Dates to Remember

- May 31 - No School - Memorial Day
- June 11 - Last Day of School

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Dear LOA Families,

Well, it is bittersweet to write that this is our last newsletter for LOA! This has been one of my favorite years in education and the close of the school year is coming so quickly! A lot of great memories have been made for our students in our little online school. It has been a highlight of my career to see families work so closely with teachers and to watch students work so hard to come together and learn in new ways.

Most important to me this year was everyone's mental wellness during an emotional year for our country. I feel Lakeland Online Academy was a place where flexibility and understanding helped us all along the way.

To celebrate our school year and help bring normalcy to our end of the year, we feel it is important to offer our LOA students closure to this year. We are planning several things. First, we will have an end of year assembly to honor hard work. Teachers also have end of the year activities planned. As a school, we also have in the works a special last day. Please join us at any time between 8:30-11:30 on June 11. See all information below about this chromebook check in day and all the fun to be had at each grade level K-8.

Included in this newsletter are also some great opportunities for summer fun. It must be because I"m a principal (or mom) at heart, but whenever I think of fun I also think of safety! Over the years, my family has teased me that I really know how to take the joy out of something. But...did you know:

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According to Safe Kids Worldwide, injuries from wheeled sports sent 426,000 kids — more than 50 children every hour — to U.S. emergency rooms last year.

Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide, accounting for 7 percent of all injury-related deaths.

Globally, the highest drowning rates are among children 1–4 years, followed by children 5–9 years.

Summer is a great time to think about helmets and of course, water safety. Please consider having a few discussions as a family about how to KEEP summer fun and include a few reminders to: **Slow down, think about what will keep the day safe, and then go-have-fun!**

Please accept my and the LOA staff's deepest thanks for your partnership this year. Best to all of you this summer and as you either move back into your home schools or join us next year at **REACH Academy!**

Sincerely,

Patty Morrison

Lakeland Online Academy

Chromebook Return Day
& End of Year Fun

Friday! June 11 Last Day!
8:30 am to 11:30 am at the REACH Academy HUB
7748 Main St., Rathdrum, ID

Relationships
Enrichment
Achievement
Community
Hybrid

- Gain a candy bar for returning your chromebook, charger, and hotspot!
- Turn in any novels, hardback books for reading, social studies, science, or math - and any other materials borrowed from the school district
- Take home a memento of this year:
  - The LOA Water Bottle!
  - Participants in the LOA fitness challenge receive special water bottles!

- Play a game, get a prize, and see our newly decorated HUB called REACH
- Have a free snack and take home a goody bag!

Kinder Whelps and 6th Graders GRADUATE!

Informal graduation will be part of this day...just drop in when you can and enjoy a photo op and get your graduation certificate!

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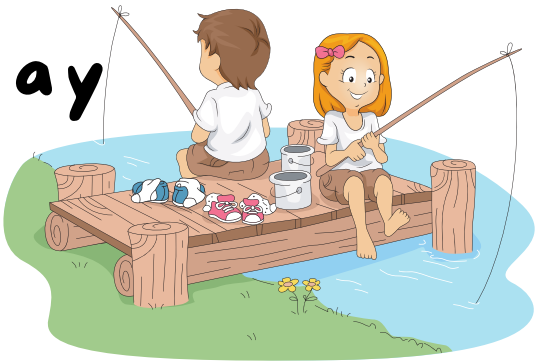
REACH ACADEMY

THINKING ABOUT CONTINUING WITH ONLINE SCHOOLING NEXT YEAR? REACH ACADEMY HAS SEVERAL UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HYBRID SCHOOL. AT HOME LEARNING PAIRED WITH MORE TEACHER SUPPORT AND SOCIAL INTERACTIONS!

REACH RESOURCES - CLICK HERE

Free Fishing Day



This annual event takes place the second Saturday in June. Idaho's Free Fishing Day is a day to celebrate fishing in Idaho and no fishing license is required.

Scheduled Free Fishing Day is: June 12, 2021

If you've never been fishing, Free Fishing Day is also a great day to learn. Fish and Game personnel and volunteers set up several free events at local fishing waters throughout the state to help first-timers discover the joys of fishing.
There are a limited number of loaner rods and reels available to practice with but if you have your own equipment you are encouraged to bring it.
All other fishing rules and regulations including creel limits, opening dates, and tackle restrictions remain in effect. Always check the seasons and rules for the water where you plan to go fishing.

More information at this website!
Idaho's Free Fishing Day

Most of you know, my family really enjoys bird watching. Sometimes, the Audubon chapter in Kootenai County holds events for children to learn more about local birds. Due to Covid, I do not see that this summer, but here is their webpage for continued INFORMATION: CDA AUDOBON HOME PAGE

Lakeland Community Days and Events!!

Website: http://www.rathdrumchamber.com

Rathdrum Days 2021 SATURDAY

Date: July 17, 2021

Spirit Lake Events Page - CLICK HERE

Check out the information on the FIRST EVER Cardboard Boat Regatta!

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DON'T FORGET ABOUT ALL OF OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES FULL OF ACTIVITIES, FRIENDLY FACES, AND BOOKS!

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Summer is the biggest time for bicycle accidents. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, injuries from wheeled sports sent 426,000 kids — more than 50 children every hour — to U.S. emergency rooms last year. During that same period, Norton Children's Hospital treated hundreds of kids for bike-related injuries, including concussion, traumatic brain injury, also called acquired brain injury, and other head trauma.

A 2019 study in the journal Brain Injury found that when compared with adults, especially those older than 40, children 17 years old and younger were the least likely to have been wearing a helmet during a cycling accident that caused a head or neck injury.

Injuries were much more severe for children not wearing a helmet; only 12% of injured kids wore helmets, according to the study.

Head injury is the most common cause of serious disability and death in bicycle crashes. The brain controls so much of who we are and what we do — if a child experiences a moderate or severe brain injury during a biking accident, they could face a wide range of challenges. These could affect their ability to think and remember, manage their emotions, and to perform basic physical tasks.

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How to prevent brain injury while biking: Wear a helmet

The single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes is a helmet. Parents can help their child by:

- Making sure your child **correctly wears a helmet** and other protective gear each time they bike, skate or skateboard. A helmet can reduce the risk of brain injury by as much as 88%.
- Ensuring your child's bike is in good working order and isn't too big.
- Making sure your child under age 10 only rides or skates on sidewalks, paths or other designated areas.
- Making sure they wear bright colors while biking.

Drowning: The Facts Everyone Needs to Know

Every year the news is peppered with devastating stories about parents who lost children or families who lost loved ones who drowned. You never think it will happen to you, but that's what everyone who experienced it thought, too. The truth is that most drownings are preventable, but you have to understand the facts and know how to prevent it from happening. Here are the basic facts about drowning:

#1 Drowning Is The Leading Cause of Death Ages 1-4

CLICK HERE for more Facts and Statistics

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LAKELAND SUMMER MEALS

MEALS ARE FREE TO CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER.

MONDAY - FRIDAY (1) BREAKFAST & (1) LUNCH WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE SAME TIME.

DATES: JUNE 16 - AUGUST 13
CURBSIDE LOCATIONS:

- ATHOL = 9:45-10:10
- THS = 10:35 -10:55
- LJHS = 11:45 - 12:30
- HAUSER FIRE STATION = 10:30 -11:00

WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED JULY 2ND & 5TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

TECH TIPS

- Digital Resources for Families
- Troubleshooting Chromebooks
- helpdesk@lakeland272.org

READING CONNECTION

Check out the latest editions of Reading Connection.

These newsletters are full of helpful tips for reading success!

- April Edition
- May Edition