

Ludlow Independent Schools



Home of the Panthers

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, September 12, our 4th through 12th grade students will be participating in a Team Building Day at our stadium. This event kicks off the work they'll do in their advisory groups this year. We are asking students to dress in comfortable clothing appropriate for being outside. Please wear gym shoes. Students will be participating in both physical and mental challenges. They will have fun working together as a team. If the weather does not cooperate, the event date may be changed.

We are asking each grade level to wear the same colored shirts IF at all possible. Please realize this is NOT mandatory. Wearing the same color is just to add to the team approach (please note that the colors for grades 7-12 were voted on by the students in that class as part of Homecoming activities).

4th Grade: Black or Gray

5th Grade: White

6th Grade: Red

7th Grade: Dark Pink

8th Grade: Green

9th Grade: Periwinkle/Light Blue

10th Grade: Hot Pink

11th Grade: Purple

12th Grade: Dark Blue

As part of our advisory program, each student in grades 4-12 will be assigned an advisor (teacher) with whom they will meet regularly. A variety of activities and discussions will take place, specific to each grade level. We want September 12 to be a fun way to begin working together! In addition to simply learning more about one another, the life "lessons" that are reinforced through the activities include the following:

- Fulfilling your role in a team is important when setting a goal and completing a task
- Motivation and positive comments help the group, while put-downs or negative comments only hurt the team
- We should celebrate our individual differences; Everyone brings their own unique experiences and ideas to the group
- There are many ways to solve a problem; Keep working hard until you get through complete the challenge
- We can and should learn from our mistakes; Don't give up when an obstacle presents itself
- Being a good listener is very important, especially when working with others on a team
- Stepping up as a leader, in your own way, is important to the group

Students will be at the stadium for approximately two hours for these activities. Grades 4-6 will attend 8:30-10:30am; Grades 7-9 will attend from 10:30am-12:30pm, and Grades 10-12 will be at the stadium from 1:00-3:00pm. All students will eat lunch in the school cafeteria.

If you have any questions or concerns about our Team Building Day on September 12, please contact Jenny McMillen at 859-261-8210 or jennifer.mcmillen@ludlow.kyschools.us.

Please take a few more moments to learn more about our advisory programs on the back of this letter!

Sincerely,

Jenny McMillen

College & Career Readiness Coordinator

*The Ludlow Independent School District is committed
to fostering a culture of rigor, excellence, and personal accountability
by developing meaningful relationships with students, families, and community members
to support and empower students to graduate with college and career readiness skills.*

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LUDLOW'S ADVISORY PROGRAMS

Team Building is incorporated throughout All Activities

PAWS TIME (GRADES 4, 5, 6)

- Students meet with their advisor (Homeroom Teacher) weekly, typically on Monday mornings
- Topics & Activities Include:
 - Character Education topics and discussions (honesty, standing up for what is right, leadership, courage, kindness, appreciation, manners, making good choices)
 - Building a strong work ethic and healthy study habits
 - Be safe, be respectful, be responsible — what does this look like? Sounds like?
 - Goal-setting and strategies needed to meet those goals
 - Positive attitudes
 - “Don’t doubt your ability, Doubt your strategy. Try a new strategy!”
 - Monitoring of grades and assignment completion

NAVIGO TIME (GRADES 7, 8, 9)

- Students meet with their NaviGo Coach (LHS Teacher) almost every Friday (some Fridays are Club Time)
- Topics & Activities Include:
 - Topics build on those from Grades 4, 5, 6
 - Monitoring of grades and assignment completion
 - Goal-setting, both short term and long term goals
 - College and career exploration
 - Leadership — What does it look like? Sounds like?
 - Work in each student’s ILP (Individual Learning Plan)
 - Understanding high school credits, GPA, graduation requirements, KEES Scholarships, Dual Credit requirements

NAVIGO TIME (GRADES 10, 11)

- Students meet with their NaviGo Coach (LHS Teacher) almost every Friday (some Fridays are Club Time)
- Students are grouped by career interest area and will work with business contacts in related fields
- Topics & Activities Include:
 - Career and college research
 - Completion of each student’s ILP (Individual Learning Plan)
 - Monitoring of grades and assignment completion
 - Goal-setting, both short term and long term goals
 - Field trips related to college and career interests
 - Understanding high school credits, GPA, graduation requirements, KEES Scholarships, Dual Credit requirements
 - Leadership — What does it look like? Sound like?
 - Teaching 9th Grade groups about their career research

NAVIGO TIME (GRADE 12)

- Students meet with their NaviGo Coach (Ludlow Administrator) almost every Friday (some Fridays are Club Time)
- Topics & Activities Include:
 - Senior Year Related Items and Reminders
 - Career and College Research
 - Completion of each student’s ILP (Individual Learning Plan)
 - Monitoring of grades/assignment completion, and graduation requirements for credits and attendance
 - Goal-setting, both short term and long term goals
 - Field trips related to college and career interests
 - Assistance with College, Scholarship, and Financial Aid Applications
 - Essay Writing (for college admissions or scholarships)
 - Resume Writing
 - Leadership — Setting the tone for the school