

Good Evening Loiederman Families,

This is Megan McLaughlin, proud principal of LMS, calling with some important information. Tomorrow, Monday, September 20 is an ODD Day.

- **Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month:** Loiederman has proudly begun to celebrate Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month from September 15th - October 15th. Students will participate in activities in their classes, their advisory period, and a door decorating contest through advisory.
- **Devious Lick TikTok Trend:** Parents, we urge you to talk with your students about the importance of not following social media trends. The latest trend found on TikTok encourages students to remove soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, entire sinks, and mirrors. This is obviously dangerous for multiple reasons and defeats efforts to maintain sanitary conditions in a time where that is of the utmost importance. Equally as important is that according to the MCPS Code of Conduct, the consequences for destruction of property paired with theft of property can range from detention to expulsion along with financial obligations.
- **Dance Company:** Junior and Senior Dance Company auditions will be held on Thursday September 23rd from 3:00-4:30pm. Students interested in auditioning should register and attend one dance clinic on either Tuesday September 21st or Wednesday September 22nd from 3:00-4:30pm. The same dances will be taught at both clinics. Please use this [link](#) to register. Contact Ms. Tiffany Alastanos with any questions.
- **Community Letters vs. Close Contact Letters:** We are now able to administer rapid Covid tests to students who are sent to the health room for displaying symptoms. When a student has a positive result, we are required to notify our community with a general community letter. If your child is identified as a close contact, which is defined as someone who is unvaccinated and was around the student for more than fifteen minutes at less than three feet, the letter will contain the date which your student may return to school and **this date can not change based on a negative test.** If you did not receive the close contact quarantine letter, then your child was determined not to be a close contact and they may attend school as usual.
- **Water Bottles:** Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school each day. We do have bottle filling stations in our building, so they are able to refill them.
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** Thank you to the members of our community who submitted questions! We have taken the questions and provided responses in the document linked **here.**

Make sure to visit our [September Newsletter](#) to stay updated with all LMS Lion News and to check out the [LMS PTSA Page on Facebook](#). Stay well, stay safe, and thank you for staying connected to Loiederman. Have a good evening!