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## September 25, 2020

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Message from the	Dear families,
principal	Time. This strange phenomenon is connected to both the celestial movement of the Earth and Sun, but also to famous thinkers and watch artisans. As I have aged, it seems that days pass more rapidly and seasons come and go more quickly. Yet, I hope we are all able to take a little time with our students to enjoy a laugh about the day, discuss and article or topic from class, check in with a teacher, or take some time to connect with our students.
	Our school system, nationwide, is still loosely based on late 1800's Industrial Revolution school system. This includes the nine month school year, "8 hour days", and bells and clocks. The Covid 19 pandemic has certainly altered many of these traditional systems and it has been tough to get used to at times. Whether the hybrid school model, the quarter system, Zoom, GoogleClassroom, or a whole host of other new elements, our educational "paradigm" has changed profoundly this year. We know that families, and school staff, are both having a hard time with the changes in these systems, many of which seem to be woven into our core understanding of what a school is, yet here we are.
	Please know that we hope your student's time with us each day has been- and will continue to be- valuable and we are working very hard to help your student learn during the time we have together. Thank you for your support.
Mid- term Progress Reports	We are currently halfway through the quarter which means that formal progress reports (inaccurately titled "First Six Weeks Progress Report") will be sent out to students and families early next week. Please know the best way to stay on top of your student's grades is through ParentPortal/InfiniteCampus and I encourage you to check grades once a week. The First Six Weeks Progress Report is one snapshot whereas the gradebook contains continuous updates. Please be sure to reach out to teachers now if you have concerns about your students progress because time is short before we move into quarter two.
Attenda nce	Again, to help expedite attendance and to keep attendance as accurate as possible, please have students <b>submit remote attendance prior to 2:30pm</b> so that teachers can get this documented prior to the dreaded "auto-calls" that start after 4:00pm. This is also true for our remote homeroom titled "Keystone." If your student continues to receive absence calls for this class, please have your student double check their schedule to ensure they are entering the correct teacher. Then, be sure to submit their attendance document prior to 2:30pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. We are not changing attendance for students who complete the Keystone tasks after 2:30pm.
LifeTouc h Pictures	Any student who has not had their ID picture taken, please be sure to do so at school on September 28th (Group A) and September 29th (Group B) during the school day on the teacher's deck, upstairs. Students and staff will need to wear their ID badges visibly each

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day, which is a new practice at Lakewood and throughout Jeffco schools this year. Most students have already been provided a lanyard by the school to help with this practice.
Families, our tutoring center has moved virtual! If your student has an appointment, please be sure to encourage them to check their google Email to confirm and then be sure to attend the appointment. To set up an appointment, please complete the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQ9E7hr YvA GiLtRQQv1YaeNLg087YnSrYwa
X_GVAtjNaSQ/viewform
For more information on the services offered by the tutoring center, please visit our website.
Please visit the virtual Back to School Night website to get to know your student's teachers a little bit. The link is: <u>https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/lhsbacktoschoolnight/home</u>
The first PTSA meeting is set for <b>September 28th, from 5:30-6:30pm</b> and Zoom details will be sent to interested participants prior to the meeting. Mr. Bock will be participating to discuss the start of the school year and take a few questions. Members and non-members are both welcome (a change from prior communication), but interested families will need to fill out the following form to receive the invite. Space is limited so please sign up quickly.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdggIF3HND3OI2HG1p7_IMXqCwQhaL- xm8zOhvyH19xLXIzMg/viewform?usp=sf_link
<b>Tiger Prowl</b> - registration for our <i>virtual</i> Tiger Prowl is now open to families! The Tiger Prowl is typically our kick off to Homecoming Week and the event helps us support the many athletics, performance groups, and activities at LHS by directing proceeds directly to the group of your choice. Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors for helping support our students with this event! We need your participation to help make this year's Tiger Prowl a successful event. Please see <u>Tigerprowl5k.com</u> for more info.