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Dear Parents/Community Members,

Dr. Seuss said it best when he stated, "How did it get so late so soon?" We are already into November and the Thanksgiving holiday is just around the corner. It feels as if we just started school; however, when you have teachers teaching and our students actively engaged in their academics and extra-curricular activities, time does not stand still.

Our mighty Bulldog football team will be advancing to the play-offs and are getting better with every game. It will be exciting to see how far the Bulldogs will go into the playoffs! If you haven't seen the Bulldog Band perform then you have missed a treat. The band has definitely added a new dimension to La Pryor Friday night football games with their music in the stands and their performances at half-time. I applaud the dedication and commitment that the band members and directors have displayed since the first day of school. The elementary has been actively involved in Red Ribbon Week and had great student participation in the daily theme throughout the week. Mr. Dwight Stewart addressed the elementary/high school on bullying and Red Ribbon Week concluded with an excellent presentation by the Border Patrol at the elementary.

In small communities, such as ours, the main focus of the community is usually the school district. The school district's goal should be one that promotes the growth and success of our students while at LPISD and at the post-secondary level. If this is to occur, all entities (students, parents, faculty, & community members), must come together as a team if the goal is to be accomplished.

In the coming weeks, I will be meeting with particular grade-level parents to discuss any concerns or ideas that we may have for the betterment of our students and the school district as a whole. The discussion will be based on a parent/superintendent round-table format. Any and all ideas are welcomed and they are all important!

Henry Ford, the founder of Ford Motor Company, was asked about what he thought the teamwork concept meant and he responded with this quote, "**Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.**" I hope to see all of you at our round-table discussions and look forward to our meetings.

Sincerely,

Benny P. Hernandez
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