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School starts promptly at **9:00 AM** and ends at **3:30 PM**.
Kindergarten will be dismissed at **3:20 PM**.

Attendance Matters! There are **16 instructional days** in the month of December.
 Winter Recess begins at 3:39 PM on Friday, December 22, 2023.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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New Information

The School District would like everyone to focus on **Establishing and Maintaining Relationships** in the month of December.

[Video: Building Healthy Relationships](#)

- **PBIS Champion Celebration**
 - **Friday, December 1, 2023**
 - One student from each classroom was selected to be Lawton's PBIS Champion for the month of November by demonstration our school wide norms: **Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful**

- **School Pictures**
 - School Pictures will be sent home:
 - **Friday, December 1st and Monday, December 4th**
 - Picture retakes/make-ups will be on **Wednesday, December 13th**

- **Perfect Attendance Celebration**
 - **Thursday, December 7, 2023**
 - Students who attended school each day and on time (no more than 5 latenesses) for the month of November, will be celebrated.
 - **Please remember school begins at 9:00 am everyday.**
 - **It is imperative that students attend school everyday, on time, and complete the entire school day.**

- **Hanukkah**
 - **Thursday, December 7th - Friday, December 15th 2023**
 - Hanukkah is a Jewish celebration, but anyone can find meaning in the holiday. Check out the origins of the tradition, and how it is observed today.
 - [PBS LearningMedia: Hanukkah Video](#)

- **Picture retakes/make-ups**
 - **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**
 - For any student who was absent, new, or needs to retake their picture.
 - For retakes:
 - Please return your photo package with all photos
 - For students who were absent or who are new:
 - If you would like to purchase pictures you will need to send a photo package with money in with your child(ren).
 - All students will have their picture taken even if they are not purchasing a package.

- **3-hour Early Dismissal:**
 - **Friday, December 15, 2023**
 - Kindergarten students will be dismissed at **12:20**
 - Students in grades 1st - 5th will be dismissed at **12:30**

- **Pajama Day:**
 - **Friday, December 22, 2023**
 - Please bring a \$1 donation to donate to CHOP

- **Christmas Eve**
 - **Sunday, December 24, 2023**

- **Christmas Day**
 - **Monday, December 25, 2023**
 - **Schools will be closed**
 - Christmas Day isn't just a holiday for Christians. Learn about the various traditions that people hold to celebrate it. Then have yourself a merry little Christmas!
 - [PBS LearningMedia: Christmas Video](#)

- **Winter Recess:**
 - Schools will be closed for winter recess from **Monday, December 26, 2023 through Tuesday, January 2, 2024.**
 - Students will return to school on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024.**

- **Kwanzaa**

- **Tuesday, December 26th - Monday, January 1 2024**
- Kwanzaa is a time to celebrate African American heritage. Learn the ways people observe this festivity and trace back its roots to ancient African customs.
 - [PBS LearningMedia: Kwanzaa Video](#)

- **New Year's Eve**

- **Sunday, December 31, 2023**
- 3, 2, 1, Happy New Year! On January 1st around the world, people celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Some people make resolutions for the new year or attend parties to celebrate. How do other cultures celebrate the new year?
 - [PBS LearningMedia: New Year's Day Video](#)

Older Information

- Dismissal:
 - Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the gym door in the large yard. Please remember to bring a photo ID when picking up your child.
 - Grades 1 & 2 will be dismissed in the small yard.
 - Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be dismissed in the large yard.
- Lawton has been using the School District messaging system to send reminders and updates. If you have not received emails or phone calls from us, please make sure that we have the correct phone number(s) on file for you.
- Please sign up to the Parent Portal if you did not do so already. This is the messaging system that sends both phone and email reminders/notifications.
- Students are to wear the school uniform every day. School uniform is tan bottoms and navy blue or white polo shirt. **No hoodies!**
- The gym uniform should be worn on gym days. It consists of gray sweatpants/shorts and a red T-shirt. Hoodies are not permitted at any time.
- Early dismissals are for emergencies/urgent circumstances only. Students miss instructional time as teachers provide instruction until the end of the school day.

- Everyone picking up a child from school must have a picture ID to show to staff before a child can be released. Parents/guardians must provide the names of those who are permitted to pick up their child on the forms provided. We cannot and will not release a child without written notification from a parent and photo ID of the person upon arrival in the main office. Please consult www.philasd.org for more information regarding Early Release and Special Release procedures.