

WOLF NEWS

Liberty Pines Academy



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Message from Mrs. Hemingway

Liberty Pines Academy Families,

Welcome parents to a new school year. We are excited about all the learning that is going to occur this year. I'm so happy to be joining the team and know we are going to accomplish great things.

- Thank you for attending our Curriculum Chat sessions. It was our hope that each family had the opportunity to sit in a small group setting with your child's teacher in order to gain a better understanding of the classroom practices, routines, and learning expectations. Teachers use the Curriculum Chat evenings as a way to get acquainted with the families of their students. Thank you for choosing to share this time with us and for your constant support of your child's education. The collaboration that school and home create is critically important to the development of your child. We truly appreciate our families for supporting our school initiative for the success of all our students and will continue to drive our tradition of excellence at Liberty Pines. If you were not able to join us for the Curriculum Chat evenings, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions regarding classroom practices, routines, or learning expectations.
- In a continuing effort to provide safety and security to our students and staff we ask that you complete a School Access Form if you plan to enter a facility in the St. Johns County School District. This includes if you would like to participate in activities such as classroom celebrations, field trips, book fairs, field days, parent/teacher conferences, etc. Please make sure you complete the school access form online at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/> It is important that each member of the family (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) complete this access form online prior to requesting access into the school. The approval process takes about 2-4 weeks to process.
- Middle school families – please remind your child to use their string backpack for light items only (pencil pack, planner, lunch) and carry their heavy books, binders, and folders in their hands from class to class. We have discussed this on the morning news show and teachers are reminding students each day. The safety of our students in our number one concern.
- Please remember that Liberty Pines Academy is no longer able to issue bus passes for students to ride a school bus that they are not assigned based on their home address. If you need to request a different bus for your child, you must complete the online waiver process using the web address www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation. Please note that this waiver process takes 2-4 weeks to process.

LPA Learning Leader,

Traci Hemingway

UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

4	Labor Day – Student Holiday
5	PTO Meeting – 10 a.m.
6	SJCSD College & Career Night
12	Interims Issued – 3 rd – 8 th grades
12	SAC Meeting – 4 p.m.
22	Picture Day
26	PTO – Room Parent Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

3	PTO Meeting – 10 a.m.
10	SAC Meeting – 4 p.m.
13	End of Quarter One
16	Teacher Planning Day

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Guidance:

We are excited to have three guidance counselors to work with our students this year. Our counselors are:

K-2 nd	Teresa Brazil
3 rd – 5 th	Kelly Cox
6 th – 8 th	Sarah Vance

Our elementary students will be seeing our guidance counselors as part of their weekly resource rotation.

Box Tops:

Please remember to save your box tops and send them into school with the name of your teacher on the bag. Every quarter the teacher with the most box tops from their class will win a prize. This is an easy way to earn money for our school!

Spirit Wear Fridays:

We encourage you to wear LPA apparel on Fridays to support the school. Your last chance to buy LPA spirit wear is before curriculum chat on Tuesday, August 29th and Thursday, August 31st. Students can also wear their AVID shirts, which they will receive in the coming weeks.

HAC

Do you have a 3rd – 8th grader? All grades will be posted on our school HAC. Parents are encouraged to check their child's progress frequently.

Liberty Pines Academy's 2017 Fun Run aka "Boosterthon!!"

The Boosterthon Fun Run is a PTO-sponsored educational program and fundraiser. Boosterthon teaches students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade the values of Fitness, Leadership & Character in their everyday lives. The theme of this year's program is "Castle Quest!" It is an English castle theme all about bravery. Students will learn the six virtues of a true hero: Focus, Self-Awareness, Respect, Trustworthiness, Creativity, and Life-Learner. A Pep Rally will be held on Monday, September 25 to educate the students about Boosterthon and to provide important details as to how they and their families can get involved. Students will be given a handout to bring home to share with their parents.

The Fun Run will be held at LPA on Friday, October 6th at the following times:

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. for Fourth and Fifth Grade
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for Second and Third Grade
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Kindergarten and First Grade

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the Fun Run! All participants must be approved volunteers.

Book Fair

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is going on now and will last through Friday, September 1st. The Book Fair is open everyday during school hours and will close at noon on Friday. The Book Fair will also be open before curriculum chats both Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are excited for this amazing fundraiser for our media center. All profits go toward funding additional books and media resources for our school!

SJSCD MS Volleyball

Date	Away	Home
9/5	SPMS	LPA
9/7	VRA	LPA
9/12	LPA	FCMS
9/19	LPA	PBMS
9/21	LPA	LMS
9/26	LPA	POA
10/3	MMS	LPA
10/5	SMS	LPA
10/10	LPA	GRMS



***Girl's games start at 5:30 and boy's games start at 6:30.**

SJMSAA Football

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8/30	VRA	LPA
9/7	LPA	POA
9/13	LPA	PBMS
9/20	LMS	LPA
10/5	SPMS	LPA
10/11	LPA	FCMS
10/18	SMS	LPA
10/25	LPA	GRMS



NOTICE: The St. Johns Middle School Athletic Association ("SJMSAA") middle school sports program is not operated or sponsored by the St. Johns County School District. SJMSAA is an independent, private non-profit corporation, which uses District middle school names and facilities under a license agreement with the District, and which is solely responsible for the operation of the SJMSAA middle school sports program and its individual teams.

LPA PTO

Did you forget to become a member of the LPA PTO?
Did you send in your PTO Membership form, but forget to attach a check or cash for your dues?

No problem, there are now three easy ways to pay your dues:

- 1) Find our new Paypal link on the LPA PTO Facebook page to pay online
- 2) Find our new Paypal link in our PTO Membership email that was sent out last week
- 3) Print out this form at <http://www-lpa.stjohns.k12.fl.us/pto/membership/> and send it in your child's backpack with cash or check

Remember, joining the PTO is NOT a commitment to volunteer. It is a monetary contribution that allows us to fund projects that benefit the school and ultimately your children! We donated over \$65,000 to LPA last year!

2017-2018 PTO Membership



Stay Informed!

We want to continue to encourage parents to join the Liberty Pines Academy PTO Facebook page (you must be an approved volunteer at the school to join) to get information updates about events and happenings at LPA.

Please sign up for Remind on your phone. It's a great way to get helpful reminders and information about LPA events or grade specific updates! Click on the following links to enroll:

School Level Reminders:
LPA NEWS: <https://remind.com/join/lpafyi>

VOLUNTEER:
<https://remind.com/join/helpipa>

Grade Level Reminders:

K: <https://remind.com/join/lpakinder>

1st: <https://remind.com/join/lpafirst>

2nd: <https://remind.com/join/lpasecond>

3rd: <https://remind.com/join/lpathird>

4th: <https://remind.com/join/lpafourth>

5th: <https://remind.com/join/lpafifth>

6th: <https://remind.com/join/lpasixth>

7th: <https://remind.com/join/lpaseventh>

8th: <https://remind.com/join/lpaeighth>

Check your Email: SignUpGenius

Have you gotten PTO's emails about SignUpGenius? PTO has sent out three emails so far this year. If not they may be going to your junk email. Please check!

LPA PTO

Meet The Artist Needs Your Help!

Wondering what it takes to be a Meet the Artist volunteer?

Can you draw a crooked line?

Cut and paste paper?

Praise creativity?

Available for 1+ hour(s) 4 times during the school year?

If you answered YES to at least 2 of these then you are the perfect volunteer for Meet the Artist!

Here's how it works:

The program takes place once per quarter for about 1 hour.

Volunteers coordinate a date and time with their teachers.

During the session, a volunteer gives a short art history lesson about a famous artist via a PowerPoint presentation which is found on the school website.

Volunteers distribute the art supplies and guide the class through an art project that is based off what they learned about the artist's style. The project instructions are in the PowerPoint.

The children love it and look forward to seeing you for *Meet the Artist* day each quarter!

Please see the list of classes below that are still in need of Meet the Artist volunteers. To sign up, please send an email to lpameettheartist@hotmail.com.

Kindergarten: Murphy, Ryan, Shepherd

2nd Grade: Bachann, Sexton

3rd Grade: Ford, Robertson

4th Grade: Langowski, O'Shell, Revuelta

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