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## Principal's Message

### IS IT WORKING?

Occasionally I am asked by students and parents if we are seeing the desired results from our attendance policy. Without hesitation, I respond in the affirmative! Here are some reasons why I remain a passionate supporter of our attendance policy.

Just over three years ago, a visitor to Lone Peak High School would have found approx. 400 students in the hallways five to ten minutes after the start bell had sounded. By raising expectations for students to be punctual, these numbers have been significantly reduced. Today, teachers are able to teach a full class period with fewer disruptions. Students benefit when fewer interruptions occur.

Truancy has decreased significantly! This is documented by our school and district data. One year after implementing our attendance policy, Lone Peak had the most significant reduction in truancy in Alpine School District.

Additional benefits of the attendance policy have been measured in student's grades, ACT scores, post-secondary studies, extra-curricular participation, graduation rate, and increased personal accountability.

We care about students and their success. The fringe benefits to good attendance and punctuality are significant.

There is no perfect attendance policy. The Lone Peak High School attendance policy was adopted by a committee of parents, students, teachers, counselors and administrators. It includes strategies from the most effective attendance policies in the country. While our attendance policy sets high expectations for students and their parents, overall I believe that the current policy improves student learning and promotes the vision and culture of Lone Peak High School.

### *News from the P.T.S.A.*

Sunday, Nov. 23 is the 8th Annual Utah PTA Family Table Talk. This event initiates National Family Week. Join families around the state who will gather their family together to eat, share stories, talk, laugh, and enjoy one another. For more information contact your local PTA or visit [www.utahpta.org](http://www.utahpta.org).

### *Counseling Center*

- \* UBSCT will be given Feb. 3, 4, and 5 to all sophomores.
- \* Junior SEOPs begin Feb. 9.
- \* ACT Test will be Dec. 13 and Feb. 7. Cost is \$31.
- \* Seniors: College priority admission deadlines are posted.

### *Essential Information*

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

We have recently amended the LPHS Tardy Policy. The changes will be implemented second term, 2008. The first policy change involves tardies, only. Amending the tardy clause will more closely align the LPHS policy on absences and tardies. Beginning October 27, 2008 students will be allowed four (4) tardies, (*excused or unexcused*), per class each term. Should a student exceed the limit, he/she will forfeit credit in the class until the issue is resolved by attending Attendance School.

The second point of emphasis is as follows: Should a student go over established limits of excused absences or tardies he/she will lose credit in the class until the issue is resolved. The student must make-up the attendance issues in the term they occur by attending Attendance School. If the term has ended, students must consult their

#### L.P.H.S. WEBSITE

We have recently added an online calendar to our school website! To access the calendar, please visit our school website [www.lonepeak.alpinedistrict.org](http://www.lonepeak.alpinedistrict.org) and click on the Calendar/Schedules, then School Calendar.

## Inside Lone Peak

### CARE TEAM

The CARE Team at Lone Peak High School is made up of teachers and staff who volunteer their time to intervene on behalf of students who are struggling academically, socially, or anywhere in between. Some students need help with staying on top of their school work, some are disruptive in class, and still others “fly under the radar”, and perhaps have a harder time meeting and connecting with others. The CARE Team provides a mentor for these students, helping them to keep up and hopefully reach out. High School can be difficult to navigate, but knowing that someone is in your corner seems to go a long way with many of the students we work with. If you would like to refer a student to the CARE Team, please contact Mr. Joey Carpenter at Lone Peak High School.

### RED RIBBON WEEK



Lone Peak students took part in Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 27— 31. Students pledged to abstain from drugs, tobacco, alcohol and violence. Guest speakers and activities reinforced the theme of the week.

### SPIRIT BOWL

On Sept. 26 hundreds of LP students poured into the field house to take part in the Homecoming Spirit Bowl. Breaking from the traditional class competitions, this year the Student Council gave a free T-shirt to each student which categorized them into teams: Black Plague, Maroon Mayhem, Golden Scourge, and White Curse. Students competed in a number of relay races and fun activities. At the end of the Bowl, the Black Plague were named the champions.



### “BE THE CHANGE” DAY

The second annual “Be the Change Day” was held October 27. Michaela Curren, a business consultant who trains and coaches corporations was the guest facilitator this year. The mission of Be the Change Day is to bring more unity to L.P.H.S. Hopefully, participants will help create a school where everyone feels safe, valued, and appreciated. Be the Change Day was filled with unity building activities. Those who participated found the opportunities and activities to be very beneficial.

### SIR KNIGHT PAGEANT

It was standing room only in the LPHS auditorium on Oct. 9 as fifteen young men, representing the sophomore, junior, and senior classes competed for the title of Sir Knight. The annual pageant is sponsored by the Chevaliers Drill Team and is favorite among students, teachers, and patrons, alike. Participants competed in three categories; fitness routine, talent, and self-expression. This year, the title of Sir Knight went to sophomore Mitch Flygare, junior Zach Hyatt, and senior Kolby Larsen.



Mitch Flygare



Zach Hyatt



Kolby Larsen

### PHYSICS CLUB

The Physics Club recently held a paper rocket launch. Students built rockets out of paper and launched them with a bicycle pump & PVC launch pad. Students interested in other fun Physics activities, such as the Great Tower of Physics competition, are invited to join. The Physics Club meets every Thursday in room 131. Visit the club page for more details at [www.lonepeak.alpinedistrict.org/physics/club](http://www.lonepeak.alpinedistrict.org/physics/club).



### IMPRESSIVE ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA

We just received data for the 2008 administration of the ACT. Students of Lone Peak High School have topped the district in ACT participation for the seventh straight year. 2008 marked the second year we have had over 500 students take the ACT. Composite scores on the ACT show Lone Peak High School students performing at or near the top in the district as well, which is well above state and national averages.



## *Athletics*

### **GOLF – REGION & STATE CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to coach Troy Nordick and the L.P.H.S. boys golf team. After bringing home their first Region Championship, the team went on to win their first State Championship! Congratulations to junior Garrett Fotu who also won the individual state title!

### **TENNIS – REGION CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to coach John LaCognata and the girls tennis team. For the fifth consecutive year, Lone Peak has earned the title of Region IV Tennis Champions. Senior Kristen Call and freshman Kristi Elmer won the State Championship in their doubles division, as well!

### **SOCCER – REGION CHAMPIONS AND DOUBLES STATE CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to coach Mike LaHargue and the girls soccer team. The Knights ended the regular season in a three-way tie for the Region IV Championship. This marks the fifth Region Title for the girls soccer team!

### **VOLLEYBALL—**

### **REGION & STATE CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to coach Deanna Meyer and the volleyball team. They ended the regular season tied with P.G.H.S. for the Region Championship. This marks the fifth Region Title for the volleyball team! And, congratulations to the volleyball team for winning their second consecutive State Championship! The team defeated P.G.H.S. in a five game, come-from-behind victory!

## *Educator Excellence*

Mr. Gary Dunn was recently named the Distinguished Service Award Winner by the UASSP (Utah Association of Secondary School Principals). Mr. Dunn was recognized for his excellent service and work with Student Officers. Here at Lone Peak, Mr. Dunn is the Student Government Advisor and teaches Knight News, Knight TV, and Radio courses. Congratulations, Mr. Dunn!

Mrs. Krista DiLello was recently cited in Dance Teacher magazine, a national publication aimed at improving dance education. Mrs. DiLello was recognized for her efforts and strategies in using dance to cross communication barriers. Mrs. DiLello teaches Social Dance 1, Dance 2, Dance 3, and Performing Dance Company.

## *Performing Arts*

### **THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL**

The LPHS Fine Arts Department proudly announces their production of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. The play will run from November 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25. Tickets are \$6 and \$7 if purchased in advance (LPHS finance office), or \$7 and \$8 if purchased at the door. All seating is reserved.

### **IN APPRECIATION**

Thank you to Highland Hideaway Storage and River Meadows Senior Living. They generously donated the use of a storage unit to house LPHS drama costumes, props, and equipment.

### **SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION**

This marks the third consecutive year in which Lone Peak's Shakespeare team has won the Shakespearian Festival in Cedar City. The festival is sponsored by Southern Utah University and includes Shakespeare teams from around the state of Utah and throughout the nation. This year the Knights swept the competition which included 100 teams, 21 of which were in their division. Congratulations to Mr. Jim Smith and the Shakespeare Team!

### **PERFORMING DANCE COMPANY**

The L.P.H.S. Performing Dance Company recently returned from the Shakespearian Festival with a first place finish in the ensemble dance division. Choreography for the competition centered around Shakespeare's works. The PDCs winning ensemble was titled "Time before the Day" which was based on a line from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Congratulations to Mrs. Krista DiLello and the Performing Dance Company!

### **MARCHING BAND**

Congratulations to Mr. Curtis McKendrick and the L.P.H.S. Marching Band. The band received the second place trophy at the Rocky Mountain Invitational and took third place honors at the Nebo Tournament. The Marching Band will compete in the Bands of America Regional in Los Angeles, California this month.



*Mr. Gary Dunn*

*and*

*Mrs. Krista DiLello*

*Congratulations !*



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## *Photo Fun*

### WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

