



Greetings supportive Lake Hills families,

Happy almost spring! As we welcome in the month of March we are hopeful (and GLAD!) that snow days are well behind us. Missed school days due to snow – five totals in February – will result in the school year being extended by one day. The last day of school for the Bellevue School District will be Friday, June 21. One additional makeup day will also be added on Friday, March 15. The day was originally a planned professional development day for teachers, but all students will now be expected to attend school that day. Additionally, Bellevue School District will request a waiver from the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for the remaining three missed school days due to snow. Additional days could still be added pending approval by the state of the district waiver request.

Throughout March, the Lake Hills Teaching Team will be actively promoting and practicing the virtue of confidence with all our Jaguars. Here is how we are defining confidence at Lake Hills Elementary: *Confidence is believing in something or someone. It is a type of trust. When you have self-confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. Self-confidence is something that you can control and is up to you to believe you can do it. When you tell yourself you can do something, you are more likely to achieve that goal since you will try your best and not give up. Have you ever noticed that people with confidence are likable and you want to be around them?* Thank you for your help in instilling self-confidence in our Jaguar learners!

Student safety is our top priority; we want each and every student to feel safe and happy in the classroom as well as in common areas, specifically the playground. Last month, we had the opportunity to visit all classrooms and talk to students about recess expectations. Our three main expectations for recess are: keeping hands and feet to self, using kind words, and following directions. We also talked to students about the think zone. The think zone is an area for students to reflect when failing to meet any of the three main expectations, as well as a place they can go to when they feel upset or just need some alone time. Moving forward, we expect students to show they are ready to follow the “big three” expectations by taping on a sign that is taped to the recess door as a way to agree they understand the “big three” expectations. We invite you to ask your student what it means to be “all in” at recess! Consistency is key and the presence of principal at recess will be increased to reinforce these basic expectations.

On March 29th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., we will have our annual STEAM Night. During this exciting event, students and their families will have the opportunity to go to different stations and have lots of fun while they learn about science and their world. Our annual Science Fair will be part of this event as well! Students in different grade levels will be showcasing their projects—so don’t miss this great opportunity to join us for this event! Dinner will be served.

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We are VERY excited to announce that Lake Hills will be holding our third school-wide ClapOut celebration of the 2018-19 school year on Wednesday, March 13. Please be on the look-out for information from you Jaguar's classroom teacher for more details related to Lake Hills Elementary Jaguar ClapOut celebrations, and whether or not your child will be recognized at this celebration. Our goal is that each and every student will be recognized at one of our school-wide ClapOut celebrations. Even if your Jaguar will not be recognized at the next ClapOut, all visitors, family, and community members are welcome to participate in the community ClapOut celebration on Wednesday, March 13th, at 8:45 A.M. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of our amazing students!

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our wonderful school community. We are optimistic it will be another fantastic month of learning and growth at LHE. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or your child's teacher. Lake Hills Jaguars stand as one!

Sincerely,

Your Lake Hills Principal Team - *Chris Jones, Ricardo Macias, Hunter Sissom*