

WOLF NEWS

Liberty Pines Academy



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Message from Mrs. Hemingway for LPA Families

Liberty Pines Academy Families,

From District Transportation Department: Transportation has received several inquiries from parents and schools about provisional transportation waivers for the 21-22 school year. The revised policy is attached for use. The policy is also available on the district's website under Quick Links and Transportation or click on this link

Key points:

1. All current provisional transportation waivers expire on June 10, 2021.
2. Transportation is accepting provisional transportation waiver requests for the 21-22 SY now via the link online.
3. Transportation will not process provisional waiver requests for the 21-22 SY until after student rollover on/about July 15, 2021.
4. Parents/families should make alternative arrangements until when/if provisional transportation waiver requests are approved.

Middle School Textbooks Returns: Textbooks checked out to students can be returned directly to the circulation desk in the media center. ALL students/parents have received an email from the media center indicating textbooks and library books that are still outstanding on their account. *Please **NOTE** any workbooks **DO NOT** need to be returned, so please keep those at home.

Media Center Books Fees/Fines: All library books are due to the media center. Each K-8 students/parents received an email from the media center with the books that have not been returned. All fees can be paid directly to the media center with cash or check. We currently have 608 books out totaling over \$12,000. Please help us by ensuring your child returns their library book this week.

LPA Learning Leader,

Traci Hemingway



UPCOMING DATES

- May 28: Biology and Physical Science EOCs
- May 31: Memorial Day- Student Teacher Holiday
- June 8: 8th Grade Field Day
Yearbooks Distributed
- June 9th: Last Day of School for 8th Graders
- June 9th: 8th Grade (8:30-10:30) and 5th Grade (11:00-12:30) Graduation Ceremonies
- June 10th: Last Day of School for Students
- June 11th: Last Day of School for Teachers

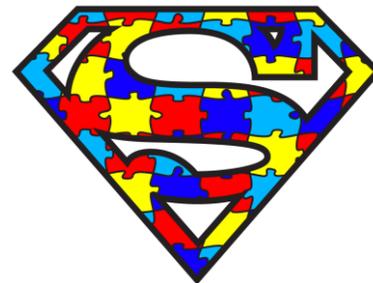


Journalism students "swinging" into summer!

Happy Summer from Your Journalism Staff!



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Our School Lunch Hero

- Jacob Ducker

Congrats to Liberty Pines' own Mrs. Alicia Smith for winning the #FLSchoolLunchHero award! Many schools in Florida nominated a Cafeteria Worker to be a School Lunch Hero and only five were chosen. The five winners won a \$2,000 cash prize from *No Kid Hungry*, a Tampa Bay Buccaneers Prize Pack from the Dairy Council of Florida, a School Lunch Hero Trophy, a Certificate of Appreciation, and a One-on One Chef Experience. Mrs. Smith was chosen because she demonstrated courage and ingenuity during the pandemic, meeting safety protocols to ensure all students had a hot and nutritious meal. Thank you, Mrs. Alicia Smith for being a great School Lunch Hero.

Media Matters

- Jaycee Jones & Ahrwel Quindara

We have had a wonderful year in the Media Center here at LPA! Our elementary and middle school competed in the Battle of The Books, and it was very successful! Great job Wolves! There were many events and students were involved in them. We had Celebrate Literacy week, the Follett Book Fair, Readers are Leaders, SSYRA and SSYRA Jr. Readers, and voting for their favorite books! Kindergarten through fifth graders got to learn about the treasure of books as they rotated through the media center every eight days. It has been a very busy year in the media center. Since school is coming to an end, don't forget to keep reading during the summer! We have over 400 eBooks available, so feel free to check them out!

Last but not least, thank you to our PTO for your contributions which have allowed us to purchase so many more books. The students are always so excited to get the new books ordered throughout the year. Thank you to everyone for your support of the media center at LPA.

Liberty's Got Talent 2021

Gracyn Hogan
Jaycee Greenmun and Presley Shoemaker
Gianna DeBenedetto and Molly Cebulko
Harrison Koch
Tristan O'Campo
Grace Taylor
Zihan Chen
Norah Russo
Teagan Bussell
Madeline McCauley
Josh Berdon
Cayden Coarsey
Braden and Bryce Motycka
Brianna Johnston and Madison Barrett

Congratulations to everyone who auditioned!

5th grade Poster Contest

- Ainsley Drenning

In February, Emily Peralta and Haley Carson both decided to spread a positive message about a severe issue. Earlier this year, Mrs. Frank gave the opportunity to her two home rooms to enter in a poster contest. All students who entered had until February or two months to complete this project. The theme was "Bringing our Missing Children Home." Emily and Haley completed their projects and won. These two students are the first winners in Liberty Pines Academy history! In addition, this contest involves students from all 50 states.

Mrs. Frank enjoyed "Emily's saying" and Haley's "very colorful" poster. Furthermore, Mrs. Frank is "very proud Emily and Haley took the initiative to do it on their own." Going forward, Emily and Haley both had their reasons on why they entered the contest. Emily did this because she really enjoys drawing, thinks she's "pretty good" at it and felt sad for parents who lost their children. On the other hand, with Haley, she felt sad about children who have lost their parents and wants to change that. Overall, Emily and Haley both stated they felt "good" about the results and entering the contest.

Once again, congratulations to Emily and Haley on winning in the poster contest!



Student Spotlight

- Ellie Williams

The 8th grade student spotlight for this month is Ashley Lupcho. She is an outstanding student and works very hard to achieve her goals. She is the most kind, responsible and loving friend. She likes to take part in theater, dancing, and singing. Ashley stated that her friends and teachers are the ones that are going to be missed, but she is super excited to start a new journey in her life. Some advice to upcoming 8th graders? Do not stress and enjoy the last minutes of middle school, because you will miss it.



1st Grade Plant Project

- Jacob Ducker

Recently, Mrs. Pfaff's 1st grade class has applied real-world science by planting and growing flowers and vegetables. They also discussed the similarities and differences of the plants and vegetables. Mrs. Pfaff said, "It is a part of first grade standards that we learn what plants need in order to survive and to name the parts of a plant." 1st grader Caitlyn McIntyre said, "My favorite part was the flowers because they were very, very pretty." She also added that she learned the plants had many parts and she would like to do this again in the future.



Elementary Teacher Spotlight

- Ahrwel Quindara and Jacob Ducker

This month, we're recognizing one of LPA's first and best elementary teachers, 2nd grade's Mrs. Diana Hoelle! Born in Ohio but raised here, Mrs. Hoelle graduated from the University of Central Florida and began teaching in Orlando. The inspiration behind her 31 years and counting of teaching were the amazing teachers she had while growing up. She decided to become a teacher so she could give back to other kids what she herself received as a child learning. Before teaching here at LPA, Mrs. Hoelle taught at Timberlin Creek Elementary School and Cunningham Creek Elementary School.

Having taught at LPA since its inception in 2008, her favorite part of LPA and what keeps her at LPA is the extraordinary sense of community and family between faculty, staff, students, parents, and everyone in between. The greatest aspect of teaching for her is reading and being able to read-aloud to her students. In her opinion, her favorite change over the years here at LPA were the additions of the murals in the library and everywhere else.

Other facts about her are that she and her husband will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this year, having 3 sons well. One fun fact about her is that she can play the flute. We are appreciative of her teaching all these years, but she's even more appreciative of having the privilege to teach here since this school's opening.



Distant Learner Spotlight

- Bayleigh Freeman and Eva Graunke

For this month's newsletter, Abigail Jenson was chosen for distance learner student spotlight. Abigail liked this 8th grade year, and said, "I've loved the work I've done and the teachers I've had. I'd say this year has been my favorite." Abigail Jenson says that this year has been easier, especially being able to work at her own pace. Though there are some challenges with being a distance learner and not being able to see the whole classroom. Abigail has two favorite hobbies, which are exercising and hanging out with her cat. She comments, "I love to go on bike rides or go on a short walk. Going out and taking a break and getting some fresh air really makes me feel better physically and emotionally."

When asked about whether she likes learning new things, Abigail says she does though it mostly depends on the subject. The 8th graders are nearing the point in their life when they need to figure out what they want to do in life. Abigail says that she'd love to be in the medical field, though she doesn't know which specific job. Her favorite school subject is history. Abigail said, "In my opinion, it's like reading a book or a story..." Abigail Jenson doesn't have any summer plans, except keeping to her house and relaxing before starting high school. Speaking of high school, Abigail Jenson will be attending St. John's Virtual School as a full-time student. Abigail comments, "I have loved doing school at home so much this year and originally was going to attend Bartram High School next year as a brick-and-mortar student, but I realized I really wanted to keep doing school at home." Abigail Jenson also likes how SJVS offers more freedom and she can completely go at her own pace.



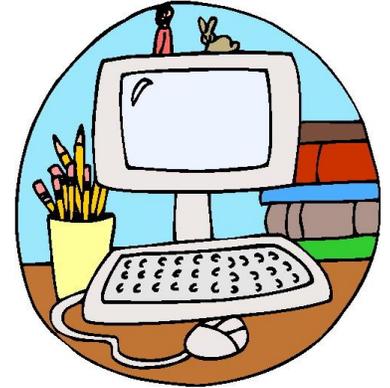
Mrs. Langowski's ICT Class Progress

Class, I am so proud of you. You worked hard this year, learned complicated material and persevered. I truly enjoyed this ICT2 class and loved working with each and every one of you. Good luck next year and have a wonderful summer 😊

Students who passed the Communications Unit:

Allen Andronovich
Persephone Barnhart
Morgan Cremen
Heidi Dearing
Emma Finger
Gavin Gorman
Garrett Hudson
Laina Lagoutaris
Troy Mailly
Carly Notaro
Noah Plaien
Leah Sharpe
Kyler Templeton
Briana Watson
Rowan Wylie

Natalie Bachman
Hadley Bell
Alyssa Cronin
Anna Dryden
Angelica Gonzalez Negrón
Tate Hendry
Maya Jaworski
Lillian Luciano
Matthew McCauley
Niki Pan
Jayden Roberts
Santiago Suarez
Andrew Watson
Avery Webb
Connor Yates



Hand Sanitizer Flamingo

- Ava Varney and Katie Fallon

With COVID-19 taking over the world, many people are finding creative ideas to stay safe. Sofia Nabers and Mary Catherine created a fun and exciting way to dispense hand sanitizer. They made a flamingo that you push a pedal on, and hand sanitizer comes out. The flamingo is in Mrs. Krieger's classroom. The girls say the flamingo was "inspired by Mrs. Scoggins and her robot dispenser." It took the girls 4.5 hours to complete, and it is made from PVC pipes, a stuffed animal flamingo, and a special glue. The girls hope to stop the spread of the virus by using creative ways to make using hand sanitizer fun!



Students who passed the Spreadsheets Exam:

Natalie Bachman
Persephone Barnhart
Morgan Cremen
Heidi Dearing
Emma Finger

Tate Hendry
Garrett Hudson
Laina Lagoutaris
Troy Mailly
Carly Notaro
Noah Plaien
Leah Sharpe
Briana Watson
Rowan Wylie

Hadley Bell
Alyssa Cronin
Anna Dryden
Angelica Gonzalez Negrón

Maya Jaworski
Lillian Luciano
Matthew McCauley
Niki Pan
Jayden Roberts
Santiago Suarez
Avery Webb
Connor Yates

Students who passed the Database Exam:

Logan Avant
Persephone Barnhart
Morgan Cremen
Heidi Dearing
Emma Finger

Gavin Gorman
Garrett Hudson
Laina Lagoutaris
Troy Mailly
Carly Notaro
Noah Plaien
Leah Sharpe
Kyler Templeton
Briana Watson
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LPA Softball

- Ryan Avignone and Mara Tate



The Lady Wolves have won the championship! The team played Pacetti Bay in the final championship game. They had a few tough losses, including one right before their championship, but they were able to fight through and pull a win. This is the first time in LPA history the softball team has been so successful, and we couldn't be prouder of them! Great job girls!



Great Job Gold Tennis Team!
 Congratulations on finishing 1st in the regular season and 2nd in the Championship!



SHOUTOUT TO OUR LPA TRACK STARS

Rently 3 LPA middle school students competed in the Florida Middle school track championship. In order to compete as a middle schooler, you must qualify at a regional meet.

Ava Myers (7th Grade), competed in the 2021 Florida Middle School Track & Field Championship on May 22 in Bradenton, FL. She finished in 2nd place clearing 8 feet, 6 inches (8.6'), which is a new personal record for her.



Bryce Motycka was one of only two 6th graders in the state to qualify for the championship and ran the 3000m race coming in 8th in his heat of 6-8th graders. Braden Motycka qualified for and competed in four very competitive races, medaling in three of them. The first he ran was the 3000 meters where he medaled 5th place, the second was the 4x800 meter relay in which he ran as the anchor and won the state championship, and the third was the 1500 where he medaled 8th place.

In addition, Brianna Motycka ran in the elementary 1500m race, which is for kids' 5th grade and under and came from behind to get 4th place overall making her the fastest second grader.

Art Corner

- Faith Sebregandio and Abby Knauff

Mr. Wolf is wrapping up the year in art with reviewing the history of art. His favorite Art project he has done with the students this year was the painting projects that are currently hung up in the hallway. He also states that the most difficult art project this year to do was the painting project because it was, "very messy". Mr. Wolf says for the most part he thinks his students enjoy his class because it is a good creative outlook and kind of gives them a break from other classes. Looking forward to many more are projects next year.

Drama Corner

- Eva Graunke

Even though the school musicals are now over, that doesn't mean drama events end! Ms. Herkel's theatre classes still have their own fun to work on until the end of the year. The various classes all have their own assignments, and they do all sound like a great way to end the year! 7th grade drama 1 is working on history presentations. The students get to pick a certain era and study up on its past in theatre! Advanced 8th grade drama is finishing up their documentaries on finding the beauty of the world even while we're in a pandemic. Things may be difficult right now, but they're getting better and better each day so it's only a matter of time before everything goes back to normal! The students are also working on their own personal LPA drama journey videos and there's no doubt those will be so fun to watch. Finally, the technical theatre classes are working on taking apart, or *striking*, the previous *Sound of Music* sets and are now helping to organize Ms. Herkel's scenery shop. This sure has been an amazing drama year and we're looking forward to another great one in a few months! Have a great summer everyone!

Notes from the Journalism Staff

GOODBYE 2020-2021 ...

Looking forward to summer and next year!

Liberty Pines Academy's Year End Reflection

- Ainsley Drenning

Over the course of 2020-2021, here at Liberty Pines Academy, plenty has happened in sports, team groups and special events. Even in the middle of a pandemic!

Starting off with sports, there was cross country, tennis, volleyball, football, baseball, basketball, and soccer. The softball team and the girls' basketball team both won in their season championships. In fact, the girls' basketball team received a banner to be hung up in the gymnasium for their success. In addition, there have been several wins this year from all sports. Great job Wolves!

Furthermore, there were Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind, Student Council, Math Counts, Choir, Band, and Dungeons and Dragons. Sports weren't the only place where students got a chance to win. For example, Odyssey of the Mind, surpassed the first round and Robotics won a championship earlier this year. Math Counts students made it to states. Next, NJHS and Student Council held many great community service events this year. A few of them were a Food Drive very early in the year, Carolgrams, Valentinegrams, Bunnygrams, and Goodwill Bag it Up. Band also held a concert this year.

Lastly, fun events for the school came throughout the school year. These included Pajama Day, Red Ribbon Week, Literacy Week and the 100th Day of School celebration.

This was Liberty Pines Academy's 2020-2021 year!

Summer Safety

- Ryan Avignone and Abby Knauff

To be safe this summer make sure to:

- Wear sunscreen when you are outside
- If you go tubing, make sure you wear a life jacket
- Try to stay in a cool shaded area
- Stay hydrated
- Take breaks in your activities so you don't overheat
- Enjoy fireworks safely
- Don't go swimming by yourself

Summer is a time for fun in the sun, but you want to make sure it is also safe and healthy for you and your family. Unfortunately, the sunny days of summer can be accompanied by serious dangers such as food poisoning, allergy attacks, heat-related illnesses, sunburns and the stress of traveling. Stay safe this Summer, but remember to have some fun!



Things to do during summer ...

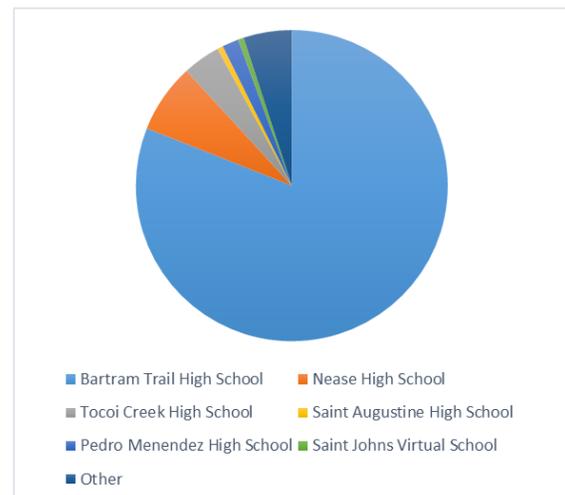
- Ellie Williams and Ava Varney

You're probably asking yourself what you should do over summer break. Many others were wondering the same thing, with covid-19 still upon us. Students have still found ways to stay safe as summer approaches. For example, you could go camping, swimming at the beach, the pool, or take part in sports. If you're not a fan of outdoor activities, you could play video games, play on phone, or do crafts. There are so many different options to do with friends and family, and so many places to visit. Hope you guys enjoy your summer, Wolves, we will miss you!!

Next Steps for 8th Graders

- Catherine Adkins and Savannah Lada

Out of all our rising high school students, 81% of LPA 8th grade students are going to Bartram Trail High School, 7.2% will attend Nease High School. 3.9% of the class will go to the new high school, Toco Creek located in World Golf. At Saint Augustine High School and Saint John's Virtual School both will have only .6% of current LPA 8th grade class. Pedro Menendez High School will have about 2% students and 5% of LPA eighth graders will be elsewhere, not listed. Good luck Wolves!



More 2020-2021 Year-End News

Camp for Rising 6th Graders!

- Mara Tate & Faith Sebregandio

Liberty Pines Academy is having a Two- Day Summer Venture camp for upcoming 6th graders! Entering middle school for the first time can be a very nervous and exciting time, so this optional camp could really help the students become less anxious about starting the 6th grade and more prepared. The camp gives students the opportunity to master using locks for their lockers, experience the middle school building, and understand the middle school schedule! Students attending this camp will receive their schedule, lock for their locker, and their textbooks. There are two sessions in this camp: session one and session two. Session one takes place Monday and Tuesday of July 12 & July 13, or session 2 Thursday and Friday July 22 and 23. Both camps are from 9:00-1:00 pm. The cost is 50.00 (please make check payable to Liberty Pines Academy or use School Pay). Finally, students should bring a sack lunch/ drink on the first day and pizza will be provided on the second day of the session you register for. This will be an exciting opportunity to learn more about middle school while having a great time!

Old Timer (Veteran) Student Spotlight

- Ellie Williams and Ava Varney

Since it is getting close to the end of the school year, we would like to recognize some of the students that have been at LPA since kindergarten. One of them is Matthew Merritt. Matthew is an excellent student and enjoys the familiarity of LPA and is going to miss it dearly. He can't wait for the new opportunities in life but will always have the teachers and friends in his mind. He likes to play football, video games, and hang out with friends.

Another is Madison Mecca; she is an outstanding student and always has a smile on her face. She is loving to all, and many cannot wait to see all the good she brings to people in high school. Some advice from her is to do your best, because it will only get harder. Thanks for all your support through the years Wolves. We know you are going to achieve great things!!



Tech Class Reflections

- Mara Tate and Faith Sebregandio

As the school year comes to an end Mrs. Grubbs believes that her students are ready to be on their own in the digital world. She is very passionate about teaching her students what to do and what not to do on the internet. She wants them to use the internet safely. Some things that she has her students do are coding to understand the structure of the computer and she has them work in publisher and excel so that later in life, depending on the career route they take, they will be able work with the computers. Mrs. Grubbs says that any path the students take in life they will need to know how to use the computers, so she wants to teach them right.



8th Grade Field Day

- Katie Fallon and Ellie Williams

Attention 8th graders - June 8th is the 8th Grade Field Day. A few weeks ago, students signed up for different color teams. These groups will compete in different activities and fun games together. There will be Chick-fil-a lunch provided and yearbook signing as well. This is a fun way to spend the last few days together before the summer starts. It is a great chance to make the last few middle school memories with your friends. Have fun 8th graders, we will miss you!! Thank you to the PTO and 8th grade teachers for planning this fun event!



It's Only the Beginning

– Eva Graunke



Dear LPA,

I've had an amazing nine years here. Starting out in kindergarten, I remember being scared to go to a new school. Since then, Liberty Pines has always had wonderful staff always there to be the guidance you need throughout your life. From the teachers that give lessons each day to even the bus drivers, they've all been ready to help.

I've made so many memories during my time with this school and it's crazy to think that I'm just now reaching the end. In third grade I had a teacher who would always make bread during class. It had to be for educational reasons because we were still at school, but we all got to help out, and sometimes bring in baking tools or ingredients from our own homes. Measuring the ingredients was counted as math and how everything worked together was science (even if we didn't quite understand it at that age). We'd move onto our other lessons while the bread was baking and once it finished, we'd each get a slice while watching movies or reading books. The room always smelled so good after that, and it always left you wanted more. I will say that it was one of my favorite classes and that will definitely be one of the stories I continue to tell when people ask me how my time in grade school was.

Moving on, there was the hoedown in fifth grade. That was, by far, one of the best dances I have ever attended. I had so many of my friends there with me and we got selfies, ate tons of sweets, and danced around for hours on end. Despite having only been in 5th grade, I felt so much older then and like I was ready to conquer anything. Just recently I had a flashback to that and showed my sister the *Cotton Eyed Joe* dance. She seemed to enjoy it just as much as I did, and I hope that everyone I got to share the experience with has just as good memories as I do now. Seventh grade had its interesting times as well. I'd have to say that the most interesting thing I remember experiencing was that switch to online school. At the beginning, everyone was so cautious and careful, and the virtual learning was probably more stressful than it needed to be. It wasn't the worst thing ever, but I seemed to have enjoyed it enough to agree to doing it a second year. Now I'm in eighth grade and thriving through a computer screen. Final exams have been tough lately, but we just need to remember that soon enough, the hard part will come to an end and all we'll have left is saying goodbye.

I have so many memories that I'd like to spill out on paper, but it might be hard to fit nine years into one article. Liberty Pines has made my kindergarten to eighth grade years so exciting and so magical. I can't believe I'm finally leaving this school and just as I had been all those years when I started kindergarten, I'm nervous to be starting a new chapter in my life. Soon it'll be the end of my time with LPA but the start of my time in high school. I'm excited to see how things will unroll!

Sincerely,

Eva Graunke

8th grade Journalism Distance Learner

Readers are Leaders April 2021

1st Grade

Kayla Xiao (Jamie Veale) Distance Learner
Nadia Paiva (Pfaff) Brick & Mortar

2nd Grade

Emma Braxtan
Audrey Ducker

3rd Grade

Noah Hazel
Aviva Donahuevillani

4th Grade

Archer Vedvick
Noemi Navarro

5th Grade

Roger Xiao
Paisley Sparrow

6th Grade

Kennedy Alexander
Nathan Li
Christopher Li

7th Grade

Logan Avant
Avery Webb
Aubrey Guinn

8th Grade

Christian Bradley
Kyla Crooks
Yomara Romney
Jaycee Jones



MAY PAW PATS

April 30th

KG:
Parker Adams

2nd:
Caleb Lopez
Caleb Luedke
Jack Bartlett
Walker Adams
Sloane Ross

3rd:
Jake Felix

5th:
Sophia Figueroa
Kaden Cook
Wyatt Hulquist

6th:
Grace Bailey
Nicholas
Avignone
Reid Avant
James Bannon
Xela Morrow
Tatum Pocol

7th:
Henry Gibbs
Ayden Darling
Will Glover
Charlotte
Gilbert

8th:
Ainsley
Drenning
Erin Svagdis

May 7th

1st:
Brendan Doucette

2nd:
Avery Kimener-Krieger
Ava Williams
Cade Commarford

3rd:
Mallori York
Owen Catbagan

4th:
Carter Jones
Ryder Sebregandio

5th:
Blake Roberts
Kaitlyn Hall

6th:
Nick Avignone
Christopher Li
Jay Howell
Ashlyn Crawford
Riley Boutwell
Zihan Chen
Reid Avant
Jakob Bell

7th:
Ayden Darling

8th Madison Meyer

May 14th

KG:
Amaziya Mitchell
Weston Reaves

Leah Galat

2nd:
Bryn Clark
Sloane Ross
Nicholas Lagoutaris
Tyler Hall
Jake Lifsey

3rd:
Eli Benton

5th:
Ryne Fennell

6th:
Xela Morrow
Liam Konecny
Ria Bray
Reid Avant
Christopher Li

7th:
Marco Lanza
Aubrey Guinn

8th:
Aiden Southern

May 21st

KG:
Kira

2nd:
Brooks Shelton
Tyler Hall

3rd:
Brooklyn Amato
Noah Cassidy

4th:
Molly Tromba
Luke Thielmann

5th:
Katy Yates
Bryson Roberts

6th:
Marc Weig

7th:
Cayden Coarsey
Tripp Young
Lucas Cumming
Elijah Moroz
Josh Berdon

8th:
Aishani Chatterjee
Vincent Palacios
Jason Stone

May 28th

KG:
Reagan Veale

1st:
Summerlee Malonson
Mazie Williams

2nd:
Skyler Rippen
Brooks Shelton
Peyton Harrover
Lillia Bauman
Courtney Hayes

4th:
George Lagoutaris

5th:
Emily Swopes

6th:
Marc Weig
Ben Bannon
Jayden Duffy
Hannah Fitzgerald

7th:
Sadie Johnson

8th:
Dylan Sabol



Advice for Upcoming Middle Schoolers!

- Mara Tate and Faith Sebregandio.



Are you an upcoming 6th grader? If so, this article is for you! Starting middle school can be a very exciting and nervous time, so here is some information to get you started with.

6th grade students Gustavo Gonzlaez and Jonathan Jackson started 6 grade this year, and this is their advice for you! Jonathan Jackson states, at first, he was nervous coming into middle school because he thought it would be difficult, however "it was really easy." He says to expect challenges in the beginning, but to know it will all get better. Gustavo Gonzlaez says he grew up with "two sisters in middle school", so he wasn't very nervous coming into the 6th grade. He loves all his classes he gets to take in middle school and loves getting to finally be involved in middle school sports.

If you are nervous about coming into middle school, don't be! Everyone is nervous at first, but you will eventually get used to it and be open to many new opportunities.



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1st Day School Supplies

Your pre-built school supply kit is ready to order with the exact school supplies your teacher requested. Click here to order now from 1st Day School Supplies!

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Volunteer of the Month!

Congratulations to the amazing Mrs. Willim who rolled up her sleeves and flexed her muscles to get over 400 school supply boxes delivered to student home rooms at the beginning of the school year. This has always been a job handled by PTO members, but due to Covid restrictions that was not possible.

Congratulations to all of our volunteers this year!

Wolfie Rocks

Wow! We raised \$5,365 during our first ever Wolfie Rocks Fundraiser! All stuffed Wolfies have been delivered. We hope your child enjoyed creating their Wolfie at home! We would love to post some pictures on our website and Facebook page. Please email pictures to president@lppto.com. The rocks are being painted in Ms.Scoggins art class. If you have a distance learner or middle schooler, please return your rock to the front office by June 1st. It will be sprayed and placed with the rest of the rocks in the rock garden. We would like to recognize Jen Hayes and her daughter, Courtney Hayes for organizing all the Wolfie bags and getting them delivered to the school! We really appreciate all your hard work! Also, a special shoutout to Jen Hayes of Florida Homes Realty who graciously donated Wolfies to each student in our Blessing in a Backpack program!

A message from your PTO President, Melissa Woody:

Wow! Can you believe this school year is almost over? What a year it has been! As a PTO, we definitely faced quite a few challenges this year. We remained constantly inspired by our LPA staff and teachers though. The challenges we faced this year paled in comparison to what they endured! We have truly missed seeing the faces of our LPA family during Wolf Greetings, book fairs, volunteer opportunities and various fundraisers! Throughout this year though, we have seen so many positive things happen within our organization! Here are just a few:

- We created our own website (www.lppto.com), which gave us the ability to still sell spirit wear and PTO memberships, pandemic style. It has also allowed us to manage our PTO member database, volunteer signups and smaller fundraisers throughout the year. We will continue to use the website in future years as a "one stop shop" for all things PTO!
- We maintained our monthly PTO meetings virtually...thankful for technology!
- Our LPA family still stepped up in a BIG way by supporting Boosterthon, our biggest fundraiser of the year! We were impressed with how everyone adapted so easily to the virtual DanceFit Challenge this year. You also helped us raise a lot of money through our smaller fundraisers such as First Day School Supplies, Charleston Wrap, Penny Wars and Wolfie Rocks!

MORE LPA PTO NEWS ...

(from PTO President Melissa Woody, cont.)

- We saw an increase in volunteer interest in PTO, as many of you truly just wanted to get involved and help the school in any way possible. We have LOVED seeing not only the familiar faces of PTO, but all the new faces as well! You all are KEY to continuing what we do as an organization!
- Our business partner relationships remained strong this year! We are so thankful for each and every one of our generous local businesses who support PTO! Make sure you check them out on our website!
- We were able to continue offering Spirit Nights at Taps, Tropical Smoothie, Board & Brush and Icemen!
- We were able to spoil our LPA staff above and beyond what we normally do with things like spirit wear shirts for all staff members, monthly treats, holiday gifts, Souper Bowl and an amazing Staff Appreciation Week! I think we can all agree that this year more than any other year, our LPA teachers and staff deserved some extra love! We were so happy that we were able to provide that for them!
- In a pandemic school year, you all helped us raise over \$100,000! That is truly amazing! We were able to cut a check directly to LPA for \$45,000 to purchase much-needed computers for the classrooms!

Finally, I just want to say that it has been an absolute privilege serving as your PTO President for the last 2 years. You all have been so fun to work with! We have an amazing group of volunteers who have graciously stepped up to serve on the 2021-2022 PTO Executive Board and committees. I can't wait to see what the upcoming school year brings! Have a great summer everyone!

LPA PTO Executive Board for the 2021-2022 school year:

President - Bre Willman

VP Fundraising - Melissa Templeton

VP Membership - Catherine Dearling

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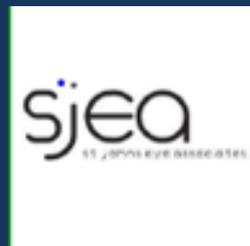


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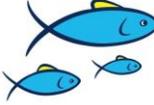


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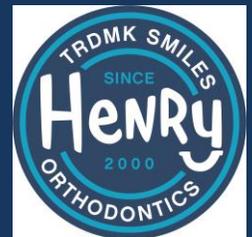
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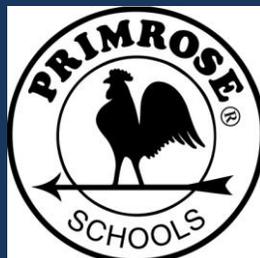


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