



The Lawson Academy News

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Celebrating Student Progress!

All families are invited to the celebration honoring our students that showed improvement on the Middle of Year (MOY) exam.

Friday November 20th

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Flag Football & Performing Arts Performances

This is a family-friendly event. All parents are invited to bring their lawn chairs and have a good time in the Spark Park!

Everyone will be social-distanced and must wear masks. Even outside.

Stay Safe Over Thanksgiving

Traditional Thanksgiving gatherings with family and friends are fun but can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. Follow these tips to make your Thanksgiving holiday safer.

The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is to celebrate with people in your household. If you do plan to spend Thanksgiving with people outside your household, take steps to make your celebration safer.



Wear a mask

- Wear a mask with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Make sure the mask fits snugly against the sides of your face.

Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you

- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread COVID-19 or flu.
- Keeping 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Wash your hands

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Keep hand sanitizer with you and use it when you are unable to wash your hands.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Attending a Gathering

Make your celebration safer. In addition to following the steps that everyone can take to make Thanksgiving safer, take these additional steps while attending a Thanksgiving gathering.

- Bring your own food, drinks, plates, cups, and utensils.
- Wear a mask, and safely store your mask while eating and drinking.
- Avoid going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled, such as in the kitchen.

Use single-use options, like salad dressing and condiment packets, and disposable items like food containers, plates, and utensils.

Hosting a Thanksgiving Gathering

If having guests to your home, be sure that people follow the steps that everyone can take to make Thanksgiving safer. Other steps you can take include:

- Have a small outdoor meal with family and friends who live in your community.
- Limit the number of guests.
- Have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for celebrating together.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between use.
- If celebrating indoors, make sure to open windows.
- Limit the number of people in food preparation areas.
- Have guests bring their own food and drink.
- If sharing food, have one person serve food and use single-use options, like plastic utensils.

Thanksgiving Travel

Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others.

If you do travel

- Check travel restrictions before you go.
- Get your flu shot before you travel.
- Always wear a mask in public settings and on public transportation.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from anyone who is not in your household.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your mask, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Bring extra supplies, such as masks and hand sanitizer.

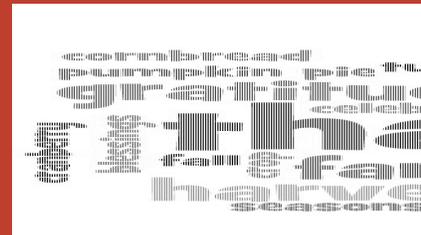
Thanksgiving Meals Drive-Through



Thanks to WALIPP Board Member Imogen Papadopoulos, all families of The Lawson Academy can learn about this terrific drive-thru food distribution on Thursday, November 19th from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Come early and enjoy the contributions of the Houston Rockets, Kroger and local chefs to make your holidays brighter!

A Feast of Thanksgiving Holiday Fun

Thanksgiving presents the perfect opportunity to think about values such as gratitude, charity, friendship, and community. Check out some great tips on how to teach the history of the holiday responsibly, as well as activities that go beyond Pilgrim hats and hand turkeys to help you navigate that tricky no-man's land known as the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving break!



[Thanksgiving Ideas and Crafts](#)

Chevron Whole In One was Awesome!

On November 4th, every student at The Lawson Academy participated in the STEM-focused Whole In One, sponsored by Chevron and the Houston Astros Foundation. Students had the opportunity to learn about golf, practice exercises with experts, conduct science experiments and grow their own basil plant. Not only was it fun, but it was super-exciting to have a one-on-one interview with the top players in this year's Houston Open.

Check out some of the images from that day. We thank all the sponsors of this event for a great day of STEM learning and fun.



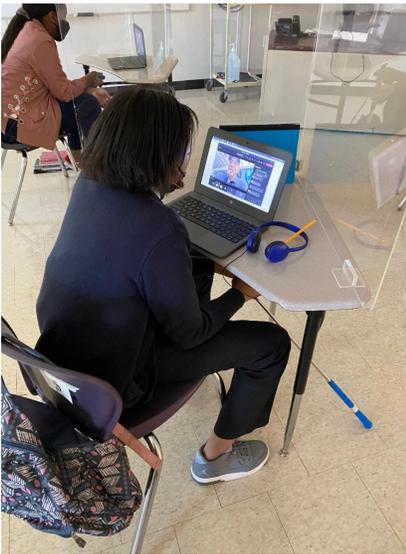
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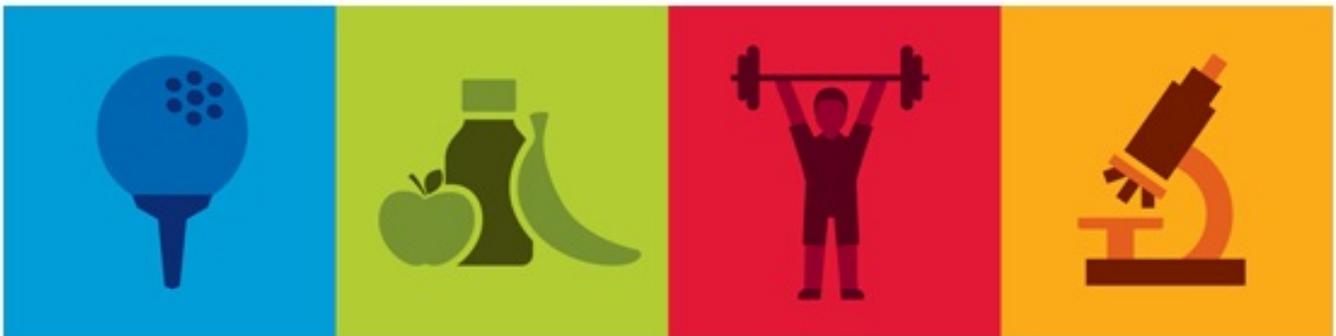
Interviews with Pros



Houston Open Video



Opening the Box



Blackshear Elementary Hosts Operation Love

On December 12, 2020 the Blackshear Elementary School will host Operation Love, an annual celebration of students in the Third Ward. Donated holiday gifts, clothing and food are available to all who attend.

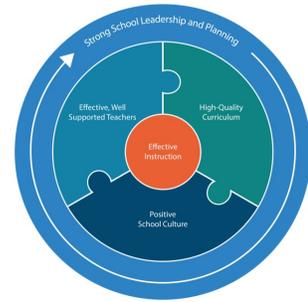
This annual event is more than just presents -- it is a treasure for this community and brings donors,



parents, students and staff together for a splendid holiday get-together. Don't Miss It!

Targeted Improvement Plan

Parents who did not get to attend the December 14 Zoom meeting about this year's Targeted Improvement Plan are free to review the materials presented. Your student's success is what we focus on through strong lesson planning and robust data analysis to drive strong lesson plans is how we get it done!



[TIP Presentation](#)

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