

WOLF NEWS

Liberty Pines Academy



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Message from Mrs. Hemingway

Liberty Pines Academy Families,

School Access Form - 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.

Bus Loop Parking Lot – When entering the bus loop parking lot, you **MUST** drive towards the bike racks to enter the parking lot area. Please do not go straight through the DO NOT ENTER sign and drive towards oncoming cars to enter the parking lot area. We want to ensure the safety of our families and staff.



Math Counts Club – Congratulations to our Middle School Math Counts Club. On Friday, February 22, 2019 the following middle school students participated in the district competition: Ricky Zhang, Arya Banapur, Sreyas Kuntamukkala, Cailey Green, Anna Bachman, Joyce Kim, Ethan Vugman, Audrey Levy, William Li, Ian Canfield, and Bree Ocampo. The following students will represent LPA at the team competition at the state level in Orlando on March 22, 2019: Ricky Zhang, Arya Banapur, Sreyas Kuntamukkala, Cailey Green, and Ethan Vugman. Ricky Zhang will also represent LPA in the individual competition in Orlando at the state level on March 22, 2019. We are so proud of our mathematicians! Way to represent LPA and best of luck in Orlando!

Kindergarten Registration - Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year will open on March 1, 2019. All registrations and required documents must be submitted thru the 2019-2020 online registration link. You will be able to access the online link from our LPA website under the registration tab. Once you have completed your online registration email Cheri Lee at Cheryl.Lee@stjohns.k12.fl.us. If your registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email. In this email you will receive a link to Sign Up Genius to pick a time for you and your child to come in to complete your registration and for your child's Kindergarten Screening.

LPA Learning Leader,
Traci Hemingway

UPCOMING DATES

- March 1st-8th PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser
- March 4th Rising 6th grade Parent Night 6:30-7:30
- March 4th-5th BTHS Scheduling
- March 7th 7am Leader of the Pack
- March 7th Rising 7th-8th grade Parent Night 6:30-7:30
- March 12th 10am PTO Board Meeting
- March 12th 4pm SAC Meeting
- March 14th 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 15th Teacher Planning Day (Student Holiday)
- March 18th-22nd Spring Break
- March 25th Return to school following Spring Break
- March 27th PTO Spirit Night – at Firehouse Subs
- March 29th Report Cards issued
- April 5th Spring Carnival 6:00-9:00pm



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Thank You Cafeteria Staff!!

- Jordan Anchors, Mina Dryden, Nidhi Samaluru

Our Cafeteria Staff works hard each and every day to make sure we are fed healthy and nutritious food. They are always welcoming, kind, and helpful to anyone who comes their way. Mrs. Cotroneo has been working here for 10 years. She loves “watching the kids grow up.” The manager is Mrs. Smith who has been working at Liberty Pines Academy for a year. Her favorite part is “working with the kids every day.” We are so thankful for our cafeteria staff and appreciate all the hard work they do.

Reminders for Positive School Behavior

- Lydia Gundaker & Sarah Berman

Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn. Rules must be followed all day every day here at LPA, and it never hurts to remind our students about the rules. Rules help keep our school property clean. Students should only bring water and use clear water bottles at school. Dress code also helps students represent how LPA is viewed. Remember, shirts should be fingertip length or longer with leggings. Gum can be a huge problem at school. Teachers have been finding gum and wrappers in the gym and in school desks. Please remember we are a gum free school. Students chewing gum will receive an automatic demerit, which could then lead to a referral. Phones at school should remain in lockers powered off throughout school hours. Phones cause distractions in the learning environment and should never be seen out. If you have your phone out at school, it will be taken away immediately. These rules are in place for a reason, and help make our school better. Please respect our school and its rules.



Teacher of the Month

- Mina Dryden & Jordan Anchors

This month’s teacher of the month is Ms. Swan! This is Ms. Swan’s first year at LPA, and she teaches 6th and 7th grade science classes. She is from New Jersey and went to University of South Carolina. This is her second year of teaching. Outside of school Ms. Swan likes to weightlift and read. Her oceanography teacher inspired her to start teaching science. She teaches because she wants to “share science with kids.” We are so grateful that Ms. Swan has decided to join the LPA team!

Student of the Month

- Libby Williams and Kaitlyn Greenwald

The fifth grade student of the month is Jorliany Linaris. Jorliany moved from Venezuela about 11 months ago, and when she got here she couldn’t speak any English. This came as a challenge for her, but because she knew her parents sacrificed so much for her, she persevered through the difficulties. She has faced many obstacles, but her teacher, Ms. Fowler, says that “she comes to school with a smile on her face every day” and is dedicated to doing all of her work. Jorliany’s favorite subjects are math and language arts, despite her struggles to speak English. Being this dedicated has helped Jorliany become almost fluent in English. Jorliany, we are so proud of you!



120th Day of School

- Kate Olive, Jameson Lee, and Hillary Bowker

The 120th day of school was celebrated by LPA’s 1st graders. Their standard is to count, and to be able to add up 120. They had to create a shirt that had 120 items. Some 1st graders celebrated by using paper clips; Amir, a first grader, made chains of 12, and had 10 rows. On Wednesday February 20th, the kids put on a fashion show at 9am to represent their creativity, and wardrobe. They used this day to celebrate being 120 days smart.

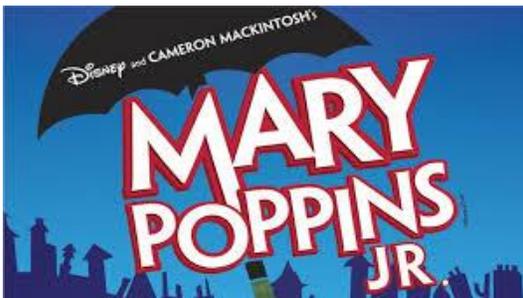
DRAMA CORNER

- Kate Olive and Hillary Bowker

This year's spring musical "Mary Poppins, Jr." is progressing very well. Next week they will be working on choreography. Mrs. Herkel always appreciates volunteers, so if you are interested in helping please contact Mrs. Herkel. She selected this play because it was the perfect time and she knew she had the right people for the right parts. At the end of this, she is excited to see how the audience reacts to all the students' hard work. If you would like to attend this fabulous musical, the dates are April 25-27 at six pm.

In her Drama 1 class, they are about to start their lesson on theater history. In the eighth grade standard class they are reading and analyzing the play, "12 Angry Men" and discussing the judicial system. Advanced drama students are working on ensemble scene work.

Mrs. Herkel and the cast and crew would like to give a special thanks to Michelle Cardinal and Jeanette Listing for organizing our new prop shelves!



Congratulations to the latest Sunshine State All-Star Readers –

Hayden Bone
Henry Vineyard
Anna Crews
Ellen Serafin
Hayden Bone
William Adkins



MORE WOLF NEWS

Media Matters February 2019

- Samantha Solomon and Lianna Mound



The Battle of the Books teams will be competing April 6th for middle school and May 1st for elementary.

This spring, we are trying something new and are now partnering with Barnes and Noble Booksellers. The first Barnes and Nobles Book Fair will be held Saturday, May 4th. On March 28th, the Sunshine State Young Readers (SSYA) are able to vote. The kids must have read three books or younger kids get three read to them in order to vote. 3rd-8th students will be using voting booths set up in the library and 2nd-kindergarten students vote online.

Thanks to all who helped us "Celebrate Literacy" this year at LPA. We appreciate all who volunteered their time as "guest readers" in our classrooms

LPA Field Studies

- Hailey Brooks and Libby Williams

In the last few weeks, two grade levels have gone on educational fieldtrips! Kindergarten students traveled to the Jewish Community Alliance Theatre to watch "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," while the 7th grade took a trip to the IMAX to see two informational films. Mrs. Ryan, the Kindergarten team's leader, said, "We saw Goldilocks because it works into our curriculum," and that the students are comparing several unique versions of the well-known story. The Kindergarteners are comparing the different versions of the written story to the on-stage performance, and identifying their similarities and differences.

As for 7th grade, they attended the IMAX to see both a civics and a science film! "It was a really fun experience, and I'm glad the students had the opportunity to go," said Mrs. Wurstner, a 7th grade civics teacher. The civics portion, titled "We the People," showed how our country was founded and what these three words mean to our nation, while the science portion, titled "Dream Big," listed several interesting topics and facts explaining our Earth. Both presentations helped the students learn more about not only their country's past, but also their Earth's past. Overall, both grade levels had a great time on their trips!

Community Leader's Day

- Mina Dryden and Nidhi Samaluru

This year we had yet another successful Community Leader's Day. We had many amazing community leaders come to Liberty Pines Academy and share what they do for a living. The students got to see and experience future jobs that they could pursue. The middle school students were able to see the community leaders present what they do during HOWL Hour, and even do some activities to see what they might want to do when they grow up. A few people who came were John Bachman who is a television anchor at Action News Jax, CBS47/Fox30, Frank Robinson from NASA, LaRaya Strong, who is a Training Specialist at the Kids Hope Alliance, and many more amazing community leaders. A big thanks to all of the community leaders who came out to present to our students.

LPA CLUB NEWS

Student Council Disney Trip

- McKay Walker and Jill Herkel



Student council recently received a grant from St. Johns County and the Players Championship. They used the grant to attend the Disney Youth Education Series entitled “Managing Your Personal Brand” at Hollywood Studios, February 8, 2019. The students took part in activities that taught them how to recognize their own personal brand and present themselves in a manner that will allow them to achieve a successful future not only in high school, but in college and career as well.

The student council also presented what they learned to the entire middle school during HOWL Hour on Wednesday, February 27th.

FOURTH GRADE TEAM	FIFTH GRADE TEAM	MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM
-Ellie Earnshaw	-Kingsley Nicholas	-Shreya Kalarikkal
-Jack Pruskinski	-Persephone Barnhart	-Will Loving
-Sanjana Kalarikkal	-Monica Posina	-Mahit Baddam
-Om Pavaskar	-Nathan Waggoner	-Dylan Congo
-Haasith Penmethsa	-Connor Yates	-Reese Widrich
-Chloe Lane	-Jeevan Iyengar	-Alan Li
	-Tyler Burgoon	-Shiven Neelkant

Odyssey Of The Mind

- Sarah Berman and Sydnee Vrtikapa

Odyssey of the Mind club students require a lot of creativity and clever thinking. This year there are three teams with a total of twenty one students. According to Mrs. Waggoner, the students are finishing up their long term projects. They’re putting a lot of effort in their work to prepare for the Manatee Region Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament, which takes place March 2nd. They’ve worked for four months on these amazing projects. Their hard work and dedication will knock the socks off the judges for sure!



Science Olympiad Team Competes

Congratulations to the Science Olympiad Team! Our team members competed at the Eastern Regional Science Olympiad and came in 7th place overall. The following members received individual awards for their projects:

Cameryn Roberts and Ashani Chatterjee - 2nd place Anatomy and Physiology

Amaya Logan and Raven Lovencin - 3rd Place Density Lab

Beau Willim and Jay Dalvi - 3rd Place Disease Detectives

Alan Li and Shreya Kalarikkal - 2nd Place Potions and Poisons

Beau Willim and Amaya Logan - 3rd Place Thermodynamics

Other team members include Caleb Brigman, Anushka Garge, Matthew Green, Matthew Leary, Will Loving, and Shivan Neelkant.

STEM Fair at LPA

- Erin McCoy and Lianna Mound

On Tuesday, February 12th, LPA hosted our 5th Grade STEM Fair. The student’s projects contained elements of **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, and **M**ath. They have been putting together their projects for three months, and their beautiful displays definitely show their hard work.

The finalists were:

Jeevan Iyengar- Does the height of the side wall of a suspension bridge affect the sway of a bridge deck?

Noah Plaien- Stem powered rocket boats

Eli Zahra- Is there a better way to organize shared desks?

Monica Posina-Which 3-D geometric figures scatters the most light?

Congratulations to our 5th Grade Science Students!



LPA BASKETBALL

- Leila Sanchez and Anjolee Romero

Girls Basketball Update

Avarie Burns and Ryan Avignone led the 6th grade girls basketball team to their wins against Palm Valley Academy and Patriot Oaks last week. Our 6th grade girls remained undefeated! Our 7th/8th grade girls basketball team fought hard but lost against two hard teams, Murray Middle School and Sebastian Middle School. LPA Lady Wolves also defeated Gamble Rogers.



Boys Basketball Update

The LPA 6th grade boys have had two home wins, one over Palm Valley 40-33 and another over Patriot Oaks Academy 34-24. Last time our 6th grade Boys team played Patriot Oaks they lost, but this time they came back ready to win! Tyler Owens and Ayden Rivera led the team to victory scoring 12 points each last game. Our Boys 7th and 8th grade team lost both games on 2/12 and 2/14. But came back ready to win and won Thursday 2/21 against Gamble Rogers!



It was a great season Wolves! Thanks to the coaches and parents for supporting our basketball program this year.

LPA TENNIS TEAM UPDATES

Date	Home	Away	Match Start Time	Facility
February 21	Fruit Cove Blue	LPA Blue	3:45	Julington Creek
February 21	Fruit Cove White	LPA Green	3:45	Julington Creek
March 7	Valley Ridge	Liberty Pines 2	3:45	Nocatee
March 14	POA Blue	LPA Blue	3:45	Durbin Crossing
March 14	LPA Green	SPMS Black	5:00	Mills Field
March 28	Landrum Black	Liberty Pines 2	3:45	The Plantation
March 28	LPA Blue	SPMS Black	5:00	Mills Field
April 4	POA Blue	LPA Green	3:45	Durbin Crossing
April 4	LPA Blue	Fruit Cove White	5:00	Mills Field
April 11	Fruit Cove Gold	LPA Green	3:45	Julington Creek
April 11	SPMS Silver	LPA Blue	5:00	Mills Field
April 18	Fruit Cove Gold	LPA Blue	3:45	Julington Creek
April 18	LPA Green	Landrum White	5:00	Mills Field
April 25	LPA Blue	Landrum Black	5:00	Mills Field

Congratulations to all who made the team!

- Anna Bachman
- Natalie Bachman
- Aishani Chatterjee
- Aidan Emmett
- Anushka Garge
- Lauren Holmes
- Sreyas Kuntamkkala
- Macey Millard
- Sofia Nardi
- Gabrielle Ocampo
- Taylor Reid
- Aisley Riceman
- Amelia Scott
- Luke Williams
- Hemal Dubbolla
- Tessa Eriksen
- Zoe Huffman



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Sweetheart Ball

- Lianna Mound and Samantha Solomon

Thank you to the LPA NJHS lead by Ms. Brazil and Ms. Willim. Our students enjoyed their night of VIP status as they danced with their friends and enjoyed time with their father or father figures.

The Father-Daughter Dance is fundraiser put on by the National Junior Honor Society. It is a chance for fathers, and father-like figures, to take their daughters to a dance and have a good time. The dance was held Friday, February 22nd. There was a dance from 6-7pm for K-2nd grade, and a dance from 7:15-8:15pm for 3rd-5th grade. The theme was "Sweetheart Ball," and it was decorated like a movie premier. The daughters and "Dads" were the VIP's. All enjoyed punch and popcorn to snack on, and there were mini cupcakes as a sweet treat.



MORE PAW PAT WINNERS

2/19/19

Elementary

Josh Berdon
Kathryn Carlton
Fletcher Dodson
Hannah Fitzgerald
Mason Frederick
Shawn Gupta
James Juengel
Luka Klipa
Katie Lewis
Nathan Li
Thomas Loree
Diego Revollo
Benjamin Torres
Kailana Ward
Capra Whitman

Middle School

Isabel Baker
Amir Doufekar
Brogan Early
Lucy Fineran
James Hulsey

Shreya Kalarikkal
Christopher
Kopinski
Mario Manffesca
Tyler McCall
Dane McGraw
Jack Perrin
Aydan Rivera
Sydney Salva
Sam Solomon
Jack Thompson

2/22/19

Elementary

Avery Carlyon
Emma Chavez
Will Davenport
Jake Felix
Valeria Leonard
Logan Mateo
Madeline
McCauley
Darnel McClendon
Samantha
McDonnell
Lily O'Shea
Alice Poynton
Sloane Ross

Emma Reid
Kiptyn Renton
Domenick
Valladares

Middle School

Barton Abstein
Alexa Albers
Valeria
Arismendy
Evian Berg
Gracie Coskey
Brogan Early
James Hulsey
Karason Lee
Alexa Luedke
Tyler McCall
Liam Padron
John Perrin
Kris Singh
Leilani Tellado
Caroline
Wildermuth



PAW PAT WINNERS

2/1/2019

Elementary

Angelina Scalia
Karalyn Kurtz
Mallori York
Blythe Duff
Amelia Mae Veniard
Dylan Anchors
Lakshmi O'Connor
Austin Gilson
Courtney Hayes
Amy Diallo
Micah Rittenhouse
Lillian Luciano
Harrison Welch
Nathan Williams
Marina Kawab

Middle School

Nick Solomon
Ryan Alava
Mariah Lily Vanderah
Ashley Tran
Bella Rodriguez
Shiven Neelkant
Rainell Luce
Gabe Leslie
Ashley Whittington
Mahit Baddam
Grace Branscome
Brock Wilson
Liam Padron
Henry Montford
Danielle Acampora

2/8/19

Elementary

Ria Bray
Caiden Cam
Rylie Cerveny
Kain Cook Williams
Milan Depuydt
Jayla Jackson
Jonathan Jackson
Kavya Janarahan
AJ Kamau
George Lagoutaris
Leah McDaniel
Weston Miller
Joshua Patrowicz
Luke Ramsey
Baylor Riley

Middle School

Julia Brodeur
Brett Carter
Tharun Dhanabal
Chandler Green
Rhea Marshall
Ethan Miller
Tyler Minnicks
Cheyenne Oliver
Nick Pensiero
Simeon Prosiniski
Jack Rich
Nick Solomon
Cierra Watson
Mckinley Worth

Hailey's Corner

Pines
Liberty Academy
Charitable Forgive Kind
Compassionate
Caring Generous
Character Pillars

LPA PTO

Teacher Appreciation Week will be here before we know it! This year's theme is Mahalo for all you do! We will be celebrating teachers and staff on May 6th-10th. Be on the lookout for more information and a Sign Up Genius for donations coming soon.



Please consider nominating someone for our **Of the Month Award!** If you feel you know of just the right person to be recognized as being an outstanding teacher, volunteer or student, please send an email to stephcross13@yahoo.com with a short description as to why this person should be considered. The winners will be rewarded with a sweet surprise.

The 2nd quarter **Box Top winner** was Mrs. O'Shell's 3rd grade class! She will receive a \$25 GC of her choice and a party for the classroom. Way to go!



SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM



Parents, Applications for the summer Marine Science Program were passed out at all schools during the week of February 12th. Applications were due back to science teachers by February 28th. Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/> The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 29th through June 7th, June 10th through June 20st, and June 24th through July 3rd. Small classes of 13-15 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website.

More information about the program can be had by emailing marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



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:
Kindergarten <https://remind.com/join/lpakin der>
1st Grade: <https://remind.com/join/lpafirst 2nd>
Grade: <https://remind.com/join/lpasecond 3rd>
Grade: <https://remind.com/join/lpathird 4th>
Grade: <https://remind.com/join/lpafourth 5th>
Grade: <https://remind.com/join/lpafifth 6th>
Grade: <https://remind.com/join/lpasixth 7th>
Grade: <https://remind.com/join/lpaseventh 8th>
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This year we will be choosing three volunteers every other month, please vote for a student in grades K-5, 6-8, and a staff member or parent that volunteers their time at our school.

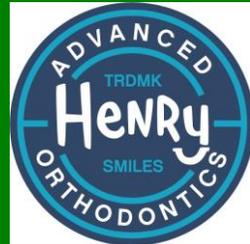
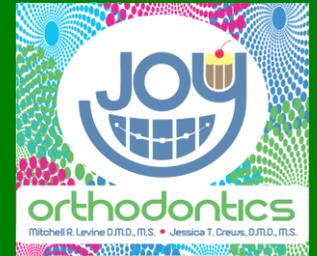
The volunteers picked will each win a sweet surprise. Please email your vote: stephcross13@yahoo.com (please put Volunteer in the subject line) Thank you for voting?

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