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## **Principal's Message**

I hope all our families have had a restful Spring Break! The La Vina staff is excited to continue to welcome back our students! Currently we have over 70 students in grades TK through third grade that have returned for in-person instruction, and soon anticipate well over 160 students on campus. I am pleased to say that we have had no COVID transmissions since re-opening. La Vina is taking all safety precautions for our staff and students. Parents, please continue to complete the Health Screener form on Parent Square each night prior to school as it will assist with getting students into class in a timely manner.

At La Vina we have begun planning for an in-person summer school session. A parent survey will be sent out via Parent Square in the near future. Please complete the survey as it will assist us in determining how many students are interested in attending. If you need assistance with the survey, please contact the office staff at 675-5194. The office is open each day during school hours.

## **Climate & Culture PBIS**

**After a year of distance learning, some of our LaVina Warriors are returning to campus. When they arrive they will find beautiful upgrades to our school, as well as displays that show our Warrior Pride. From the hallways to the fences, LaVina is The Home of the BRAVE! Everyone is looking forward to seeing all of our Warriors again soon!**

**Our students at La Vina will be learning about these important celebrations for the month of April:**



4<sup>th</sup> Apr 2021

**Easter**



12<sup>th</sup> Apr 2021

**International Day of  
Human Space Flight**



21<sup>st</sup> Apr 2021

**World Creativity and  
Innovation Week**



22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2021

**International Mother  
Earth Day**



23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2021

**Shakespeare's  
Birthday**



23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2021

**St George's Day**



1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2021

**\* April Anytime \***



1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2021

**April Fool's Day**



2<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2021

**International  
Children's Book Day**

## **Attendance Policy**

- Attendance is critical for your child's success.
- Daily attendance will be taken during each instructional block.
- Teachers will monitor both in-person and asynchronous attendance.
- If you are experiencing technical problems please call the office and they will let the teacher know.
- Please call the office if the student will be absent just like before. You can also communicate via Parent Square.



## Nurse Station



As we welcome back our students please be aware of our reopening schools safety plan guidelines. All will play a big role in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. It is very important to understand the steps that will be taken if students are sick at school.

- If your child is experiencing any signs of Covid -19 he/ she will be sent home.
- Health staff will follow up with the parents regarding next steps to follow.
- Parents refer to the “student symptom decision tree” to learn of what is expected to return to school If the student is sent home with symptoms.

More than ever it is important to practice hand washing , keeping masks, maintaining distance from others, and follow on campus guidelines. In doing so we hope for a safe healthy great start for in person learning.

## Mr. Phillips (Counselor) & Mrs. Medina(Psychologist)

### Ways to Help Prepare your Child(ren) for the Return to School:

As students begin the process of returning to school they may be experiencing a range of emotions. Many will be excited and ready to reconnect with teachers, friends, and school staff. Other students might be nervous or apprehensive to return, for a variety of reasons. And there will be students that are experiencing all of these feelings at once. How can parents help support and assist their children during this challenging time? Please take a look at the following article from UNICEF and two videos on ways to support your child(ren) as they begin to transition back to school.



<https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/supporting-your-childs-mental-health-during-covid-19-school-return>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH1oGgNaA3Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjZ9dKESpYg>

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**Let the renewal of spring be your cue to look at your family's emotional well-being. Here are some tips that will help give your family a fresh start.**

**Foster relationships.** Good relationships can be buoyant, whereas difficult ones can be upsetting. Because relationships with family and friends affect the way we feel, it's important to encourage children to forge solid connections, to learn about give-and-take, conflict resolution, and to develop and use strategies that will keep interactions on an even keel. If you want to raise a child who can stand up for what they believe in then encourage your child to share their opinions and know their beliefs are worthy.



As parents, we all want successful, happy, well-adjusted kids who are also kind, empathetic, and compassionate. At the end of the day, we can help by sitting back and reflecting on the following questions. How do we as parents ensure that our children have the empathy and integrity that we dream they would? How do we fight selfishness, self-absorption, complacency, bullying, and isolation and teach our children to care? As parents, we have a moral imperative to rethink how we teach our kids to care in a hurried, complex, and data-driven world. In fact, individual and societal success depends on our ability to do so. Look for small teachable moments. Your child's moral growth is an ongoing process that will span the course of a lifetime. The moral knowledge, beliefs, and habits you instill in them now will become the foundation they'll use forever. And at the end of the day, children who develop the traits early on are more likely to have happy, productive relationships in both their professional and personal lives as adults.

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