



INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to: earn better grades, score higher on tests, pass their classes, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, be more positive in their attitude toward school, complete homework assignments, graduate and continue their education.

Motivating Your Child

According to the National PTA, when you are involved, your child achieves greater success. Help your child succeed by instilling classroom values.

Important steps to being a good student include listening and taking part in class discussions, asking questions, and handing his homework in on time.

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October Calendar

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
3	4 Open House	5 Early Release 1:30 PM	6	7
10 Staff Dev. (no school)	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20 Picture Day (Portrait)	21
24	25	26	27	28
31 Camp Goddard				

Get Updates Online

You can keep in touch with Lamar PTO Online at <http://lamarpto.weebly.com>



And while you are there... enter your email address to receive updates delivered to your email box.



Ways You Can Help

Make it easy to study. Create an area that works for your child. Do they work best at a desk in a quiet area of their room? Or is the dining room table a better place to work? Does music distract them, or help them focus? Help your child determine what works best for them.

Stress the importance of goal setting. A new school year is a perfect time to sit down with your kids and help them set goals. Have them write their goals down - or help them with that if they are too young. Try to let them come up with the ideas for their own goals as much as possible.

Help your kids manage their time. At the beginning of the school year, it's easy to sign up for too many activities, events and committees. You need to determine how many different things each child will participate in. When will you have dinner together as a family? When will homework be done? For what chores is each family member responsible, and when will they be done? Create a family calendar in a centralized location so everyone is aware of the day's activities.



Camp Goddard

The 5th Graders will be attending Goddard Youth Camp this year from October 31 – November 4.

The camp is nestled in the Arbuckle Mountains and home to the convergence of four, unique, ecosystems. The camp has 1 mile of water access on the South shore of "The Lake of Arbuckles." Swimming, boating, fishing and other water sports are available.

You will be receiving information packets with more information including fees, items needed for the trip, and the appropriate permission and health forms.

Visit the Goddard Youth Camp Website at: <http://www.campgoddardonline.com>



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Money raised through this fundraiser will support essential programs not currently funded through traditional means. We count on fundraising to benefit each child directly. Your support DOES make a difference!

Start Date: September 29
End Date: October 13

THIS MONTH @ LAMAR!



Rich Wieber's **BICYCLE STUNT SHOWS**

Imagine a speaker that has the ability to grab the attention of even our most challenging students. To deliver powerful messages that includes topics such as:

- PERSERVERANCE
- DETERMINATION
- PEER PRESSURE
- GOAL ACHIEVEMENT
- DANGER OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
- SAFETY

Learn more at <http://www.richwieber.com>

S Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

A Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

H Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.

A Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.

L Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

L Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

O Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

W Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

E Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.

E Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.

N Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.



Box Tops It really adds up!

See the PTO Website for more information on raising funds for our school.



- P - Personal Best**
- A - Act Responsibly**
- W - Wise Choices**
- S - Show Respect**

P.A.W.S.

Lamar Guidelines for Success

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior, we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.