

# LPA NEWS

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*Liberty Pines Academy*

Hello LPA Families!!!

Welcome to all our new students and families and welcome back to our returning students and families. Our school year has gotten off to a great start! We have met many new friends that have joined us from neighboring schools, from other parts of the country, and from outside of the United States. Students and teachers have been working on their routines, rituals, relationships, and academics. We have been learning about our LPA Way (Learning is our focus, Positive relationships are what we value, Always respectful and responsible).

Thank you to all our families that joined us for our Curriculum Chats. Our teachers did a wonderful job presenting their grade/content area specific curriculum expectations and classroom instructional information.

Our first SAC Committee meeting will be held September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. This is opened to all families, community members, and staff. We look forward to seeing new faces. Our fabulous PTO will be hosting a Jeremiah's Italian Ice Spirit Night September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Charleston Wrap Fundraiser September 13-23, and will have their next meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in the cafeteria expansion room. Families are encouraged to attend and learn about the new initiatives and events. Please ensure that you are registered as an approved volunteer to be able to attend. Lastly, our Fall picture day is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>.

As we venture into the month of September, we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together. I am truly grateful for the warm welcome that has been extended to me by all our families, students, and staff. I am honored to partner with you in your child's education. Thank you for your continued support!

Gratefully,

Donny Hoessler, your proud LPA Principal

## The LPA Way



- L:** Learning is our focus
- P:** Positive relationships are what we value
- A:** Always respectful and responsible



Welcome back  
to LPA  
Mr. Hoessler!

# Goodbye Mr. Blaine!

By: Scarlett Luettich and Molly Raney

After 4 years working here at LPA, our beloved groundskeeper, Mr. Blaine has decided to retire. His jolly beard and glasses have earned him the endearing nickname of Santa to a lot of students. He has been really helpful and kind to all on campus, students and faculty alike. To send him off with a proper farewell our staff threw him a retirement party complete with a lovely cake and loving thank yous. His constant presence and hard work ethic will be missed deeply.



# WOLF NEWS

## New Assistant Principal at LPA

By: Katelynn Wilds



Mrs. Ashcroft is the new assistant principal of LPA. So far, she is enjoying all the little kids and the welcoming faces. During this school year Mrs. Ashcroft has a goal of fully understanding her new role and doing her job to the best of her ability. She also wants to make sure to be a good sport to all admin and teachers and make sure they support one another through the year.

Some fun things to know about her would be that she has a doodle named Remi whom she loves very much. She also has 2 sons, (21,25) whom she just recently got to see. She enjoys sport very much. She used to be a lacrosse coach and now she has picked back up skiing after being away from it for awhile.

Some words of wisdom Mrs. Ashcroft has for everyone are to “be the best and do your best.” Mrs. Ashcroft would love for everyone to have a wonderful year and make sure to try hard and make this year great.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 K-STAR Math 5th-FAST Reading	2 K-STAR Math	3
4	5 Labor Day No School	6 3rd-FAST Math	7	8 4th-FAST Math	9 5th-FAST Math National Teddy Bear Day	10
11 Grandparents Day	12 6th-FAST Reading	13 Interims released Drama Auditions 6th-8th Fall Pictures Charleston Wrap Jeremiah's Spirit Night	14 Charleston Wrap	15 7th-FAST Reading Charleston Wrap	16 8th-FAST Reading Charleston Wrap	17 Gymnastics Day
18	19 6th-FAST Math Charleston Wrap	20 7th-FAST Math Charleston Wrap	21 International Peace Day Charleston Wrap	22 8th-FAST Math First Day of Fall Charleston Wrap	23 Charleston Wrap	24 Bunny Day
25 National Comic Book Day	26	27	28	29 National Coffee Day	30	

# Student Council

By Zoey Albers

Student Council has loads of fun planned this year! So many amazing new members joined. Some members also decided return this year. Christopher Li and Erik Windness both returned this year, excited to represent Liberty Pines once again. Our new Student Council president, Katelyn Curlin, wants to make this school year memorable for everyone.

Some events we will be hosting this year include Carolgrams , Bag it Up Drive, Red Ribbon/Spirit Week, and a middle school dance! Going to the dance is a great way to meet new people and connect with your friends. The dance will be sometime during Red Ribbon week.



# ★ Student Spotlight ★

By: Makenzi York and Taylor Shaw

Nolan McMurry is five and a half years old and is in Mrs. Ryan’s kindergarten class. Going into his kindergarten year he was most excited about “making new friends.” His favorite part about LPA is “making crafts,” and his favorite subject is science, specifically because like learning about persons.” His favorite Resource is “PE”, and he plays “Baseball” outside of school. Nolan Has been enjoying his kindergarten year and can’t wait to finish out.



## Meet The Teacher – Ms. Martin-Jones

By: Aislinn Reiher and Brynn O’Neill

Ms. Martin-Jones is one of the new kindergarten teachers here at LPA. Her desire to teach came from being a kid at heart. She achieved her degree at Flagler College. She has been teaching for 12 years. Starting out teaching in kindergarten, she fell in love and since then she has only taught kindergarten.

Her favorite subject to teach her kids is writing. She loves to hear her kid’s laughter, telling her that the kids are having a great time in her class. She also loves when her kids finally understand what she is teaching. Her teaching is hands on, fun, with lots of laughter.



The kindergarten team is so excited to have her join their team!

## Meet The Teacher – Ms. Tuscan

By: Aislinn Reiher and Brynn O’Neill



Ms. Tuscan got her degree at Florida State University. She really enjoys teaching reading. She loves to watch her students grow throughout the year and become 1<sup>st</sup> graders

As a new teacher, Ms. Tuscan is excited to be here at LPA. She is excited to teach her students and help them learn math, science, social studies, and English Language Arts. She got into teaching helping her nieces and nephews with their schoolwork. She has been teaching for 3 years. She started out teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade but has now moved on to teaching kindergarten, her favorite grade.



LPA  
STUDENTS  
BUSY AT  
WORK IN THE  
CLASSROOM

# WHAT ELSE IS NEW ...

## LPA Dance Team

By Molly Raney and Zoey Albers

Congratulations to all who made the LPA Dance Team. This is the dance teams first year! Ms. Ballowe, the team's sponsor wants to spread awareness of new dance team. She has been teaching at Liberty Pines for 4 years and she says she loves this school very much!



When Ms. Ballowe was little, she would dance around the house to music, so her mom put her into dance classes because she had great rhythm! She has been doing dance since she was nine years old and has been teaching it for about five years. Her favorite types of dance are both tap and jazz.

The dance team performs at football games and possibly basketball as well. The first football game they will perform at is Sep. 14.

Congratulations to these new dance team members:

Lexi Randolph	Lucy Crawford	Amy Diallo
Caroline Wade	Molly Raney	Pendah Diallo
Carly Haley	Audrey Arnold	Xela Morrow
		Presley Shoemaker

## Drama Spotlight

By Isabela Ortiz

On Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Ms. Herkel held the Big Reveal where the Christmas play, and spring play were announced. They're going to be... drumroll please ...

*The Match Girls Gift, a Christmas Story* in December,

and for the spring musical, *Rock of Ages*. The auditions for *The Match Girls Gift* will be held on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 5:00 on the stage. Please remember that script sign-out and backstage applications are available on September 1<sup>st</sup> in Ms. Herkel's room.

In Ms. Herkel's classroom, currently there are many thrilling activities. In the technical theater class, they are learning about careers in theater. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about parts of the stage and in advanced 8 grade, they are working on character analysis. Another awesome thing going on in the drama classes is a donor chose project that will be used to buy new supplies for technical theater.



## Art Spotlight

By Isabela Ortiz and Makenzi York

For the first art spotlight of the year, we interviewed our Liberty Pines Academy art teachers, Mrs. Scoggins the elementary art teacher, and Mr. Wolfe the middle school art teacher. When we asked the art teachers, what is their favorite part about teaching art, Mrs. Scoggins responded "Showing the students new material." And Mr. Wolfe responded with 'progression' and "Seeing the kids get better." In Mrs. Scoggins's colorful classroom all grades are working on an Animal themed unit. In Mr. Wolfe's wonderful room, the middle schoolers are working on Mosaics and linking them to geometric shapes.



# MORE WOLF NEWS ...

## Media Matters

### All About Mrs. Barnett!

By Chasey Rodecki

Mrs. Barnett is the new media specialist at our school. She loves books and getting kids into reading. She has been a media specialist for 25 years.

Mrs. Barnett started out her career working with elementary students in Georgia. She then moved to Florida to be closer to her parents and has been down here ever since. Before coming to LPA, she worked at Crookshank Elementary. Mrs. Barnett says she loves LPA so far and the way all our students and teachers work together and live the LPA way.

Her favorite part of her job is, "seeing kids getting the book they want." Once, she had a student who did not like reading, and offered to take him to a baseball game if he finished a book. After that, she said, he started reading a lot more. Mrs. Barnett is very passionate about her job and has a lot of plans to make our own media center even better.

Mrs. Barnett has two dogs, a yellow lab named Solomon and a German shepherd named Maddux (who's named after the baseball pitcher!) Her favorite children's book is *Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco. When she retires, she wants to live in the mountains

and and volunteer at a pet rescue.



## Music Minute

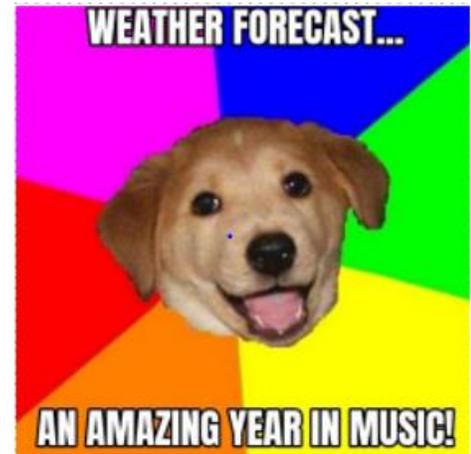
By Zoey Albers and Scarlett Luetlich

Mrs. Snyder is our elementary music teacher here at Liberty Pines Academy! This is her second year at LPA. Before she started teaching, she attended the University of West Florida in Pensacola where she earned her bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance and Music Education.

This year she is getting to know her new kindergarten students in lots of different ways. They have played name games and participated in multiple types of movement activities using singing and body percussion. Mrs. Snyder believes "This gives us all an opportunity to get to know each other through music and relationship building."

This year we have three upcoming performances. The Liberty Parade, a first-grade production and a third-grade musical. As of right now the dates for these events are still in the works.

This year is going to be bigger and better for our elementary music department with Mrs. Snyder as the heart of it all.



# Band and Choir News

By Layla Lei and

There are 4 different bands and a chorus class at Liberty Pines Academy. Beginning Band just got their instruments and are now learning the basics. The Concert and Symphonic Bands are working on a marching song. And Jazz Band is working on the jazz basics. In chorus they are doing some ear training so they can match the pitch they hear. They are also working on how to get a good tone in their voices.

Kevin Spilling is our band and chorus director at Liberty Pines Academy. He started band when he was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He plays the saxophone and enjoys it very much. He is now the chorus and band instructor, and he loves it. He talked about how he loves having a job that has to do with something that he has so much passion for. He explained how he loves to see all the progress his students have made.

Claire is a student who takes both Jazz and Symphonic band and plays the trumpet. She enjoys both classes very much. She loves being able to play different music styles. She explained that her papa plays the trumpet and that's why she chose it. She wanted to take band because her mom's side of the family has music "in their blood" so she also wanted to keep that tradition going on. In the future she wants to become a music professor at a college.

Viviana is a student that takes chorus. She explained how she took chorus last year and thought it was fun, so she took it again this year. She talked about how they have fun and can just sing in class.

Vivi continued by saying her favorite part about being in chorus are the concerts. Her favorite song she has sung in chorus is "Songs of a Disney Villain". Vivi then went on to say she used to get nervous before concerts, but she is now used to it and not as nervous. "If you just learn that nobody is going to judge you, it gets better" she explained.



# 4<sup>th</sup> grade Activity Spotlight

By: Katelynn Wilds

During this past week in 4<sup>th</sup> grade the students have been working on place value and forms of numbers. They did a small activity where they bought a house, but in order to do that they had to solve a problem by rounding.



The students rounded a number that matched with a house; they then had to write a check using expanded and word form with the number they rounded too, and if done correctly they would receive a key that matched with the house they bought. This project was done as a fun way to review.

# Counselor Corner

By: Kennedy Alexander and Emerson Maas

There are two new counselors who just came to LPA this year - Mrs. Denison and Mrs. Lorensen. This is both of their first year being counselors, but Mrs. Lorensen has some prior experience subbing for other schools.

They both help with younger kids. Mrs. Denison is the counselor for kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Mrs. Lorensen is the counselor for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. They both love kids and have psychology degrees.

Mrs. Denison's most interesting counseling story is when a kid started crying because his friends took too long to get him a spoon at lunch. Even though Mrs. Lorensen doesn't have a "most interesting counseling story," she's a great councilor who has already helped many LPA students.

Fun facts about our new counselors - Mrs. Denison was a girls volleyball coach and a horse-riding coach, has a March birthday, and loves French fries. Also, she studied at UNF college. Mrs. Lorensen's favorite month is December, and she loves pizza.

We are glad to have these two new counselors at LPA!



# SPORTS NEWS!!!

## Fall Football

By: Taylor Shaw and Brynn O'Neil



The Wolves played their first game against Valley Ridge Academy on August 31<sup>st</sup>, they did not win, but the Wolves put up a great fight against the Hawks!

After coming from an undefeated championship season, the boys were feeling “nervous” and “scared” as stated by Gustavo Gonzalez and Riley Boutwell-Ducker. However, they were also feeling “excited, nervous and ready,” said Gustavo, Chase and Riley. They prepared for the first game by doing tackling drills, running plays, and conditioning/working out.

This season they are most excited to score touchdowns, play defense, get tackles and win. As a team they are successful because “they all work hard and have grit,” said Chase Weller.

The boys cannot wait for this season as they have new coaches. The coaches are doing a great job teaching team skills and proper technique said the boys.

## National Softball Player: Clara Fontana!

By Layla Lei and Aislinn Reiher

Clara Fontana is a very talented softball player. She plays for the Jax Golds for ages 11-12. Clara is very dedicated to softball; she has been playing softball for 7 years! She is now in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She explained how she wants to go to Oklahoma State University so she can keep playing softball. She enjoys playing softball so much she plans on doing it for the rest of her life.

Clara recently went to Italy to compete in a Softball World Championship game to represent Great Britain. She and her team played against the Israel, Italy A, Italy B, and Czech Republic teams.

Clara talked about how her favorite part of playing softball is competing. She gets to play with her friends which is fun! Although she loves competing, she still gets nervous before a game, but she plays with confidence. While playing she also feels focused. We look forward to following Clara's next adventures.

## Cheer News

By: Taylor Shaw and Brynn O'Neil

The LPA cheerleaders got to cheer on the football team at their first game on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The girls were very excited for the first game and upcoming ones.

One of the new 5<sup>th</sup> graders on the team Angelina Scalia is a flyer and is “loving cheer so much”. She likes being on the team because she loves getting to meet and hangout with other people. Angelina's favorite thing to do is stunts because she likes flying in the air and loves her stunt group.

The Liberty Pines Cheer team is also doing a new fundraiser this year... a kid's camp! Grades K-4 are welcomed, boys and girls! For questions or comments email



8.31	7pm @ Plantation Park vs VRA - <b>White Out</b>
9.14	5pm @ Bartram Trail HS vs Swiss - <b>Neon Out</b>
9.21	5pm @ Plantation Park vs PVA - <b>Western Out</b>
9.28	7pm @ Plantation Park vs PIA - <b>Homecoming LPA Spirit Wear</b>
10.5	5pm @ Plantation Park vs Freedom - <b>Black Out</b>
10.12	5pm @ Plantation Park vs Patriot Oaks - <b>Teal Out</b>
10.19	5pm @ Pomar Park vs Mill Creek - <b>Pink Out</b>



COME CHEER WITH LPA CHEER!

**CHEER KIDS CAMP \$75**

K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade /Boys & Girls

Join us for practices, a football and basketball game, parent showcase, and a T-shirt & goodie bag!

CAMP DATES: 9/26 & 10/3  
FROM: 5:30-7:30PM  
FOOTBALL GAME: 10/05  
BASKETBALL GAME: TBA

Registration Closes: 9/7  
To register link in bio:  
Questions: [marcoaches@gmail.com](mailto:marcoaches@gmail.com)

# LPA PTO NEWS

## MEMBERSHIP

“THANK YOU” to everyone who has joined the PTO so far this year. It’s never too late, you can join anytime on our website lpapto.com.

## “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 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.

## FUNDRAISERS

Jeremiah’s Ice of Durbin the second Tuesday of every month is LPA spirit day ALL YEAR! Mention LPA when you order and a portion of the proceeds come back to the PTO.

Tropical Smoothie spirit night October 25th.

Charleston Wrap 9/13 -9/16

## AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? If so go to Smile.Amazon.com and choose Liberty Pines Academy Parent Teacher Organization as your charity. A % of your purchases will go towards our 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](https://www.btfe.com/DigitalReceipts). This is a simple way to help our school with purchases you are already making.



## 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

Room Parent Meeting 9/8

Jeremiah’s 9/13

PTO Meeting 9/15 8:45 am in the cafeteria

## Cross Country News

By: Kennedy Alexander and Lilly Potts

This year’s cross-country pack is filled with “seasoned pros and fresh new talent!”

The coaches are Mrs. Woolston and Mrs. Lutts. Mrs. Woolston is an amazing and creative coach and has been the cross-country coach for a while, and we have our newest coach Mrs. Lutts who is coming from coaching boys’ volleyball and girls’ basketball, also a good addition to the team. The new team captains are Samuel Hines and Lilly Potts; they will also be helping these runners reach to their full potential.

There is one cross country meet on the calendar for September 17<sup>th</sup>. The girls run at 9:15 and the boys run at 9:45 at Providence School. It will be a 3k race so come support our wolves! There have been lots of fun ones in the past like the meet at “Pedro Menendez high school” that these coaches look forward to doing again this year with the newest 41 runners on the cross-country team. These wonderful runners will make Liberty Pines proud!

## Fall Baseball Begins

LPA will be fielding its developmental fall baseball teams this year in coordination with Patriot Oaks. The Varsity Roster has been selected and there are 11 players from LPA and 4 from POA. Practice has just started this past week.

Congratulations to the following LPA students –

Travis Jordan, Luca Deemer, Michael Kaeden Cook, Christian Pate, Parker McCann, John David Spradlin, Aydin Bedi, Harrison Tapley, Kayden Moore, Nathaniel Carrasquillo, and Madden Lutze.

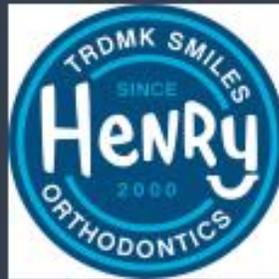
The JV roster was also announced this week and includes 4 LPA students. These students include Cole James, Tyson Jordan, Luke Lifsey, and Mason Powers.

Best of luck as you head into your fall season, Wolves!

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