

# LPS PANTHER PRESS



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Dear Families,

This is the time of year where our staff comes together to recognize Teacher of the Year and School Related Employee of the Year. We are so very fortunate to have a staff of dedicated and committed individuals that are passionate about working with children. Please join me in congratulating, Sarah Masse, Teacher of the Year and Heather Renfro, School Related Employee of the Year!

Coming soon, November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will host another Panther Fun Run. Stay tuned for more information about that exciting event. For those of you who are new to our school, this is an exciting time that brings many events over the next several weeks. Our annual Science-Technology Night is scheduled for 12/6 and brings hundreds of families out for an evening of Science and Technology projects throughout the grade levels. Along with various special guests, we will have Science Fair Projects on display from our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. More information will be coming home soon. Hope to see you there!

I am hopeful that all of you have had a chance to conference with your child's teacher by this point and celebrated all the amazing things your child is learning. Our Florida Standards are rigorous at every grade level and require every minute of the day with purposeful and relevant curriculum activities. Our teachers create and plan engaging and challenging lessons all day, every day with the goal to help each child reach their fullest potential. When your child is absent or withdrawn early, they have missed valuable instruction. Sending home "make-up work" does not replace the actual lessons, so students are often developing gaps in their learning that magnify later. As we enter cold & flu season, we are reminding our students to wash their hands frequently, cough into their arm and stay home if they are running a fever.

Another topic I'd like to address is internet access and Elementary aged students. There are so many wonderful sites that help students practice their learning and gain new knowledge. We at LPS take great pride in helping our students grow and experience STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics). However, our teachers research the sites very carefully only allowing approved websites. Please monitor your child's Internet access at home. There are some very inappropriate sites out there.

As always, we welcome you to participate in school events, communicate with your child's teacher, and/or attend our School Advisory Council or PTO meetings. Remember, it takes the family and the school working together to help all our students reach their fullest potential and become PANTHER STRONG members of our school community.

On behalf of Lecanto Primary School, I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Vicki Lofton

Principal

## Calendar of Events

- 11/5 - PTO meeting; 5:15 p.m.
- 11/8 - Yearbook Club meeting; 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 11/12 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 11/14 - SAEC meeting in Media Center; 4:15 p.m.
- 11/19 - 11/23 - Thanksgiving Break; NO SCHOOL
- 11/29 - Family Night @ Lecanto McDonalds; 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 11/29 - Yearbook Club meeting; 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 11/29 - Panther Fun Run



**CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

**LPS Teacher of the Year:**

**Sarah Masse**

**LPS Support Related  
Employee of the Year:**

**Heather Renfro**

**Do you need help this holiday season?** The following organizations are willing to help make your child's holiday brighter. Please contact them by the designated date for assistance. Don't wait until the last minute as most agencies have a limit they can help.

**Citrus United Basket** is accepting applications for Christmas assistance from **October 22nd through December 23th from 9-2, M-F.** For questions or further information, please call 344-2242. (Children up to age 12)

*All agencies require: 2 forms of ID, social security cards for all family members, birth certificates for children, proof of residency and proof of income.*

### Substitute Positions Available

Citrus County Schools is now hiring for all substitute positions (Teacher, Support (Aide), Custodian, Food Service and Bus Drivers). If you are interested or have any questions please call 352-726-1931 Ext 2295 or go to

<https://skyfin.citrus.k12.fl.us:444/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsFin/rappljoblst484.w> select the substitute positions you would like to apply for, click on apply for selected positions and fill out all the required information/application.

**Congratulations to our new Yearbook Club!** Our November meetings will be on Thursday, Nov 8th and Nov 29th right after school until 5pm.

Panther Parents it's time to start preordering your 2018-19 "Don't Just Fly...Soar" yearbooks!

Yearbooks are \$20 and can be purchased by sending cash/check (made payable to LPS) to your child's teacher OR **take advantage of online ordering** by going to [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and entering code 9906719.

We sold out last year, so get yours ordered TODAY!

### FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

LPS sponsors several fundraisers each year, including student pictures, for different purposes. Profits from fundraising at LPS will be used, among other things, to purchase school wide needs, such as additional playground equipment, technology supplies, and professional development and instructional materials.

A small amount of these funds may be used to provide food and other consumable items for faculty and staff sessions throughout the year, staff appreciation, and student recognition.

Some fundraisers are for specific purposes such as Jump Rope for Heart. We are always mindful that these are optional for students and are deeply appreciative of the support of the LPS community.

### YMCA

The holidays are quickly approaching! Need child care during holiday breaks?

Look no further, the YMCA is here for you! We offer holiday care packages for Thanksgiving break!

Our hours of operation are 6:30 AM-6PM. We will be located at 3 different schools for your convenience; Forest Ridge Elementary, Crystal River Primary and Pleasant Grove Elementary.

If you are currently not enrolled in the program, we do offer holiday specific packages.

For pricing information and any other questions or inquiries please contact Tiffany Grabarz at [tgrabarz@suncoastymca.org](mailto:tgrabarz@suncoastymca.org) or 352-500-9622.

The staff here at Lecanto Primary YMCA wish you all a safe and prosperous holiday!

### PTO News

Thank you to all who sent in candy and attended the Fall Festival this year! It was a great success because of your support! We collect box tops all year, so please continue to send them in.

Upcoming Events:

11/5 - PTO Meeting at 5:15

11/14-11/29 - Fun Run Pledge Collections

11/29 - Panther Fun Run

We will be doing the Panther Fun Run again this year!! This year's theme is Mind Spark Lab and will focus on STEM and the growth mindset! Be on the lookout for more information to come home soon.

Red Ribbon week concluded with 808 students forming an LPS to stand up against drugs and bullying. Way to go students!



### #readamillionminutes

This year we have a school wide goal (collectively as an entire student body) to **read ONE MILLION MINUTES!**

We began October 1st, and our end date is May 3rd. Log your child's nightly reading minutes on the Reading Log your child brings home at the start of each month. Pass it in to your teacher on the last day of the month.

If we reach this goal, all our panthers will attend a Magic/Illusionist Show during the second week in May.

Please encourage your child to read nightly.

Together I am confident we can reach this goal!

### Family Night



On **Thursday, November 29th** at the Lecanto McDonald's **from 4-7 p.m.**, our LPS Safety Patrol will be hosting a Family Fun Night.

**15% of every order will go back to the students for their Washington, D.C. trip.** Please come out and support your LPS Safety Patrol students. Hope to see you there!

### LOST & FOUND

Please be sure to have your child(ren) check the Lost & Found in the cafeteria. We have an abundance of jackets with no names accumulating and the cool months are ahead!