

# HAWK TALK

LA PINE MIDDLE SCHOOL ♦ 541-355-8200 ♦ 16360 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, LA PINE, OREGON 97739

## *Letter from the Principal*

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. I am excited to start my third year as Principal of La Pine Middle School. I am energized and I am deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of our children in La Pine. I believe that we can accomplish this by setting high academic expectations for all children and creating systems to assure they are met. My past experience has shown me that it takes a team to help all students reach their potential. I will work collaboratively with the staff to provide an academic, social, and emotional program where all students can be successful.

Please help me welcome our newest staff members to LPMS. Molly Honea is our new science teacher and will teach 4 sections of sixth grade and one section of seventh grade. Zach Webb will be teaching seventh grade Language Arts and Social Studies. Jessica Colburn is our new Social Studies and Art teacher. Kent Eby is our new eighth grade Language Arts teacher and Writing Elective teacher. Victoria Buffington is our new part time Media Manager and will oversee the library. Finally, Mikki Morris is our new Kitchen Manager.

Again, this year, we will be issuing monthly newsletters in effort to keep you informed regarding upcoming events and happenings at LPMS. In addition, we continue our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LaPineMiddle>, please like and share our page!

I am confident that this will be an outstanding school year and look forward to working with the students, families and community members of La Pine. Please know that my door is always open and I welcome you to come by for a visit.

Mission Statement:

Engaging Curiosity. Inspired Teaching. Deeper Learning. Supportive Community.

Vision Statement:

La Pine Middle School is a caring community dedicated to student growth. We use inquiry-based discovery to uncover rigorous academic challenges, turning dreams into goals. Our community builds meaningful relationships to support social and emotional intelligence. We offer opportunities for students to find their strengths as communicators, problem solvers and global citizens to become future ready.

Robi Phinney D.Ed.





### ***Lost 'N' Found***

LPMS has a Lost 'N' Found located in the cafeteria. Please have your students check for any missing items. Lunch is a great time for this.

### ***Medication***

Please remember that students need to have an Authorization for Medication Administration by self for any over the counter medications. This includes but not limited to cough drops, Tylenal, Ibuprofen, etc. Students are not allowed to carry any over the counter medication without this form. If your student must take prescription medications at school then you'll need to fill out an Authorization for Medication Administration and bring in the medication, with the filled out form, in its original container. Please feel free to call Nurse Gail with any questions, 541-355-6926, Thank You!

### ***Important Dates***

Wednesday,  
September 20 – Open House,  
5-7pm

Tuesday,  
September 26 – Picture Day

Thursday,  
October 5- La Pine Fall Fest

Tuesday,  
October 24 – Picture Retakes

Wednesday,  
October 25 – Conferences,  
3:15 – 7:15

Thursday,  
October 26 – Conferences  
3:15 – 7:15

### ***Immunizations***

Please update the LPMS office when your student receives immunizations. This will help when we are getting near the exclusion day. Please call the office with any questions, 541-355-8200.

### ***Fall Sports***

Welcome to fall sports at La Pine Middle School! We are proud to once again offer football for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, volleyball for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, and cross country for all students. If your sport is not listed here, please contact the Parks and Recreation department for more community options.

In order to participate, all athletes must complete registration through Family ID, have a current sports physical, sign an LPMS policies contract, and submit a one-time payment of \$40 or complete a scholarship form. Practice officially started after school for all sports, with games/meets beginning shortly thereafter. Please contact your student athletes coach for Wednesday practice times. More information and schedules will be provided by your child's coaches.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jason Deaner, the LPMS Athletic Director, at (541) 355-8211. Go Hawks!