We will empower all students to have a growth mindset, set learning goals and persevere to become productive citizens in our society.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2022
31 - Canned Food Drive begins

November 2022
4 - No school/Teacher Plan Day
16 - P.T.A. Meeting/Library @ 4:30 P.M.
16 - Pablo’s Pizza Night
18 - Canned Food Drive ends
21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

December 2022
2 - Santa Night
5-9 - Santa’s Gift Shop
22-31 - Winter Break

January 2023
2-6 - Winter Break
16 - No school/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
17 - No school/Teacher In-service Day
19 - Parent Teacher Conferences
  4:15 P.M.-8:15 P.M.
26 - Parent Teacher Conferences
  4:15 P.M.-8:15 P.M.

P.T.A. NEWS

Canned Food Drive

October 31 - November 18th
Send in those cans!

Santa Night is coming!

December 2nd
More information to follow...

FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect non-perishable foods starting October 31st - November 18th. This food drive serves many families in need within our community.

HEALTHY FOOD POINTS:
10 points = Protein Rich Foods (nut butters, dried or canned beans, canned tuna, chicken, salmon or ham)
6 points = Low Sugar Fruit (low sugar canned fruit, dried fruits, 100% fruit juice)
6 points = Vegetables (canned vegetable, pumpkin or yams, all veggie soups, low sodium)
4 points = Soups or Chili (low sodium canned soups or stews, low sodium chili with vegetables)
4 points = Healthy Grains (rice, pasta, low sugar oatmeal, granola, cereal <8g sugars
1 point = Sometimes Foods (foods high in sugar, fat or sodium, Eg: ramen noodles, cream soups, jelly)

HELP YOUR STUDENT COLLECT FOOD ITEMS BASED ON THE SYSTEM ABOVE. THE CLASS THAT SCORES THE HIGHEST POINTS WINS AN ICE CREAM PARTY!!!

Staff Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Winners were voted on by students.

Overall Favorite - Mrs. Pearson “Hocus Pocus"
Loma Pride - Mr. Basinger
Spookiest - Mr. Kohls
Most Original - Mrs. Neff

Officina Aprendices de Idioma Inglés
Si Ud. necesita una traducción en Español favor de llamar a 254-5484. Estamos para servirle.
Kids Aid is here to help with extra food over the weekends so our Grand Valley kids can be kids! We serve 70 sites from preschool through college and provide up to 2,000 food bags per week. We give bags to any child, no qualifications necessary. Be sure to ask your school site coordinator, administrator, or teacher to get you signed up! (All requests are anonymous.)

Food bags contain breakfast, lunch/dinner, and snack options to cover weekend meals for one child. We do our best to offer a variety of items based on availability and cost. Families with multiple children can request a bag for each child in the household. Starting in the fall of 2022, Kids Aid will partner with Food Bank of the Rockies to include kid friendly, easy to cook recipes to encourage creative and nutritious meal preparation with items included in our weekly food bags.

If you have any questions, please visit our website for more information: www.kidsaidcolorado.org

Call or email our office directly at: 970-712-2847 or info@kidsaidcolorado.org

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Dear Loma Families,

November has arrived! The fall colors and smells always remind me to slow down for a minute and appreciate all of the wonderful things going on around me. I am thankful that our Loma Lions are working hard to show The Loma Way each and every day! During the first quarter we taught and practiced these school-wide expectations in all settings of our school. At the end of the quarter we were wondering how many students knew all four parts of The Loma Way. After asking each student, we were thrilled to learn that 91% of our learners could name all four expectations! Wow! That’s just one of the many ways our Loma Lions are rocking it at Loma Elementary!

I’m thankful for the partnerships that our staff and families continue to build together in order to best support our learners. Parent-Teacher Conferences were such a joy to be a part of. I appreciate all of the families who were able to participate and I thank all of the teachers for preparing meaningful information to share with parents. Our students benefit from us working together!

As students move through their day at Loma, they receive support and love from a variety of staff members. I’m thankful for the caring relationships our staff builds so that no matter where students are in their day, they know there’s someone there for them. Thank you to our amazing office staff, custodial team, Nutrition Services team and all of the other adults who support learning at our school. Each and every adult and student on our campus is an important part of the Loma Family! Thank you for being a part of our community!

Nicole Wimsatt-Principal

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**Shout-Outs**

**Thank you, Mrs. Behrman, for an amazing Book Fair!**

**Thank you, P.T.A., for hosting the annual Loma Craft Fair. There were so many vendors with lots of cool crafts.**

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**News from Gifted and Talented**

“Up to 85 percent of the jobs that today's college students will have in 11 years haven't been invented yet.” This forecast was made by the Institute for the Future in 2017. Can you pause for just a moment and think about the implications of this prediction? Is your brain spinning in a hundred different directions?

Educators feel the same way! It’s exciting, even if a little daunting, to think about the things we can do to prepare students for this type of future. One way Loma is addressing this shift is to add more instruction in critical thinking skills. There are lots of definitions of critical thinking, but most involve the idea of evaluating and analyzing information in order to solve a problem effectively and efficiently. In addition to the work done in individual classrooms, Loma has added a “thinking skills” class for all students, kindergarten through fifth grade. Each class has the opportunity to meet with our Gifted and Talented teacher, Ms. Morlan, once a month for a thinking skills lesson. The lessons focus on higher level thinking skills such as analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Younger students are learning these skills in the context of a set of characters who each have a different job (a detective, a scientist, a judge). As they are introduced to each character, they learn about a specific type of thinking used in that character's job. Older students are using a curriculum called “thinkLaw” which uses legal simulations to introduce a variety of thinking skills, tools and strategies.

There are lots of fun and easy ways you can support your child's development of critical thinking skills. Here are just a few: encourage healthy debates in which family members explain and support their thinking; tell and solve riddles; encourage children to help solve day-to-day problems; and play games and share your strategies.

-Mrs. Morlan –Gifted & Talented Teacher