

Straight From The Lions' Den

Make a Living, Make a Life, Make a Difference

Special points of interest:

- No Schedule Distribution Days in August!
- Completed Registration Forms were due July 13th.
- All students may access schedules and locker information on Infinite Campus after August 1st!
- Mark your calendar with the 10 late-start dates!

Message From The Principal's Office

Dear LHS Parents,

Welcome to the 2007-08 school year. In just a few weeks we will transition from the carefree summer schedule to early morning alarms, fall activities, and nightly homework.

While the students have been on vacation we have been busy preparing for another great year. Our fabulous custodial team has been deep cleaning every room and hallway, district security is in the process of installing ten interior cameras throughout the building, and our forum room has been equipped with state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment. The staff has been engaged in conferences, coursework, and travel. I was fortunate to participate in the New Century Schools conference, the International Baccalaureate Head of School meeting and the Colorado Association of School Executives conference. These meetings provided me an invaluable opportunity to hear the latest research regarding schools and learning, as well as time to network with my colleagues. I am optimistic that when we all reconvene next month our summer experiences will further enhance the excellent educational environment at LHS.

Bill Dagget Ed.D, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education, provided the keynote address at the New Century Schools summit. His research on educational trends, technological advances and the changing work force is fascinating. The bottom line is that we must prepare students for careers that are significantly different from those with which we are currently familiar. He contends that that the 21st century student multi-tasks, uses technology and multimedia, and accesses resources in ways that boggle the minds of older generations. To keep pace with a rapidly changing 21st century society the classroom experiences for our students must look different that they did five, ten and certainly twenty years ago. High school graduates must be able to think in complex ways, apply their skills and knowledge to new situations and work effectively with others.

The IB Head of School meetings further validated the need for continuing the journey of high school reform. I was able to engage in meaningful conversations about international mindedness, academic rigor, and essential learner attributes. What particularly resonated for me was that much of what the IB program offers is



The A-Team enjoying their summer break.

good for all students, not just those on the IB diploma track. This is one reason teachers at LHS attend IB training even when they are not scheduled to teach an IB class. Familiarity with the IB curriculum is good staff development.

As our culture becomes increasingly international it will be imperative for our students to have a strong background in global awareness, problem solving, and critical thinking if they want to compete for the best jobs of the future. At LHS we are committed to implementing pedagogical practices that will best prepare our students for their future. I am looking forward to working with you and your students again this year as we build a solid foundation for their future.

Sincerely,

Kathy Dinmore, Principal

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Attention New Transfer Students!



To welcome you to Littleton High School, the LHS peer counselors want you to attend our Transfer Student Orientation.

Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: LHS Forum

It won't take long, but the information and connections you make here will go a long way to help you transition into our high school and meet some friendly faces before the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please call Brian Powers, LHS Counselor at 303-347-7723. Come on over and check it out...

2007-08 Registration and Parking Permits

Completed Registration packets were due on July 13, 2007. If you have not completed registration documents and paid the required fees, please do so immediately! Additional packets may be obtained in our Counseling Office.

All registered students can download their schedule and locker information from the Infinite Campus Portal after August 1st. Make sure you bring your schedule and locker assignment with you on the first day of school! If you do not have computer access at home, you are welcome to print out your information from our computers in the Post Grad Center Monday, August 6th through Friday, August 17th (business days only) from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Parking permits can be purchased in Student Services beginning August 1st from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Price: \$50. Student must show driver's license, current registration, and proof of insurance to purchase permit.



Safety and Security Update

CANINE SEARCHES

Littleton High School is one of the best metro area high schools. However, like most high schools we have a few students that are making poor decisions when it comes to drug and alcohol use. Parents and students need to know that we take a zero tolerance approach to keep our campus drug and alcohol free. It is likely that a canine drug search will occur this fall. This is common practice at most high schools and has been standard practice at Arapahoe and Heritage High Schools. The canine is trained to limit the search to lockers and cars – not individual students. The process used by the Littleton Police Department will protect each student's legal rights yet afford the LHS administrators the necessary authority to deal with this serious issue.



INTERIOR CAMERAS INSTALLED

This summer ten video cameras were installed throughout the interior hallways, cafeteria and library. We are optimistic that these cameras will curtail inappropriate behaviors like vandalism, graffiti, bullying and theft. It is just another measure Littleton Public Schools is taking to create a safe atmosphere that is conducive to an educational environment.

Visitor Policy

During school hours all visitors, including parents, prior students, and volunteers **must** check-in at the Main Office and obtain a visitor's badge from our receptionist, Lori Nichol. Please help us keep our building safe by cooperating with this district-wide policy.

Student Responsibility and an Open Campus

Littleton High School students enjoy the privilege of an open campus. Basically that means that during lunch, before and after school, and during any academic prep period students may choose how they spend their time. Ideally, they should use their academic prep period to see teachers, use the library or find a quiet place to study. However, students may leave campus during their free time or just hang out with their friends. We are trying to instill in students that an open campus privilege needs to be balanced with a sense of responsibility. We ask that students use quiet voices, pick up their trash, and be in class on time after a free period or lunch.

At this time we have NO intention of going to any sort of closed campus. Alumni often report that open campus in high school taught them valuable time-management skills that were helpful when they got to college. However, due to excessive noise in the academic hallways and numerous complaints from teachers and students this past year, we will be restricting access to the academic hallways during class. Students will still be able to go to their lockers, walk through all hallways and seek out teachers. Students will no longer be allowed to hang out in the academic hallways during class time. Students will still be welcome in the cafeteria, library, front entrance, athletic entrance, and hallways that do not have classrooms.

With a little bit of effort on everyone's part we can achieve an excellent educational environment while still allowing students the freedom to choose how they spend their free time. The LHS staff appreciates your support in this procedural change.

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Attention Students and Parents!!

*For a complete list of our activities, clubs, and staff sponsors, please visit our website at:
www.littletonpublicschools.net/littleton.*

Numerous studies have demonstrated that students are more likely to use drugs or alcohol, show signs of depression or behavior problems, engage in risky sexual behavior, and even become victims of car crashes and violent crimes if they spend three

or more hours home alone after school. (from Principal Research Review: NASSP).

Students interested in joining our sports teams should see Ms. Maurus or Mr. Risoli in our Athletic Department in the main office.

Students who are interested in joining any of our numerous clubs or activities, should see Ms. Mortenson or Ms. Weber in our Activities Department in the main office.

Sign up today!

**GET INVOLVED...
The world is run by
those who show up**

We Appreciate Parent Involvement As Well!

THE LITTLETON HIGH SCHOOL POST GRADUATE CENTER WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK THE FOLLOWING PARENT VOLUNTEERS...

PAT ABE-SELF * ELLEN ANNIS * GAIL BRIDGES
JANET BROPHY * JANE CHRISTOFFERSEN * CHRIS CLARK
BARB COURTNEY * FRANK DANCE * PAULA ELLERMAN * LORNA FAIR
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ANN KARCICH * PAT KLASS * POLLY LOEWY * SANDI LUOMA * DONNA MARTIN * LUPE MOSS * ABBE
ODENWALDER * DOROTHY OSTER * JIM PEQUETTE * DEBBIE PIRNACK * ANN PITINGA IRENE
REEVES * JODY ROBERG * HOLLY ROEPE * DENIE RONNENKAMP
JEAN SEDERBERG * VICTORIA SIMON * MARY STEEFEL * KAIA STULOCK JANE SWALLING *
NANCYANNA VANDENOVER * LYNN VOSBEEK
ALISON WINSLOW * GRACE WU AND KATHLEEN WUSSOW*

DURING THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR THESE PEOPLE MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH
806 SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS...
GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTING 2059 HOURS OF THEIR TIME!

POST GRAD VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

If you can give 2 hours a week on the same day and time... If you are interested in working directly with students...

If you would like to learn more about post high school options... Including the college admissions process...

Contact Penny Hanson anytime at: Pennylyn55@yahoo.com or 303-932-8414

Life After Littleton for the Class of 2008

Planning for after high school is really an American right of passage for most parents and students. Years of nurturing in the nest will finally be tested as the fledglings head off to explore the big wide world on their own. The Post Grad Center at Littleton High School watches this cycle take place every year and while it can be a very stressful time, it can also be a thoughtful transition to the next step, whatever that is.

It is easy to get caught up in the intense competition of college admissions but after observing students and families in the throes of this process for years I agree with George S. Bridges, President of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington in his recent article titled "Choosing the Right College: Getting to the Heart of the Matter".

...look beyond the hype, the numerical indices, the loud boasts of academic pedigree. Follow your intuition as much as your calculations. What matters most in the selection process is your feeling about a school based

on your interests, passions and, most of all, your awareness of self. No set of numbers or litany of accolades will determine the "best" college for a student. Of the nearly, 3000 accredited baccalaureate schools in the United States, most make good on their offer of an excellent education. In the end, it is the interior makeup of the student that will determine, in large measure, the quality of his or her educational experience.



The most important consideration in making a college list is for students, perhaps for the first time in their lives, to think seriously about who they are, how they learn best, what values are important to them, and then to look for schools where they *feel* comfortable academically, socially, politically, etc.. Students should *want* to attend every school on their list.

Parents undoubtedly will see this as a very big task for their 18 year olds, and it is. But if the discussion about finding a college can be centered around these issues rather than where a college ranks in U.S. News and World Reports, or whether or not family and friends have heard of a college, then the whole task will take on a calmer, more personally relevant tone.

We look forward to working with the Class of 2008 and helping each of them discover their own individual path.

By Lucy Allen, Post Grad Specialist

2007-08 Senior Portrait Requirements

Portrait Submission Deadline	September 17, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.
Print Type:	Color & Glossy; No texture, name stamping, or embossing; Absolutely no photo copies of pictures will be accepted.
Print Size:	Wallet (3 5/16" vertical x 2 5/16" horizontal)
Head Size:	Approximately 1/2" - 5/8" from bridge of nose to tip of chin
Pose:	Photograph only from waist up; No soft focus, vignettes, or props; No knees showing or hands on face; No clothing that would be inappropriate for a public school (e.g. plunging necklines).
Background:	Simple uncluttered background. Photos may be indoor or outdoor.
Further Specifications:	Print the senior's name on the back of each portrait. Include names on CD files. We can only accommodate late photos in extreme situations and at the expense of the student or photographer. The picture may not be included if the deadline is missed. If photos have an incorrect head size or vary from any requirements listed above, you will be required to submit a new photograph.

Attention Athletes!!

Important

Fall sports begin Monday, August 13 (August 6 for boys' golf). **Athletic forms and fees for fall sports may be turned in to the athletic office on August 3, 6, or 7** between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Student-athletes obtaining physicals at Arapahoe High School on Saturday August 4, may turn in their athletic forms & fees at that time. Athletic participation forms are available in the main office throughout the summer.

Fall Sports

Cross Country
Football
Boys' Golf
Girls' Gymnastics
Boys' Soccer
Softball
Boys' Tennis
Girls' Volleyball

Winter Sports

Boys' Basketball
Girls' Basketball
Girls' Swimming & Diving

Spring Sports

Baseball
Girls' Golf
Boys' Lacrosse
Girls' Lacrosse
Girls' Soccer
Boys' Swimming & Diving
Girls' Tennis
Track & Field

Athletic Participation Forms

No one will be allowed to practice or play without approval from the Athletic Office. Authorization for Athletic Participation forms are available in the Athletic Department Office. **A form must be completed for each sport you play.** A physical is required for all sports. The physical MUST be renewed every 12 months. If you have a current physical on file with the athletic department from a previous sport print 'On File' in place of the physician's signature. Insurance coverage is mandatory for all student-athletes. If you do not have current coverage, the school can supply information to obtain seasonal coverage at a moderate price. Student and parent must sign the Athletic Code agreement on the participation form. The Athletic Code provides student-athletes and their parents with important information regarding the policies and procedures of the Littleton Athletic Department. The booklet is available in the Athletic department. This document is also available on the Littleton High School website at www.littleton.littletonpublicschools.net under the Activities/Athletics tab.

Athletic Fees

- Athletic Fees are \$100.00 per sport per athlete. The fee for Poms and Cheers is \$25.00. Maximum fees are \$200.00 per athlete per year and \$300.00 per family per year.
- Your participation fee will be returned if you do not make the team
- Make checks payable to Littleton High School.

Note: Lacrosse fees are paid directly to the team Booster Club, not LHS. Family and per athlete maximum fee limits do not apply for Lacrosse.

IMPORTANT DATES 2007-2008

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| August 3, 6, 7 | Turn in athletic form and fees for fall sports. |
| August 4 | High School physicals available at Arapahoe High School 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Call Physiotherapy Associates at 303-694-193 for an appointment. Cost is \$25.00. Physiotherapy will donate \$20.00 back to LHS. Those of you getting physicals at Arapahoe High School may turn your athletic forms & fees in at this time. |
| August 6 | First day of practice for boys' golf. Call Coach Burdick (303.929.5988) for time & place to meet. |
| August 13 | First day of practice for all other fall sports. Here's where we will meet:
Cross Country – 3:00 Baseball Field stands
Football – 2:30 N. Gym ready to practice outside.
Gymnastics –3:30 at Heritage High School gymnasium ready to practice
Boys' Soccer – Stadium; Freshman & Sophomores – 2:30; Juniors & Seniors – 4:00
Softball - 4:30 pm at the Softball Practice Field. Parent meeting at 6:30 pm at the Softball Practice Field.
Boys' Tennis – 2:30 Tennis Courts
Volleyball – 2:30 North Gym |
| August 21 | All Students – First Day of School |
| August 22 | All Sports Night, North Gym, 7:00 p.m. |
| October 8-13 | Homecoming Week |
| November 1 & 2 | Turn in athletic forms and fees for winter sports. |
| November 10 | First day of practice for winter sports. |
| February 7 & 8 | Turn in athletic forms and fees for spring sports. |
| February 19 | First day of practice for spring sports. |

SPORTS SCHEDULESwww.highschoolsports.net

Sport Specific Information

High School Physicals Available at Arapahoe High School

Physiotherapy Associates will be giving high school sports physicals from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 4. The exam will include a thorough musculoskeletal examination to assure minimal likelihood for injury, a reassessment of old injuries with advice for injury prevention, and it will allow the medical staff at our school to become familiar with your health needs. The cost is \$25.00. Physiotherapy Associates will donate \$20.00 back to Littleton High School athletics. Those student-athletes obtaining physicals at Arapahoe High School may turn your completed athletic forms & fees in at this time. Call Physiotherapy Associates at 303-694-9193 for an appointment.

Cross Country

Fall practices begin Monday, August 13. Tuesday and Thursday evening 'fun' runs are held throughout the summer. The week of August 6 there will be a non-mandatory running camp. For more information contact Coach Knipmeyer at 303-734-6797 or Coach Mullarkey at 303-734-6807. Athletic forms and fees should be turned in to the athletic department office on Monday, August 6 or Tuesday, August 7.

Boys' Golf

Boys' golf begins Monday, August 6. Turn in Athletic forms and fees to the athletic department office on Friday, August 3. For more information contact Coach Burdick @ 303-929-5988 or lhsgolf-coach@hotmail.com.

Boys' Soccer

August 6 - August 9, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily - Conditioning Camp for Grades 6-12. August 6 or August 7 – Turn in athletic forms & fees to the Athletic Office. August 13 – Tryouts begin. Contact Coach Pettit @ 303-517-3317 or pettit_ben@hotmail.com for more information.

Softball

Summer workouts are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Softball practice field. Softball camp will be held Friday, August 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 11 for 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Turn in your athletic forms and fees to the athletic department office on Monday, August 6 or Tuesday, August 7.

Monday, August 13 at 4:30 p.m. is the first practice of the season. A parent meeting will follow at 6:30 pm. For further information, contact Coach Chandler @ 720-935-1749 or Coach Brothers @ 720-273-2927.

Volleyball

August 6 - August 9, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - LHS Volleyball Team Camp

August 6 or August 7 - Turn in Athletic forms and fees to the athletic department office. Tryouts begin August 13. Contact Coach Whalen at 303-734-6830 or mwhalen@lps.k12.co.us for more information.

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Littleton High School's Academic Integrity Policy

Academic Integrity is essential to upholding a climate of honesty and fairness at Littleton High School. It is important that *all* members of the LHS educational community maintain high standards of integrity and excel to their highest ability in order to protect the value of the educational process and to maintain the credibility of LHS as an educational institution. Academic Integrity is acknowledging responsibility for:

- Producing the student's own work
- Recognizing others' work according to Modern Language Association (MLA), American Psychological Association Style (APA), or Chicago Manual of Style
- Valuing learning over grades
- Maintaining honor and trust at Littleton High School

Violations

Violations against the Academic Integrity Policy include but are not limited to:

Cheating

The term **assessment** includes exam, test, quiz, essay, take-home test, lab, homework, assignment or any other means of assessing student knowledge and skills.

1. Copying from others.
2. Having or using resources not specifically authorized, reviewed or approved by the teacher.
3. Providing or receiving information about all or part of an assessment, including answers or unauthorized materials (e.g. telling someone in a subsequent period what was on the assessment, or seeking this information).
4. Altering a graded assessment and resubmitting it for a better grade without teacher permission.
5. Using or displaying during an assessment any prohibited or unauthorized information or device (e.g. programmable calculators, cell phones, "cheat sheets," etc.).
6. Seeking unauthorized assistance on a take-home or make-up assessment.
7. Failing to stop work promptly on an assessment when the time allocated has elapsed.

8. Failing to abide by teacher or school instructions as related to an assessment.
9. Deceiving a teacher to get special consideration on an assessment.
10. Misrepresenting academic accomplishments (e.g. tampering with computer records, fabricating resume information, etc.).
11. Manipulating others for one's own academic benefit.
12. Forging a signature.

Plagiarism

1. Getting or giving improper assistance on an assignment meant to be individual work (e.g. using materials or information not based on your own research and writing, knowledgeable giving a fellow student your work for his/her credit, etc.).
2. Submitting substantial portions of the same academic work for credit in more than one course without consulting with, and receiving permission from, the current teacher.
3. Making up data for an experiment or citing non-existing sources in any research.
4. Failing to cite sources properly:
 - a. not using quotation marks when needed.
 - b. not acknowledging sources when paraphrasing.

Enforcement Policy

When a student is in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy, the following progressive steps will occur:

- A meeting between the student and teacher will follow.
- The student will receive a reduced grade or a grade of zero for the assessment, at the discretion of the teacher.
- The teacher will document the incident on a discipline referral, based on the severity of the violation, and give it to the appropriate administrator, who will file the referral in the student's discipline record.
- If the incident is documented as a referral, the teacher will notify the parents of the details of the violation and the consequences.
- Repeated offenses may result in course level penalties, program level penalties, or suspension.

If the student contests the academic dishonesty violation and consequences, he/she has recourse for mediation of the dispute. This process includes the following:

- The student writes a letter, requesting a conference to further discuss the issue and also stating his/her specific reasons for the requested mediation.
- The student gives the letter to his/her counselor no later than one week after the initial meeting between the student and teacher.
- The counselor will arrange a conference which will include the student, parent, teacher, student's counselor and a member of the administrative team.
- The school administrator will ultimately decide final penalties.

Littleton High School students, faculty and administrators are expected to read and understand the above policies and definitions and abide by the above enforcement procedures.

Academic Advisement & Counseling Center

The Academic Advisement & Counseling Center at LHS is located at the south end of the Math Hall. Our counseling staff members are well-equipped and available to help students with questions ranging from class credits and personal problems to our Post Grad Center who are there to help you prepare for life after high school. Please stop by and visit our offices. We are here to help you!

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Attention IB Families

The International Baccalaureate Parent Organization (IBPO) publishes a summer newsletter separate from the Lions Den. Look for it – including information on volunteer opportunities, the August ice cream social, and ways to make financial contributions to IBPO activities – in early August. It will be mailed home to every IB family. Meanwhile, please direct questions to Kaia Stulock, IBPO president, at kstulock@comcast.net.

2007-2008 Special Days and Weeks

<u>2007</u>		<u>2008</u>	
Sep. 1–30	Library Card Sign-up Month	Jan. 1–31	School Board Recognition Month
Sep. 8	International Literacy Day	Jan. 21	Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday Observance
Sep. 9	Grandparents' Day	Feb. 1–28	Black History Month
Sep. 11	Patriot Day	Feb. 18	Presidents' Day
Sep. 15–Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month	Mar. 1–31	Music in Our Schools Month
Sept. 17	Constitution Day	Mar. 1–31	National Women's History Month
Oct. 7–13	Fire Prevention Week	Mar. 1–31	National Middle Level Education Month
Oct. 8–12	Nat'l School Lunch Week	Mar. 1–31	Youth Art Month
Oct 16	Bosses Day	Mar. 2	Read Across America
Oct. 19–25	Classified Employees Week	Mar. 3–7	National School Breakfast Week
Oct. 22–26	Nat'l School Bus Safety Week	Mar. 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Oct. 22–26	Red Ribbon Week	Apr. 1–30	Mathematics Education Month
Oct. 24	United Nations Day	Apr. 2	International Children's Book Day
Oct. 27	Make a Difference Day	Apr. 13–19	National Library Week
Nov. 1–30	American Indian Heritage Month	Apr. 13–19	National Student Leadership Week
Nov. 4	Daylight Savings Time Ends	Apr. 13–19	Week of the Young Child
Nov. 6	Election Day	Apr. 22	Earth Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	Apr. 23	Administrative Professionals Day
Nov. 11–17	American Education Week	Apr. 24	Take Our Daughters to Work Day
Nov. 11–17	Youth Appreciation Week	Apr. 27–May 3	National Volunteer Week
Nov. 12–18	Nat'l Children's Book Week	May 4–11	Music Week
Nov. 13	Nat'l Parental Involvement Day	May 5–9	Teacher Appreciation Week
Nov. 18–24	Nat'l Family Week	May 6	National Teacher Day
		May 11–17	Reading Is Fun Week
		May 18–24	National Educational Bosses' Week

Important Information from LPS About The 10 Late-Start Dates in the 2007-2008 School Calendar

Littleton Public Schools is committed to increasing achievement levels for every student. The district achievement goal states, "90% of all students will be on or above grade level in reading, math, writing, and science by 2011. The achievement gap in student performance will be cut in half by 2009." This goes hand in hand with the district's belief that a well-rounded education is important to each student's success.

Beginning next fall, all LPS schools will provide time for teachers to meet together to have frequent, consistent, and data-driven conversations about student achievement. These meetings are called Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). There are 10 late-start days built into next year's calendar that allow time for PLCs to take place.

In PLC meetings, teachers answer four critical questions:

1. What is essential for students to learn?
2. How will we know when each student has learned it?
3. How will we respond when a student experiences difficulty in learning?
4. How will we respond when a student already knows it?

Through this kind of collaboration, instructional staff will be able to work together to continually improve their teaching to ensure high levels of learning for every student. It's important to remember that no instructional time is lost in this model; non-student time is being restructured, and seven minutes are being added to every school day. This makes the two-hour late start on the 10 PLC days possible.

Please take note of the important information below pertaining to the 10 late-start days in the 2007-2008 school year. We thank you for your support as we work to better educate your student.

Bell Schedules

Next fall, high school will begin school and dismiss as follows:

Littleton- 7:21 a.m. to 2:13 p.m.

Arapahoe- 7:21 a.m. to 2:16 p.m.

Heritage- 7:21 a.m. to 2:18 p.m.

On the 10 PLC days, all three high schools will begin at 9:21 a.m.

Transportation

Buses will run later on the 10 late-start PLC days as well. These times will be reflected in the bus schedule that will be sent to parents prior to the beginning of the school year.

To ensure safety, please make sure your student arrives at school at the later start time on those 10 days and not before. The school will NOT provide supervision for students who arrive early.

The 10 late-start days for PLC work are:

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| • Wednesday, August 29, 2007 | • Wednesday, December 5, 2007 |
| • Wednesday, September 12, 2007 | • Wednesday, January 16, 2008 |
| • Wednesday, September 26, 2007 | • Wednesday, February 6, 2008 |
| • Wednesday, October 10, 2007 | • Wednesday, February 27, 2008 |
| • Wednesday, November 7, 2007 | • Wednesday, April 9, 2008 |

A Reminder for Parents

As a reminder, LPS will call and leave a recorded message for families prior to each of the 10 late-start days.



**LITTLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DELAY AND CLOSURE PROCEDURES
2007–2008**

In case of emergency or severe weather conditions, please tune in to the following radio or television stations for information on changes in school schedules. Stations will be contacted no later than 6:30 a.m. for late starts and school closures, and as soon as possible for early dismissals.

Since media stations are often not able to make detailed emergency announcements, it is important that you become familiar with the schedules below and keep this sheet handy for reference.

<i>AM RADIO</i>	<i>FM RADIO</i>		<i>TELEVISION</i>
KHOW (630)	CHANNEL (93.3)	KRFX (103.5)	CW2 Channel 2
KKZN (760)	KPTT (95.7)	KJCD (104.3)	CBS4 Channel 4
KOA (850)	KBCO (97.3)	KBPI (106.7)	7NEWS Channel 7
KNRV (1150)*	KYGO (98.5)	KQKS (107.5)	9NEWS Channel 9
* Bilingual Station			FOX Channel 31

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Delayed Start Storm Schedule

High Schools and Middle Schools: No delay in school start or bus pickup times.

Elementary Schools: One half-hour delay for school start times and bus pickup times. Elementary school start times for ALL students are as follows:

Early Elementary Schools 9:10 a.m.
Late Elementary Schools 9:40 a.m.

Afternoon Kindergarten: No delay in school start time.

Walkers and those who use private transportation should plan to be at school at the delayed start time—**not before**.

All levels—including morning kindergarten—will be dismissed at their normal times, unless notified otherwise.

Please note: During inclement weather, bus pickups may be delayed by congested traffic even though a delayed start has not been declared.

Early Dismissal

Morning Early Dismissal: A minimum of 45 minutes must be allowed between dismissal times for each level. If the decision to close school early is made by 9:10 a.m., the following dismissal times will be in effect:

High Schools 9:30 a.m.	Late Elementary Schools 11:45 a.m.
Middle Schools 10:15 a.m.	Morning Kindergarten students will be transported
Early Elementary Schools 11:00 a.m.	on the regular bus to their a.m. bus stop.

Noon Early Dismissal: If the decision to close school early is made by 10:00 a.m., schools will notify afternoon kindergarten parents that there will be no afternoon session. The following dismissal times will be in effect:

High Schools 12:00 Noon	Early Elementary Schools 1:00 p.m.
Middle Schools 12:30 p.m.	Late Elementary Schools 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Early Dismissal: If the decision to close school early is made by 11:00 a.m., schools will notify afternoon kindergarten parents that there will be no afternoon session. The following dismissal times will be in effect:

High Schools 1:10 p.m.	Early Elementary Schools 2:10 p.m.
Middle Schools 1:40 p.m.	Late Elementary Schools 2:40 p.m.

Vocational education, special needs students, preschool students, and Adolescent Day Resource Center will have bus pickup times determined by the Transportation Department. Transportation staff will notify buildings. **When all district schools are closed, all school-sponsored activities are canceled.**