



LEOPARD SPOT

MARGARET LANDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 2018

Mark Your Calendar!

Food Drive

Now through Friday, Nov. 16

Reading Counts

Wednesday, November 14 & 28
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

PTA Assoc. Meeting/Reflections Art Gallery

Thursday, November 15

Minimum Day

Wednesday, November 21

Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23

Minimum Day

Monday, December 3

PACE Graduation

Thursday, December 6, 12:30 p.m.

Have Questions?

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Principal's Message

Dear Landell Students and Families,

On Friday, November 2, the first trimester came to an end. Our students have already completed one third of the school year, and we are excited to see the continued academic growth of our students. At Landell, our goal is to help all students achieve academic success. In order to do that, our dedicated teachers assess student work on a very regular basis. Teachers use the data to support students, and as a way to report student progress to our parents through our trimester report cards.

On November 16, 2018, all students who attend a school in the Cypress School District will bring home the first Trimester Report Cards to parents and a Reporting Trimester Progress in ELA brochure. Within the brochure, you will find an overview showing the areas in which your child will be assessed, the grade level standards (academic expectations) and the tools your teacher may use to monitor your child's progress toward meeting standards.

For additional information, Cypress School District has created a Reporting Student Progress Frequently Asked Questions for Parents document. The FAQ document is also available at our website: <https://tinyurl.com/y95gam8l>. The FAQ document will answer commonly asked questions that parents might have about standards based grading.

Please remember that learning is a journey that requires children to feel supported and encouraged. If your child is not meeting standards in any area, we want to work with you, our family partners, to help your student make progress.

Kind regards,

Kimberly Benaraw

2018-2019 CAASP Results

The California state testing results for third through sixth grade students are in, and Landell made improvement in English language arts and in math.

CASPP or the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress began in 2014 as a way in which to assess the progress of students through a computer based adaptive system and performance task that both align with the common core state standards in English language arts and math. The SBAC or Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium tests are taken once a year in April and include a range of items such as selected response, constructed response, table, fill-in, graphing, and both call for students to integrate knowledge and skills across multiple standards. The exam strives to measure “career and college readiness” each year and allows for a baseline for growth and educational progress from year-to-year.

As a site, we saw growth in both ELA and math from 2017 and are proud to say that we have achieved **86%** proficiency in English and **81%** proficiency in math. These scores are up from the previous year. There was a gain of 3% in ELA and 5% in math. Although this is just one measure used to check student achievement, it is utilized state wide and gives a great snapshot into how we fair as a site and district as a whole. We have an amazing school and our students are achieving at a very high level in comparison to the county and state.

Giving Back to the Community

November brings on the holiday season. From November 5th to November 16th the Landell community is participating in the Kids Caring for Kids Food Drive. During these two weeks, the school is collecting canned goods and non-perishables for families in need.

At Landell, we believe that teaching students to be empathetic and giving to others in need is an important character trait. By students learning how to be empathetic, they are learning to understand that everyone has feelings, ideas, and emotions that need to be valued and respected. When students learn to have empathy towards others, it reduces student conflict, bullying, and teasing.

Ways that you can teach your child empathy at home are:

- Praise empathetic behavior
- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings
- Point out other people’s behaviors and when kindness is occurring
- Encourage polite behavior
- Give your child responsibility at home
- Involve your child in charitable activities

Kids Caring for Kids Can Food Drive

Did you know that 400,000 people struggle with hunger in Orange County? Children and seniors make up 50% of those in need. We hope at Landell we can make a difference fighting hunger. The last day for the canned food drive is Friday 11/16. Please remember to only bring in non-perishable food items (no glass). The class that collects the most pounds of food will win a pizza party.