



# Lake Grove Leopard Lines

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## Welcome Back!



Mrs. Bolf

Mrs. Bolf works as an educational assistant in Ms. Virden's class. She also is a recess supervisor. She has come to Lake Grove from Panther Lake Elementary and used to be a Lake Grove student! We are so happy you are here!

Mrs. Marlin

Mrs. Marlin comes to us from St. Martin University. She resides in Puyallup with her husband and two sons ages 9 and 13. Her husband has been working for the military for 20 years! Please welcome Mrs. Marlin!

We have been teaching, and encouraging ourselves to be safe, kind, and productive Community Contributors. We are working on becoming members of a group that works together and supports each other.

### We Are MATHEMATICIANS!

Our school is making math a priority this school year. When visiting our school you will notice many visual aids and vocabulary walls to assist our students in learning math concepts. We call it "Math Infusion." Included on the snap shots are the questions, "What am I learning," "Why am I learning this," and, "How is this important?" The snap shots create a spot for students to know their learning goals for the day and support

our standards-based learning community.

Also in our classrooms there are problem-solving boards giving students checklists, scoring rubrics, and steps to guide them in math problem solving.

This year our theme is "Believe to Achieve" using a racecar theme! We are all striving to reach "The Winner's Circle" by setting goals and pacing ourselves "On the right track."

### Welcome New Staff Members!

Mrs. McPhail

Mrs. McPhail is our Intervention Specialist for the intermediate grades. She has taught the last nine years in both private and public school settings. Most recently, Mrs. McPhail taught at Van Asselt Elementary School in Seattle. She is nationally board certified teacher in English as a New Language.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Curriculum Night  
Orientation  
Thursday  
September 24, 2008  
6:00-7:00 pm

No School (State Inservice Day)  
Friday, October 9

Community Resource Fair @ Lakota  
Tuesday, Oct. 13 6:00 pm

Individual Picture Retakes  
Wednesday, October 14

No School (Teacher Training)  
Friday, October 16



Family Night  
Parent and Volunteer  
Training: How to Support  
Your Child in School  
(will be in English and Spanish)  
Thursday, October 22  
6:00-8:00 pm

Student Led Conferences  
October 29-30  
(No School)

Veteran's Day Assembly  
All Veterans Welcome!  
NAVY BAND!



Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:35 am

Please note: Track will not begin until the New Year (2010). We have had many inquiries! Thank you!

### CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently creating and adding to the 2009-2010 Schoolwide Leadership Team and would love to add more parents to our team. If interested. Please call Mrs. Kay 945-2925.

### Free Immunizations!

Saturday Clinic, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-1:00

Federal Way Public Health Center:

33431 13<sup>th</sup> Place South

No Flu or HPV will be available.

Kindergarten through age 18

## Dean's CORNER

### A Message from Lake Grove's Dean of Students:

Jeff Cohn

Safe, Kind, Productive is our school motto. "Safe" is the first goal listed for every child. But kids need help remembering what is safe and how to be safe. They need adults reminding them and modeling safe habits. Here are some tips to help kids be safe from the time they leave home in the morning until they walk in the door after school:

**All students riding bikes, scooters or other wheeled vehicles MUST wear a helmet. No helmet? Leave the wheels at home.**

**Walk to school in groups. Join other children you see walking to and from school. There is safety in numbers.**

**Crosswalks are in place to provide students with a safe place to cross the street. Do not cross in the middle of the street, especially on busy streets. Always look both ways before crossing. This includes our parking lots.**

**Children are picked-up and dropped-off on the curb side of the street and parking lots, not where traffic flows. Cars can't always see little kids between cars, and kids don't always look.**



### **SAFETY FIRST!**

With the continued need to keep all students safe before, during, and after the school day, we are reminding visitors of the following:

- ❖ All Lake Grove visitors & parents should sign-in at the Lake Grove office and wear a visitor's badge.
- ❖ All Lake Grove Staff will wear their staff badges.
- ❖ Due to the need for "Bell to Bell" instruction, we require all visitors before, during, and after school to arrange appointments with staff members.
- ❖ If any transportation arrangements change, please write a note or call the school office.
- ❖ We have arranged for student deliveries to occur for any "forgotten" items. So please drop off items in the office.



## SEPTEMBER ASSESSMENTS

**September** is the month of "Getting to know you" in our Classrooms. Also, it is the very important beginning of monitoring student progress! We are testing students in a variety of ways to align our instruction to student needs. Please be sure to establish an early bedtime and provide breakfast each day so we may assess your child's needs in the most accurate way.

### Kindergarten:

- ❖ Letter identification (ABCs)
- ❖ Letter sounds
- ❖ Phonemic awareness (hearing sounds)
- ❖ Onset rime (first sound of a word, then the rest of it)
- ❖ Concepts of print (knowing the cover of the book, print sends a message, which way to read, what is a letter, what is a word, what is the purpose of a period, etc.)

### First Grade:

- ❖ Phonemic awareness
- ❖ Phonics
- ❖ Critical words (sight/common words)
- ❖ DRA (read a book and retell)



### Second Grade:

- ❖ State test (read a selection, retell, and comprehension questions)
- ❖ DRA (read a book and retell).

### 3-5th Grade:

- ❖ District Math Assessment (assessing end of current grade standards)
- ❖ GATES MacGinitie Test (comprehension test, bubble-in)
- ❖ IRI (vocabulary, read a passage, and questions)

**Individual WASL scores have arrived and were sent home by the District Assessment Department!**

## FAMILY PETS ON CAMPUS

*We enjoy all members of your family, but please consider the following about family dogs:*

- Many small children are terrified of dogs (even on leashes).
- Dogs can be unpredictable and suddenly change mood or actions no matter how they were raised.
- Dogs become nervous in large crowds and may not act like themselves in particular settings.
- Lake Grove has a multitude of reported dog bites in the neighborhood.





## WAYS TO HELP AT HOME

We are in need of a PTA

Here are some ideas for keeping structure at home and helping at school.

To kick off the school year, make a family schedule. Here is what one may look like:

- 7:30 A.M. Wake Up! Out of bed with a smile.  
Get into uniform, eat breakfast, brush teeth, brush hair  
Don't forget backpack (put in same spot every day)
- 8:15 A.M. Put on coat, turn off lights, leave for school (may have at school) breakfast
- 3:30 P.M. Snack and play (at daycare or home)
- 5:00 P.M. Homework at a quiet spot (up to 30 min. K-2, up to 60 min. 3-5)
- 6:00 P.M. Dinner (at table)
- 6:30 P.M. Go on a walk together or spend time together
- 6:45 P.M. Mom/Dad/Grandma check homework and backpack (put in same spot each night). Practice math facts or handwriting.
- 7:15 Bath, brush teeth
- 7:45 Stories and Cuddle
- 8:15 Lights off
- \*Limiting video games and television time is helpful on school nights.



Have the schedule posted! You can refer to the schedule the family agreed upon!  
Schedules help students understand timelines and enhances their math skills!

### MATH TIPS

- **ENCOURAGE** your child to have a **POSITIVE** attitude about learning mathematics.
- Stress the importance of **EFFORT** to face challenges positively and see mathematics as important in life.
- **AVOID** statements like, "I wasn't good at math" or "Math is too hard."
- For a list of suggested activities visit *Helping Your Child Learn Mathematics* online at [www.ed.gov/parents](http://www.ed.gov/parents).

### WAYS TO PRACTICE MATH

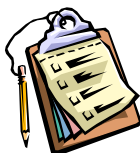
- Tell time (what will it be in ten minutes, 20 minutes, two hours)
- Flashcards (K-2 addition and subtraction, 3-5 multiplication and division)
- Count coins
- Weigh fruits and veggies at the store
- Decide the best way to measure items (ounces, pounds, tons?)
- Estimate weight of self, siblings, and other relatives, then weigh
- Measure height of family members
- Think of how many ways to make ten and other numbers under ten
- Count by twos, threes, and fives. Start on the number two or five to challenge each other!
- Discuss odds and evens
- Notice patterns in life
- Notice the growth of plants and people, measure and record

### DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

START	END	PROGRAM
8:45 a.m.	3:20 p.m.	Grades K-5
3:20 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	ELO Math for 3-4-5 Multiaged
<b>8:50 a.m. Tardy Bell Rings</b>		

### LUNCH SCHEDULE

START	END	PROGRAM
11:20 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	Grades K & 1
11:40 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	Grades 2 & 3
12:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	Grades 4 & 5 Multiage



All volunteers who work with children need a Washington State background check.

### CONTACT NUMBERS

We are anxious to provide support for your students in all areas: academic, physical, social, and emotional. Please feel free to contact us regarding concerns, questions, or to provide input.

OFFICE STAFF (Shirley Chittenden, Kathy Pina)	253-945-2900
DEAN OF STUDENTS (Jeff Cohn)	253-945-2908
INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES	
(Nancy Kay, Lisl Linthicum, Debbie Oliver)	253-945-2925
INTERVENTION SPECIALIST (Mrs. McPhail)	253-945-2947
VOLUNTEER LIAISON (Sue Tagart)	253-945-2939
AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS	253-945-2947
NURSE (Rosemary Thompson, Ramona Berg)	253-945-2909
PRINCIPAL (Kristi White)	253-945-2913

The Federal Way School District's Family Partnership Office would like to hear ideas from parents and staff about simple ways parents can support their student's learning at home.

The department would like to gather the best ideas and tips to share with parents who want to support their children's academic success, but whose work schedules do not allow them to participate in school meetings, committees or activities.

To share your ideas you can call 253-945-2273, or send an e-mail to [tmoores@fwps.org](mailto:tmoores@fwps.org) or schedule an in person appointment at a location and time most convenient for you.

Trise Moore  
Family Partnership Advocate  
Federal Way Public Schools  
253-945-2273 <http://www.fwps.org/info/family/>

### **YOUR OPINION COUNTS!**

Please help us by completing the quick survey and returning this portion to school!  
*(circle one, provide comments as you like)*

Was your child excited to start school? *Yes No Somewhat*

Have they experienced a great beginning? *Yes No Somewhat*

Do you feel welcomed at Lake Grove? *Yes No Somewhat*

What are some ideas you have to offer to make our learning community be the most effective it can be:

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### **Emergency Information (Please Read!)**

Our lives are ever-changing. Please do not leave the school out of your information loop! We will be attaching this to many flyers in hopes of continuing our needed partnership with you!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Changed Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Changed home or cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Changed work number: \_\_\_\_\_

BEST times to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to be in the email address book:*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to receive e-newsletters, updates, and bulletins via email.*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please return this portion to school*

### **WANT TO MAINTAIN GOOD BEHAVIOR AT HOME?**

***Mrs. White, Principal***

Have your child and you come up with two lists.

*List #1 (what do I think is a small privilege?):*

#### Small/Daily Privileges:

- Chew gum
- Computer time (30 min.)
- Video game (30 min. increments)
- Choose dinner (as long as it's healthy!)
- Extra time with Mom, Dad, Uncle, Grandma
- Treat
- T.V. time (30 min.)
- Game Night
- Special Breakfast

*List #2 (what do I think is a big privilege?):*

#### Big Privileges! Things to work up to.

- Go to park or play at school
- Movie Night at home
- Stay up late (Fri. or Sat.)
- Small toy
- Trip to library
- Video rental
- Trip to grocery vending toy machine
- Small allowance
- Go to mall
- Go to play area

Have your child list their privileges on a poster or construction paper (we have at school!).

Make a set of chores or rules to earn daily small privileges, "You do your morning job, you receive one small privilege tonight."

If your child reaches their goal for two to three weeks, they may choose from the "Big Privilege" list. As they get the hang of it, up the chores and wait for every three to four weeks to reward them!

You will be surprised how many chores will get done when 30 min. of video game time is at stake!

Need more ideas? Contact us at  
(253) 945-2900

**Return to school**