together with compassion and unity during this stressful time. It's good for our health.

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*Scroll down for art color mixing, student-led Humane Society assembly, and blacktop chalk drawings...*

