

# WOLF NEWS

## Liberty Pines Academy



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### Message from Mrs. Hemingway

LPA Families,

We want to welcome everyone back from the Winter Break. We are looking forward to a successful second semester at LPA.

**Children Not Feeling Well** – Parents, the flu season is upon us. We ask for your assistance in keeping your child home if they are not feeling well. Here are some tips that will help you determine if it is safe to send your child to school: Our district policy states that you should not send your child to school if he/she has:

- Fever in the past 24 hours (must be fever free without the help of medication)
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school)
- Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night (a child with a very deep cough that won't go away needs to see the doctor).
- Head lice – until your child has been treated according to the nurse or doctor's instructions
- Eyes that appear red, runny or have drainage in them in the morning or throughout the day

A child who is not feeling well will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest planning for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill. Please help us to keep our school healthy. Any illness is considered an excused absence and students have as many days as they are absent to make up all work and assessments. Please email all student absence information to [lpattendance@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:lpattendance@stjohns.k12.fl.us). The health and wellbeing of our students and staff is a top priority.

**New Student Picture Opportunity** – New students to LPA can come to Leonard's Studio's Jacksonville Studio location for a photo opportunity. This is a one-day event, and only available at their Jacksonville studio, located just north of the Avenues Mall off Phillips Hwy. If you are an existing LPA student and need a retake, this will be the final opportunity for a Leonard's Picture. This opportunity will be at the Jacksonville Studio location, and will take place on Monday, January 31st from 3 - 6pm. All the information is in the link below. Please use the signup genius to ensure that everyone is accounted for so that Leonard's is staffed correctly for the event. Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/LeonardsJacksonville>. Parents will need to sign up prior to attending. Please sign up with the child's legal name, the student ID number and current grade filled in correctly.

Your Learning Leader, Mrs. Hemingway

### UPCOMING DATES

#### January-February

#### Calendar

- 1/5- Teacher Planning Day/  
Student Holiday (No school)
- 1/6- Classes Resume for  
Students & Second Semester/  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins
- 1/13- PTO Meeting
- 1/17- Martin Luther King Day  
(No school)
- 1/19- Report Cards Issued
- 1/22 – Iceman Game
- 2/7- Teacher Inservice Day/  
Student Holiday (No school)
- 2/8- Interims Issued
- 2/10- PTO Meeting
- 2/11- Souper Bowl
- 2/21- Presidents Day (No  
school)
- 2/28-3/4- Penny War

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## LPA Holiday Festivities

By Hannah Geever and Jillian Kapadia

Liberty Pines Academy elementary classes had a great time getting ready for the holidays! Our first grade and kindergarteners had their Grinch Day on Monday! They read “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” and dressed up in their favorite holiday apparel! The “Grinch” even came for a visit. Another thing both first and kindergarten participated in, was the Christmas Concert. The cafeteria was festively decorated, and many parents enjoyed the performance! Mrs. Fowler’s technology classes have been working on coding for Christmas! Finally, our 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade had centers that were Christmas themed. LPA wishes all families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Drama Corner

By Cayden Coarsey

A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas was performed by the LPA Drama

Department December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>! After rehearsing

for weeks, the cast and crew were ecstatic to see all the hard work pay off! While the cast for the winter play was exclusive and tiny, the upcoming spring production of The Lion King Jr. promises to give many a role among the colossal cast and crew. So if you didn’t make it into A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas, you have a great chance this time around!



However, a bigger cast and production means a bigger commitment. Auditions are in January and the audition/application packet and scripts for interested cast and crew can be picked up in Mrs. Herkel’s room. Anyone interested in auditioning for a character with a vocal role must prepare a song to sing beforehand for auditions.



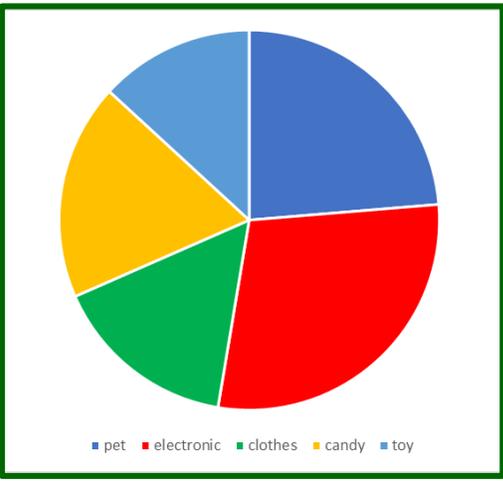
## Holiday Cards for First Responders

By Avery Webb

LPA’s character counts program has allowed students to write holiday cards for first responders! Ms. Heller and Ms. Cox asked the school to help bring holiday cheer to those who give up so much to help us. They collected nearly 100 cards for workers at police stations, fire stations, and hospitals.

Our guidance counselors hope that this will teach students about the pillars of citizenship and caring. We are also so glad to be able to give back to those who do so much for us. Our elementary art teacher Ms. Scoggins helped bring them joy by making the gingerbread house box for all the cards. It is so festive and bright! Thank you, Ms. Scoggins! “It will mean a lot to them and fill their bucket!” says Ms. Heller. She hopes that LPA can bring first responders holiday cheer. “We want them to know we really do appreciate them,” says Ms. Cox. “The holidays make us think about how grateful we are, especially for first responders.”





## Holiday Student Poll

By Jillian Kapadia and Catherine Wade

After asking multiple students from elementary and middle school what they wanted most for Christmas, the most popular gifts were a pet, electronics, clothes, candy and toys. Hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Looking forward to a wonderful 2022!

## Media Matters

By Cayden Coarsey

With testing completed, the Battle of the Books Teams for both 3-5 and 6-8 have been decided! The 3-5 team's captain is Kailana Ward, with Anna Russo, Nohemi Navarro, Mattia Hall, Aaradhya Sasubilli, and Hayden Harper as an alternate. The 6-8 team only has three members this year, with Cayden Coarsey as captain, and Saachi Kiran and Reagan Heller as the other two members.

The Scholastic Book Fair has also concluded. Hopefully everyone was able to pick up what they wanted! We would like to send a huge "thank you" to PTO for having the Scholastic Book Fair in Dec. It was a great success! Money raised from the book fair goes right back into the media center! Finally, remember that Celebrate Literacy Week will be Jan. 24- 28, 2022. The theme is: Launch into Literacy: Blast off into New Worlds!

## New Teacher Spotlight

By: Heidi Dearing and Alyssa Cronin

This month Ms. Aranda is the spotlighted new teacher! Ms. Aranda has been teaching for 2 years and loves it! The previous year she taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade although she loved it too, she got a job at LPA and interned for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and then started teaching in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. She loves teaching younger kids and loves how creative her students are. Ms. Aranda helps them with problem solving and work through their emotions, she "wears many hats" and enjoys every minute of it

The best part of Ms. Aranda's job is seeing how her students can ask for help, learning how to talk with their peers, academically make breakthroughs with reading and other subjects and just seeing school click for them. Ms. Aranda's class's favorite activity is anything with song, dance, rhyme, and arts and crafts. Ms. Aranda loves LPA; she mentioned that it has a "really great community across the school, I like that even though I haven't met teachers personally, it has a really great family feel to it." Thank you, Ms. Aranda, for all that you do, we hope you stay at LPA for many years to come!

## Veteran Teacher Spotlight

By: Briana Watson

This month's veteran teacher spotlight is middle school teacher, Mr. Ferrara! He has worked at Liberty Pines for 12 years and is one of the amazing 8<sup>th</sup> grade team leaders. He has taught grades 6-8 but currently teaches geometry and pre-algebra for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.



Mr. Ferrara's favorite thing about teaching is "working with new students each year, helping them learn how easy math can be." He likes coming to work because he gets to see his friends (and fellow teachers), Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Humphreys every day. He believes they make his job more enjoyable, and that they are amazing teachers who inspire any improvement.

Mr. Ferrara did not enjoy virtual learning at all! He is glad we are back to having school in person. "I give a lot of credit to the students who were able to succeed doing classes remotely, but I understand why some students didn't do well." Mr. Ferrara thinks this year is going very well so far, and he has a lot of great students.

We are grateful for Mr. Ferrara's work at LPA! We are glad he's here for another wonderful year at Liberty Pines!



## Club News

### Wolfie's Writers



By Ella Berg

Wolfie's Writers is a new club at LPA that begins in January. It was started to help improve student's writing outside of school. The club was created by 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher, Ms. Strillchuck and 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher, Ms. Woolston. Students that were interested in joining had to submit a short story to be considered. The 16 students that have been selected to be members are: Lily Abbott, Renton Bryant, Abigail Campbell, Manogna Chandra, Katelyn Curlin, Fletcher Dodson, Chasey Grodecki, McKayla Hardisty, Claudia Herbert, Christopher Li, Dylan Madeleno, Nithya Nimmagadda, Lance Strong, Ava Turner, Harrison Warren, and Dylan Wong. Congratulations to everyone who was picked!

## Band and Choir News

By: Laina Lagoutaris



After the concert, choir has started learning about parodies and will start their projects in January. Sadly, there will be no concert this month, but the students are still learning and improving in their singing and on how to play their instruments. Though there is no concert this month, Jazz band is playing for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January! This is a great opportunity for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to see middle school band in action as they are thinking about next year's electives.

# MORE WOLF NEWS...



## District Spelling Bee Results

By Norah Russo and Catherine Wade

LPA was wonderfully represented at the District Spelling Bee on December 15, at First Coast Technical College. Torre Morris, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who won the school spelling bee, tied for 6<sup>th</sup> in the District Spelling Bee! To prepare for the event, Torre says he "...studied vigorously to ensure I could do my best".

Torre's favorite part of the experience was being able to spend quality time with his family, as well as enjoying the atmosphere of the competition. He wishes all still competing the best of luck!

5<sup>th</sup> grader, George "Hank" Brown also participated in the District Spelling Bee and gave a phenomenal effort. We are so proud of our amazing Wolves!

## Student Spotlight- Tucker Adams



This month's student spotlight is Tucker Adams. Tucker is in Ms. Raya's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. He told us that he plays football and is starting flag football next month. He has no siblings, Tucker said, "Just me!" His favorite subject is by far math, but he wants to be a police officer when he grows up. Tucker has two cats, Loki and Jager. Tucker's favorite resource is P.E. because he loves to be outside and play with his friends.

## Student Council

By Norah Russo and Catherine Wade

*Student Council has been spreading the holiday cheer to students this month by selling Carol Grams! Students from kindergarten to eighth grade bought Carol Grams for \$1 each. They included a festive written message and a mini candy cane!*



Middle School Wolves were sung festive songs at lunch; then the recipients of the Carol Grams were called up to the stage to be given their mini candy cane and message!

Elementary Carol Grams were delivered on Monday 12/20 to each classroom, along with their mini candy canes. 2021 has ended on a great note for the Student Council team. A special thank you to Ms. Herkel and Mrs. Hale for their amazing contributions and support!



## Girls Basketball

By Kennedy Thomson & Lucia Cruzado

Girls' basketball tryouts were December 13-December 16. The tryouts were held in the gym 3-4:30 pm. Twelve girls made the team and twenty-seven tried out. Tryouts consisted of layups, sprints, free throws, 3's, and scrimmages. The coaches this year are Ms. Lutts and Mrs. Cremen. Games are Tuesdays and Thursdays. While practices, are Monday and Fridays. The girls this year are excited to continue playing and represent Coach Kirk. Morgan Cremen plays center and she stated, "Everything comes down to the last few seconds in a game, to work your hardest." That's a quote she lives by and motivates her during every game.

### 2021 Basketball team:

- Morgan Cremen
- Angelica Gonzalez
- Belle Albers
- Jenna Albers
- Natalie Bachman
- Ashlyn Heck
- Kennedy Thomson
- Ella Rae Bauman
- Karson Kremiski
- Caitlyn Boshell
- Parker Smith
- Jorliany Linares



### SJMSAA REGISTRATION REMINDERS! 📢

🏃 Performance Training - 12-week program starts Jan. 10th. Get ready for spring sports with competitive speed training <https://www.sjmsaa.org/performance-training>

⚾ Spring Baseball <https://www.sjmsaa.org/baseball>

🏌️ Golf <https://www.sjmsaa.org/golf>

🎾 Tennis <https://www.sjmsaa.org/tennis>

🏐 Softball - Opening Jan. 3rd <https://www.sjmsaa.org/softball>

Tryout details will be posted soon. Check back on [SJMSAA.com](https://www.sjmsaa.com) sports pages for updates. You can also join Facebook Group pages for each sport. 📱

## Boys Basketball

By Leah Sharpe & Charlotte Gilbert

Boys' basketball is starting back up again! Congratulations to the following players who made the team:

- Garrett Hudson
- Jeevan Iyengar
- Connor Yates
- Drew Watson
- Cody Boshell
- Jaden Weatherly
- Nathan Li
- Allen Andronovich
- Tate Hendry
- Troy Walson
- Elian Borsellino
- Kyler Templeton

Mr. Buckley will be coaching the team. Drew Watson says that the main goal for the season is to win the championship. "We have to work on offense and intimidation," Garrett Hudson states. LPA is wishing the best of luck to our boys' basketball team!

🎉 Happy New Year 🎉

Registration for softball tryouts opens today. Go to [SJMSAA.org/softball](https://www.sjmsaa.org/softball) to register your 5th-8th grade daughter. Registration is \$25. Tryouts will be end of January and once dates are secured they'll be sent to all who registered.

Last season was LPAs first year back into softball after 5 years and we had a great time, and ended up winning the championship. So come on out, join us, and let's go for the repeat! Go Wolves 🐺

Please call/text Coach Dave 904-651-9708 with any questions or concerns.

## SJMSAA UPDATES

Spring Baseball tryouts are scheduled for January 21st. Don't let travel ball keep you from school ball!!! Coach Wes will work with your travel schedules.



**NOTICE:** The St. Johns Middle School Athletic Association ("SJMSAA") middle school sports program is not operated or sponsored by the St. Johns County School District. SJMSAA is an independent, private non-profit corporation, which uses District middle school names and facilities under a license agreement with the District, and which is solely responsible for the operation of the SJMSAA middle school sports program and its individual teams.





**Demeber 3, 2021**      **December 10, 2021**      **December 17, 2021**

## KG

Adri Fuentes  
Ella Daughtry

## KG

Emma Cookson

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Jeremiah Faucher  
Samved Pallam

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Heather Hunn

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Ellie Hurckes  
Sophie Ross

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Danio Halilovic  
Hailey Smiddy  
Lucas Sruble  
Zachary Dillon

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Danio Halilovic  
Kate McManaman

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Brooklyn Reese

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Lily Davies

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Caroline Brian  
Mackenzie Cella

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Lily O'Shea

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Max Falko  
Mila Wilhelmy

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Brody Tinsley  
Conner Riley

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Brooklyn Amato

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Gabriel Thompson  
Luke Thielemann

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Chace Minnicks  
Francesca Calabria

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Caroline Linder  
Haley Cremer

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Collin Cook  
Erik Windness  
Liam Bryant  
Nicholas Sharpe  
Renton Bryant

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alex Gonzalez  
Collin Cook  
Ethan Irvin  
Hunter Dison  
Mattox Jones  
Nathan Kemmitz

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Blythe Duff  
Cayden Buck  
Hayleigh Baker  
Nicolae Munteanu  
Olivia Detlefs

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Elena Stanford  
Jay Howell

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Andrew Arsenault  
Freddie Jarvis

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Brooke Schachter  
Daryn Phillips  
Letizia Espinoza  
Valeria Leonard

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Emma Finger  
Jonah Nacional  
Marco Lanzo

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ava Leighton

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kayla Bradberry

## STAY CONNECTED

In addition to our website, check out our Liberty Pines Academy PTO Facebook page to learn about upcoming events and stay current with happenings at LPA. You must be an approved volunteer to join. To become an approved volunteer, fill out the school access form on the lpapto.com website. Click "Volunteer" then "Become an Approved Volunteer".

## UPCOMING DATES

PTO Meeting 1/13 8:45 am in the cafeteria  
JAX Icemen 1/22 Tickets available soon



## MEMBERSHIP

"THANK YOU" to everyone who has joined the PTO this year. It's never too late, you can join anytime on our website lpapto.com.

## "Volunteer of the month"

Congratulations! Staff member of the month Mrs. Woolston who was nominated by another staff member for being helpful and a joy to work with. Student of the month Tony Falco for helping classmates without being asked. Parent volunteers Robyn Cebulko and Erin Bragg who worked hard all week to make the bookfair a huge success.

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 will take place every 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, does not mean they are not there.

## Spirit wear

PTO will have LPA hats and scrunchies on sale to members soon. Stay tuned to our website for more details.

## FUNDRAISERS

Book Fair was a huge success. Thank you to all who purchased books. Be on the look out for the spring bookfair in April.

Jacksonville Icemen Game is January 22. Tickets are on sale now at [www.jaxicemen.com/libertypines](http://www.jaxicemen.com/libertypines) from every ticket sold comes back to LPA PTO.

## BOX TOPS

Box Tops for Education has changed to a mostly digital program. Download the Box Tops App and you can scan your receipt and it will find the qualifying items, no more cutting! (However, if you come across the old clip out box tops that are not expired, please send them in.) Even if you shop online check out how to submit your receipts at [BTFE.com/DigitalReceipts](http://BTFE.com/DigitalReceipts). This is a simple way to help our school with purchases you are already making.

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# LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY SPIRIT NIGHT @ JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN



Join your Liberty Pines Academy Family for a special night out on Saturday, January 22! Come out as your Jacksonville Icemen face off against the South Carolina Stingrays. Secure your seats soon!

**\*\$5 of every ticket sold through this link will be donated back to Liberty Pines Academy PTO**

*TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:*  
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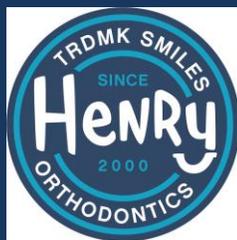
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