



*-A Message from the LPS District  
Safety Committee*

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**LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT SAFETY COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN**

As you are aware, Lawton Public Schools has declared a full commitment to safety and health. We recognize our responsibility to provide a safe work environment and the need to abide by workplace safety rules and regulations. **The time is now for us to pull together to prevent workplace injuries.** Injury prevention will be achieved through sharing an equal commitment to safety and health. Everyone from administration, principals, managers, supervisors, and employees must take ownership of his or her own safety and the safety of their coworkers. Everyone is responsible for observing, reporting, and correcting unsafe acts and conditions.

We encourage every employee's active participation, attention, and commitment in order for the safety process to be effective. The following are some of the safety precautions as we move into the school year:

- \*Utilize two people, dollies, carts, or other material handling devices to lift and move heavy items.
- \*Utilize ladders to reach items overhead and for decorating. **Chairs should never be used in place of ladders.**
- \*Utilize and pay attention to wet floor signs and clean up liquid spills, if, and when you come across any.
- \*Pay attention to your location in relation to children while on playground duty.
- \*Stay out of student altercations and do not run after students, if at all possible.

We urge everyone to remain committed to an injury-free culture, which is the philosophy and belief that accidents are preventable and avoidable.

## **REPORT CARD UPDATE**

The following schools had the **LEAST** dollar amount incurred for worker's compensation claims so far for the 2011-2012 policy year, which is 7/1/11-1/1/12.

### **\$0- PLATINUM**

Shoemaker Center, Almor West Elementary, Beginnings Academy, Country Club Elementary, Crosby Park Elementary, Eisenhower Elementary, Food Service/Warehouse, Howell Elementary, Hugh Bish Howell Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Park Lane Elementary, Pioneer Park Elementary, Ridgecrest Elementary, Sheridan Road Elementary, Special Services Center, Student Adjustment Center, Substitutes, Swinney Elementary, Tomlinson Middle School, Washington Elementary, Whittier Elementary, Wilson Elementary

### **\$1-\$500- GOLD**

Carriage Hills Elementary, Woodland Hills Elementary

### **\$501-\$1,500-SILVER**

Pat Henry Elementary

### **\$1,501-\$3,000-BRONZE**

Brockland Elementary, Eisenhower Middle School, Sullivan Village Elementary

**If yours site dollar amount incurred for worker's compensation claims is not listed above then your site claim is over \$3,000.**

**Thanks to everyone for your efforts in helping the District move toward an injury-free culture.**

### **FROM THE MAILBAG**

Please remember to contact Mr. Angel Sierra-512-2032 and Mr. Alonzo Smiley-284-8847 about any unsafe, dangerous situations on your campus. The month of February is coming up and we need to have our plans in place at each site for safety.

### **DISTRICT SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The committee members this year include:

Barbara Ellis, Assistant Superintendent ; Todd Smoot, Health Care Safety Solutions; Tony Hooper, Shoemaker Center; Dr. Jamie Polk, Ridgecrest Principal; Regina Lambert, MMS Assistant Principal; Mark Coulter, Child Nutrition; Nela Cowen, Child Nutrition; Jackie Hughes, Child Nutrition; Mike Cornwell, Transportation; Mike Whiteley, Transportation; Angel Sierra, Maintenance and Alonzo Smiley, Maintenance . We meet the first Wednesday of each month to discuss district safety and how we can continue toward being a safer, injury-free place to work.

**Before you start, be SAFETY smart!!!!!!**