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Dear Parents,

Hello LPS families! We are wrapping up September with *Take Your Dad to School Day* on September 25th. This is a day designated by our Governor. We always have such a wonderful turnout! Once in the classrooms, family members participate in a school wide STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) activity. If you have participated in the past, you know the excitement our students experience. If you were not, let me tell you it is nothing short of AMAZING!

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. 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 mandated 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 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 or slides 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 by encouraging proper footwear daily.

I would also like to ask your cooperation in a few safety 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 (October 11th), School Advisory Enhancement Council meetings, PTO meetings, parent conferences, and many others.

Respectfully,

Vicki Lofton

10/2	Parent Conferences—No school students
10/4	Kg ABC Bootcamp Fashion Show 2 p.m.
10/11	PTO Fall Festival; 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
10/18	Picture Re-take Day
10/24	Honor Roll 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th gr @ 2:15 pm
10/25	Kg Pumpkin Day 1-3 p.m.
10/28-11/1	RED RIBBON WEEK
10/31	Early Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.; Prof Development

*** No SAC or SHAC meeting in October***



2019-20 Yearbooks

The 2019-2020 "Learning is an Adventure...Let's Explore!" yearbook can now be ordered by going to the online site. Yearbooks will not be available until May, but this is the time to preorder and reserve your copy. Yearbooks are \$20 for a full color, soft cover, 88 page book and payment can be made by going online to ybpay.lifetouch.com and entering code 9906720. Paper order forms will be sent home at a later date.

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 15th through November 1st 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 7th through 11th from 10-2.** For questions or further information, please call 513-4960 ext. 1 (*Children up to age 16*)

Christmas

Citrus United Basket is accepting applications for Christmas assistance from **October 23rd through December 10th 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

Red Ribbon week is in October but I wanted to give everyone a heads up early so we can all prepare. The national theme is: Send a message. Stay drug free. The week will focus on being drug and bullying free for our elementary school. Students will sign pledges and participate in activities to support their decision. Please see the following dates for theme dress up. The final day we will all pose for a group picture too. I can't wait for this fun and important week.

Dr. Shennen Bowman

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!!



Mr. Collins'..... Art Room News

Working with clay is a student favorite at LPS. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are currently creating clay bowls which will be sold during the Festival of Arts located at the Inverness Courthouse Square on Nov 2nd and 3rd. Each piece of pottery will be sold for \$5.00 and will benefit "Hannah's Art From the Heart". HAFTH was created in memory of Hannah Douglas, who lost her battle with cancer at age seven. Funds raised will be donated to the Pediatric Cancer Foundation in Tampa for childhood cancer research. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 from student art sales. This will be the sixth year the students have donated pottery for HAFTH.

The Festival of Arts on Nov 2nd and 3rd is open to the public and will run from 9 am to 4 pm on both days. Stop by and support a wonderful cause!

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. 11th from 5-8 pm. Tickets are on sale now or donate candy for tickets. Also, **business booths** will be offered for **\$25.00**. Please visit our Facebook page, Lecanto Primary PTO, for more information.

Box Top Challenge: - ♥♥♥♥ Kiss the Pig! ♥♥♥♥
Please send in your **box tops** by **Oct. 9th** so we can meet our goal and have **Ms. Lofton KISS Daisy the Pig!** Ask your friends and family to collect them for us too.

Twistee Treat Spirit Nite—1st Thursday of the month all day. Mention "LPS" for our school to receive 20% of the proceeds.

Our new spirit shirts are coming! Order yours today!

Our school store is open every Friday from 9:30-1:00 pm.

Teachers Working Out-of-Field

Sarah Liptrap	ELL
Debbie Newman	5th grade
Taylor Smith	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

Virginia Strain	ESE Teacher
Sherilyn Tambrini	1st Grade
Sara Washburn	Kindergarten

Long Term Substitute Para

Elcio Salgado	ESE Aide
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RED RIBBON WEEK



- Monday 10/28 - Mixed Patterns Day 
- Tuesday 10/29 - Patriotic Day 
- Wednesday 10/30 - Workout Wear Day 
- Thursday 10/31 - Dress for Success Day 
- Friday 11/1 - Wear **RED** to show your Support!

Availability of Title 1 information for Parents

The monthly Title 1 newsletters are available for you to view on our LPS school website. Just visit <https://lps.citruschools.org/>. The Title 1 link is on the top. It's so easy!
Click the Parent tab, LPS information for the School Improvement Plan and the Parent Involvement Plan.

A BIG Thank You to Sugarmill Woods Rotary for their continuing support of LPS. ♥♥♥♥♥