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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 **20 instructional days** in the month of January.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Schools Closed Kwanzaa	2 Schools Closed for Students	3 	4 Perfect Attendance Celebration for the month of December.	5	6 Three Kings Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 	16 Kindergarten Registration Barn Hill Preserve Presentation	17	18 Performance of Kilowatt Kitchen by The National Theatre for Children	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Nutrition Workshop for Parents 9:30 - 10:30 am in the IMC	31 Student & Parent Raffle for Perfect Attendance for the month of January			



New Information

- Monday, January 1, 2024
 - Happy New Year!
 - **Schools will be closed**
 - Wishing a very Happy New Year to our Lawton students. May the upcoming year be full of high energies and greater focus for you to study and make your dreams a reality. We're excited to welcome our students and staff back for a successful 2024! Happy New Year!
 - 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 MediaLearning: New Year's Day Video](#)

- Tuesday, January 2nd
 - **Schools will be closed** for students

- Wednesday, January 3rd
 - **Students return to school**

- Thursday, January 4th
 - Perfect Attendance Celebration for the month of December.
 - (Students who attended all 16 instructional days and had no more than 5 latenesses.)
 - Please ensure your child attends school daily and on time so that students can get their educational needs met. Teaching and learning can only be effective when we all work together. Parents' participation is paramount. Let's work together!

- Saturday, January 6th
 - Three Kings Day
 - At the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas comes a day called the Epiphany, or Three Kings Day. This holiday is celebrated as the day the three wise men first saw baby Jesus and brought him gifts. On this day in Spain, many children get their Christmas presents. In Puerto Rico, before children go to sleep on January 5, they leave a box with hay under their beds so the kings will leave good presents. In France, a delicious "kings' cake" known as *la galette des rois* is baked. Bakers hide a coin, jewel, or little toy inside it.

- Monday, January 15th
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - **Schools will be closed**
 - Lawton will be closed on Monday, January 15 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – a day to remember the example that Dr. King set for us. He was a man who was determined to change the world for the better through kindness, respect and service to others.
 - The third Monday in January is a national holiday observing the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Learn more about this leader of the civil rights movement and about how we honor him today.
 - [PBS MediaLearning: Martin Luther King Jr. Video](#)

- Tuesday, January 16th
 - Kindergarten Registration Opens
 - Registration for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Don't delay. Register today. If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2023, you can register them to give them an opportunity to [Thrive at Five](#).
 - **Register: Online** using this [online registration portal](#)
 - Kindergarten attendance sets children on a path to success in school and in life. During these early years, they learn to play well with others, make friends, build confidence and begin to learn to read and write – all very important skills that help kids thrive.

- On **January 16, 2024** we will be hosting a visit from the Barn Hill Preserve. They will be bringing numerous live animals. This is a free presentation. However, **in order for your child to attend the assembly they must have a signed permission slip.** The slip has to be signed even if you choose for your child not to purchase any items or photos with the animals. If you choose to have your child purchase any photos or items, please send your exact cash amount (no change will be issued) or check with the permission slip.

If you choose to purchase items online, you are responsible for the receipt of these items as the school will have no record of who ordered items/photos online. Students will still need to bring in a hard copy of the signed permission slip even if you order items online in order to participate in the assembly with the live animals.

Please be sure the form is signed and returned by Wednesday, January 10, 2024. No money will be accepted the day of the event as the money has to be collected, recorded, and turned in prior to the event.

- Thursday, January 18th
 - Performance for **Kilowatt Kitchen** by The National Theatre for Children.
 - For student activities go to:
 - Go to [NTCplayworks.com](https://www.ntcplayworks.com)
 - Select your state
 - Click on the Kilowatt Kitchen logo
 - Scroll down to locate student activities
- Tuesday, January 30th
 - Parents are invited to attend a Nutrition Workshop
 - 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the IMC
- Wednesday, January 31st
 - Student & Parent Raffle for Perfect Attendance for the month of January
- **Important Reminder:**
 - When picking up your child(ren) early from school, you **MUST** show your **Photo ID.**
 - This is to ensure that all students are safe.

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 & 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.

- 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.