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## From the Principal's Corner...

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the halfway mark of the school year as the first semester of school ends on January 18<sup>th</sup>. **Report cards** will be available on Parent Vue the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you need a hard copy, please contact the office.

There are several overdue lunch accounts. **Lunch accounts** are to be prepaid. Please check your students balance and submit payment online through the district website. Thank you for attending to this matter.

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.

The email address for contacting the high school for **attendance** has changed to **hs\_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.pinetoprairieconference.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.

The increase of **vaping** among teens is a growing concern throughout the nation. It is through parent awareness and involvement that we will be able to decrease the presence and use of vaping among teens. On December 18, 2018, Surgeon General Jerome Adams issued an advisory by declaring vaping "among youth an epidemic in the United States." Vaping is addressed in the school setting the same as tobacco. It is a violation to have vaping devices or products on school property. Students who are found in possession/use will be disciplined according to school policies. Law enforcement referrals will take place for students under 18 years of age. Resources for additional information may be obtained through the counselor's office or <https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov>, [www.health.state.mn.us/ecigarettes](http://www.health.state.mn.us/ecigarettes), <https://www.fda.gov/tobaccoproducts>, <https://www.healthychildren.org>.

A handheld **metal detector** has been purchased and random searches or searches with cause will take place.

To further improve **safety** at the high school, when you enter the main doors to the office, there is a button in the entrance to push to be allowed entry to the building.

I am happy to welcome **Ms. Brianne Blauert** as our new English Language Arts instructor. Ms. Blauert is a recent graduate from Minnesota State University Moorhead. **Mrs. Rita Rislund** will work as phy ed/health instructor for the remainder of the school year. The position will be posted to hire a phy ed/health instructor for the 2019-2020 school year.

**National School Choice Week** is January 20-26. Mass Communications class is creating a video to highlight LPA High School as a school of choice. If your student brings home a yellow scarf with National School Choice Week embroidered on it, they contributed in a positive way to National School Choice Week.

LPA 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been chosen to participate in the **National Assessment of Educational Progress** on February 19, 2019. NAEP is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provide information about achievement to educators, parents, policy makers and the public. Contact Mrs. Jamie Nelson by February 1<sup>st</sup> if you choose to have your child opt out of the test.

The Minnesota Student Survey takes place every three years. Eighth, ninth and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will complete the survey in February. The survey is an anonymous statewide school-based survey conducted to gain insights into the world of students and their experiences. The survey asks students about their activities, opinions, behaviors and experiences. Students respond to questions on school climate, bullying, out-of-school activities, healthy eating, emotional health, substance use and connections with school and family. Questions about sexual behaviors are asked only of high school students. All responses are anonymous. Contact Mrs. Jamie Nelson by February 1<sup>st</sup> if you choose to have your child opt out of the survey.

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.

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**Go Raiders!**