



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Laguna Families,

As we head into summer the days heat up quickly, educational opportunities for young people begin to cool off. School teachers and parents alike share concerns on how to keep kids from regressing academically over summer break. [Research](#) shows that students score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer than they did on the same test given only a few months earlier. Time off for summer is most detrimental in the areas of math and spelling.

So what can we do to combat summer brain drain? Some of the common solutions is to follow the lines of summer camp or summer school. But what about those looking to keep the carefree pace of summer days filled with sunshine, popsicles, and flip flops? Here are a few ideas that will get kids practicing the educational skills they have acquired, without robbing summer of its magic:

Writing

- Start a summer journal. Encourage your child to write down some special experiences and memories.
- Ask your child to write a story about a picture. It is fun to take turns reading a collection of these stories at dinnertime or bedtime.
- Have a family letter writing event. Pick a friend, neighbor, or relative, and write a letter to that person. This is a fun experience for a child to practice writing with purpose.
- Encourage your child to research a topic that relates to your family vacation. While on vacation, give the opportunity to share about a topic with the family.

Reading

- Set an example by letting your child see you read.
- Have conversations about interesting books, and discuss what learning is taking place. This provides a window into your child's life and interest.
- Visit the library. Help your child open a library card, and learn about how the library is organized.
- Read a [chapter book out loud](#) together at bedtime. <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/read-aloud-books-kids-adore/>

Math

- Take your child to the grocery store, and have him /her estimate the grocery bill as you shop. Play a game guessing how many bags the groceries will be divided into at check out.
- Give your child the opportunity to cook during the summer. This is a great way to learn a new skill and build your child's confidence.
- Build with PVC pipe. Provide various lengths of pipe and different types of connectors, and allow your child to build creative genius. <http://www.instructables.com/id/Kid-Size-Construction-Kit-from-PVC-Pipe/>
- Encourage your child to start a business. Whether it is babysitting, doing odd jobs, or making and selling items, your child is sure to benefit from the skills involved in running a business and managing money.

These are just a few ideas to help your summer be a successful one. For more information about how to fight the summertime slump, visit these websites on [how to avoid summertime regression](#) and [summer regression remedies](#). <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/avoid-summertime-regression-205300987.html>

*Sincerely,
Jacqueline Camacho
Principal*



Dear Longhorn Families,

We are pleased to report that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has shared that the lead screening results for drinking water samples collected at Laguna Elementary were less than the screening level. All ADEQ sample collection and screening protocols were followed.

To learn more about the screening program, visit the ADEQ website: <http://azdeq.gov/LeadScreeningProg>.



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Summer Skills for Success

Who can attend: Any student who will be in K-6th at Laguna Elementary School.

Where: Laguna Elementary School

When: May 30-June 29, 2017
Monday through Thursday
7:45-11:45 a.m.

Cost: Absolutely FREE

LAGUNA SPORTS

Congratulations to the boys basketball teams for an awesome season! They played hard, used teamwork and always showed excellent sportsmanship! I want to thank Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Kyle for all of their help with Laguna sports this year! You both inspired our student athletes to achieve their full potential and I appreciate everything you do for the kids. As we finish another great year remember to eat healthy, exercise daily, and smile! Attitude is everything!

Go Longhorns!

Coach Lee



COMPUTER LAB

Safety Tips for Kids

Here are some Safety Tips to help kids online. Talk about these tips with your family. You might have one or two of your own to add!

- Don't give out information about yourself like your last name, your phone number, where you go to school without asking your parents first.
- Never e-mail a picture or yourself to strangers.
- If somebody says something to you, sends you something, or you see something that makes you uncomfortable, don't look around or explore: get your parents instead-they know what to do.
- Making plans to meet your internet buddies in real life is a really bad idea-how people are in real can be very different from how they are online.
- Don't open up e-mails, files, or Web pages that you get from people you don't really know or Trust.
- Don't ever give out your password, except to responsible adults in your family.
- Always follow your family's rule for the internet- they're there to make sure you have fun and stay safe online.

I hope to see many of you this summer at Skills here at Laguna!

Mrs. Courtney



LIBRARY

Please look around for any missing books that you may have out and turn them into me ASAP. If you cannot find it or your book is damaged please come and see me in the library. Our BUY ONE GET ONE FREE bookfair will be May 12th-19th in the library. Please come and see what new books we get in. We also need parent volunteers to help out. Call me at 696-8485.

Thank you,

Ms. Valles



LONGHORN MUSIC

LAGUNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for these upcoming school performances:

May 4th- Band/Orchestra Concert
6:00 pm

May 11th- 3rd Grade Musical
6:00 pm

Hope to see you there!

Mr. Houchin