

WOLF NEWS

Liberty Pines Academy



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Message from Mrs. Hemingway for LPA Families,

Liberty Pines Academy Families,

Bike Riders – Parents, we need your help. We have a large number of students riding bikes and skateboards to school without the use of a helmet. Helmets are required for all under the age of 16 riding bicycles on the sidewalk, roadway or other public property. The helmets must meet certain requirements and be properly affixed to the head. Please ensure that your child is wearing their helmet to and from school each day.



How your child can protect themselves from Cyberbullying - Bullying does not always happen in person. Cyberbullying is a type of bullying that happens online or through text messages or emails. There are things your child can do to protect themselves.

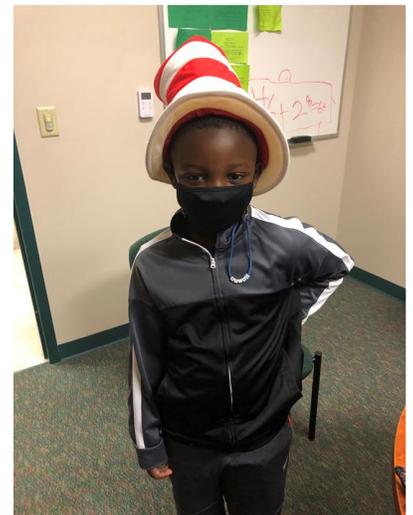
- Always think about what you post. You never know what someone will forward. Being kind to others online will help to keep you safe. Do not share anything that could hurt or embarrass anyone.
- Keep your password a secret from other kids. Even kids that seem like friends could give your password away or use it in ways you don't want. Let your parents have your passwords.
- Think about who sees what you post online. Complete strangers? Friends? Friends of friends? Privacy settings let you control who sees what.
- Keep your parents in the loop. Tell them what you're doing online and who you're doing it with. Let them friend or follow you. Listen to what they have to say about what is and isn't okay to do. They care about you and want you to be safe.
- Talk to an adult you trust about any messages you get or things you see online that make you sad or scared. If it is cyberbullying, report it to you parents!

Masks – Parents, as we enter the second semester, please help us by reminding the importance of wearing masks while at school with your child. We are having many conversations with students reminding them of the importance of wearing masks while on the bus and while in the hallways at school. We have done an amazing job of preventing the spread of COVID on our school campus and continue to strive to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

LPA Learning Leader,
Traci Hemingway

UPCOMING DATES

- Jan 29: Teacher Planning Day
- Feb 2: Basketball FCA @ LPA
- Feb 4: Basketball LPA @ SMS
- Feb 5: Report Cards issued
- Feb 5: Souper Bowl
- Feb 11: Basketball LPA @ MMS
- Feb 11: PTO Meeting, 10:00
- Feb 15: President's Day Student-Teacher holiday
- Feb 16: Basketball LPA @ MCA
- Feb 18: Basketball PVA @ LPA
- Feb 22-26: PTO Penny War
- Feb 23: Basketball LPA @ SPMS
- Feb 25: Basketball VRA @ LPA
- Mar 2: Basketball GRMS @ LPA
- Mar 3: interims issued



LPA Students really enjoyed Celebrate Literacy Week last week!
Kindergartener Ayden Diallo celebrated "Hats Off to Reading" with his Dr. Seuss Cat in the Hat tribute!

Art Corner

- Faith Sebregandio
and Abby Knauff



Mrs. Scoggins is taking many precautions during these sensitive times; one thing she is doing is having a dirty bucket where if one of the students uses a supply, they put it in there to be cleaned. Another thing is each student gets their own set of supplies to use during their class time. During these hard times she has been doing art and hanging out with friends safely. She has been super excited to start the students' Valentines projects. Her discipline method has been working very nicely. She just issued the first "golden doodle awards" to Ms. Samuels's A class, Ms. Raya's Class, Ms. Hoelle's Class, Ms. York's Class, Ms. Sobol's Class, and Ms. Raiford's Class.

Blessings in a Backpack

- Savannah Lada and Catherine Adkins

The program Blessings in a Backpack run by LPA's very own PTO would like to thank all the wonderful people who donated food, treats, and gifts to our 23 BIB students in December.

Christmas meals, sweets, and books were donated by The Furyk Foundation. Stephanie Cross and her family gave each student several gifts and gift cards, and several LPA moms in SJGCC (through SJC hugs) donated huge bags of food over the Christmas break to feed the students. Without your support, we could not have such a good program and we are very grateful to you all! Please look for more information on the PTO website if you are interested in making a contribution.



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SAC Sponsors Successful Pet Food Drive

- Ellie Williams

Here at LPA charity is especially important; no matter if you have two or four feet you still matter. That is why the 683 pounds of pet food we gathered and donated will help these homeless dogs and cats. All the donations go to local areas in the community, such as Home Again in St. Johns, Dining with Dignity, and St. Augustine Humane Society. St. Augustine serves roughly 600 families a week alone, not counting putting in dog and cat donations in there too. Whether dry or wet, this pet food still helps these poor animals thrive. Thank you for your donations, Wolves!! Thank you for all your help NJHS, Mrs. Woolsten, Mrs. Willim, and Mrs. Meyers!



Drama Corner

- Eva Graunke



Practice, practice, practice! The Sound of Music cast is heading into their second week of rehearsal already! Everyone is staying masks-on and making sure they're all staying protected. It does make it a challenge to work on the musical, but they all sound amazing regardless!

The drama classes have all had their own adventures this month as well! 7th grade drama 1 finished up this quarter by making their own pantomime scenes and performing them to the rest of the class.

The 8th grade technical theatre class is working on set designs. They get into groups and read a full-length play together so they can design their own set. Soon, they'll be building models set to scale of the sets they create.

Finally, the 8th grade advanced drama has written their own 10-minute plays based on famous art pieces. The students chose a painting and brought to life the events that they saw within them. Some of the paintings that they could've chosen were made by Picasso, Seurat and many others. The students got to perform their plays for their classmates once they were all finished!

All our drama classes have been doing a fantastic job throughout the year and they just keep on surprising have so many talented students here at Liberty Pines and it's great seeing that talent be used in these classes. Stay creative and keep up the good work everyone!



Student Spotlight

- Ava Varney and Jaycee Jones

January's student spotlight is Gabriel Thompson from Ms. Robertson's 4th grade class! Gabriel is 10 years old and loves playing video games. He doesn't like Covid-19, but he liked the lockdown because he had many opportunities to play games. His favorite subject is math, and he explained that it was pretty easy, but challenging. Gabriel likes to have a challenge and enjoys school. School is pretty fun, but can be a little hard at times, which is okay with him because he enjoys learning. Gabriel likes the new building and loves his teachers



Distant Learner Spotlight

- Bayleigh Freeman and Eva Graunke

Journey Cobb is a 4th grade distant learner in Mrs. Ward's class. Journey enjoys 4th grade. Journey said, "I like how it gives me challenges and fun experiments!" Journey admitted it is difficult to learn distantly, but she does manage. Journey was asked about her favorite hobby and what she wanted to do when she was older. Her favorite hobby is writing her own books, and she said, "When I get older, I want to be an archeologist because I'm really fascinated with old things like antiques and dinosaur bones!" Journey's favorite subject is science because she loves doing experiments. "A part of me definitely misses being with kids my age in the brick and mortar but I totally enjoy being at home more because I feel like I have more freedom." The week leading up to New Year's Day, Journey and her family went to Orlando and spent the week in a hotel and on New Year's Eve. They stayed up late drinking eggnog and watching fireworks at Disney from their hotel room. Her new year's resolution is to not drop her new phone, which she got for Christmas

Teacher Spotlight

- Jacob Ducker and Ahrwel Quindara

LPA's newest civics teacher is Mr. Deagle! He is from South Florida, attended Flagler College for his bachelor's degree, and received his master's degree from Northeastern University in Boston. Mr. Deagle taught as a substitute teacher for three years before teaching civics for the past two years. The inspiration for pursuing to be a civics teacher is his love of history and his passion for talking about history shows in his teachings. What he loves the most about his new LPA family is the camaraderie between his fellow peers. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



Media Matters

- Ahrwel Quindara and Jaycee Jones

The Battle of the Books teams have been selected! The proud Wolves of the middle school team are Cayden Coarsey, Saachi Kiran, Nathan Li, Vanessa Roberts, and Wynston Alexander with the alternates being Manogna Chandra and Kyla Crooks. The elementary battlers consist of Aaradhya Sasubilli, Kailana Ward, Anna Russo, and Neora Varghese accompanied with alternates Katie Sobol and Ellen Serafin. Elementary will battle it out with the district on March 11th and middle school competes on March 9th.

The week of January 25th to January 28th was Literacy Week! Monday had students wearing hats to show "hats off to reading!" Tuesday, students "kicked up their heels" for reading and wore silly socks; Wednesday allowed them to wear sunglasses so they can "see their bright future" from reading. Thursday's theme was to "team up with a good book" and can wear your favorite team gear! Throughout the week, special guest readers visited to read to students in their classes.



Distance Learners
were also able to enjoy
Celebrate Literacy Week!

**Liberty Pines Academy
Student Council**

Valentine Grams

*On sale outside Ms. Herkel's room
February 8th, 9th, and 10th before school
Will be delivered on February 12th*

**\$1 includes personalized valentine
gram and a lollipop!**

Parents may email Ms. Herkel for a form and send in the information with cash to the front office starting today!
jill.Herkel@stjohns.k12.fl.us

*All orders are due by February 10th at 3pm

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Elementary Students Learn Coding

- Ainsley Drenning

Recently here at Liberty Pines Academy, Mrs. Fowler's class has been doing some interesting things with coding. Mrs. Fowler, for those of you who do not know, is the Liberty Pines Academy elementary school's computer teacher. She teaches Kindergarten Through Fifth Grade computer class.

Three of Mrs. Samuel's kindergarten students are in Mrs. Fowler's class and had a unique and challenging assignment. They had to learn how to write computer code. Aydin Diallo, Claire Braxton, and Arden Johnson created a code with the idea of making a new computer game for their friends. The code was written to allow students to play hopscotch on the computer! The students found that coding is the building block of computer programming, and how easy it was to make a game. Adopting hopscotch into code turned out to be very fun.

Mrs. Fowler's students used apps found on Pay Teachers website. This website is accessible by teachers and contains many different learning apps. The apps used by the computer students are for grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The coding apps that were used allowed the students to better understand how to write and develop computer code, which is a very easy task once introduced. Mrs. Fowler stated that her favorite part of teaching computer class was seeing how much her students enjoyed the games along with their success and learned how to code while playing an all-time favorite game!



Congratulations to the following students who took and passed the Excel Spreadsheet Essential Certification Exam in Mrs. Grubbs Class:

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| Borsellino, Elian | Morris, Torre |
| Canfield, Chloe | O'Brien-Kassa, Taylor |
| Canino, Ashley | Pattishall, Ava |
| Coarsey, Cayden | Russo, Norah |
| Crandall, Charlotte | Tinsley, Addison |
| Daza, Jonathan | Weatherly, Jaden |
| Geevers, Hannah | Berdon, Joshua |
| Heck, Ashlyn Iyengar, | Bohnert, Emily |
| Jeevan Kapadia, | Chandra, Manogna |
| Jillian McCauley, | Chandra, Rishi |
| Madeline Posina, | Dean, Colby |
| Monica Riegler, | Gobeli, Victoria |
| Olivia Satvika, | Grubbs, Noah |
| Hansika Sindhaval, | Johnson, Sadie |
| Shreyas Valentine, | Nimmagadda, Nithya |
| Lauren Carlyon, | Tatro, John |
| Avery Cook, Marcus | Tharp, Dustin |
| Dupre, Chase Evans, | Weinstein, Daryl |
| Alexander Gilbert, | Widrich, Pierce |
| Charlotte Glover, | |
| William Kremski, | |
| Karson Lanza, Marco | |
| Lee, Edwin | |
| Linares-Avila, Jorliany | |

New Year's Resolutions at LPA

- Ellie Williams and Katie Fallon

3,2,1.... Happy New Year! Welcome 2021! A new year, that means it is time for new possibilities. Emmalyn Landry from 2nd grade said she wanted to work harder to help her parents. Christian Webb from 4th grade said he wanted to become more responsible and respectful. Julie Martin from 8th wanted to improve in badminton, and Teniyah Blutcher said she wanted to drink more water, and Meenah Orvis wanted to become nicer. Good luck with your New Year's Resolutions!



Sports Update

- Jacob Ducker

The Golf tryouts will begin in early March and the season will take place from March until May. For all details and registration info go to SJMSAA.com. The Tennis team tryouts were held the last week of January. The season will also take place from March until May. To get all details you can also go to SJMSAA.com. The girls and boy's basketball teams will begin play on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021. The Softball team has started practicing and will begin play in March.



LPA Boys Basketball

- Katie Fallon and Ava Varney

The basketball season is finally here! Out of the 30 boys who tried out, 13 made it. Congrats to Gustavo Gonzalez, Nathan Li, Troy Walson, Jeevan Iyengar, Garret Hudson, Conner Yates, Lucas Perrin, Cole Wagoner, Oscar Hsieh, Aydan Rivera, Tyler Owens, Zaki Rajawani, and Ryder Radecki for making the team! Due to Covid-19 their practices are shorter, so they need to warm-up in different ways. Mr. Buckley (the boys basketball coach) uses shooting and quick drills to get the team ready for their games along with many other warm-ups. Make sure to come support our Wolves at our first home game on February 2nd! The boy's basketball team is coached by 4th grade teacher Michael Buckley.

Our softball coach this year is David Jurgens. He can be contacted at snegruj1@yahoo.com with any questions. LPA has not had a softball program through SJMSAA for several years, so we are very excited to welcome back the Lady Wolves Softball Team!



LPA Girls Basketball

- Ryan Avignone

The Girls Basketball season has started! "Practice is going great!" commented 8th grader Abby Knauff. The team is looking good and working hard at practice. Their first game is February 2nd against Freedom Crossing, and they are excited to start off their season with a win! Our Wolves are confident this season and we can't wait to see them in the championship.

Congratulation to Belle Albers, Jenna Albers, Ryan Avignone, Natalie Bachman, Avarie Burns, Morgan Cremen, Angelica Gonzalez, Brianna Peterson, Abby Knauff, Mara Tate, Arianna Torres, Gabi Tricules, and Kate Zupko for making the team. The team is coached by Coach Jimmy Kirk.

LPA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



- Game 1, Feb. 2nd: Freedom Crossing Vs. Liberty Pines Academy (Home Game)
- Game 2, Feb. 4th: Sebastian Middle School Vs. Liberty Pines Academy (Away Game)
- Game 3, Feb. 11th: Murray Middle School Vs. Liberty Pines Academy (Away Game)
- Game 4, Feb. 16th: Mill Creek Academy Vs. Liberty Pines Academy (Away Game)
- Game 5, Feb. 18th: Palm Valley Academy Vs. Liberty Pines Academy (Home Game)
- Game 6, Feb. 23rd: Swiss Point Middle School Vs. Liberty Pines Academy (Away Game)
- Game 7, Feb. 25th: Valley Ridge Academy Vs. Liberty Pines Academy (Home Game)
- Game 8, Mar. 2nd: Gamble Rodgers Vs. Liberty Pines Academy (Home Game)
- Mar. 4th- Mar. 11th: Playoff Games

JANUARY PAW PATS

Jan 8th:

4th:
Emerson Jones
Louis Lyons
Jacob Osborn
Gabriel Thompson

5th:

Luke Carlisle
Landon Duplantier
Reagan Heller
Stephania Kawamura
Wyatt Montford
Rey Weiss

6th:

Jenna Albers
Ales Avant
Jonathan Jackson
Aislinn Reiher
Taylor Shaw

7th:

Ashlyn Heck
Alexis Johnson
Sadie Johnson
Olivia Reigler

Jan 15th:

1st:
Joseph Castillo

2nd:

Tyler Gamble
Allie McFadzean
Piper Plaien
Hailey Schaefer

5th:

Paige Carlson
Michael Cook
Hayley Corson
Brendon O'Neill

6th:

Amy Diallo
James Howell
Olivia White

7th:

Maddox Krieger

8th:

Kylie Smith
Jason Stone

Jan 22nd:

KG:
Jeffrey Felix
2nd:
Brooks Shelton

3rd:

Cooper Koury

4th:

Ayana Grubbs
Luke Lifsey
Dalton Williams

5th:

Louay Boustanji
Parker McCann
Lakshmi O'Connor

6th:

Logan Koury

7th:

Avery Carlyon
Marshal Fontaine
Kaielen Guadayo
Luca Hall
Avery Willim

8th:

Christian Bradley

Jan 28th:

KG:
Valentina Guzman

1st:

Wyatt Lawson

2nd:

Courtney Hayes

5th:

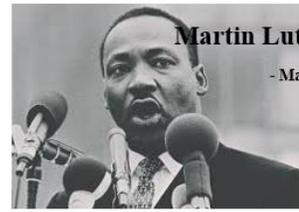
Caitlyn Boshell
Abbi Cooper
Abigail Dulaney
Reagan Heller
Darnell McClendon
Nicholas Sharpe
Erik Windness

7th Grade:

Emily Bohnert

8th:

Brianna Johnston
Brayden Motycka
Mara Tate



Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Mara Tate



So, what was Martin Luther King, Jr. famous for? King was known for being involved in the "American civil rights movement in the 1960s" and is mostly known for his "I Have a Dream Speech". His speech talks about segregation and racism, and without this speech, we wouldn't be where we are today. All colors and races would still be more segregated, and no harmony and peace would come to us.]

King was just like any other man no matter his skin color and wanted to prove a point peacefully about racism in front of 250,000 other people. His words influenced many people to stand up for what they believe in and end segregation. Unfortunately, Martin Luther King Jr. was killed on April 4th, 1968. King was assassinated by a male named "James Earl Ray", while visiting Memphis Tennessee.

King still has a great impact on our society to this day with his words of wisdom. Therefore, we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. day!



LPA Students also entered The MLK Essay and Poster Contest. Here is 7th grade Distance Learner Manu Chandra's submission.



Spelling Bee News!

- Jacob Ducker

Christian Bradley recently competed in the district spelling bee and he was able to place 2nd in the final competition. Due to COVID-19 concerns the district spelling bee took place virtually this year. Christian felt that it was a little bit easier to compete online because people were not there to stare at him while he was spelling the words and the participants had longer time to spell the words. Congratulations for doing so well at the District Level Christian!

Visit Leonard's Pictavo Community at

commpe.pictavo.com

Find your school or enter school ID# 92064





LPA PTO NEWS



- Happy New Year from your PTO! We hope everyone had an amazing Winter Break! We can't believe we are already through the month of January! PTO has some exciting events coming up that we want to share with you!
- January 25th - we held a Spirit Night at Taps from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Thank you to all who came out for dinner! Taps donates 10% of all sales during that time back to LPA PTO. Thank you, Taps, for always being such a big supporter of LPA!
- February 5th - Our Hospitality Committee is hosting our annual Souper Bowl during lunchtime for LPA teachers and staff. This is a crowd favorite and we are so excited to be able to give them a wide variety of soups to choose from. We always need volunteers to help make this event successful. To sign up to help, please click here:

<https://lpapto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/7056>

- February 11th - 10:00 AM PTO meeting via Ring Central. Please email president@lpapto.com by February 10th to request a login code for the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- February 22-26 - PTO Penny War!!!! Start saving your change (copper and silver) and your dollar bills! Penny War is back and we promise the competition will be fierce! More information to come!
- February 25 - PTO Spirit Night at Board & Brush! Workshops at Board & Brush are always so much fun! This is a doormat workshop and spaces are limited and you must register in order to reserve a seat. The workshop is \$40. PTO will supply light snacks. We hope to see you there!

Grab a friend or two and sign up here:

<https://boardandbrush.com/stjohns/events/lpaptospiritnightdecoratedoormats/>

- **“Volunteer of the Month”**

Just a reminder, get your nominations in! Our next selection is in February.

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 they 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.





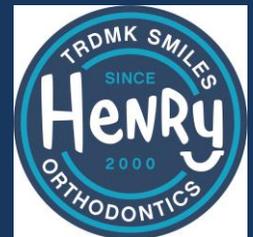
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Gold Level



Silver Level

