

# Leadership Preparatory Academy



## PAWPRINTS

Developing World Class Leaders... One Scholar At A Time

**Week of March 7, 2022**

### **NEW UPDATES FOR THIS WEEK:**

Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents – If you are interested in planning and sponsoring a dance for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, contact [tanyacaul@yahoo.com](mailto:tanyacaul@yahoo.com).

### **PREVIOUS WEEK INFORMATION:**

- The newly revised calendar for 2022-2023 will include eLearning Days which will be asynchronous learning days for our students to allow time for our teachers to have in depth professional development. Those dates are October 7, November 8, and February 16. We have connected those days with breaks to minimize the impact for our families. Once the Governance Board approves the calendar, we will post this information on our website.
- The Centers for Disease Control has new guidelines around masking. They are as follows:

When teachers, staff, and students consistently and correctly wear a mask, they [protect others as well as themselves](#). Consistent and [correct mask use](#) is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

- **Indoors:** CDC recommends indoor masking for all\* individuals ages 2 years and older, including students, teachers, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Outdoors:** In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people. Fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings, especially if they or someone in their household is immunocompromised.

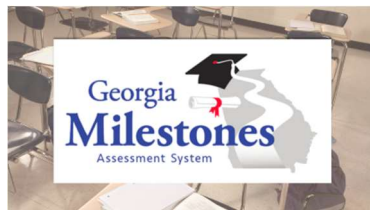
**Students and staff at LPA will continue wearing mask until the guidelines recommend otherwise.**

- LPA is planning for an outdoor, limited seating Awards Day celebration. Seating will be limited to two members of the student's household. Due to limited seating and our COVID restrictions, no young children or siblings who attend LPA will have entrance into this event. All COVID safety protocols will be in place including wearing masks and social distancing. Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks.

- Career Week will be held the first week in May via Zoom. **We need guest speakers.** If you would like to participate or know of someone who is willing to share information about their career, please complete the following link: <https://forms.gle/tiuUTKfUhz1MS3rT6>
- A special welcome to Chef Williams (no relation to any Williams' at LPA) and Charter One Foods company. They will serve as our new nutrition vendor until the end of the school year. This is a reminder that the planned menu maybe impacted by supply chain issues. The National School Lunch Program requires that we meet the nutritional components outlined in the guidelines in order to have the meal reimbursed. For more information on the school meal patterns, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/nslp/national-school-lunch-program-meal-pattern-chart>.
- Parent University sessions are held twice each month at 11:00 am and 6:30 pm. Dr. George, our Parent Liaison, is looking for you to attend one of these sessions. The sessions are designed to keep you engaged as an LPA parent and to share other relevant parenting topics.

### PETITION RENEWAL UPDATES

- **The Governance Board has filed the letter of intent with the DeKalb County School District and the Georgia Department of Education that it intends to submit a renewal petition in August of 2022. A number of events will need to occur between now and the actual submission. During the month of March, we will be hosting listening tours to hear from you about why we need charter schools in our area.** Leadership Preparatory Academy opened its doors in 2010 and was developed by a group of community members from various walks of life who envisioned an academic powerhouse for students in South DeKalb. Since then, LPA, has served over three thousand students and have received praise for its consistent academic performance since its inception. Parents if you have not taken the opportunity to provide feedback, please do so: <https://forms.gle/qsrEZu8aKMa7adhJ9> **Your voice is critical to our renewal process. In these sessions we will also clear up myths and misconceptions about charter schools. More information is forthcoming.**



- **The Georgia Milestones End of Grade countdown has begun! All students in grades 3 – 8 will be tested. The revised testing calendar is listed below:**

Georgia Milestones: End of Grade (EOG) SPRING	
Day of Testing	EOG Content
Monday/April 18	ELA Section 1
Tuesday/April 19	ELA Section 2
Wednesday/April 20	ELA Section 3
Thursday/April 21	Mathematics Section 1
Friday/April 22	Mathematics Section 2
Monday/April 25 (Science 5 & 8)	Science Section 1 and Section 2
Tuesday/April 26 (Social Studies 5 & 8)	Social Studies Section 1 and Section 2
Wednesday/April 27	MAKE-UP DAY
Thursday/April 28	MAKE-UP DAY
Friday/April 29	MATERIAL CHECK-IN DAY

- The Georgia Promotion, Placement, and Retention Law and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.11 mandates the following:
  - **All third-grade students** must achieve grade level scores on the state-adopted assessment (End of Grade-EOG) in Reading to be promoted.
  - **All fifth-grade students** must have achieved grade level scores in Reading and Mathematics on the state-adopted assessment (EOG) to be promoted.
  - **All eighth-grade students** must have achieved grade level scores in Reading and Mathematics state adopted assessment (EOG) to promoted.
- Students who score Below Grade Level in reading and/or in Beginning Learner achievement level in mathematics are retained under these provisions and must participate in the EOG retest administration.
- Breakfast and Lunch Menus are available online. Students can pick up breakfast from the cafeteria each morning – Lower School 7:30 am – 7:50 am and Upper School – 7:45 am – 8:05 am
- Here is a great opportunity for our students to get involved in an exciting organization focused on youth development. Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.thenewtenthfoundation.org/membership>.



- LPA's official source information is the school's website. All other information is messaged through Infinite Campus. Your child's teacher is the first person you should contact when you have questions or concerns about instruction. Please feel free to copy Mrs. Turner and/or Dr. Williams. In order to ensure that we are adequately providing you with accurate information, the person's name you place in the **TO line**, is the person who will respond. Teachers and administrators usually respond with 24 hours however, we will respond within 48 hours. If you have suggestions for other communication tools that we can use to make sure that parents are receiving the most up to date information, please share with Dr. Williams @ [lpamiddle@gmail.com](mailto:lpamiddle@gmail.com).



- Thank you to the parents who have updated the consent forms. We will utilize our **test to stay strategy** for all classes that have 100% of their students participating in the testing program at the school. Unfortunately, we have a few families who are not sending in test results or participating in the testing program at LPA. **As a result of this, if we have a positive case in that classroom, where we do not have 100% participation, we will pivot to eLearning.**
- **STUDENTS MUST WEAR A SURGICAL MASK EACH DAY TO SCHOOL. PLEASE PLACE AN ADDITIONAL MASK IN STUDENT’S BOOKBAG SO, THAT CAN CHANGE WHEN THEY NEED TO. We are monitoring the data and the guidance from CDC, to make a determination on when we will be able to lighten our mask mandate.**
- Each scholar should have a pair of headphones in their bookbags each day for their school issued computer.
- Remember to provide your scholar with a fresh bottle of water each day.
- Please remember to follow our procedures for early dismissal. Remember that we do not have anyone sitting at the front desk. All of us are working directly with students. We would appreciate you scheduling appointments on days we are out of school. The school recognizes that this is not always possible therefore, we ask that you follow our early dismissal procedure. We need our scholars in the classroom. We have so much time to make up for and we appreciate your support in this area.

## COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

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### Most Children and All Teens Can Get COVID-19 Vaccines

CDC recommends everyone ages 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19.

Authorized For	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	J&J / Janssen
4 years and under	No	No	No
5-11 years old	Yes	No	No
12-17 years old	Yes	No	No
18 years and older	Yes	Yes	Yes

### COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION LINK:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html>

## School Budget Input

You are invited to provide feedback on the school’s budget for FY22-23 school year. Please visit the school’s website for more information or follow this link: <https://forms.gle/7zSwEjS4ETqoV2o19>



<i>March 11</i>	Teacher Planning Day (NO SCHOOL)
<i>March 18</i>	Public Budget Hearing
<i>April 4-8</i>	Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
<i>April 12 -27</i>	Georgia Milestones Assessment Administration
<i>April 21</i>	Public Budget Hearing
<i>May 2 – 6</i>	MAP Administration Career Week
<i>May 13</i>	Tentative Budget Adoption
<i>May 16</i>	Honor's Day
<i>May 17</i>	Last Day of School - Celebration

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