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Hello Lenz Families,

We hope you had a peaceful and productive winter break. I have been asked about school emergency drills and the requirements related to emergency drills. Thus, I wanted to provide a brief overview of the emergency drill process followed by all WCSD schools. Before I do, I want to pass along a thank you to families using the front parking lot. We have observed a greater awareness by families in their efforts to keep students safe.

Drill Requirements:

Per WCSD and NRS all schools are now required complete the following drill schedule;

- One fire drill each month
- One earthquake drill each school year (usually in October)
- Two Code Reds in a school year
- Three Code Yellows in a school year

The date and time of drills is determined by school leadership and in coordination with other WCSD departments and emergency services.

- An actual Code Red or Hard lockdown occurs when there is a suspected or confirmed direct threat to the school.
- An actual precautionary Code Yellow lockdown is process where a school enters into a heightened state of alertness and security to ensure that staff and students will be prepared to react quickly in case of an emergency.

HOW WILL FAMILIES BE NOTIFIED OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS?

In the event of a Precautionary Code Yellow lockdown, the school will use our blackboard connect phone call system to notify families that the lockdown occurred. These phone calls will be made the same day as the lockdown and will typically be delivered at the end of the day. WCSD will post notification of any lockdown on our website and will post updates at regular intervals on our [active emergency page](#).

In the event of a Code Red lockdown, WCSD staff will send an initial notification phone call to parents within 15 minutes of the lockdown being declared. Updates will be issued hourly via the Blackboard Connect system until the final notification that the lockdown has been lifted.



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The school will work with students, counselors, and families to recover from the lockdown situation in a manner that is appropriate for the situation.

It is important to note that delivery of phone calls can take the system up to 30 minutes to deliver and some phone calls will be delivered sooner than others

We encourage you to discuss questions, concerns, and recommendations about a lockdown with your school's administrative staff after the incident has been resolved.

We also encourage you to bring questions concerns and recommendations about how information was shared with parents to WCSD staff. Please send this feedback to WCSD_communcations@washoeschools.net. We work hard to review every situation and make improvements and we need to hear from you. This very web page was created following a community suggestion.

Here are a few tips on how to remain informed of the latest developments during an emergency.

- Frequently check the WCSD Emergency Information page.
- Follow social media of first responder agencies and public officials. (WCSD, Fire department, Police, County government)
- Tune in to the reports of our media partners.
- Approach any report that is based on "Police scanner chatter" with skepticism as these reports are frequently misheard or based on unverified initial information.
- Check with your school's office before an emergency occurs and verify that WCSD has the correct contact information for your family.



***Please note that no pets (dogs) are permitted on any WCSD property.

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PTA Letter

Welcome to 2020! We had a great first half of the school year, and hope to continue the success into the New Year!

The December fundraiser at Greatfull Gardens had an amazing turnout, as many of you may have noticed by the take-out line through the door and a wait of over 45 minutes for a table! Amazing! This was our most successful fundraiser partnership with a restaurant, and Greatfull Gardens' most successful event as well. Thank you for those who attended!

With the success of this recent fundraiser, as well as the PTA's desire to focus on our next big fundraiser - the Grand Gala in February - we are **canceling the fundraiser at Chipotle originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th**. Moving forward with restaurant fundraisers, we would love to continue to support locally-owned establishments. If you know of any restaurants that would like to partner with us in the future, please send them my way!

As you may be aware, the Lenz Administration is encouraging all students to wear Lenz gear on Fridays. This is a tradition that has slipped recently, but we are trying to renew the school pride! Need some gear for your student? Spirit wear is currently being handled by our wonderful guidance counselor, Mrs. Brezina. Have your student stop by her office or send her an email to find out more information about what is available for purchase.

Please be on the lookout for information and ways to help out on the Grand Gala. We need lots of donations and volunteers to make this event as great as it always is for the entire Lenz Community.

I'd like to close by saying thank you to the entire community for donating so many non-perishable food items to the food drive. We were able to donate over 7 barrels full of supplies to people in need. We are blessed with so many caring and generous families!

Lindsay Lyons
PTA President



"SAVE THE DATE"

Friday, February 21st from 6:30 to 8pm

Lenz Boys bring your date to the Lenz Grand Ballroom

Saturday, February 22nd from 6:30 to 8pm

Lenz Girls bring your date to the Lenz Grand Ballroom

We are in the process of collecting (kid-friendly) drawing items, silent auction items, and cash donations.

For more information or to donate, please contact:

Brenda Larkin

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Jenny Halterman

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Lenz Parents and Friends WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Lenz Grand Gala is right around the corner: Friday, February 21st and Saturday, February 22nd. Last year's event was widely successful, thanks to your support!

Please consider contributing an item to the silent auction and drawing that takes place during the Lenz Grand Gala. The item can be donated by you, your employer, or both. Some items that have sold well at past auctions include:

- Kid Friendly Activities such as Need 2 Speed, Wild Waters or the Discovery Museum
- Movie, Dining, Entertainment or Hotel Accommodations
- Spa, Ski or Wine Packages
- Fitness Passes and Sports Equipment

By donating an item, service or financial donation, you will make a tax-deductible contribution that will directly help the students of Lenz Elementary School. Proceeds raised from the Gala will support programs and provide supplies for classroom technology, physical education, music, reading, art, field trips and numerous family engagement programs.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support. Together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Halterman
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Lenz Grand Gala Co-Chairs

Brenda Larkin
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I have an item to donate! Please contact me with further instructions:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Donation Item: _____ Value: _____

I don't have an item to donate, but please accept my enclosed donation of \$ _____

Please return to your teacher or the Lenz front office by Feb. 12th. Make checks payable to Lenz PTA. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Halterman (jennifer.halterman@yahoo.com) or Brenda Larkin (larkinbrenda@gmail.com).

Elizabeth Lenz PTA, in affiliation with PTA Nevada Congress, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) association.
Our tax ID number is 94-2862191 and your donations may be tax deductible



Welcome back from winter break. I hope you all enjoyed friends and family. In the years since becoming a school nurse, I have seen up ticks of illnesses after breaks. Some seasonal and some passed from person to person in our travels around the world.

The most important habits to practice to stay healthy in this New Year are hand washing with soap and water. Sanitizers with greater than 60% alcohol are best while on the go. Cover your cough in your sleeve. Try to practice keeping your hands away from your face before washing them throughout the day. Sleeping well, eating well, and exercise are also important.

The Washoe County Health Department recently issued a newsletter to help educate the public about prevention and protection from the norovirus.

To assist in this you can:

Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water especially, after using the toilet, changing diapers and before eating, preparing or handling food. **Hand sanitizer is not as effective as soap and water against norovirus.**

Wash fruits and vegetables before preparing and eating them.

Do not prepare food or care for others while sick for 2 days after recovering from norovirus.

Normal exclusion from school is 24 hours after symptoms; nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea resolve. This illness is usually self-limiting, lasting from 1-3 days. If symptoms last longer, consult your primary health care provider.

Help us to prevent the spread of this virus and all illness by staying home when you are sick and following these measures to stay well.

Thank you!

Lenz Clinic



Congratulations

To 3 of our Lenz Teachers, Jenna Larkin(1st grade), Liz Lepe (3rd grade), and Cheryl Johnson(3rd grade), for achieving their National Board Certification in Elementary Education.

Successful certification involves a rigorous yearlong process of classes, research, writing, classroom application and video, as well as a comprehensive exam.