



LPS PANTHER PRESS

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Dear Parents,

Hello LPS families! This past week we hosted *Take Your Dad to School Day*. This is a day designated by our Governor. We had such a wonderful turn out! Once in the classrooms, family members participated in a school wide STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) activity. If you were there you know the excitement our students experienced. If you were not, let me tell you it was nothing short of AMAZING! LPS has the greatest staff, the greatest kids, and most certainly the greatest FAMILIES! I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your participation.

In other news, October marks the end of our first nine weeks of school and it is also the time of year where parent conferences take place and you begin to see the new school year's curriculum and grade level expectations. Curriculum expectations are certainly more rigorous with each school year but our teachers and staff work hard to help your child meet those high level expectations each and every day. Still, we need your help as you are a vital part of your child's education. Let's start with helping your child to set learning goals. Setting goals can help your child take an active part in their learning. Even the youngest pre-k child can set goals with help.

To help your child set goals, and achieve them; consider the following suggestions.

1. Ask your child to identify one goal at the beginning of the week. It might be finishing a book he or she has been reading for school.
2. Have your child write the goal on a piece of paper and post it on the refrigerator or bulletin board (for younger students you could write the note for them).
3. Talk about how to accomplish the goal. Help your child break the goal down into smaller steps. For example, "You could read two chapters every day."
4. Check your child's progress in a few days. If problems arise, talk about possible solutions. If your child falls behind in reading, a 10 minute extension of bedtime might help them catch up.
5. Help your child evaluate how they did at the end of the week. Did they achieve their goal? Why or why not? Regardless of the outcome, praise your child for trying. Then set a new goal for next week.

Another topic I would like to discuss is the importance of dress code. For example, students should wear appropriate footwear daily. Every student in the school has physical activity each and every day. If they do not have PE that week they still have SPA (Structured Physical Activity) as well as state mandated added recess time which is daily. Inappropriate shoes cause accidents with students climbing recess equipment, running, etc.... Girls wearing heels have tripped getting off the bus as well as on the recess field. Some students wear the fashionable sandals to school with sneakers in their book bag. This only works if there is enough time for the child to get the shoes on quick enough to stay on schedule. Please help us keep your child safe but actively involved during the day but encouraging proper footwear daily.

I would also like to ask your cooperation in a few safety revisions to our procedures. When picking up your child, please utilize the car line as much as possible, as opposed to checking them out in the office. Checking your child out of school early adds up to unexcused absences and has a direct effect on their learning. Additionally, this helps to maintain order and safety. Another change we have made is to restrict visitors who are coming on campus to have lunch with their children to do so at our outside picnic area. Your child may only bring a friend if they have a note from their parent. Thank you for helping us maintain safety procedures each and every day.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events such as our Fall Festival, School Advisory Enhancement Council meetings, PTO meetings, parent conferences, and many others.

Respectfully,

10/5 - PTO Fall Festival; 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 10/11 - Early Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.
 10/12 - Early Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.
 10/19 - Picture Re-take Day
 10/22 - 10/26 - RED RIBBON WEEK
 10/31 - Early Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.; Professional Development

*** No SAEC or SHAC meeting in October***



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 and entering code 9906719.
 We sold out last year, so get yours ordered TODAY!

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.

Thanksgiving

Daystar /Feeding Alliance are accepting applications for Thanksgiving assistance from **October 9th through October 31st from 9 -1, M-F.** For questions or further information, please call Daystar at 795-8668.

Thanksgiving and Christmas

The **Salvation Army Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance/Christmas Angel Program** is accepting registrations from **October 1st through 6th from 11-3.** For questions or further information, please call 513-4960. (*Children up to age 16*)

Christmas

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*)

A Note from your Guidance Counselor

Classroom guidance lessons are focused on social and emotional learning. This month we are learning how to use an "I feel" statement.

My dog Waldo came along to help us. He was not behaving at home and told the class that he had two "I feel" statements. I feel badly and I feel sorry. The class said I should forgive him!

Using "I" statements will be our foundation into understanding our own emotions and then understanding the feelings of others.

Dr. Shennen Bowman
Guidance

Teach your child to be Financially responsible....

Open an **"EARLY SAVER ACCOUNT"** at **GTE Financial** in Crystal River. This account is **FREE!**

- ONLY \$5.00 to open account
 - * Kids earn 1.99% APY on balances up to \$500
 - * FREE Building Block Coin Bank while supplies last...
- **A representative will be here at LPS on the 3rd Thursday of each month** to assist with accounts and process deposits for students.
What a wonderful opportunity right here at LPS!!

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.

PTO News

Fall Festival – Oct. 5th from 5-8. Tickets are on sale now or donate candy for tickets. Please visit our Facebook page, Lecanto Primary PTO, for more information.

Box Top Challenge: - Dunk the Principal!! Please send in your **box tops by Oct. 5th** so we can meet our goal and dunk Ms. Lofton at the Fall Festival.

Ask your friends and family to collect them for us too. If every child brings in 20 box tops we will meet the goal and raise a lot of money for our school at the same time.

Tupperware Fundraiser – We will get 40% from each order. Orders are due by Oct. 19th.

Our new spirit shirts are in! We still have some left – get yours today!

Life is your journeyTravel **DRUG FREE**

RED RIBBON WEEK

Monday 10/22 - Sports Jersey Day
Tuesday 10/23 - Super "Hero" Day
Wednesday 10/24 - Neon Color Day
Thursday 10/25 - Jean Day
Friday 10/26 - Wear RED to show your Support!

Teachers Working Out-of-Field

Kristen Handley	Kindergarten and ELL
Carla Swistack	ELL
Erica Bowen	1st Grade
Tricia Rankin	3rd Grade
Judy Stocker	3rd Grade
Ashley Quinn	4th Grade

Out of field teachers have met all of the requirements for certified Primary/Elementary Education. They are either in the process of receiving their certificates from the Florida DOE or have completed the process and will have this added to their certificates.

Long Term Substitute Teachers

Christine Wright	KG
P. Daayiah Rashid	1st Grade
Sherry Dunn	2nd Grade
Jennifer Kish	2nd Grade
Katherine Willes	5th Grade

A BIG Thank You to Sugarmill Woods Rotary for providing a multitude of prizes for our students who earn Pride Passes each week.

These are earned for making good choices, being responsible, respectful and safe whether in class, in the cafeteria or on the bus.