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## From the Principal's Corner...

Thank you to all the parents who attended **Parent Teacher Conferences**. We appreciate the time spent meeting with teachers and myself. If you were unable to attend conferences, report cards were sent home with students. Do keep in mind, we encourage and welcome you to contact your student's teachers at any time to keep updated on progress. You may contact by telephone or send an email. Staff email addresses are the initial of their first name followed by last name @lpa.k12.mn.us.

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders** under the direction of Mrs. Watland and Mr. Wixo presented group work on Minnesota Geography and Geology to the Kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders did an excellent job presenting and sharing their knowledge of various regions in the state. This definitely reflects the outstanding teaching and preparation by Mrs. Watland and Mr. Wixo and incorporation of STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) into the classroom.

If you have seen a school van out and about the past several weeks during the day with Mrs. Hogie and students, it is most likely the **Architecture Design** class. The classroom is brought to life by visiting homes in the community to compare and analyze a variety of structures.

Parents may obtain **Computer blocking Access** on school computers at home by emailing Jared DeZeeuw, LPA Technology Coordinator, [jdezeeuw@lpa.k12.mn.us](mailto:jdezeeuw@lpa.k12.mn.us). Send Jared your request with your student's name, grade, your relationship to students and your email.

In an attempt to **improve accuracy in attendance** documentation, parents are encouraged to email [Attendance@lpa.k12.mn.us](mailto:Attendance@lpa.k12.mn.us) or call **218-325-0754 extension 0010**. Leave student's name, grade, parent's name and reason for student being absent. If you know ahead of time that your student will be absent it is expected that you contact the email or number listed prior to the absence. Otherwise, email/call as soon as you are able. Sheila will be checking this email for messages, so you will no longer have to contact her or send a note if you use this method.

**Study Time** is available for all students in the Media Center Monday through Friday from 3:10 – 4:00 p.m. All students are encouraged to attend. A licensed teacher is supervising to assist students if they need help.

For up to date **LPA events**, bookmark <https://www.pinetopprairieconference.org> you may choose the events you want to receive notification on.

If you do not have access to **ParentVue**, please contact Sherri Lefebvre to secure a password. This allows you to check on your students grades at any time.

Students will receive an overview of **ALICE Training** on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the day with an assembly and then students will go into their advisor / advisee groups for information on the components of ALICE Training. We will be practicing lockdown drills as well.

As part of improving safety in the high school, **alarms** have been installed and activated on a couple exterior doors in the high school.

Mr. Bashford and Mr. Otto have recently resigned their positions at LPA. Mrs. Svobodny and Mrs. Lunde have graciously returned to the classroom until the positions are filled. Thanks to our terrific former LPA teachers, it has been a smooth transition. We have advertised for both positions and will keep you posted when we have a new teacher hired.

The High School **Holiday Concert** is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. It is guaranteed to bring you holiday cheer! **Basketball** games and **wrestling** meets are in full swing – come out and Cheer on the RAIDERS!

If at any time you have any questions or concerns please feel welcome to stop by the office or give us a call. Your input is appreciated. It is my wish that each of you have a Most Wonderful Christmas and enjoy the time off school with family and friends! And...looking to a Very Happy New Year!

Mary Merchant, High School Principal  
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**Go Raiders!**