

WOLF NEWS

Liberty Pines Academy



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Message from Mrs. Hemingway

Liberty Pines Academy Families,

Lost and Found Items – Please remind your child to check the lost and found area for their lost items. This area is located just outside the cafeteria doors in the main hallway. All unclaimed items will be donated on Thursday, December 20.

Night of Lights – We would love to see all our students and families come to our LPA “Night of the Arts” on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 6:00-8:00. Come hear our chorus and band perform holiday tunes, view middle school science fair projects in the cafeteria and view the amazing artwork from our K-8 students in the main hallway. The book fair will be open from 5:00-8:00 and Chick-Fil-A will be here providing boxed dinners for you to purchase from 5:00-6:00. We will have an 8th grade Washington DC Parent Meeting at 7:30 pm in the gym.

Attendance- By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments and take quizzes and tests on time. There are other benefits as well:

- **Achievement:** Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who do not attend school regularly.
- **Exposure:** Regular school attendance can also help students practicing and learning academic language by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately in all subjects.
- **Being part of the school community:** Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.
- **The importance of education:** Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school. It is important that we set the example early for our students and have them at school every day and on time.

We are asking that you consult the district calendar when planning family trips to ensure your child gets the most out of their educational experience.

LPA Learning Leader,
Traci Hemingway

UPCOMING DATES

- December 2nd -
Start of book fair
3:00 PM Boys & Girl Basketball tryouts
- December 3rd
8:45 AM 5th Grade STEM Fair Display
6:00 PM Winter Night of the Arts/PTO
General Meeting (Band/Chorus/Art/ Science Fair)
- December 5th
3:00 PM Boys/Girls Basketball Tryouts
6:00 PM “A Charlie Brown Christmas”
- December 6th
3:00 PM Boys/Girls Basketball Tryouts
6:00 PM “A Charlie Brown Christmas”
End of Book Fair
- December 9th
8:35 AM 1st period Exam,
10:12 AM 2nd period Exam
- December 10th
8:35 AM 3rd period Exam,
10:12 AM 4th period Exam
Mack’s Tenders Spirit Night
- December 12th
8:35 AM 5th period Exam,
10:12 AM 6th period Exam
- December 13th
8:35 AM PE Exam in HR
10:12 AM 7th period Exam
- December 20th
Early release
Q2 | Semester 1 end
- December 23rd – January 2nd
Winter Break
- January 3rd
Teacher Planning Day

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Making progress on the new construction!

Construction at LPA



K-5th Grade – Students were asked to guess how many truckloads of cement it took to pour the foundation of our new building.

The answer was 28 Cement Truckloads of cement and the following students submitted their vote for exactly 28 truckloads:

Rocco Fittipaldi, Clara Wayne, Ethan Irvin, Carson Cox

6th-8th Grade – Students were asked to guess how many yards or meters of cement it took to pour the foundation of our new building.

The answer was 280 yards or 256 meters and Logan Weinstein submitted her vote for 284 yards. She was the closest middle school vote submitted.

These students received a free ice cream from the cafeteria. Congratulations to these students and thank you for all our wolf submissions for this fun competition.

Boosterthon

Highlights



LPA DRAMA CORNER

- Gabi Turner

A Charlie Brown Christmas



The production of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* is steadily approaching! Costumes are starting to come in, and the cast and crew t-shirts should be in sometime soon! They are currently starting to work with technical aspects and costumes in to the rehearsals. Mrs. Herkel said that the best thing about directing plays like this one is seeing the applause that the audience gives to the actors. She also loves the family aspect of the show. We're all excited to see the nostalgic show that will be showing December 5th and 6th in the cafeteria!

What's Up in Classes

Advanced Drama: They're about to perform their final monologues.

Technical Theatre: They're about to start a prop unit.

7th Grade Drama: They're currently working on Greek Theatre History, and reading plays from that era.

Drama Tips and Tricks

- With singing and acting, a way to put on a good show is to try to calm your nerves before you go onstage. You will sound better that way, and if you are nervous, the audience may be able to tell.
- Shakespeare once said "All the world's a stage", which ties with the thought that drama is around us all the time and sometimes we don't even realize it.

WOLVES WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT LPA

Buddy Bench

-Macey Millard and Maddie Rathjen



Are you ever at recess and have no one to play with? That's alright! Go to the Buddy Bench! Students can go to the Buddy Bench if they need a friend. So many of the kids at recess make so many new pals each day. In Ms. McCurry's Kindergarten Class, Kaitlyn Tarno says she loves the Buddy Bench because she likes "sitting with friends." Many other of our elementary students love the Buddy Bench just like Kaitlyn does!

Military Donations

- Rainell Luce



In addition to celebrating Veterans Day, LPA students and families have given back to those who are currently serving in the armed forces. From October 8-22, K-5 students collected snacks, toiletries, playing cards, letters and more to the USS Lassen and USS Farragut naval ships. From October 23- November 5, 6-8 middle school students collected clothing to support the homeless in the St. Johns county area. Not only are we helping out the homeless, we are supporting many military families including Nurse Mayernick's husband aboard the USS Lassen and Mrs. Scoggins husband aboard the USS Farragut. Mrs. O'Shell organized the event and she says, "My favorite part was seeing the pictures and reactions of the military sailors."

Liberty Parade

- Aidan Emmett and Izzie Humphreys

This year LPA held the 12th annual Liberty Parade, which took place November 8, 2019. It was truly one for the books. With over 1600 students and 90 plus staff members it was our biggest parade in LPA history. Eighth grader Regan Woody said, "I enjoyed shaking the veteran's hands and thanking them for their service." Many of the elementary kids enjoyed singing for the veterans and seeing their parents. Coach Combs, elementary PE coach and veteran, said "the veterans truly appreciate it and couldn't be more thankful."

A huge thank to PTO for providing breakfast for our veterans. Also thank you to all those who took time to help prepare and celebrate this wonderful event. Student council president Cameron Ward welcomed the veterans and gave a speech entitled "Some Gave All." Haley Earnest sang the National Anthem and Harper Willim presented the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you for all the veterans that came out. We thank you for your service.

Interns- Classroom Spotlight

- Maddie Rathjen and Macey Millard

Along with the many electives that LA offers, we also have many eighth grade student interns that work all around the school. Students have the option to choose front desk, resource classroom, media center, or elementary classroom. Many of our student interns have grown to love the classroom environment. LPA's middle school guidance counselor, Mrs. Cox runs this program. In the elementary classrooms, many of the younger students have grown to love their eighth grade helpers. In Mrs. Dudley's Kindergarten class, Owen Boales says his intern Skylar Moseley "helps us with math and learning." The younger students enjoy having the older kids around.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT LPA



New Teacher Spotlight

- Lilly DeLamielleure and Abby Cowling

Welcome Mrs. Ashley to the LPA family. Despite being new to our school, she is not new to Jacksonville. Mrs. Ashley is originally from the Jacksonville Beach area and has three amazing kids and a lovely husband. Outside of school she likes to spend time with her family and go outside, and paint. Her favorite part of the day is seeing her daughter in 1st grade in the halls and giving her warm hugs. She also enjoys interior design. She attended the University of Florida where she got her bachelor's degree, and also has a master's degree. This year is her ninth year teaching but her first year at our wonderful school!



Mrs. Ashley started teaching because of her love of kids. She observed in a second grade classroom and saw how amazing the kids were and wanted a part in that. She motivates her young kids to learn by making lessons fun. She finds that the energy she gives off, the kids reciprocate back to her. The more active they are, the better they learn.

Mrs. Ashley's favorite subject to teach is reading and writing and seeing the creativeness her students have within. We would like to welcome her with open arms and we are excited for our journey with her.

Star Student

- Izzie Humphreys and Aidan Emmett

This month's star student from third grade is Jaycee Greenmum and she is a very responsible student. Jaycee's passion is to write. In fact, it is her favorite thing to do in class. She likes to talk to her classmate Maggie and loves her teacher. Jaycee says, "I love how she [Mrs. Lamb] makes learning fun." When she's not in school she likes to play with her little sister and jump on their trampoline. she has a dog and a bunny that she loves very much. She thinks LPA is a really great school and she is very grateful for how nice everyone is and how caring this school is.



The St. Johns County School District curriculum department representatives and adoption committee members are currently conducting the review process for the 2019-2020 Instructional Materials Adoption for Career and Technical Education, Computer Science, and Foreign Languages resources. Please click here

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-resources-media-services/textbooks/adoption/> to obtain access to the resources that are available for review. The core resources that have been submitted for evaluation have come from the state adoption consideration lists when available. Additional resources for programs may be reviewed from materials listed as appropriate for the program indicated. **If you are interested in serving on an adoption review committee, please contact the principal or assistant principal.**

Resource lists may be revised throughout the review process. Please check the website frequently for updates.

Some print materials may be available for review. If you would like access to available printed materials, or require assistance reviewing the online resources, please call the Instructional Resources and Media Services office at 904.547.3947. Materials are available for review, by appointment, from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, when district offices are open.

Please note the following Florida statute regarding instructional materials that pertains to parent input regarding adopted materials:

F.S. 1006.28 (1)(a)(3). Each district school board must establish a process by which the parent of a public school student or a resident of the county may contest the district school board's adoption of a specific instructional material. The parent or resident must file a petition, on a form provided by the school board, within 30 calendar days after the adoption of the material by the school board. The school board must make the form available to the public and publish the form on the school district's website. The form must be signed by the parent or resident, include the required contact information, and state the objection to the instructional material based on the criteria of s. 1006.31(2) or s. 1006.40(3)(d). Within 30 days after the 30-day period has expired, the school board must, for all petitions timely received, conduct at least one open public hearing before an unbiased and qualified hearing officer. The hearing officer may not be an employee or agent of the school district. The hearing is not subject to the provisions of chapter 120; however, the hearing must provide sufficient procedural protections to allow each petitioner an adequate and fair opportunity to be heard and present evidence to the hearing officer. The school board's decision after convening a hearing is final and not subject to further petition or review.



MORE WOLF NEWS

Art Corner

– Evan Le



Many people have different views of what art is. Some would say it's a show of skill, and expression of emotion, or even just a pass-time project. The ability to have an idea and let it manifest, no matter how it's thought of, will always be a useful skill to have. Creativity is one of the many things required to do art well, right along with concentration and determination, both of which can be improved.

Knowing how to make a drawing or sculpt something from imagination is a feat that is useful for so much more than just art. If you like to plan ahead, you can use that creativity to think about dealing with various situations. Adding some uniqueness to a resume could very well land you a job. People who learn art at LPA are at the same time preparing themselves to be flexible and adapt to a current event.

More so than just being a tool to help in real life, art can be treated as an escape from reality. Expressing yourself doesn't have to be to another person in order to be healthy for your mind. It could be considered therapeutic just to see the end result and have something that you are proud of. Without any sort of outlet, your mind can become dull and in that sense art works as a tool to sharpen it. Art could be time consuming, but seeing what you've done is worth the hours.

Media Matters November 2019

By Marissa Sims and Logan Weinstein



The Battle of the Books teams are out! The elementary team is Sanjana Kalarikkal, Saachi Kiran, Zoey Albers, Nathan Li, and Cole Commarford. Their alternatives are Om Pavaskar and Ivy Chen. The middle school team is Shreya Kalarikkal (Team Captain), Cayden Coarsey (Co-Captain), Wynston Alexander, Christian Bradley, and Monica Posina. The middle school alternatives are Shreyas Sindhaval and Vanessa Roberts.

Our Reader Leaders for the first quarter! From 2nd grade, we have Brady Chapman and Mila Wilhemy. From 3rd grade, we have Nohemi Navarro and Namah Pavaskar. From 4th grade, we have Kyleigh Campbell and Harrison Warren. From 5th grade we have Rylan Adrian and Zoey Albers. From 6th grade, we have Cayden Coarsey, Alex Evans, and Aaron Esteves. From 7th Laithon Plumley, Liliana Baronet, and Christian Bradley. Lastly, from 8th grade, we have Aidan Montolio, Logan Weinstein, and Ashley Whittington. We are so proud of all our students! Keep reading LPA!

Finally, come check out all the new books we have added to the library this year! There's definitely something for everyone!



Relay for Life Update

The LPA Relay for Life team, The LPA MS Relay Rockers, have reached their goal of \$1,000 and they have raised \$1,892.06. The team has over 20 members and they are now ranked 2nd out of 19 schools in St. John's County. Members of the team sold Pura Vida bracelets at the St. John's Golf and Country Club Open Vendor Night to help raise more money towards the American Cancer Society.



Middle School Soccer



- Maddie Rathjen and Macey Millard

The middle school soccer teams are working hard this season! After playing Fruit Cove for the second time the girls lost 0-2. All the girls played great, but the competition was very difficult. In their game against Landrum they unfortunately lost 0-4. They tried their best and put up a good fight. However, they won their game against Pancetta Bay. Ashlyn Heck scored two goals and Macey Millard scored one, ending the game 3-2. They played Valley Ridge again and sadly lost 1-3. Although, Ashlyn Heck scored one goal. Finally, against Patriot Oaks, they tied 2-2. Macey Millard and Ella B. scored. Keep up the hard work!



The boy's team is doing great this season. Since last month they have played Fruit Cove, Swiss Point, and Patriot Oaks. In their game against Fruit Cove, Pierson Smith scored to win the game, 1-0. When they played Swiss Point it was a very close game; they lost 2-3, but they fought back hard and Liam Padron scored two goals. In their most recent game against Patriot Oaks they won 4-0; Brogan Early and Cohen Beebe each scored one goal, and Liam Padron scored two. Both teams are doing great this season, keep up the great work wolves!

School Spirit

- Brooke Barnett and Kyra Lagoutaris

LPA is such an amazing and great school, and it definitely has a lot to offer. We interviewed a few LPA students to see what they think of this school and its spirit. Victoria is a first grader in Mrs. Veale's class and she absolutely loves her friends here. When asked why, she said that they all play games that each other like. One of her favorite things about Mrs. Veale is how she does "fun experiments and she's really nice."

Another student whom we interviewed was fifth grader, Isabell Girtz. She likes how there are a lot of people here and how positive and funny the teachers are. She also thinks the school is very clean and that makes it a very good environment to learn in. Eighth grader Will Dudley mentioned how all the people here were very friendly, that all the teachers were his favorites, and he also says that lunch is his favorite.

SPORTS NEWS!!!

Basketball Preview:

- Lexi van Halter and Raelyn Cash

This year's basketball season will hopefully be one to remember. The coaches are very excited for the season. The boys coach is Mr. Buckley, a 5th grade teacher. He is very excited to build on to last year's success and to see how much the players have grown. The first day of tryouts is on Monday December 2nd at 3p.m. Then there will be a cut off and tryouts will finish on December 5th and 6th at the same time. The season is going to start in December and the games run through March. The practices will be about an hour and a half. There will be practices on Monday and Friday, games will be Tuesday and Thursday. This season will be an amazing season and if you want to be a part of it make sure to go to tryouts.

Mr. Kirk is the girls coach. He has coached basketball for five years and he is ready to make it his sixth. He is eager to coach students that are ready to play. If you are interested, tryouts start up at 4:15 on Thursday and Friday, December 5th and 6th.

SJMSSA Cheerleading Update



After a very exciting and fun football season, the 2019-2020 LPA cheerleaders are entering competition season where they are showcasing their skills in cheer, dance, and stunt work. On October 26th, they received second place in Division A at the Diamond Fall Classic at Clay High School. At The Breakdown Battle competition at Creekside High in early November, they were the overall winners in choreography for Division A. With three more competitions coming up in Nassau, Tampa, and Daytona, they hope to continue to represent the spirit of LPA. Go Wolves!



MORE WOLF NEWS

Chorus and Band Update

- Kyra Lagoutaris

On Tuesday, November 19th, the Elementary chorus performed at the St. John's Golf and Country Club Open Vendor Night. It was an excellent performance and the Vendor Night was a success.

Later in December, the Choir and the Band will be marching in the St. Augustine Christmas Parade. Also, Night of the Arts is Dec. 3rd! The Elementary Chorus, The Middle School Chorus, Beginning Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band will all be performing.

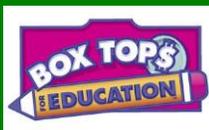


Box Tops for LPA

Please remember to save your box tops and send them into school with the name of your teacher on the bag. Eventually, the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Some packaging has the new Box Top label already. Download the Box Top app so you can scan your receipt! (You must scan your receipt within two weeks of purchase.)

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!



Cultural Spotlight

- Brooke Barnett, Kyra Lagoutaris

This month's spotlight student is Sahasra Sativa. Sahasra is of Indian descent. Both of her parents were born in India and Sahasra has been to India about 5-6 times. India has many special holiday's including Dussehra, Holi, Diwali, Karthika, Ugadi, and many more. To celebrate festivals, Sahasra and her family put candles in front of their house. The Indian culture is very vibrant, but most families are strict when it comes to religion. Sahasra and her family go to temples at least once a month to do prayers. Some special Indian foods are roti and paneer, masala dosa, and chicken curry. The Indian culture is very interesting!



PTO Boosterthon Update

- Macey Millard and Maddie Rathjen

Boosterthon was a HUGE success this year! We had the biggest profit EVER! Parents, family and friends who pledged this year stepped up in a BIG way! Thank you so much for your support! PTO would like to extend a BIG thank you to Laura Webb and Lisa Hardy, who headed up this fundraiser, Bre Willman who designed and managed the distribution of all the Boosterthon t-shirts and all the volunteers who helped during the last 2 weeks, packaging and delivering all of the daily Boosterthon prizes, as well as the volunteers who helped the day of the Fun Run! We would also like to thank our LPA administration and teachers. They distributed daily videos and pledge stats, as well as kept the students excited about getting pledges for the Fun Run. It was truly a team effort by our LPA families, administration, teachers and PTO. Here are some fun facts about our Boosterthon Fun Run this year:

[We reached 130% of our goal!](#)

[Pledges came in from 43 states and 4 countries](#)

[Top earning class: Ward \(4th grade\)](#)

[85% of our students registered on the Boosterthon website and 74% pledged \\$5,60%](#) of our pledges from non-parent sponsors!

[LPA Profit: \\$44,659](#)



SHARING THANKS AT LPA

4th Grade Friendship Feast

- Abby Cowling and Lilly Delamielleure

The 4th grade friendship feast is one to remember once again. The event was a success, and all the students were happy. The friendship feast is a thanksgiving party where all the fourth grade students come together and share thanks to each other. This year, it occurred on Friday, November 22nd, 2019. One kid said that his favorite part about it was "Getting to eat and play with friends, and having a good time while sharing thanks to others." Even at such a young age, students are able to grasp the meaning of friendship. Another girl said "I love being able to hang out with friends and getting to be with them at such fun times." Being shown what friendship means affect people no matter the ages. Whether in 4th grade, or as adults, being thankful can do a lot for someone.

The friendship feast has been going on annually for around 5 years. Mrs. Clark a fourth grade teacher says "the friendship feast is mainly about coming together as a fourth grade class and teaching kindness and appreciating what we have in the world." The goal is to value what we have, friendships, homes, families, and anything we often over-look. With that in mind, the 4th grade team wanted to accomplish this mindset with their students in a fun way. A mother volunteering shared that she enjoyed seeing the kid's smiley faces and their excitement about giving thanks with others. Kindness, friendships, and thankfulness are all important characteristics in life- and the friendship feast includes all of them.



Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast - Riley O'Keefe

Liberty Pines Academy also recently held their annual Thanksgiving Feast, where the kindergarteners and their parents gathered to eat a delicious meal. It's a great tradition filled with fun and food! The staff and students always have a blast. They hope it continues for a very long time.



Thanksgiving Survey

- Marissa Sims and Logan Weinstein

Since our Halloween Poll was a big hit, we decided to take it to the next level and do one for Thanksgiving! This poll was also held in the media center. We asked kids to put in a ballot for their "favorite Thanksgiving food", even if it was unique! There was no list provided, and we had a lot of voters. We had some common votes and unique votes. Here are some of our most common Thanksgiving foods that people voted for: 22 people voted for turkey, 25 for mashed potatoes, 7 for rolls, 3 for cranberry sauce, 4 for sweet potato casserole, 1 for green beans, 2 for ham, 2 for stuffing, 3 for apple pie, 11 for pumpkin pie, and 11 for pecan pie.

Here are some of our most unique foods that people voted for: 2 voted for chicken legs, 1 for moose roast, 1 for okra curry, 2 for s'mores pie, 1 for candy corn, and 1 for super fudge sundae. Thank you for everyone who participated! We are thankful for each and every one of you! Stay tuned for our Christmas Poll!



THANKSGIVING ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Andrew Vuong from Ms. Adrian's 5th grade class, and Ellen Serafin, from Ms. Ashley's 3rd grade Class! Stay tuned for our Upcoming contest next Month.



LPA PTO

STAY INFORMED

Please Sign Up for Remind!

AND, 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!

For grade level reminders text one or more of the following to 81010:

Kindergarten: @lpakinder
1st Grade: @lpafirst
2nd Grade: @lpasecond
3rd Grade: @lpathird
4th Grade: @lpafourth
5th Grade: @lpafifth
6th Grade: @lpasixth
7th Grade: @lpaseventh
8th Grade: @lpaeighth

For volunteer need updates, text @helpipa

Reminder – Sign up for Amazon Smile!
Do you shop on Amazon? If so, enter the address Smile.Amazon.com the next time you shop and a % of each purchase goes toward Liberty Pines PTO.
The charity name is: Liberty Pines Academy Parent Teacher Organization Inc.



LPA Book Fair

The BOOK FAIR is coming to LPA! Students will get the opportunity to browse the fair, so you'll likely see a "wish list" coming home in the first few days. Feel free to send money (check or cash) in with your student. Parents can also join us (if approved volunteers) and use credit cards if they prefer. We will be open 8:00am - 2:30pm every day except Friday, December 6th (close at noon). We will also be open Tuesday evening, December 3rd from 5:00pm - 8:00pm for the Winter Night of the Arts. (LPA spirit wear and Bravos passes will also be available for sale during this event)

A few Q&A notes:

- 1) You can send a blank (signed) check or make the check out for an exact amount. If the amount of the check is more than the purchased books change will be provided in cash (ex. \$30 check as a "budget" for your child means they can spend \$30 or less)
- 2) We accept cash, checks or credit cards! Gift cards can be purchased at www.follettgift.com and can be printed out at home and sent in with your child.
- 3) Parents/grandparents (approved volunteers) are welcome to come to the book fair and make purchases all week.
- 4) If you have rules for your child please send them with a note and we will do our best to honor that request for purchasing certain books, budgets, etc.

It's going to be a great week!
Hope to see you there!!



Icemen Marvel Night

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Icemen game. Even though the home team lost to the Orlando Solar Bears, fun was had by all!
We sold 38 tickets and the Icemen will donate \$190 to LPA PTO.

LPA Liberty Parade

On November 8th, our students, our facility, and our community came together to honor the men and women of our armed forces at our annual Liberty Parade. The PTO was honored to host a breakfast for our active duty and retired military and their families. Our LPA students transformed the media center with patriotic artwork. It was such a wonderful way to begin the day before the amazing parade.

"Of the Month"

Know a person who goes above and beyond at LPA? PTO wants to hear about them! You can nominate a student, teacher, staff member, or family member!

Please submit your vote to your teacher or email stephcross13@yahoo.com and put volunteer in the subject line.



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