



August 10, 2022

Hello Fourteener Students and Families!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are excited to welcome new and returning students to our beautiful campus on Tuesday, August 30th. It is my hope that you all have had a rejuvenating summer! I am honored to serve as Superintendent/Principal in Hinsdale County School District at Lake City Community School. Each year, I like to take the time and reflect on the previous school year and envision our new school year together as students, families, teachers, staff and community. This year, my goal is to keep three key words as a focal point for our 2022-2023 school year – Collaborative, Creative, Comprehensive. Those three words keep a focus on students. Collaborative – it takes a welcoming school community working together to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of its students. Creative – flexibility with a growth mindset for teaching and learning resulting in knowledgeable, creative problem solvers. Comprehensive – all students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged at LCCS.

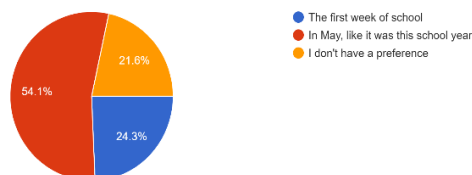
Please help me in welcoming our new staff, faculty and/or new assignments:

- Nam Horn – K-12 Art Teacher
- Matt Phillimore – IT Coordinator and Teacher

Please note a few calendar adjustments from last year's calendar.

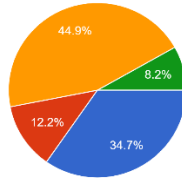
- Four-year-old Preschool – the first Tuesday of every month will be a “Director Day” for Mrs. Caitlin Rhodes and we will not have four-year-old preschool on those days (see LCCS calendar).
- MS/HS Adventure (based on student and staff feedback – results below) will be May 16-19. Our team is still planning the location but will communicate all the exciting details as we get closer to the May date. Two of the top location wishes on the survey were Rocky Mountain National Park or Mesa Verde. Stay tuned.

ADVENTURE: I would like Adventure week to be...
37 responses



- Winter Break (based on student, family, and staff input) will shift the week of December 19th to a Monday-Thursday school schedule and our winter break will begin on Friday, December 22, 2022 (see LCCS calendar).

Holiday break options for 2022:
49 responses



- Start break on Saturday, December 17, 2022 and return to school on January 3, 2023
- Start break on Saturday, December 23, 2022 and return to school on January 10, 2023
- Attend school Monday-Thursday the week of December 19th and START break on Friday, December 22, 2022...
- I do not have a preference

Additional information to note.

Preschool – 5th grade will begin using the new 2023 Wonders reading/writing curriculum and all elementary teachers will engage in a full day of curriculum training in September. We are looking forward to the opportunities this team effort will bring to our students.

Safety Team – LCCS has a safety team which currently includes a school board member, administration, teachers/staff and a school resource officer from the sheriff's office. If you would like to volunteer to be on the safety team as a community/family member, please contact Martha Levine at marthal@lakecityschool.org. Our school uses the "I Love U Guys" Foundation's programs for our safety planning including our standard response protocols, crisis response and post-crisis reunification. More information can be found at <https://iloveuguys.org/>

School lunch update! School lunches across the state of Colorado are no longer free for all students; however, the Hinsdale County School Board has prioritized nutritious meals as a budget priority this year and we are able to offer free breakfast (new!) and lunch for all students. Please note that this free breakfast and lunch program may not continue for the 2023-2024 school year, but for now we are celebrating reducing food insecurities for all families for the 2022-2023 school year! *We still need you to fill out the Household Application for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch as we will get a small reimbursement based on those forms and every little bit helps!*

Thank you for your ongoing support. My door is open if you have any questions or concerns as we begin our school year and beyond.

With best wishes for a wonderful school year ahead,

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Superintendent