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We are now on our second unit of the year focusing on Literary Fiction and Non-fiction. The students were introduced to a literary non-fiction piece this week to go along with our novel. It is a short memoir by the author Gordon Korman. In this unit we are focusing on literary elements such as conflict, flashbacks, and theme. All of my classes are a few chapters into THE OUTSIDERS. Students have vocabulary graphic organizers and reading response sheets to work on as they read. Please check Google Classroom and ensure that your child is keeping up with classwork. There is a Daily Agenda that will tell you exactly what we are working on each day. Ask your child to show it to you!

**Math:** Courtney Ferrari cferrari@LPSFrisco.com

8th Grade Math: We will complete Unit 2 - Statistics, and begin Unit 3 - One-Variable Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities. Algebra I: We will complete Unit 1 - Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities, then begin Unit 2 - Intro. to Functions.

**SS:** Christyn Gossett cgossett@LPSFrisco.com

During this unit, students examine the causes for European exploration and colonization, including the establishment of British colonies in the Americas, how the physical geography of America affected colonial development, about the religious and social patterns of the colonies, and the establishment of representative governments in the colonies. Students will also evaluate the impact of the Mayflower Compact, the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut and the Virginia House of Burgesses on the growth of representative government.



Science: Stephanie Catalan scatalan@LPSFrisco.com

Unit 1: Student expectations address elements, compounds, mixtures, acids and bases, and properties of water. Students will explore concepts by modeling the structure of elements, compounds, and mixtures; describing properties of water; and comparing and contrasting properties of acids and bases.

“The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.”

— Carl Gustav Jung



Electives



PE: Alex Percival apercival@LPSFrisco.com

Students will be learning basic rules and skills of basketball. They will also be learning about fitness concepts, including cardiovascular endurance.

Band: Michael Stone mstone@LPSFrisco.com

Middle School Band is busy preparing for the Winter Concert on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6PM. Also, talented individual musicians will start work on the ATSSB Middle School All Region Band Auditions, which will take place on December 6, 2024, at Celina HS.

AACTC: Raymond Jaksa rjaksa@LPSFrisco.com

Students will be able to understand, evaluate, and apply the principles of commercial photography by demonstrating knowledge of photographic composition and layout and evaluating photographs using principles of art and critical-thinking skills.

Fundamentals of Computer Science: Raymond Jaksa rjaksa@LPSFrisco.com

Students can create and publish a functional web page using HTML and CSS, incorporating design principles for effective user interfaces.

Theatre: Brianna Lewallen blewallen@LPSFrisco.com

We will be finishing up Mime and moving into learning stage directions and blocking. Which will lead us into scene and character analysis work where will incorporate blocking, body language, and characterization. Auditions for our fall play September 11 and 12 in the theatre room at 5pm. More information can be found at the theatre call board soon!

Art: Brooklyn Houston bhouston@LPSFrisco.com

To kick off September, the students will be expanding on what we have been learning about ways to use line and shape to create a variety of drawings. They will begin learning about the significance that shapes have in the word as symbols and icons. Which will all lead up to a symbolism project at the end of the month!

Reminders/Important Info

- Stay up to date with LPS Activities by checking out their Calendar that is on the LPS Website! [Linked here.](#)
- Please check the Big Rocks Calendar for due dates and school events! This is in your child's Google Calendar.
- [Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook.](#)
- If your child has not finished any MAP test or class quizzes/tests please have your child attend tutoring!
- Please check your child's chromebook. They should NOT be taking the case off. Nothing should be touching the computer except for the case. Any stickers need to be ON the case. No wrappers, sticky notes, or pictures should be under the case.
- [Student Ascender Portal Linked Here](#) (To See Grades!)
- [Parent Ascender Portal Linked Here](#) (To See Grades!)

Helper Helper

- Please read the Helper Helper guidelines in the Parent Student Handbook (pp.87-90).
- If your student is new to LPS this year, then please have them send their full name and grade from their school email address to helperhelper@lpsfrisco.net. When the student's Helper Helper account is set up then they will receive an email to their school email account from info@helperhelper.com with a temporary password.
- Questions? Please email helperhelper@lpsfrisco.net

LPS Calendar of the next 2 weeks

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	5:00p - 6:00p + MS C VB Game (Home)	5:00p - 6:00p + MS B FF Game (Home)	5:00p - 6:00p + MS C VB Game (Home)	5:00p - 6:00p + MS B FF Game (Home)	5:00p - 6:00p + MS A VB Game (Home)	Little Miss Cheer +
	6:00p - 7:00p + MS B VB Game (Home)	6:00p - 7:00p + MS A FF Game (Home)	6:00p - 7:00p + MS B VB Game (Home)	5:30p - 7:00p + Varsity Boys VB Game (Home)	6:00p - 7:00p + JV VB Game (Home)	
	7:00p - 8:30p + Varsity Boys VB Game (Home)	7:00p - 8:00p + Varsity FF Game (Home)	7:00p - 8:30p + Varsity Girls VB Game (Home)	7:00p - 8:00p + JV FF Game (Home)	7:30p - 9:00p + Varsity Girls VB Game (Home)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	5:00p - 6:00p + MS C VB Game (Away)	5:00p - 6:00p + JV VB Game (Away)	5:00p - 6:00p + MS C VB Game (Home)	Class Shirt & Jeans +	5:00p - 6:00p + MS B FF Game (Away)	9:00a - 10:00a + MS A VB Game (Home)
		5:00p - 6:00p + MS B VB Game (Home)	6:00p - 7:30p + Varsity Boys VB Game (Home)	Middle School Club Fair +	6:00p - 7:00p + MS A FF Game (Away)	10:00a - 11:00a JV VB Game (Home) +
		5:00p - 6:00p + MS B FF Game (Away)		6:00p - 8:00p + Family Bingo Night	7:00p - 8:00p + Varsity FF Game (Away)	11:30a - 1:00p + Varsity Girls VB Game (Home)
		5:30p - 6:30p + Varsity FF Game (Away)		6:00p - 7:00p + JV FF Game (Away)		
		6:00p - 7:00p + MS A VB Game (Home)				
		6:30p - 8:00p + Varsity Girls VB Game (Away)				
		7:00p - 8:00p + JV FF Game (Away)				

LPS Calendar [Linked here.](#)

Dresscode

- [Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook.](#)

Shirts 5th-12th		Short and long sleeve shirts must be white, navy or forest green collared shirts. High school students may also choose a black collared shirt. Shirts must be solid in color with no insignia or logos except for the LPS logo. If a long sleeve undershirt is worn under a short sleeve shirt, it must be solid white, navy or forest green.
Pants		Pants and shorts for all students (and capris for girls) are to be khaki-colored or navy and made of cotton twill material (no yoga, cargo, joggers, or athletic-type pants). A solid black or brown belt must be worn if there are belt loops. Shorts may be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Pants are to be worn at the natural waistline and hems of pants must not touch the floor. No pajamas or pajama bottoms are allowed.
Skirts/Skorts/ Jumpers		Girls may also wear khaki or navy skirts/skorts, and girls in K-4 may wear khaki or navy jumpers as well. The length must be no shorter than four inches above the floor when kneeling, and solid navy modesty shorts are to be worn underneath skirts/skorts/jumpers at all times.

Any jackets, sweatshirts, etc are NOT allowed to have hoodies attached.

Any outerwear is also NOT allowed to have any logos.

If your child is wearing a skirt please make sure it is no shorter than 4 inches above their knees.

Dresscode (continued)

Socks/Tights		<p>If socks are worn, only solid white, black, or navy socks may be worn. Girls may also wear solid white or navy tights or leggings underneath skirts/skorts/jumpers. Tights must be from toes to waist. Leggings can go the ankle if worn underneath skirts/skorts/jumpers.</p>
Shoes	 	<p>Shoes must be worn at all times. Only closed-toed, closed-heel shoes with non-marking soles are allowed. Shoes must be predominantly white, black, brown, grey-or navy (can be athletic, loafer style, or dress shoes). Shoes with shoelace holes must have shoelaces. Shoelace color must be white, navy or neutral and in good repair. No flip-flops, sandals, slippers, clogs, crocs, wheelies, light up shoes, platform shoes, wedges, or boots of any kind are allowed. Tennis shoes must be worn in PE. Heel height shall not be more than 1 inch.</p>
Outerwear		<p>Sweaters, sweatshirts or jackets worn indoors must be in keeping with the school's color scheme (solid white, navy or khaki [or forest green in grades 5 and up]) or black or gray. They must not have any lettering or logos other than the LPS logo. No outerwear with hoods will be allowed to be worn indoors (Hoodies are not allowed). Spirit crew neck sweatshirts may be worn with uniform shirt collar visibly worn outside of the sweatshirt.</p>

Dresscode (continued)

Jean Day Guidelines

The Principal may occasionally designate casual clothing days (uniform free). Casual clothing or jean day dress must meet the requirements of the LPS dress code.

- Pants must be worn at the natural waist.
- Shorts must be the same length as uniform shorts.
- Clothing must not be worn too tightly or oversized.
- No midriffs or short skirts.
- No shirts with logos or words as specified under Uniform Guidelines.
- No tank tops or spaghetti straps.
- No flip-flop sandals, no open-toed/open heel shoes, no heel height of more than 1 inch
- No puffy jackets/vest.
- Rules from handbook regarding jewelry, makeup, and hair apply.
- Students should wear only blue denim jeans, shorts or skirts. There should not be any printed logos or emblems on jeans.
- Torn jeans or jeans with holes are not acceptable.
- Leggings may only be worn under uniform skirts.