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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 **21 instructional days** in the month of October.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Bullying Prevention Month		1 Miss Chocolate Sale Begins 	2 National Maintenance & Custodial Appreciation Day	3 Rosh Hashanah School Closed	4 Rosh Hashanah PBIS Student Raffle September PBIS Champs Celebration	5 World Teacher Day
6	7	8 Perfect Attendance Celebration for September & Parent Raffle for Perfect Attendance	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11	12 Yom Kippur
13	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day of Learning School will be open	15	16	17 School Selection Parent Meeting	18 PBIS Student Raffle	19
20	21	22	23 School Selection Application Window Closes	24	25 PD for Staff No School for Students	26 Trunk, Read and Treat  10:00 AM-11:00 AM
27	28	29	30 Miss Chocolate Sale Ends	31 Unity Day Wear Orange  Halloween 		



New Information

Important Reminders:

- **When picking up your child(ren) early from school, you MUST show your Photo ID.**
- **This is to ensure that all students are safe.**
- **Early Dismissal ends at 2:30 each day.**


- **Miss Chocolate Candy Sale:**
 - **Tuesday, October 1st:**
 - Miss Chocolate Candy Sale Fundraiser Begins- Please remember to be safe, only sell to friends and family, and never go alone.
 - Miss Chocolate Candy Sale Ends Wednesday, October 30th
 - No orders will be accepted after Wednesday, October 30th

- **National Maintenance & Custodial Appreciation Day:**
 - **Wednesday, October 2nd**
 - National Maintenance & Custodian Appreciation Day! Today, we recognize and appreciate all the custodians and maintenance professionals who keep our schools running smoothly. If you know a custodial or maintenance worker, thank them today!

- **Rosh Hashanah:**
 - **Thursday, October 3rd - Friday, October 4th**
 - It's the Jewish new year. The words, "Rosh Hashanah" actually translate to "Head of the Year" in Hebrew. A lot of the symbolism around the holiday involves sweet things. We eat apples and challah dipped in honey in the hopes of having a "sweet" new year, one that is filled with love, happiness, joy, and celebration.
 - PBS LearningMedia Video about: [Rosh Hashanah](#)

- **Perfect Attendance Celebration**
 - **Tuesday, October 8, 2024**
 - **Students who attended all 22 instructional school days and on time (no more than 5 latenesses and no more than 5 early dismissals) for the month of September, will be celebrated.**

- Please remember school begins at 9:00 am each day.
 - It is imperative that students attend school every day, on time, and complete the entire school day.
 - 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!
- **Parent Raffle for Perfect Attendance:**
 - **Parents of students who have perfect (100%) attendance (attended school all 22 instructional days, have no more than 5 latenesses, and no more than 5 early dismissals), will have their name placed in a raffle to win a gift card.**
 - Winner of the parent attendance raffle for the month of September will be announced Tuesday, October 8th.
- **PBIS Champion Celebration**
 - Friday, October 4, 2024
 - One student from each classroom was selected to be Lawton's PBIS Champion for the month of September by demonstration our school wide norms: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful
- **World Mental Health Day:**
 - **Thursday, October 10th**
 - Today is World Mental Health Day. Your mental health is a priority. Your happiness is essential. Your self-care is a necessity. Please, if you are struggling, reach out to your school for help. Check out the mental health resources that SDP offers our students here: <https://bit.ly/3FZmPi0> #WorldMentalHealthDay
- **Yom Kippur:**
 - **Saturday, October 12th**
 - **Schools Closed**
 - It is a day marked by prayer and fasting. Yom Kippur is observed on the 10th day of the Jewish calendar month Tishri. The holiday usually occurs in September or October. In English, Yom Kippur is known as the Day of Atonement.
 - PBS LearningMedia Video: [Yom Kippur](#)
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day of Learning:**
 - **Monday, October 14th**
 - School will be **open**
 - In honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day, we celebrate and recognize the strength of their histories, contributions to our communities, and the beauty of their cultures.

- PBS LearningMedia Video: [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)
- **Parent Meeting for School Selection:**
 - Thursday, October 17th:
 - When: 3:45 PM to 4:30PM
 - Where: Virtual
 - The Google Link meet will be provided via DoJo at a later date.
- **School Selection:**
 - Wednesday, October 23rd **School Selection** Application Window Closes
- **Schools will be Closed:**
 - **Friday, October 25th**
- **Trunk, Read and Treat:**
 - Saturday, October 26th
 - Students come dressed in a costume of their favorite character from a book or a Halloween costume. They will receive treats and a book.
 - School parking lot from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
- **Unity Day:**
 - **Thursday, October 31st**
 - Celebrate Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion
 - Wear an orange shirt or hair ties to show you care.
 - Students must wear their Khaki uniform pants, no jeans.
 - October is National Bullying Prevention Month. At **Lawton**, we don't stand by – we stand up, and stand strong together. Don't stand by, stand up against bullying.
 -  Be an Upstander - Prevent Bullying: A NED Short
- **Halloween:**
 - **Tuesday, October 31st**
 - PBS LearningMedia Video: [Halloween](#)

Older Information

- **Dismissal:**

- ***School ends at 3:30.*** *It is essential that all students are picked up on time.*
 - 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 - 5 will be dismissed in the large yard.
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- 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.