

WOLF NEWS

Liberty Pines Academy



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Message from Mrs. Hemingway for LPA Families,

- **Lost and Found Items** – Please remind your child to check the lost and found area for jackets, lunch boxes, and water bottles. This area is in the main hallway near the doors into the cafeteria. All unclaimed items will be donated on Friday, December 18, 2020.
- **Student Health Screening Entry Form – Note the following**
 - Fever of 100.4 or higher
 - Uncontrolled cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of sense of smell or taste
 - Muscle aches
 - Vomiting or diarrhea

- Is your child currently awaiting COVID-19 test results? **If yes, please keep your child home and notify the school nurse when test results received. Further instructions will be discussed at that time.**
- Does your child live in the same household with someone positive for COVID-19? **If yes, your child must quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the positive individual. A negative test result does not reduce the quarantine requirement for the full 14-day incubation period.**
- Has your child had close contact with someone who in the past 14 days who tested positive for COVID-19? **If yes, your child must quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the positive individual. A negative test result does not reduce the quarantine requirement for the full 14-day incubation period.**

Remember that we are supporting the local Department of Health. DOH is the responsible agency for requiring isolation/quarantine of students.

UPCOMING DATES

Calendar December
-Savannah Lada and Catherine Adkins

Nov 18- report cards issued
Nov 19 – PTO Board and Brush Spirit Night
Nov 25 through November 27- Thanksgiving break
Dec 8- interims issued
Dec 21 through Jan. 1- winter break
Jan 4- classes resume for students
Jan 18- mlk day; student teacher holiday
Jan 25- second quarter ends
Jan 29- teacher planning day; student holiday



- **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. Please remember that the Distant Learning option is not to be used for vacations purposes. This option is intended for families with medical concerns that would prevent their child from participating in the Brick and Mortar setting.

Your Learning Leader,
Mrs. Hemingway

Art Corner

- Faith Sebregandio and Abby Knauff

This month in Mrs. Scoggin's art class, the elementary kids are starting on their winter projects. Kindergarten is doing melting snowmen, 1st grade is creating woven sweater polar bears, and 2nd graders are making snowman ice cream cones. The 3rd graders are making penguins, 4th graders are designing winter folk art, and 5th graders will be working on one-point perspective winter landscapes. Mrs. Scoggins uses a harmonica to get the kids attention. She also uses a point system where if the kids are bad, loud, or will not listen she will take points away from their class. The thing she likes the most about teaching little kids art is when they think it is magic and she loves their "Oohs, and Ahhs". Mrs. Scoggins said she has not always had a passion for art, but it started at the end of high school and she knew then that she wanted to pursue a career in art.



Student Council News

- Bayleigh Freeman

Eighth grader Aaron McMennamy, seventh grader Norah Russo, and sixth grader Zoey Albers are all part of this year's student council. Student Council President Aaron McMennamy said, "[Student Council] is fun and challenging. It's good for your resume, and it makes the school a better place." Zoey wanted to help with fundraisers, and Norah likes to be involved. With most elections you're voted because you have a good campaign and are very convincing, but you're also well known or "popular". Student Council member Norah Russo even said, "In school [I] know a lot of people." Aaron McMennamy suggested that being able to publicize also plays a role in being elected. The Student Council is currently planning on selling carol grams in December as a fundraiser and a way to spread holiday cheer! Carolgrams will be sold outside of Ms. Herkel's room in Mid December. They will cost \$1 for a candy cane and a song. This year carolgrams will be available to elementary students as well, however they will receive a little gift in their classroom instead of a song in the cafeteria. These students are determined to help and represent the school in any way possible

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Drama Corner

- Eva Graunke

"The Sound of Music" auditions were held this month! The singing part was held on Tuesday, November 10th, and because of Tropical Storm Eta, the script reading had to be moved from Thursday, November 12th to Tuesday, November 17th. The director, Mrs. Herkel, said that there was a big mixture of students that were cast last year and the new students that were auditioning, so we're hoping to see many new faces this year!

With the backstage crew, the applications were all due Thursday, November 12th. If you were hoping to apply and haven't written an application yet, it looks like you're out of luck and will need to try again for the next play. As for anyone who did make it to auditions, good luck and I'm sure you all did amazing!

LPA's New Playground

- Ahrwel Quindara and Jacob Ducker

Along with all the new guidelines at LPA, there's something new for K-5 students to enjoy. There is a new playground at LPA! The PTO put together money from fundraisers from the 2019-2020 school year to purchase the new play area. One new feature is a canopy that fully covers the playground. The new playground utilizes a rubber mulch surface instead of a wooden one. For if a student was to fall, it prevents splinters and the surface is bouncy, helping to further soften the fall. Due to Covid-19, all elementary grades will be utilizing the play area although after the pandemic (hopefully soon) the playground will be exclusively reserved for grades 3-5.

This accompanies the playground recently built for grades K-2 using money from 2018-2019 fundraisers by the PTO. The money from this school year's fundraisers will go towards replacing the current laptops with new ones that support the preferred operating system. The goal for this playground is to promote health and fitness while students are being active and safe. As of now, construction is finished and is awaiting inspection. Have fun Wolves!



More WOLF NEWS...



Junie B. in Jingle Bells Batman Smells

Performance Dates: December
5th - 6th, 2020

For show times and ticket
information, please
visit: rb.gy/av4iel

Boosterthon is a Huge Success!

- Faith Sebregandio and Ainsley Drenning

The Boosterthon was very successful this year. We met our goal of \$30,000 and the kids had so much fun. They danced their hearts out and earned prizes and raised money for our school. Although the kids did not get to do their usual run that they do every year Ryder Sebregandio in Mrs. Carrol's 4th grade class said he was grateful to at least have the Boosterthon come and he still got to laugh with his friends and have fun. He also said that he wishes that they had done the run, but he loved getting the goodies and reaching that goal. The classes that helped meet the goal got to do a bunch of fun things this week such as no shoes day, pajama day, hat day, movie day, and stuffed animal day. This event encourages the kids to help their school and really shows that if you do good things you get rewarded.



What are you most thankful for?

- Faith Sebregandio and Ava Varney

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and a common tradition is sharing with your family what you are grateful for. With Covid-19 taking over our lives, many families cannot get together to celebrate. With these times, we realize that we have more to be grateful for than ever, so the journalism staff held a survey. With kids across the school surveyed, the most common answer for what they were most thankful for was family. Another very popular answer was their teacher. We also had some very funny answers. For example, some included trees, superpowers, slime, the park, and cars. Overall, the LPA students are a very grateful bunch.

Media Matters

- Ahrwel Quindara & Jaycee Jones



This quarter's Reader Leaders have been announced! Max Fontele and Natala Borsellio represent 2nd grade; Kylie Dorschel and Gina Lolanda lead 3rd grade; Bradley Willman and Daniel Bridges of 4th grade; Katie Sobol and Olivia Detlefs from 5th grade; Luca Hall, Hannah Carstens, and Amarion Fuentes from 6th grade; Luca Hall, Hannah Carstens, and Emily Bohnert of 7th grade; and Winston Alexander, Barton Abstein, and Savannah Lada from 8th grade.

The North and South Elementary Battle of the Books will be on March 11th, the Middle School Battle is set for March 9th, high school grades compete on March 10th, and a practice session for all levels will be held on March 8th.

Finally, there have been new additions to the media center as well, with the new shipments of books that the kids absolutely enjoy!

Thanksgiving History

- Katie Fallon and Ellie Williams

With Thanksgiving right around the corner some may celebrate it, but don't know how it all started. In 1621, Plymouth colonists and Native Americans met for a harvest, which is known today as Thanksgiving. Massasoit (who was named Ousemequin) was the sachem (leader) of the Pokanoket Wampanoag, a local Native American society that had begun dealings with the colonists earlier in 1621. The Native Americans outnumbered the colonists by two to one. Most of the women died on the journey over, having only 50 colonists to attend the First Thanksgiving. They had the feast because of religious reasons. Some foods they ate were duck, corn, pumpkin, walnuts, lobster, and goose. No matter the traditions you celebrate and the foods you eat, we all share the season of thankfulness.



Student Spotlight

- Jaycee Jones & Ava Varney

Our student spotlight from second grade is Stella DiBeneditto, from Mrs. Marlow's class! Stella has been at LPA since kindergarten and loves the school. She enjoys learning and her favorite subject is reading. School is going great so far, and although it can be challenging, she's still going strong and it's becoming easier. Some fun facts about Stella are that her favorite color is blue, she does gymnastics and dance, her favorite dance style is jazz, and when she gets old, she would like to become a doctor. Congrats Stella! Keep up the good work!



Virtual Student Spotlight

- Bayleigh Freeman

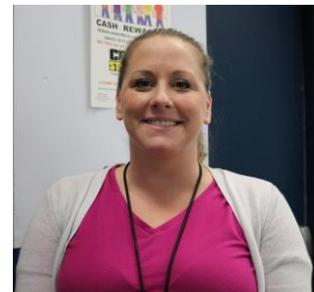
This month I interviewed 2nd grader, Ethan Boatwright. When asked about how he liked 2nd grade he responded "I Like it. It's pretty good. I can't wait to actually meet all my classmates." Everybody's home can be different, and Ethan's grandma helps him with his schoolwork. "Mom mom [helps me] because my mom works, and my Dad is in the Navy."

Ethan likes playing video games and enjoys learning new things. Ethan wants to be a football player when he is older, and I hope he gets to live his dream. His favorite subject in school is art "...because I like to paint." Like others, Ethan would rather be at school than stuck at home all day. And of course Thanksgiving is coming up so I asked Ethan what he would be doing. He answered, "Eating a big meal and spend time with family." Ethan's favorite Thanksgiving food is Turkey, and he is thankful for his friends and family.

New Teacher Spotlight

- Catherine Adkins and Savannah Lada

Mrs. Krieger is one of LPA's newest teachers. She attended the University of MD Baltimore Country and is pursuing a Doctorate degree from Morgan State University. What influenced Mrs. Krieger to become a teacher was that "she loves working with kids. It has been so important for [her] to provide a comfortable, fun, creative environment for the kids to come each day." Mrs. Krieger has also taught at a Jacksonville Charter School and a public-school downtown. But she loves teaching 5th grade at LPA because of the "support the teachers, staff, administration and students give." We appreciate all the work Mrs. Krieger has done for LPA and we are happy to have her to be a part of our LPA family!!



National Junior Honor Society News

Eva Graunke and Bayleigh Freeman



Congratulations to the new National Junior Honors Society members! "Our induction was performed virtually this year through Zoom as Mrs. Delaney and I conducted the ceremony together (masked, of course!) – including candle lighting and pledge recitation – from my dining room, and Mrs. Hemingway joined to give remarks," commented group sponsor, Mrs. Willim. If you are a new member for the NJHS group, pins and certificates should have been delivered the week of 11/16-11/20.

Here's a shoutout to all the new members!

Natalie Bachman	Ashlyn Heck	Kennedy Thomson	Landon Stevens
Hadley Bell	Tate Hendry	Avery Webb	Ashley Tran
Ella Berg	Garrett Hudson	Avery Willim	Allison Walker
Avery Carlyon	Jeevan Iyengar	Rowan Wyllie	Hansika Satvika
Connor Clement	Nolan Myers	Connor Yates	Shreyas Sindhal
Cohen Cox	Monica Posina	Eli Zahra	Maxwell Sobol
Alyssa Cronin	Anna Preston	Logan Bell	Sebastian Stodel
Heidi Dearling	Norah Russo	Jaycee Jones	
Charlotte Gilbert		Alyssa Leynes	

From 11/9-11/18, NJHS students were partnering up to support the St. Johns County Sheriff's in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The SJSO is putting together Thanksgiving meals for families who might not have been able to afford the food otherwise. They were all working together to collect traditional Thanksgiving food items. LPA did an outstanding job responding to this drive, too! Everyone did a fantastic job, but we'd love to give a special shoutout to the Curlin family. Katelyn Curlin is a 6th grade student, and her family donated an entire Thanksgiving meal each day of the food drive! Thank you so much Katelyn! Your donations were greatly appreciated and it's amazing how much you've helped out during this drive!



LPA Cheer Update

- Ava Varney and Mara Tate

With the LPA football season ending, the LPA cheerleaders have turned all attention to competition. The cheerleaders have been working hard to prepare for their first competition in December. Riley McLaughlin says they have been working together as a team to be the best they can be and try to win. Allie Walker says her team has had some rough days with their routine and trying to get it to hit, but they always work hard. They are all looking forward to an exciting competitive season.

Volleyball Season Comes to a Successful End

- Savannah Lada and Abby Knauff

The volleyball season here at Liberty Pines Academy has come to a close. The girls put in hours of practice and sweat and blood into the sport and it paid off. Coach Wurstner is extremely proud of her lady wolves and the growth they've made as a team and individually. They worked very hard during the season to get to the playoffs. In the first round they had a big win against the Fruit Cove Middle School Flyers, which put them up against the Palm Valley Academy Bobcats. The girls fought hard against them and sadly lost. Coach Wurstner is hoping that next year they bring home a championship win to LPA!

During the last regular-season game, Coach Wurstner had 8th grade night. It was a bittersweet time for everyone as Coach Wurstner said goodbye to her 8th graders and some of the girls she's coached since their 6th grade year. She'll miss them dearly and they'll miss her. They hope to come back and visit the team next year as Bartram Trail Bears!

Soccer Season Opens for the Wolves



- Ainsley Drenning

Previously here at Liberty Pines Academy, there have been many sports put out on the table and some come while others tend to go, but one of our strongest pulled out of the deck and placed upward, is known as the Soccer team for the girls and boys. The girls and boys' soccer teams are both separate teams that represent Liberty Pines Academy. These two different teams have sixth graders thru eighth graders. With this, there has also already been a game or two by this time, and there are still many other games to be played. So presently here at Liberty Pines Academy, this card is about to be played.

Starting off with the girls' team, their coach is Miss Brandy. The girls have played two games so far, and they have lost one and won one. When playing on the field they have total of eleven people out there. On the other hand, with the boys their coach is Fabian Banchiero. They also have played two games this season, opening against Valley Ridge and have the also won one and lost one.



Shout out to our fall baseball team who also finished their season strong!

Cross Country

- Jaycee Jones & Ahrwel Quindara

The LPA Cross Country meets have been going spectacular so far! They had a meet at Treaty Park on November 9, 2020 which went very well. LPA won 1st and 2nd for the boys, and the girls got 2nd and 3rd. Great job Wolves! It's only been their second meet of the season and they've won both. Keep up the hard work!



NOVEMBER PAW PATS

October 30th:

KG:
Hazel Gardner

1st:
Karin Hogan

2nd:
Bristol Masters
Lily O'Shea

3rd:
Elija Benton

4th:
Joesphine Hurckes

5th:
Mary Catherine
Adams
Hunter Dison
Wyatt Hultquist
Bryson Roberts

6th:
Jenna Albers
James Benjamin
Bannon

7th:
Emily Bohnert
Julio Chaparro
Imani Johnson
Mylee McCarron

8th:
Logan Bell
Tanner O'Halloran
Kylie Smith
Sarah Yeoman

November 6th

KG:
Elli Hurckes

1st:
Lucie Norcia

2nd:
Walker Adams
Stella DiBenedetto

4th:
Hudson Russell

5th:
Renton Bryant
Abigail Callaway
Lily Jurgens
Lakshmi O'Connor
Brianna Turner

6th:
Mason Cross
Gavin Littlejohn
Adam Rayon

7th:
Connor Clement
Ainsley Davis
Noah Grubbs

8th:
Jason Stone

November 13th

1st Grade:
Preston Sinner

2nd Grade:
Lily Davis

3rd Grade:
Gabriella Paegert
Mila Wilhelmy

4th Grade:
Audrey Fricke

5th Grade:
Shaelie Bannon
Christian Capling
Connor Deese
Layla Doyle
Madelyn Thornton

6th Grade:
Amy Diallo
Holden Kudlesky
Nathan Li
Aislinn Reiher
Campbell Sullivan

7th Grade:
Olivia Riegler
Christian Sanchez

8th Grade:
Hannah Burnett
Joshua Cherhoniak.
Ella Duff

November 20th:

1st Grade:
Reagan Fitzpatrick

2nd Grade:
Ava Williams

3rd Grade:
Rylie Cerveny

4th Grade:
Michelle Binder
Sydney Moseley

5th Grade:
Capra Whitman
Barbara Scalia
Emanuel Rodas
Landon Duplantier
Haley Christiansen

6th Grade:
Chase Weller
Eliezer Maravez Angulo
Mack Hansen
Belle Albers
Samuel Hines

7th Grade:
Josh Berdon
Will Glover
Emma Finger

8th Grade:
Nico Weiss
Colton Mattey



FAVORITE THANKSGIVING FOOD SURVEY

The votes are in! Thank you for all of the 67 vote's teachers, students, and staff! Now for the moment we have all been waiting for, with the highest amount of votes at 26, LPA's favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie!





Turkey Art Contest Results!

- Mara Tate and Ryan Avignone

Congratulations to the Turkey Artwork winners!
There were so many amazing turkeys to choose from, but unfortunately only four could win. Thank you for all who participated in the contest.



The first winner is Chloe O'Leary! Chloe won the category of **"most realistic artwork"**. Amazing work Chloe, very impressive!



To follow up, there is Barbara Scalia. Barbara had the **"most Covid aware artwork"**! While it was adorable, it also gave off a good message of to wear a mask.



Our third winner is Isabella Schneider. Isabella won the **"most artistic turkey"**. Her turkey was unique and much different from the rest. Nice job Isabella!



Our final winner is Imogen Slaughter. Imogen won **"most creative turkey"**. The Star Wars turkey is super creative, fantastic job Imogen!



LPA PTO NEWS



Boosterthon Update

Our Boosterthon profit was \$35,290!!! We surpassed our goal of \$30,000! The DanceFit Challenge was a hit. Teachers and students all had fun and worked up a sweat doing so. Overall Boosterthon was a great success (even during a pandemic!!)

K - Versteffen
1st - Herrin
2nd - Marlow
3rd - Ashley (#1 class overall!)
4th - Robertson
5th - Nason

We would like to recognize the class in each grade who raised the most money.



In addition, we would like to recognize the Top 10 students who worked really hard to get the most pledges during Boosterthon. With almost 850 students in the K-5 grades, being in the Top 10 is a pretty cool accomplishment!

Luke Carlisle	5th - Nason
Ellie Morris	3rd - Ashley
Will Woody	5th - Buckley
Caroline Nowroozi	4th - Robertson
Jack McInerney	3rd - Ashley
Alex Villamarin	Kindergarten - McMurry
Keira Wilcox	2nd - Dubose
Stella Alexander	3rd - Ashley
Weston Miller	2nd - Konecny
Jaxon Moreland	3rd - Ford



November's Volunteers of the Month winners!!

Staff Members

Congratulations to Maidelys Chaviano! Maidelys noticed a student choking and immediately stood the child up and helped her right away. Once the student was helped, the entire lunchroom gave her a big round of applause.

Thank you to Kim Delaney! Kim has been a huge help with the PTO responsibilities due to COVID restrictions.

Students

Congratulations to Emma Braxton & Claire Braxton! These sweet thoughtful sisters set up a lemonade stand and raised \$150 to donate to our Blessings in a Backpack program.

"Volunteer of the Month"

Know a person who goes above and beyond at LPA? The PTO wants to hear about them. They can be a student, teacher/staff member or a family member. Please email your nomination, telling us why you chose them, to stephcross13@yahoo.com (please put volunteer in subject line). The voting takes place every other month and three winners are chosen. Each winner will receive a sweet treat! If students would like to vote, please have them submit to their teacher and the teacher can drop it in the box located in the mailroom. Volunteering will look different this year, but just because you don't see them, doesn't mean they are not there.

Congratulations to the following students who took and passed the Communications Essentials Certification Exam in Mrs. Grubbs ICT 2 Classes. This test covered topics such as the Internet, URL, Hyperlinks, Search Engines, Top Level Domains, Requirements to connect to the internet, web pages, browsers, DNS, IP addresses, internet protocols, etc.

Abreu, Zakary
Avant, Logan
Borsellino, Elian
Canino, Ashley
Coarsey, Cayden
Crandall, Charlotte
Cruzado, Lucia
Culbreth, Jena
Davis, Ainsley
Daza, Jonathan
Gajula, Tejas
Gearhart, Memphis
Geevers, Hannah
Guzman, Layla
Heck, Ashlyn
Iyengar, Jeevan
Kapadia, Jillian
McCauley, Madeline
McFarland, Ramsey-Renee
Mills, Isabella
Posina, Monica
Reid, Emma
Restivo, Melissa
Riegler, Olivia
Satvika, Hansika
Sindhaval, Shreyas
Spencer, Chad
Valentine, Lauren
Carlyon, Avery
Cook, Marcus
Dupre, Chase
Evans, Alexander
Foley, Colin
Gilbert, Charlotte
Glover, William
Hannon, Hanna
Kitterman, Tyler
Kremski, Karson

Lanza, Marco
Lee, Edwin
Linares-Avila, Jorliany
Morris, Torre
O'Brien-Kassa, Taylor
Pattishall, Ava
Russo, Norah
Tinsley, Addison
Trujillo, Brendan
Weatherly, Jaden
Barrera-Carreno, Nicolas
Berdon, Joshua
Bohnert, Emily
Bosco, Vaughn
Bradberry, Kayla
Carlton, Kathryn
Chandra, Manogna
Chandra, Rishi
Chaparro, Julio
Clement, Connor
Crews, Andrew
Cumming, Lucas
Dean, Colby
Duenas, Isabella
Gobeli, Victoria
Grubbs, Noah
Irby, Allyson
Johnson, Sadie
Maciel, Samerica
McGraw, Ava
Mendez Calles, Juan
Nimmagadda, Nithya
Tharp, Dustin
Thomson, Kennedy
Weinstein, Daryl
West, Ethan
Wood, Kyle
Zahra, Emile

Club Updates: Odyssey of the Mind and Robotics

- Ainsley Drenning

Clubs, they happen all year and a person take the opportunity to join one or let it pass. Here at Liberty Pines Academy two clubs have just started back up. These two clubs are Odyssey of the Mind and Robotics. Both clubs have very different goals so, this is the path that will explain all about Odyssey of the Mind and Robotics and their differences here at Liberty Pines Academy.

Starting off with Odyssey of the Mind, Mrs. Waggoner has been the leader or teacher of this club for some time. When explaining Odyssey of the Mind Mrs. Waggoner said "it is really hard to explain" though it can be explained. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative outside of the box complication. In this club students must use problem solving techniques while creating a skit. When students are creating the skit, they must create costumes and backdrops to go along with it. They do a skit that takes all year to prepare because of the competition held at the end of it. With this competition their goal is to get to state. These students range from 6th-8th grade, but the main thing about Odyssey of the Mind is the impact in leaves and why it is important. Mrs. Waggoner says, "it is important because it gives kids another outlet and participate in something for our school."

On the other hand, with Robotics, Ms. Swan is the leader or teacher of this club. What Robotics is all about is a STEM teamwork activity, that provides students the ability to work on critical things, leadership, and real-world problems. With Robotics their biggest event of the year is the "Robot Game." This event takes months to prepare for. They are preparing to present is their robot, and there will only be one winner. In Robotics there are only ten people because of team limits. Overall, in Robotics the people who got chosen must have a good work ethic, be a team player, and listen responsibly.

The Odyssey of the Mind students with Mrs. Wagner work in portable 26 on Monday and Thursday. As for Robotics, they work in Ms. Swan's classroom on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30 pm.



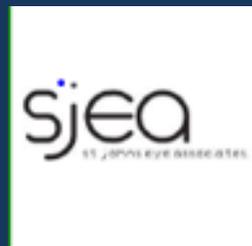
"Most Colorful Turkey"
Sachit Pllam



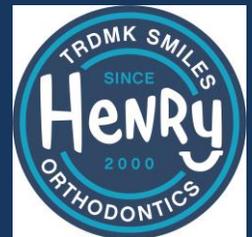
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Gold Level



Silver Level

