

The Lancer Lines...January 27 ,2017

Laguna Middle School

John Calandro, Principal

11050 Los Osos Valley Road San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 805-596-4055

Principal's Update:

Just a short one this week. As grades have come out from last semester, a quick look at the numbers shows us that 54% of our students are on our school honor roll with **303 students (40.9%)** having a Grade Point Average falling between **3.83 and 4.0**, and **108 students (14.6%)** with a GPA from **3.30-3.83**.

That means 40% of our students have either straight As or they received one B, and 54% of our entire student population has As in at least 4 of their classes.

Congratulations to students and staff for all of their hard work last semester! Let's keep it up and see if we can get these numbers to go even higher in this second semester. Well done all!

Schoolwide Academic Vocabulary

Our schoolwide vocabulary is taught on Mondays in home base and used throughout the week in all of our classes. Use these around the dinner table next week and see how many your student recognizes! Next week's words are:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| convince (verb) | to persuade |
| enormous (adjective) | huge |
| integrity (noun) | honesty; morality |
| persistent (adjective) | continuing despite difficulty; relentless; continuing longer than expected |
| reluctant (adjective) | unwilling; hesitant |

Wall of Fame:

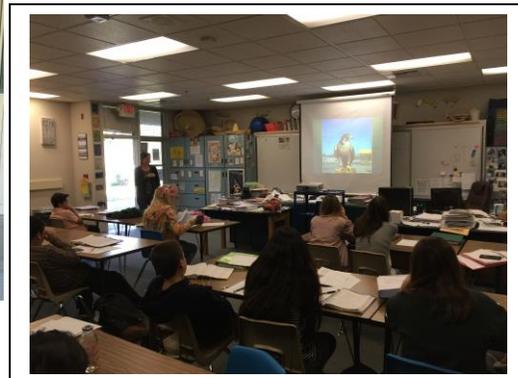
Each week teachers nominate students who exemplify scholarship and citizenship and their names are added to the "Wall of Fame" for the week. Congratulations to this week's Wall of Fame Students! We appreciate your hard work and your great attitude:

Carissa Carlberg, Yahir Ignacio, Kimberly Figueroa, Ava Karp, Max Threlkel, LaurenAlanna Marchbanks, Raquel Kalpakoff, Benji Watkins, Melanie Castillo, Isabelle Preston, Emilia Gambucci, Sabrina Garcia, Charlie Jansen, Aiden LeMoine, Cevina Manzano, Michaela Warneke, Morgan Hunting, Aaliyah Beck, Cali Fritch-Armstrong, Jason Esguerra, Shaylee Grimm, Carlos Trinidad, Ashlyn Rice, Danny Candelas, Angel Bravo, Hayley Lorenz, Quinn Danciar, Maricsa Gonzalez, Ana Escalera, Jesse VanZeventerm Anai Parra, Emmanuel Viayra

If a student's name appears on here more than once or for more than one week, it means that student is doing great things in several classes.

Around School:

- **The Builder's Club** started their county-wide composting program today. Students are learning about vermiculture and working with our local Kiwanis group in developin our garden.



- **Today was “Crazy Day”** Students showed off their school spirit by wearing crazy outfits from head to toe!
 - **Math Counts** Students participated in their first school-based competition today. Students solved problems both as individuals and in groups to compete at the county level. We should have results soon, and will let you know about it in a future newsletter!
 - **Our 8th grade WEB leaders** took over our 7th grade home base classes Thursday and Friday to teach lessons and connect with our 7th grade students. The WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) program is designed to support students in their transition to middle school and throughout the year.
- **Our Mock Trial Team** heads off to the courthouse tomorrow at 12:30 PM in an exhibition match before their regular “season” of competition starts. If you’ve never been to a Mock Trial competition, I highly recommend you go. It is impressive to watch our students perform in the courtroom and get a glimpse of how impressive our students will be as adults.
 - **The Boys Basketball teams** will be busy this weekend with the William Harvey memorial tournament for the 8th grade boys at Laguna and Los Osos Middle schools and the 7th grade boys heading to Atascadero this weekend. Come on out and join us for some great basketball!



California Thursdays

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you for your support with our official launch of our California Thursdays program! All elementary school students and Laguna Middle School students enjoyed our CA TH entree yesterday and all students in the district enjoyed local produce on their salad bars! The Asian Chicken Noodle Bowl with local veggies from Santa Maria and Oceano tossed with house made Garlic Honey Soy Sauce was a huge hit with students! There was also a local kiwi tasting at LAMS with Mallard Lakes Ranch in Nipomo - students LOVED this fresh local treat! A special thank you to Chef Anthony for his culinary skills, all of our outstanding food service staff and our community of support - thank you everyone for making it such a great day that we are so proud of! Thank you to our board members for joining us for the kickoff celebrating our local foods.



We were also featured by our local news! Check out more here:
KSBY Video:

The Tribune Article:

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/education/article129072509.html>

Cheers,
Erin Primer, CDM CFPP
Food Service Director

Help for one of our own- Update!

Families who wish to donate to Jesse Perez and his family may do so by going to any SESLOC location and mentioning the Victorio Perez/Jesse Perez account.

On Monday evening on January 16, Jesse Perez, a 13 year-old LAMS student, was struck by a vehicle on Madonna Road. Jesse suffered several injuries and is has **just today returned home** from intensive care at Madera Children's Hospital.

The GoFundMe page is no longer linked and the family is now working with **SESLOC** as the source for donations. The family is very grateful for donations and thanks everyone for their support. The funds will help with the medical costs and other costs accumulated in his recovery as it will take time to heal from his severe wounds.

PTA News

Next PTA Meeting is February 6, 2017 6pm in the staff lounge

3 Mile Run Sponsors

As in years past, we are creating banners for the school's multipurpose room and gym, which will be an ongoing advertisement of those local firms that are supportive of our school. The 3x4 banner will be printed with your company name and logo and will be hung shortly after receiving your payment. Your banner will be seen by Laguna Middle School families, as well as a variety of other community groups who make use of our facilities on a weekly basis. Your business will also be included in the weekly newsletter, which is sent to over 700 families at Laguna Middle School. **The cost for one of these banners is \$250. If you already have a banner and would like to renew, the cost is only \$200.** All proceeds will be used towards ensuring the success of our middle school students. Funds raised by our community sponsors have helped purchase new kitchens for Home Economics, microscopes for science labs, iPads for multiple teaching initiatives, and so much more! For more information on how to purchase a banner, contact Mike Berger at mikeberger@hotmail.com.

Bus Passes

Student bus passes for the SLO City bus can be purchased in our school office for \$25. These passes are good for 31 days and a portion of the proceeds is donated back to Laguna Middle School. Contact Mrs. Pericoli in the office if you have questions or to purchase passes.

Cold Weather Means Warmer Clothing!

PTA has just gotten in a large shipment of PE sweats for LAMS. If your student is shivery at PE (or if they just want some really comfy sweats with the school's PE logo on them), they can be purchased through the PE teacher or the front office. All sizes have been restocked!

Parent Volunteers Needed in Ms. Knuttila's Room

Volunteers needed to work one on one with 7th and 8th grade students to improve their reading fluency, using a research-based, highly-effective strategy. Volunteers must be able to read English fluently, have a positive attitude, and be willing to connect with middle-schoolers. **A brief training in the strategy will be provided.**

Dates and Times

School Days, August 29th, 2016 June 2, 2017

Mondays

1st Period: 9:30-10:15

2nd Period: 10:15-11:15

5th Period: 1:25-2:15

Tuesdays-Fridays

1st Period: 8:25-9:20

2nd Period: 9:20-10:30

5th Period: 1:05-2:00

Clearance

Volunteers will be considered Level 2 volunteers. Requirements for Level 2 volunteers are:

1. Clearance through the Megan's Law website (to ascertain volunteer is not a registered sex offender)
2. Tuberculosis clearance within the past four years
3. Volunteer packet signed (Application, Code of Conduct and Confidentiality forms)

Requirements can be completed through the front office at Laguna Middle School.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE
Penny Wars Fundraiser ALL WEEK

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Saturday, Jan. 28 | Mock Trial SLO County Courthouse 12:30pm William Harvey Basketball Tournament (8 th grade boys) Atascadero Basketball Tournament (7 th grade boys) |
| Monday, Jan. 30 | Girls Basketball v Mission @ LAMS 3:30 & 4:30 Minecraft Club 7 th grade lunch E-9 Friday Night Live 3-4 G6 Math Lab 3-4 G-3 |
| Tuesday, Jan. 31 | Mock Trial vs. Old Mission 5:30-7:30 SLO Courthouse Girls Basketball v Templeton @ LAMS 4:00, 5:00 Geography Bee H-1 9:30-11:30 Math Lab G-13 3-4pm Photography Club G16 3-4pm |
| Wednesday, Feb 1 | Mock Trial vs. Judkins 5:30-7:30 SLO Courthouse |
| Thursday, Feb. 2 | Mock Trial vs. Paulding 5:30-7:30 SLO Courthouse Girls Basketball v. Lewis @ LAMS, 3:30, 4:30 Makers Club A-1 3-4pm Sewing Club D-11 3-4pm Math Lab G-13 3-4pm |
| Friday, Feb. 3 | Girls Basketball Tournament (7 th grade) @Los Osos TBA |