*The best way to have a good idea is to have a lot of ideas. –*

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 Linus Pauling Pride

 *Parent Newsletter*

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***Happy Holiday Season***

 ***Linus Pauling Community,***

It is hard to believe that it is already December! Time has gone very quickly, but I have been able to observe and enjoy many wonderful activities that students have participated in this fall. From choir, to cross country, amazing art projects, and an incredible STEM field trip to the Hatfield science center. I continue to be impressed by the passion, energy, talent and dedication of each of our LP students. Below are a few of the happenings at LP:

**LPMS Art for Thanksgiving Baskets**- Days before we went to Thanksgiving break, art students and STEAM/STEM students made 367 of these beautiful cards that went out in the Thanksgiving food boxes in Benton County. Teachers Claudia Hall and Amanda McBride thank you for your work on this wonderful, thoughtful project.

**Communication at LP-** One of our goals this year is to improve our communication with our families and community. As we look toward 2018, we are anticipating the complete remodel of our existing website. We are preparing to support the development of a site that will be easy to navigate and contain the information you need to keep up to date with the happenings at LP, communicate with staff members at LP and receive clear information about our school and programs we offer.

We have also opened up communication on a variety of social media platforms. It is our hope that we can communicate more details of the many projects and activities that students are involved in at school. Please make sure to follow us on the following social media platforms.

Follow us on Instagram at: <https://www.instagram.com/paulingpride/>

Simply search for “paulingpride”

Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Linus-Pauling-Middle-School-353462605079686/>

Follow us on Twitter at:  @paulingpride

Look for the following logo





I feel thankful for the opportunity I have to work at Linus Pauling. Remember that I am always open to talk to you about your concerns or answer questions about our school. I want to wish everyone happy holidays and a joyful winter break with your children.

Sincerely,

Alicia Ward-Satey, Principal

***Counselor’s Corner:***

**Meet the Counselors**

Hi! My name is **Jody Chilvers** and I am one of the new counselors here at LPMS. This is my 15th year in the Corvallis School District. While I am new to counseling, I have been a teacher at LPMS for the past 12 years teaching AVID and Humanities to 8th graders. I have a passion for student advocacy, helping students and families connect with the resources they need to be most successful in school, and mental health education. I am an OSU graduate (almost three times now) and grew up in the nearby town of Philomath. I LOVE being with middle schoolers. This period of rapid change is just as amazing as the beginning stage of their lives when they move from being babies to toddlers. It is fascinating to watch students learn, grow and gain their sense of self. In my free time, I enjoy trail running and, in the summer, backpacking sections of the beautiful Pacific Crest and Metolius-Windigo trail systems.

**Gordon Hilberg** here, pleased to meet you. I am also a new counselor here at LPMS. Previously, I was a counselor at Lebanon High School. I am excited for the opportunity and privilege to work with middle schoolers. The middle school experience is an important time in our student’s lives – it is one of rapid growth and change and all the emotions that come alongside that change. It’s great to be back in my hometown of Corvallis where I grew up and went to school. I am passionate about students finding their voice, feeling empowered and having a sense of belonging in school. I am an OSU graduate who loves watching Beaver football and basketball. In my free time, I enjoy doing Baptiste yoga, paddle boarding, and snowshoeing.

***~Ms. Chilvers and Mr. Hilberg are your LPMS Counselors for 2017-18.***

**Linus Pauling Cross Country**

**Wins State Team Title**



**The 2017 Linus Pauling Cross Country Team had a very successful season in its 10th year as our fall sport! The LP girls, led by top five runners Madeline Nason, Vivienne McFarland, Ava Betts, and twins Hannah and Kate Middleton, won the State Middle School team title on October 29th in Monmouth. In fact, the girls had an undefeated season, winning all six of their meets.**

**On October 12th LPMS hosted the NW Middle School XC Showdown at Avery Park, which was attended by over 1000 athletes from across western Oregon.**

**104 students participated in cross country this season and Coach Rose said that *“This was perhaps the most supportive, most diverse, yet most cohesive team yet.”* Bravo LPMS Harriers!!**

**TRACK AND FIELD!**

**Parents of 7th and 8th Graders: If your child is planning on participating in track and field in the spring and does not have a physical form on file at LP, consider scheduling this now to avoid delays later.  The required physical forms can be found under the *Forms* tab at lpms.us or at the link below:**

https://docs.google.com/a/corvallis.k12.or.us/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=Y29ydmFsbGlzLmsxMi5vci51c3xsaW51cy1wYXVsaW5nLW1pZGRsZS1zY2hvb2x8Z3g6NTEwZmU2NzRkM2FkZDA4ZA

Listen To The Music!



**LPMS Band Concert, Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm in the Commons**

**LPMS Choir Concert Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 pm in the Commons**

Reina Wetzel was selected for the OMEA All-State Middle School Treble Choir and Sydney Hoffman was selected for the OMEA All-State Middle School Band. They head to Eugene in January for rehearsals and a concert that will take place on Friday, January 12, 2018 at the Hult Center starting at 5:00pm. Congratulations to both!

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**Linus Pauling Library News**

**Back by popular demand in our beautiful Linus Pauling Library is Open Mic at lunch time. Open Mic is when students from all grade levels sing, play instruments and tell stories. 13 brave souls have signed up to perform in our upcoming Open Mic on Dec. 1st. because of the popularity of open Mic, the performances might be moved from the purple area of the library to the Ava Helen Pauling Auditorium. All interested students are welcome to watch. Other open mic dates are Jan. 19th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 23rd, Apr. 27th and June 1st.**

**Kristy Kemper-Hodge, the wonderful youth librarian at the Corvallis Public Library, visits LPMS on the 2nd Wed of every month for our Book Club discussion. This past month Kristy led a lively discussion the the book The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Bradley. On Dec. 13th we will discuss Rebel Mechanics by Shanna Swendson and on Jan. 17th the book discussion will be on Kalahari by Jessica Khoury. Please encourage your children to attend. They do not need to be members of an OBOB team and Kristy is very engaging.**

**I am teaching a family history class for 6th grade students in the library during 4th period. All 6th graders will get a chance to research their family history at some point this year during the Exploratory rotations. We use great websites like Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, Fold3 Military Honor Wall and FindAGrave.com for our research. This kids are learning important research skills while taking pride in their heritage. It’s been a lot of fun.**

**The Corvallis School District has switched to a new library checkout and research system. It is called Follett Destiny and is up and running in time for the 2017-2018 school year. We think students and staff alike will enjoy this new program. – *“Geography Joe” Fulton***

Our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held Dec. 4-8. If you would like to help contact Mr. Fulton in our beautiful Linus Pauling library.

The **LPMS Geography Bee** is coming up. Students are currently taking a screening test in their social studies/humanities classes to determine the field for the Geography bee final. The final competition will be in early January in the purple area of the library.

**OSU WOMEN’S BASKETBALL GAME**

**The entire LPMS student Body will be attending the Oregon State Women’s basketball game on Wed. Dec. 13th. The Beavers will be playing Savannah State from Savannah, Georgia. It’s a great way for our students to connect with our own university. GO BEAVS!!**

**STEM**

The STEM class embarked on an epic journey to Newport on Monday Nov. 13th to visit the Hatfield Marine Science Center and the NOAA Pacific Headquarters. They were able to check out the Oscar Dyson, one of NOAA’s research vessels that is based out of Newport as well as the NOAA nautical museum. Students also checked out touch pools and tsunami simulators in the visitor center at Hatfield as well as watching the feeding of their resident Giant Pacific Octopus. These experiences help extend the learning conducted in the STEM classroom to real world jobs and scientific explorations happening today.

If you would like to join them as a chaperone on their next excursion be sure to get your volunteer background check completed.

**¡Ayúdenos a expandir nuestra colección bibliotecaria en español!**

**Hay 2 maneras de ayudar**

1. Seleccione un libro de nuestra lista localizada en la página de web [www.perma-bound.com](http://www.perma-bound.com) y done el dinero suficiente por el precio de un libro específico. Incluya el título del libro y el nombre de su familia.
* Encuentre la lista usando la siguiente información:

Nombre de usario (Login): Linus Pauling Wish List

Contraseña (Password): supportLP

1. Done cualquier cantidad a la biblioteca de “Pauling Middle School” y deje que la biblioteca seleccione los libros más populares. Favor de incluir el nombre de su familia con su donación.

***¡Todos los libros son garantizados por vida!***

Help us grow our Spanish library collection!

2 ways to give!

1. Select a book from the wish list on [www.perma-bound.com](http://www.perma-bound.com) and write a check to “Linus Pauling Middle School” for the price of the book. Include the book title and family name on the memo line.
* Find our wish list by using the following login information:

Login: Linus Pauling Wish List

Password: supportLP

1. Donate any dollar amount to “Linus Pauling Middle School” and let the library choose the most popular titles. Please include family name on the memo line of your check.

***All books are guaranteed for life!***

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**STOP THOSE TARDIES!!!**

**At Linus Pauling we believe it is very important for students to be in their classroom on time each period.  Friday, November 17th, during Pride Period students brainstormed reasons why it is important to get to class on time and strategies to help them get to class on time.  A new class competition for least amount of tardies was presented, as well as a new tardy progression for students who earn multiple tardies.  Please encourage your student to get to class on time.  Talk about the importance of getting into the habit of being on time now so it's a habit in their future when they have a job.**



***Parent Newsletter Editor: Joe Fulton***

***Spanish Translation: Izza Porter***

***LP Lunch Clubs Announced!***

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| Pokemon Club | Play Pokemon | Wednesdays | 215 (Boss) | Boss |
| Magic (gathering) | Play Magic the Gathering | Tue and Thur | 208 (Owen) | Owen |
| Doodle Club | Art with emphasis on drawing | Wednesdays | Art Room | Hall |
| Dungeons and Dragons | Play Dungeons and Dragons | Wednesday | 1112(Johnson) | Johnson |
| Book-oneers | Appreciation and discussion of books | Wednesday | Library | Fulton |
| D-rama Girls | Socialize and discuss life | Tue and Thur | 218 (Skinner) | Skinner |
| Equal Rights/Safe Space Club | Safe space to discuss world news | Wednesdays | 209 (Mudd) | Mudd |
| Roller Derby Club | Educate people on roller derby | Mon. and Thur | 209 (Mudd) | Mudd |
| Fireclan | Activities and games around the fireclan book series | Tuesdays | 118 (Renaud) | Renaud |
| Beyblade Club | Play the game of Beyblade | Wednesdays | 109 (Delp) | Delp |
| Shrek Fan Club | Draw, write, and bond over Shrek | Thursdays | 211 (Argo) | Argo |
| Human Rights Club | Free expression, stand up for rights | 2nd, 4th Wednesdays | 104 (Swenson) | Swenson |
| Improv Club | Practice improvisation | Mondays | 213 (Haun) | Haun |
| Kawaii Club | arts/crafts and games | Thursdays | 102 (Gish) | Gish |
| Chess Club | Play Chess | Tuesdays | 210 (Stalter) | Stalter |
| LGBTQIA+ Club | Inclusive and safe space for discussion | Thursday | 202 (Echeverria) | Echeverria and Boss |

**EXPLORATORY!**

**All 6th grade students will be spending 4th period in our Exploratory Wheel. The rotations are approximately five weeks each. Our current rotation ends on Dec. 21st. We hope the students have enjoyed these special classes. Below are the start dates for the final four rotations followed by the rotation order and teacher. Exploratory Start Dates Jan. 8; Feb. 12; Apr. 2; May 7th**

**Subject/Teacher**

**Art – Ms. Hall**

**Spanish – Ms. Gish**

**Music – Mrs. Chapman**

**Genealogy – Mr. Fulton**

**FACS – Mrs. Renaud**

**Coding – Ms. Boss**

**AVID – Ms. Corkery**

***NEWS FROM OUR PARENT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR!***

***Volunteers needed:***

**Staff appreciation co-chair – please contact Michelle at 541-602-1193. We will also need individuals to help with daily staff appreciation activities the last week of October.**

**Volunteers also needed at the Book Fair Dec 4-8th.**

**Please join us at the next LPMS Dine Outs.**

**at Pastini Pastaria** **(1580 NW 9th Street)  in Corvallis on Monday, December 4th or Tuesday, December 5th, and mention Linus Pauling Middle School when you order lunch or dinner. Pastini will donate 50% of the proceeds to LPMS. Take out orders are also eligible for the fundraiser. No flyer is necessary, but you must mention LPMS for your receipt to be counted. Thanks for supporting Linus Pauling Middle School!**

**If you are not on the LPMS listserv, please sign up TODAY by sending an e-mail from the address you want to get listserv messages from to:**

**LPMS-News+subscribe@Listserv.CSD509J.Net****.**

**See you at the LPMS soon!**

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