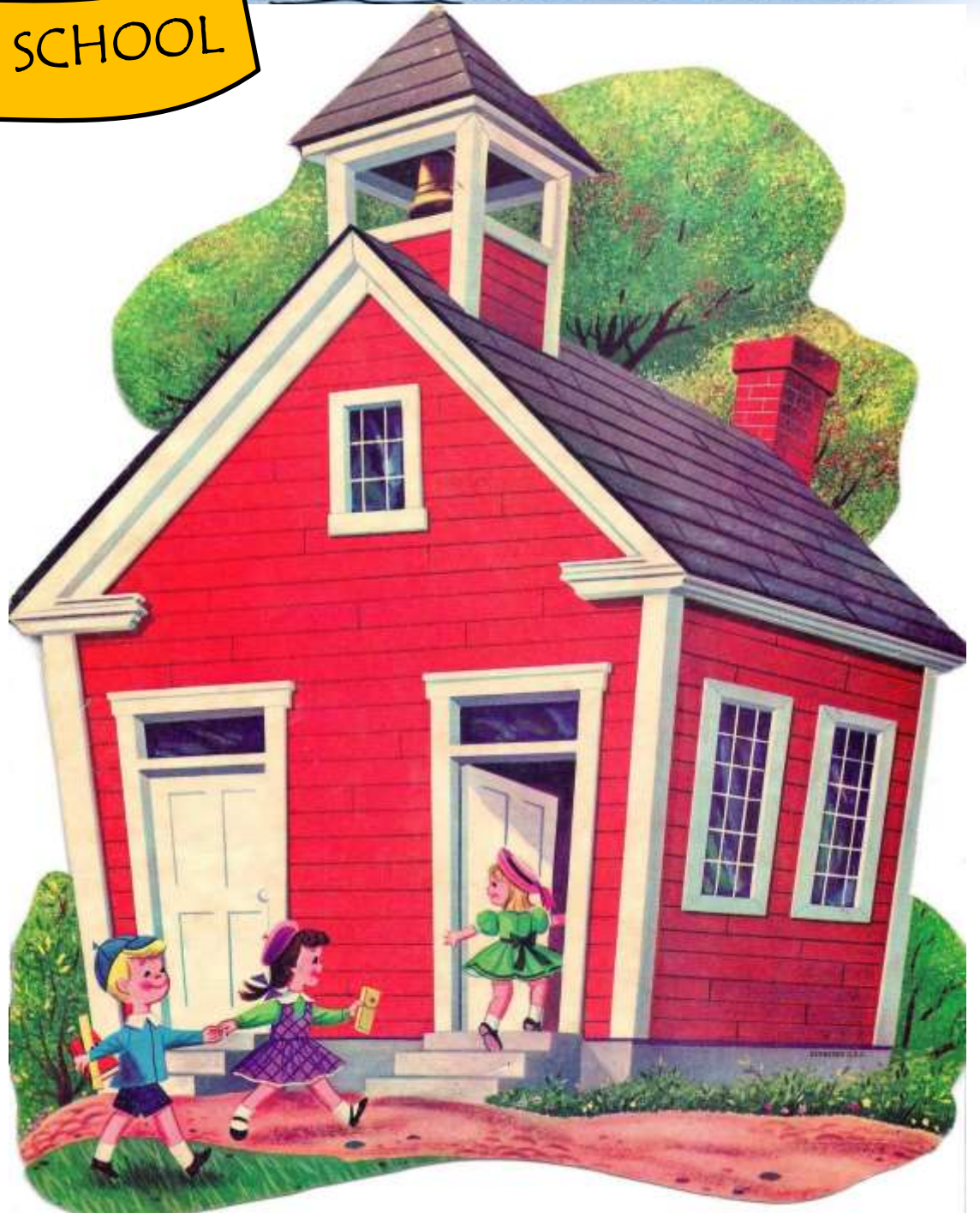
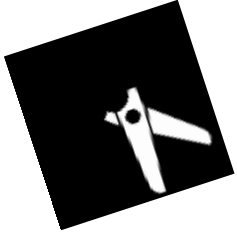


DOCKSIDE GAZETTE



BACK TO SCHOOL



Visit us online www.KidsLoveLPL.com

Here is what's happening at LPL in August...

To all our LPL families,

A big thank you to all our families who joined us at our Parent Appreciation events at Pirates Cove, Spring Canyon Park, and Broomfield Bay. Once again these events were a big hit and everyone had a great time!

The summer has flown by and we are already looking ahead to getting our kids back to school. However, we still have a busy August coming up starting with **our annual Campouts**. Please check with your Director as to when your school's campout is scheduled. This is an awesome opportunity for kids to sleep in a tent under the stars as well as roasting hot dogs over the fire. And, lets not forget the s'mores and some not-so-ghostly stories!

Our day camp kids are off to **Water World on August 1st**. This is the last of the colossal field trips for summer camp! All our day camps have had a great summer filled with some amazing field trips. Company-wide, our day campers went on 232 field trips! Our day camp teachers did a great job of keeping the kids engaged and busy.

August 1st is "**Happy Birthday Colorado**" day! Have your child dress in anything Colorado i.e. flags, mountains, sports teams, etc.

Check with your center director for your **Back To School** event. In addition, those parents with children attending public school that we will be transporting to and from school need to contact their director to make certain transportation arrangements are in place. Many director's have sign up sheets on the front counter in the lobby.

Looking ahead: September 9th is **Grandparent's Day** and we always celebrate these special people in your children's lives the week of 9/3 to 9/7. Each LPL will host their grandparents for a special event that week. Please check with your school for the specific date for that location.

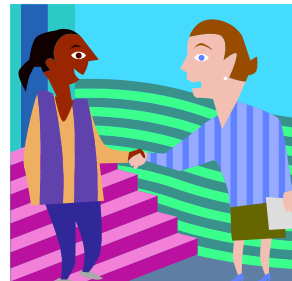
September 19th is "**TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY!**" There will be no walking the plank, but there will be pirate activities, crafts, and lots of "ARRRR'S" heard around the buildings. Get in the spirit of this day and send your little pirates fired up and ready for some swashbuckling fun!

Remember, we will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday September 3rd.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe.

TOP 10 WAYS TO BEHAVE YOURSELF

1. Always say "please" when making a request (including a request to be excused), "thank you" when someone does something for you, and always respond to "thank you" with, "you're welcome".
2. Stand up for introductions, make eye contact with the person to whom you are being introduced and shake hands firmly.
3. Anyone under 21 should use the honorifics Miss, Mrs., Ms., or Mr., when speaking to an adult.
4. Males should not wear hats indoors unless for a religious reason.
5. Ladies and gentlemen do not chew gum in public.
6. Do not start eating until everyone is seated and until the eldest person at the table or the host/hostess picks up his/her napkin and utensils.
7. Never talk with food in your mouth.
8. When you are finished eating ask to be excused and push your chair back under the table.
9. Never use vulgar or profane language.
10. Treat people as you would like to be treated.



LPL Celebrates Thirty-Six Years

August 2nd, 2018 marks thirty-six years of childcare for Little Peoples Landing. We are so thankful for all of the families and employees who have been part of the LPL family over all of these years. We are appreciative to all of our families for letting us be a part of their children's lives and to all of our past and present employees for their dedication to the children in their care. A lot has changed over the course of thirty years, but our commitment to keeping kids safe, building an educational foundation and making it all fun has always been our number one goal!

Fun facts about LPL:

- Family owned and operated from the start
- One 36 year employee
- Five 18-28 Year employees
- Five 13-17 Year employees
- Sixteen 5-10 Year employees
- Over 1000 children attending our 8 schools
- We have 53 families that have been with us 5-10 years and 3 families over ten years 3 parents attended LPL as children
- 4 staff members attended LPL as children
- LPL was the first center to offer infant care and was commended by the State of Colorado as a model for the care of infants
- We were the first childcare center to offer a Parent's Night Out service
- We are the only childcare center to offer a New Years Sleepover for kids so parents can enjoy a worry free New Years night
- First to offer in school hair cutting service
- Only school to offer children the opportunity to camp out, to fish, and to watch and launch rockets
- First to provide cell phones on buses and coffee for parents
- Started using solar energy with the first school 36 years ago and buildings built by LPL have in floor radiant heat.
- Started daily field trips for summer camp and one of the only companies still willing to do daily field trips
- Jessie Lantz (Director of our Littleton center) attended LPL from age 1-12 years old. She returned just after her 16th birthday and has been working here since. Jessie just celebrated 17 years of employment with Little People's Landing.



Reading Time

We prepare our children everyday to be more physically active and more mentally challenged. We enroll them in every sport imaginable. We place them in the best schools. We feed them brain food. And, we expect a lot in return. But ask yourself if you are preparing them in the most fundamental, easiest and fun way of all...are you reading with your child?

It is our responsibility, as parents, to prepare our children for the trials and challenges they will face in the future. One sure way is to READ to them daily! Reading helps them slow down and focus, it teaches them patience and endurance, it encourages a strong imagination and develops memory skills. A book will also get them out of the scorching sun on very hot days. Every book teaches a child something...share a story with your child, today!



Why we ...

....COMBINE CLASSROOMS

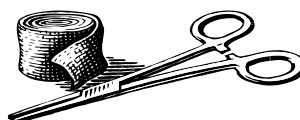
During early morning and late afternoon we move our children into groups to better utilize our staff. This "grouping" is an ongoing exercise and changes from hour to hour and day to day depending on when, and at what rate the children arrive and leave the school every day. In the morning children are "grouped" until we have enough children in a particular age group to warrant a teacher. Then they are moved into their regular classroom. They are only "grouped" at the end of



the day, when the number of children remaining in that particular age group no longer warrants a teacher.

OFFER A HAIRCUT SERVICE

A fundamental concept of LPL is to serve the entire family, not just the children. To that end we have a number of programs designed to make our parent's life more "hassle free". One of our programs is children's haircuts. We have contracted with a local beautician to come into our schools once or twice a month to provide a haircut service to those parents who desire it for their children. We have a convenient form that we use which allows the parent the opportunity to describe in detail what kind of haircut he/she desires for their child. We realize some parents consider their child's haircut a family outing and others want to be there to personally direct the way their child's hair is cut. This service is intended to be for the parents who do not fit into these categories and would rather spend family time doing other things.



CHECK IDENTIFICATION



In these uncertain times, with the innumerable custody variations imposed by the courts, releasing a child to a "parent" is not as straight forward as it used to be. Because we deal

with so many family situations and must remain neutral in all cases we must have a system that protects the child, the parents and LPL.

The person who signs our contract is the only person who may designate someone to pick up his/her child because that person is the only one we have a child-care contract with. Some of you have expressed irritation when you or someone you have designated is asked for identification because the employee releasing the child does not recognize you or the person you have designated. Our employees are given specific instructions that if they do not **positively** identify you they must ask you for identification. WHEN IN DOUBT THEY ASK FOR IDENTIFICATION! If they violate this rule they can lose their job. The definition of proper identification is: Picture ID and the individual reciting their code word/number.

One of the problems we have encountered is the parents not giving the person picking up their child their code number. Not having the proper code number on file causes confusion and embarrassment for the legitimate person picking up your child. We require the code number because we have experienced people using false identification when trying to pick up a child. Additionally, they need to enter their code word to enable them to enter the classroom area.

An area that causes confusion and irritation is when parents in a custody dispute want to pick up their child. Many times the **COURTS** will not allow one of the parents to pick up their child. We are bound by that court order and may not release the child. Because of incidents like the one just noted the fact that the child recognizes the parent does not automatically mean we will not check identification. If the parent who signed the contract with us removes anyone, including the spouse, from the pickup list we must abide by that fact. The courts require us to adhere to the requests of the person we have a contract with.

Remember if only one parent signed our contract the other parent must be listed on our authorization for pickup file before we can release the child to that par-



Pitch a Tent

Get use out of your tent all summer long

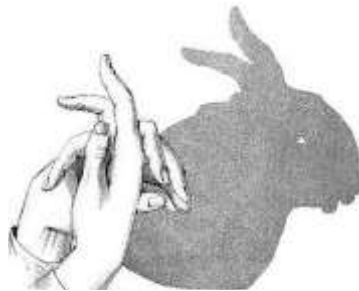
This camping trip mainstay can serve a variety of purposes beyond providing shelter and sleeping quarters. Set one up in the backyard and you've got:

- a shady retreat for summer reading, listening to music, or journal writing
- a clubhouse for kids only (siblings, cousins, neighborhood friends)
- a changing room for sprinkler games and kiddie-pool days
- the perfect venue for an after-dinner shadow puppet show (The Little Book of Hand Shadows, published by Running Press, features more than two dozen creatures that are fun for kids to create)
- an insect-proof concert hall for listening to a symphony of crickets and peepers



What you do:

Go into a dark room. Have your child hold his or her hand in front of a lamp or flashlight so it casts a shadow on the wall



Shadow Puppets

What you will need: lamp or flashlight, blank wall or tent, and a dark room

What you talk about:

Tell your child that shadows are made when something gets in the way of light and blocks the light out.

Have your child make another hand shadow. Tell him or her to move the light closer to the hand.

Then ask, "What happens to the shadow when the light is closer?" (*The shadow gets longer.*)

Next, have your child move the light farther from the hand.

Then ask, "What happens to the shadow when the light is farther?" (*The shadow gets shorter.*)

Kid's Cafe



10. Raspberry S'mores

S'Mores are made with graham crackers, toasted marshmallows, fresh raspberries, chocolate hazelnut spread, and this beautifully simple raspberry sauce

Ingredients for Raspberry Sauce

- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Instructions

1. In a small sauce pan, combine the raspberries and sugar over medium heat.
2. Smash the berries with a potato masher and mix until the sugar is dissolved.
3. Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook for 2 minutes.
4. Remove from heat and cool for 5 minutes before transferring to a jar. Seal with a lid and store in the refrigerator for up to one week.



August Thematic Curriculum

Weekly Theme: Let's Get Physical/Our Bodies

- We must take care of our bodies.
- What would it be like if we didn't have a certain part of our body?
- We are unique.
- How does our body work? (skeletal, muscular, nervous, digestive systems)
- Why is it necessary to be in good physical condition?
- What muscles do we use when we exercise?
- Why we should breathe properly.



Weekly Theme: Back to School Focus

- Fieldtrip to school and classrooms.
- What is appropriate school behavior?
- What are the basic school supplies?
- What is school like?
- Why do we go to school and for how long?
- What do we learn in school?
- Who is at school to help us?
- Will I make new friends?



Weekly Theme: Nursery Rhymes

- Hearing and reciting nursery rhymes teaches children how to enjoy rhymes and their humor and helps to expand their vocabulary.
- Nursery rhymes teach children about their heritage.
- Nursery rhymes also teach children that language can be fun.



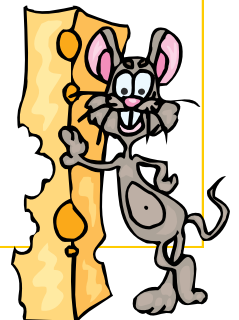
Weekly Theme: Camping, Fishing, Wildlife

- What is camping and fishing and how do we do it?
- How do we respect the wildlife and their habitat?
- What wildlife does Colorado have?
- Where can we go to camp?
- How is camping different than home?
- Where do fish live, and what do they do all day?
- Discover different types of fish.
- What do you need to go camping?
- Things in nature to explore.



Weekly Theme: Country Mouse/City Mouse

- Discussion of mice- nuisance or nice?
- Lifestyles of kids who live in the country compared with kids who live in the city.
- What makes a city or a town?
- Discussion of opposites.

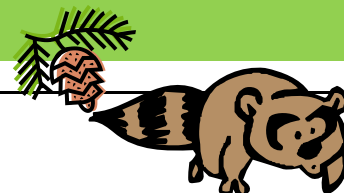


What is Parent's Night Out?

Parent's Night Out is a baby sitting service that Little Peoples Landing offers to all parents even if they do not have children enrolled with us. Parents can enjoy a night out for some adult time. They will feel secure knowing that their children are well taken care of and having fun with professional child care experts.

The PNO is theme based and similar to a child's birthday party with food, game and craft activities. The theme is different each month for a variety of fun!

Each school offers this service one Saturday night per month. Pick from any location. Dinner is included.



Parents Night Out for August

| Date | Time | Location | Theme | Phone | Phone |
|------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|--------------|
| 8/18 | 5:00 p.m. to Midnight | Littleton #01 | Jungle Expedition | 8305 S. Wadsworth @ Chatfield South/West Corner | 303-973-1926 |
| 8/11 | 5:00 p.m. to Midnight | Arvada #05 | Jungle Expedition | 7885 Allison Way South of 80th & West of Wadsworth | 303-422-9157 |
| 8/25 | 5:00 p.m. to Midnight | Ft. Collins #06 | Jungle Expedition | 4525 Boardwalk @ Harmony North/West Corner | 970-266-1230 |
| 8/11 | 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. | Highlands Ranch #08 | Jungle Expedition | 122 Plaza Drive (South of AMC Theaters) Broadway & C470 | 720-344-1804 |
| 8/11 | 5:00 p.m. to Midnight | Loveland #09 | Jungle Expedition | 6606 Avondale @ Trilby South/East Corner | 970-225-2936 |
| 8/11 | 5:00 p.m. to Midnight | Roxborough #10 | Drive In Movie | 10127 Waterton Rd @ Rampart Range Rd North/West Corner | 303-794-6858 |
| 8/25 | 5:00 p.m. to Midnight | Louisville #11 | Jungle Expedition | 205 Century Circle (McCaslin/Century Dr) | 303-604-4440 |
| 8/25 | 5:00 p.m. to Midnight | Parker #12 | Jungle Expedition | 16808 Village Center Drive. Lincoln and Jordan | 303-841-4313 |

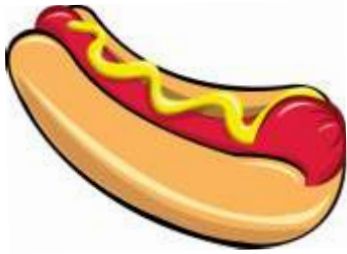
Open to the public:

1st Child— Public \$10.00/hr | Enrolled \$7.00/hr

2nd Child—Public \$7.00/hr | Enrolled \$5.00/hr


3+ Children—Public \$5.00/hr for each additional child





August 2018



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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|  | | 1 Am- Rice Cakes & Raisins Ham Sandwiches, Carrots, Fruit Cocktails Baked Chips, Milk Pm- Vanilla Wafers & Yogurt | 2 Am- Bagels & Bananas Turkey Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk Pm- Muffins & Applesauce | 3 Am- English muffins & Apples Chef's Choice Pm- Ritz crackers & Cheese |
| 6 Am- Goldfish & Pineapple Baked Ravioli, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches Milk Pm- Cinnamon Toast & Oranges | 7 Am- Corn Bread & Cheese Cubes Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Bananas, Milk Pm- Cereal mix & pears | 8 Am- Raisin Bread & Yogurt Lasagna Casserole, Mixed Veggies, Jiffy Fruit Salad, Milk Pm- Wheat thins & Carrots w/ dip | 9 Am- Cottage Cheese & Mandarin Oranges Turkey Wraps, Cucumbers, Apples, Milk Pm- String Cheese & Pretzels | 10 Am- Crackers & Fruit Cocktail Chef's Choice Pm- Popcorn and fresh veggies w/ dip |
| 13 Am- Toast & Bananas Cracker Stackers, Carrots & Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Milk Pm- Granola Bars & Raisins | 14 Am- Biscuits & Cottage Cheese Burrito Casserole, Corn Pineapple, Milk Pm- Beary Good Snack mix and Fresh fruit | 15 Am- Yogurt & Granola Pancakes, Turkey Bacon, Pears, Milk Pm- Graham Crackers & Applesauce | 16 Am- Animal Crackers & Peaches Chicken Lo Mein, Egg Rolls, Oranges, Milk Pm- Pretzels & Cucumbers | 17 Am- Apple Biscuits & String Cheese Chef's Choice Pm- Crackers & Fruit |
| 20 Am- Cereal & raisins Baked Ravioli, Green Beans, Pears, Milk Pm- Wheat thins & Cheese Cubes | 21 Am- Biscuits & Peaches Bagel Sandwich, Corn Bananas, Milk Pm- Graham crackers & applesauce | 22 Am- Cinnamon Toast & Pineapple Egg Casserole, Hash browns, Mandarin Oranges, Milk Pm- Beary Good snack mix & fresh fruit | 23 Am- Yogurt & Granola Beans & Franks, Breadsticks, Apples, Milk Pm- Ritz crackers & fresh veggies | 24 Am- String cheese & crackers Chef's Choice Pm- Popcorn & Oranges |
| 27 Am- Bananas & Toast Fish Fillets, Rice & Carrots, Peaches, Milk Pm- Crackers & String Cheese | 28 Am- Banana Bread & Cheese Italian Pasta, Mixed Veggies, Oranges, Breadsticks, Milk Pm- Goldfish & Cucumbers | 29 Am- Pretzel sticks & Apples Cheese Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Milk Pm- Animal crackers & Pears | 30 Am- Raisin Toast & Cottage Cheese Chicken & Rice, Fresh Fruit, Peas, Milk Pm- Granola Bars & Apple Sauce | 31 Am- Graham crackers & Yogurt Chef's Choice Pm- Snack Mix & Fresh Veggies |