

FALL 2020

LOPEZ ISLAND LIBRARY AFTER-SCHOOL OUTDOORS PROGRAM



SEPTEMBER 21ST - DECEMBER 9TH
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY
1PM-4PM
GRADES 1 - 6
AT THE LOPEZ ISLAND SCHOOL

HELLO FAMILIES!

The Lopez Island Library is working in partnership with the Lopez Island School District, the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District, the The Bureau of Land Management, and other Lopez islanders to offer an afternoon youth development program for children in 1st – 6th grades, from September 21st to December 9th.

The program will take place Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1pm – 4pm, outdoors on the grounds of the Lopez Island School. The intention of the program is to provide social-emotional connection, hands-on learning, and physical fitness opportunities for school-children of Lopez, to supplement the more isolated conditions of the virtual school year.

We are committed to the safety of students and facilitators, their families, and our greater island community. We have created this program and structure following the COVID-19 safety guidelines from the Washington State Department of Health and the San Juan County Department of Health.

Please help us by encouraging your children to follow the safety guidelines of wearing masks, frequent hand-washing, and maintaining 6-foot distance between them and their peers as much as possible. We will have visual and verbal cues in place throughout the facilities to help remind and enforce safety protocols. Please read the following pages to find out what to bring, what to expect, and how to help us keep the program running smoothly.

This is a partnership program co-organized by the following local organizations:



GENERAL SAFETY PROCEDURES:

- Students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to stay home.
- Daily temperature checks of students and staff. Signing a health checklist at drop-off.
- Keeping at least a six-foot distance between all students.
- Requiring students to wear masks in instances where it is not possible to maintain the six-foot distance outdoors, or at all times when indoors. Staff will wear masks at all times.
- Washing hands at drop-off, between activities, before and after eating, and before pick-up.
- Limited sharing of objects, and always cleaning them between use.
- Students and staff who develop symptoms of COVID-19 during the program will be separated from the others. The family will be called to pick up their child.
- A staff member or student who had signs of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can return to the program when: At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (defined as no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory signs like cough and shortness of breath);
 - AND
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first showed up.

PLEASE BRING EVERY DAY:

- A mask for your child (a clean one on each day).
- Weather-appropriate clothing and shoes. We ask that children come to the program each day wearing **three layers of clothing**: a base-layer of long johns, a second layer of long-sleeves and long-pants, and an outer layer of jackets/coats and wind/rain pants. Please also bring a hat and gloves. (Please write your child's name on their coats, hats and gloves)
- Water bottle with your child's name on it.
- Any homework assignments or reading that your child may need help completing, or would like to do as an optional quiet activity.

DROP-OFF PROCEDURES:

- You may drop your child/ren off between 1pm – 1:30pm.
- Drop-off will be in the gym parking lot, in the northwest corner of the school grounds. Traffic will flow one way. Please turn right as you enter the lot, and drive around to drop off in front of the gym entryway. Drivers and passengers must all be wearing cloth masks during drop-off.
- Each day at drop-off, staff will take students' temperature using a non-contact forehead thermometer and will ask that parents/guardians sign a health checklist with the following questions: Does your child have any of the following symptoms that are not attributable to another condition?
 - A cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - A fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever
 - A sore throat
 - chills
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - Congestion/running nose – not related to seasonal allergies
 - Unusual fatigue

- Does anyone in your household have any of the above symptoms?
- Has your child been in close contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?
- Has your child had any medication to reduce a fever before coming to the program today?
- If the answer to any of the questions is “yes”, your child will not be allowed into the program.

**Given the rigorous safety protocol, please be patient with our staff while waiting to drop-off your child/ren. Allow for some time waiting in the car as you schedule your afternoons. We will do our best to streamline the process, and we appreciate your patience.*

PICK-UP PROCEDURES:

You may pick your child/ren up between 3:30 – 4:00pm

Pick-up will take place in the parking lot closest to the fields behind the school (the southernmost parking lot). One staff member will be stationed near the parking lot, and parents/guardian can either exit their car wearing masks, and sign their child/ren out with that staff member, or they can wait in their car and the staff will bring the student and sign-out sheet to the car.

Students will be required to wash hands before they leave the program.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

To Register for the program, please fill out the **online registration form**. Please note that completing the registration form does not guarantee enrollment. Due to safety protocols and guidelines, and limited staffing, this program has a limited number of spots. The Lopez Island Library will be in touch regarding your enrollment status, being added to the program wait-list, and any alternative options that may be available for your child.

COMMUNICATION POLICY:

Please send any schedule changes in email format to lopezenrichmentprogram@gmail.com. Please communicate any absences or schedule changes as far in advance as possible.

WEATHER POLICY:

This program will be operational in all weather. Please make sure your child/ren has adequate clothing to be warm and comfortable outdoors in all kinds of Autumn-on-Lopez weather. In the case of an unanticipated weather cancellation, families will be notified by email.

PROGRAM STAFF:

The following individuals will be on-site every day of the program:
Allison Mathis-Youde, LISD Paraprofessional
Karrie Warner, LISD Paraprofessional
Deirdre Steinbrueck, School Librarian
Malia Sanford, Program Manager (Lopez Island Library)
Amber Notaro, Program Assistant (Lopez Island Library)
Karen Hattman, School Nurse (on-site Mondays and Wednesdays)

DAILY SCHEDULE

1pm-1:30pm Drop-off in the School Gym parking lot

1pm-2pm Homework help/Story time/Independent study time

After students are checked in, they will wash hands in the restrooms by the gym, then they will go to their respective group location, based on their grade:

- 1st-2nd graders will have story time in the courtyard outside the school library, facilitated by the School Librarian, Ms. Deirdre.
- 3rd-8th graders will be in the outdoor covered area, where they will have designated tables to work on schoolwork, reading, or writing projects. Two staff members will be there to help.

2pm- Handwashing and transition to daily activity

2:05pm-3pm Daily Activity:

Children will choose in advance (as part of registration) what daily activity they'd like to do. Each activity will repeat on that same day for four weeks in a row. Each activity will be led by a guest facilitator and will have additional program staff. See the next page for information about each day's options for the first month.

3pm- Hand washing & snack

Snack will be light and healthy and will be individually wrapped/prepared in a way that is safe.

3:15pm-4pm Hand washing & playground time/organized games

3:30pm-4pm Pick-up in the parking lot by the school fields

Questions? Contact lopezenrichmentprogram@gmail.com

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Part of the registration process includes choosing a daily activity for your child(ren). Each activity will repeat on the same day for four weeks in a row. We have finalized the activities for the first month of the program. Once we have finalized the activities for additional months, we will reach out to registered families, so that they may choose activities for the following months. All facilitators have passed a Washington State background check, and also will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before beginning each day. They will be wearing masks at all times.

Here are the daily activity options for the first 4 weeks, September 21st - October 14th:

MONDAYS

Option 1: Kid-Fit with Coach Marina Steinbrueck

Description: a fitness oriented activity for all grades.

Location: The School Track

Option 2: Everyone has a Story to Tell! with Stephanie Cariker

Description: Through conversation, writing and drawing, this group will explore what makes a good story, and use those creative tools to write and draw your own stories.

Location: The Outdoor Covered Area

TUESDAYS

Option 1: Outdoor Explore with Skeet Townley of the BLM

Description: Explore the natural world around the school, and play games along the way.

Location: The School Grounds and LIFE trail

Option 2: Re-Cycled Sculpture building with Nikyta from The Dump

Description: Give new use to old materials by building fantastical sculptures of all sizes!

Location: The Outdoor Covered Area

WEDNESDAYS

Option 1: Soccer Drills: *Poetry With Your Feet* with Claudio Pellegrino

Description: Players will practice footwork and ball handling techniques through drills and games that allow them to acquire skill while maintaining physical distance.

Location: The Soccer Field

Option 2: Arts & Crafts with Jaimie Terada

Description: Fun and simple, creative hands-on projects for all ages

Location: The Outdoor Covered Area

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OR CALL THE LOPEZ ISLAND LIBRARY 360-468-2265