

# The Rebel Yell

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## Jog-a-Thon

October 17 - 8:30-10:00  
Our annual jog-a-thon fundraiser is here again! Please look for pledge packets to come home soon. Contact the PTC if you would like to help.

## Harvest Festival

Join us on Friday, October 26 for a night of harvest fun! Trunk or Treat begins at 5:30, with carnival games and the Haunted Asylum beginning at 6:30. Join us for some spooktacular fun!

## Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be November 1 and 2. Please schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher!

## The Principal's Corner

Our school year is off to a great start! It has been so exciting to see our students and staff settle into the beginning of the year. We have some new faces, but our mission remains the same as ever - Excellence for Every Student, Every Day. It has been a joy to see how hard our staff has worked this fall to help make that a reality for your children every day.

As we get into the wet and rainy time of year, it is important to start thinking about illness - how to prevent it, what to do when it happens, what the school can do to help. Please remember that attendance is very important - your child cannot learn if they are not here. If your child has a high fever, is vomiting, has head lice, or is seriously ill in some way, please keep them home. Otherwise, it is important that your child be at school every day. If, for some reason, your child will not be at school, please communicate with the front office as soon as possible. The more timely and accurate information we have about attendance and absences, the better we can manage our systems. Thank you for your attention to this!

We are rapidly approaching the end of the first quarter! Please look for information coming home about conferences. I hope to see you all at parent-teacher conferences on November 1 and 2. Have a great October!

*Whitney Connolly*

## AVID Focus of the Month

AVID is a school-wide program aimed at teaching and reinforcing academics skills and higher-level thinking for all students. Our teachers use a variety of AVID skills and strategies in the classroom to help students develop the habits they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, college, and future careers. Students learn about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy.



At the beginning of the year, we will be focusing on teaching and using Costa's Levels of Thinking. Through the use of rigorous questioning techniques at a variety of levels of difficulty, students learn to think and reason more critically. Ask your student what they are working on in class around asking and answering questions!



## Upcoming Events

### October 12

No School

### October 17

Jog-a-Thon

### October 24 - 6:00

Band Concert at Lacombe

### October 25

Picture Retake Day

### October 25 - 2:00

Virtues Assembly

### October 26

Hat Day Fundraiser

### October 26 - 5:30

Harvest Festival  
Trunk or Treat, Haunted  
Asylum, Carnival Games

### October 30

End of the Quarter

### October 31

No School  
Teacher Work Day

### November 1 and 2

Parent-Teacher Conferences

### November 5 - 3:00

PTC Meeting

### November 7 - 9:00

Coffee Talk with the Principal

## School Spotlight

### *Mrs. Sage Randklev, 3rd Grade*

Greetings from 3rd grade! We're off to a fast and furious start and things are falling into place in Room 10. This coming month we're going to be learning a lot about how the way we think about ourselves as learners really matters. In fact, there are two basic mindsets that people tend to have. One is called a fixed mindset. Folks with a fixed mindset believe that they are born with their abilities, smarts, and talents and there is nothing they can do to change them. In other words, you're either good at math or you're not and there's nothing you can do about it. Now, people with growth mindsets believe that EFFORT is what matters and the more you work at something, the better you will get at it. This means that even if something is challenging for you now, with enough practice, you can master it.

Here's the really exciting thing, though - scientists who study how the brain works have shown that the neurons in our brains are constantly growing and changing and that we really can become better at something through practice and effort. This means the more we use them, the more powerful our brains become. Think about yourself as a two-year old child, there was lots you couldn't do: ride a bike, read, play Minecraft. Now, consider what you are able to do now. Your brain has learned new skills and become more powerful. We should all have a growth mindset and believe that we can truly learn anything because science has shown that we can! For a series of fun videos about this subject, Google "Growth Mindset Class Dojo."

### *Mr. Brandon Weist, 8th Grade*

We all have memories from our eighth grade year. Some of those memories may be pleasant, while others may be disappointing or quite embarrassing. It is a difficult time of no longer feeling like a child, but not yet understanding what it means to be an adult. It is the last step on the educational staircase before the scary world of high school. For many students at Lacombe, it is their last year in a place that has given them so much. There are feelings of both excitement and fear of what lies ahead of them.

This is my 5th year at Lacombe School and I have been blessed with another wonderful group of students. They are respectful, insightful, and ready to make positive changes in the world. Some of them will be participating in the chess club that I organize on Mondays after school. Some of them will be fundraising for the 2019 Washington D.C. and New York trip. I encourage parents and guardians to try to get their student on that trip because not only is it an incredible learning experience, but it is a memory that the group will share forever.

We will spend this month revealing the common pattern that almost all books, TV series, and movies follow, also known as the "Hero's Journey." We will also be traveling back in time to the colonial period and going through my American Revolution simulation game. Will the American patriots be able to rebel, over their loyalist classmates, and gain their independence, or will they forever be subjects of the king? Regardless of what we are learning, I always try to bring an element of excitement and fun.

I've always believed that students won't remember every single thing you taught, but they will remember how you made them feel. I strive to build positive relationships with my students, all the while preparing them for the realities of what lie ahead. I don't know what the future has in store for many of these students, but I do know one thing. I will do everything in my power so that when my students look back in life, they will cherish and hold dearly the memories they made during their eighth grade year.

## Important Reminders

If your telephone number, email, or other contact information changes, please notify the front office! We depend on this information to send home information from school and contact families in case of emergencies. Help us out by keeping our information up-to-date. Thank you!