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Welcome Back Laker Families!

Though building repairs will continue to challenge us for several more weeks, we have had an excellent beginning to our school year. Our enrollment is approximately 1285 students, our students met all Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) mandates, our State test scores continue to rank among the best in Oregon, our SAT scores are the highest in school history, our students are actively involved in all facets of our school, and we have an amazing teaching and support staff. We are looking forward to an outstanding school year!

Thanks to the incredible support from our Laker Club PTO, every teacher and support staff received new computers this year. These computers are faster, will be using Windows 7 as an operating system, and will allow all teachers to post their grades on-line throughout the year. Next week, students will receive their individual pass code giving them access to their teacher's new web sites and their personal grades. Parents will also receive a pass code at our **September 22nd Back-to-School Night** which will provide them access to their student's grades. **Parents must be present to receive their individual pass code.**

Special thanks to Michelle Dorman, Jennifer Zahniser, and our many Laker Club volunteers who helped us host our third annual Back-to-School barbecue on September 8th. Despite the wet weather, we had a tremendous turnout, enjoyed entertainment from our Laker Dance Team, Cheer Team, Windjammers, and Claire Logue. Hundreds of students, families, and staff enjoyed a wonderful evening of Buster's Barbecue, live music, and socializing. This much anticipated community event is a fun way to kick-off the school year and has become a great Laker tradition.

On behalf of our entire staff, I encourage you to attend **Back-To-School Night on Wednesday, September 22nd**. Our welcome and introductions begin in the West Gym at 6:30 p.m. followed immediately by classroom visits. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to make positive connections with their son's/daughter's teachers and provide a glimpse of the amazing educational opportunities our students receive each day. Our counseling staff will host a **Senior Parent Planning session beginning at 5:30 p.m. in our auditorium**. This session will explain the college application process, post high school planning, and offer a chance to ask questions about your student's senior year. Our counselors have also scheduled a follow-up session for parents on Monday, October 4th at 10 a.m. in our auditorium.

To reach our goal of providing students with the best education possible, it is imperative that students attend class each day on time. **To help us monitor attendance**, parents are asked to call our Attendance Office (503) 534-2329 any time their student will be absent from school for any reason. Also, we are asking parents to help us reduce the number of students missing days for family obligations (travel, non-school activities, college visitations, vacation, etc.). Though these may be wonderful opportunities, absences often make it difficult for students to be successful in their classes. Families are encouraged to schedule out of school travels during non-school days.

Thank you to our following 2010-11 School Advisory Committee (SAC) volunteer members. These committee members represent our school community and provide a valuable parent perspective at our monthly meetings.

Sandy Leybold	John Valley
Cliff Lyons	Kathy Wery
Shauna Stroble	Julie Wunderlich
Leigh Ten Berge	Mingdi Yan

Want to keep up with what is happening at school? **A great way for parents to keep informed is by adding our “Daily Log” to your list of “Favorites” on your computer.** Simply go to our website: <http://loh.loswego.k12.or.us> and click on “Daily Log” listed under “Quick Links” on the home page to receive our daily announcements.

Reminder: Until building repairs are completed, access for students and parents into and out of our school is through our cafeteria doors only.

Looking forward to a great 2010-11 school year!

Bruce Plato
Principal