

# LPA NEWS

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LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY

Hello LPA Families!

Happy spring everyone! I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to some warmer temperatures ahead! We hope everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break with your family and loved ones.

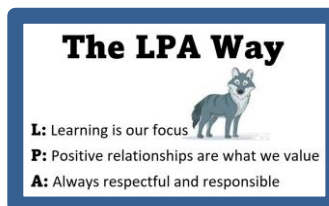
During the month of March, our eighth-grade students met with their high schools to create their schedules for next year, our fifth-grade finalist presented their FPL Speeches, our middle school basketball teams played their hearts out in the playoffs, the elementary and middle school Battle of the Books teams competed, the middle school band students performed their MPA, our elementary students competed in the Character Cup at Nease high School, our elementary students had fun at their field days, many elementary grade levels are experiencing their field studies, and we celebrated the Trustworthy Pillar of the Month with our Character Counts Celebrations.

As we begin the final quarter of the year, we are continuing to support our students to finish strong as we prepare them for the final push and the upcoming state testing window. The testing window begins April 2 and runs through the end of the school year. You can access the testing calendar on our school website under the testing tab. Testing is not the only thing that will be happening around campus this month. We have the LPA PTO Bookfair, Night of the Arts Show, Frozen Jr. Spring play, the elementary Spring Fling Dance, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will perform under the guidance of Mrs. Snyder. We will also celebrate our Volunteers of the Year, welcome new families that will be rezoned to LPA next year, and we wrap up this incredible month with the Staff Appreciation Week!

One additional event this month that I welcome all to attend either in person or virtually, is our SAC meeting scheduled for April 11 at 4:00pm. We will have district representatives present to us information about upcoming budget information for next school year.

### **Mark your calendars for the events below:**

- April 4: Volunteer of the Year Ceremony
- April 11: SAC Meeting at 4:00pm
- April 11-13: Frozen Jr. Spring Play
- April 17: Elementary Spring Fling Dance (tickets must be purchased ahead of time)
  - KG-1<sup>st</sup> = 5:00pm-5:45pm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> = 6:00pm-6:45pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> = 7:00pm-7:45pm
- April 18: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Performance
- April 19: No School
- April 22-26: LPA PTO Bookfair
- April 23: Night of the Arts Show
- April 29-May 3: Staff Appreciation Week



As always, thank you for your continued support of our school.

Gratefully together,

Donny Hoessler, your proud LPA Principal

## Testing News

By: Lily Misterewicz and Paige Carlson

Testing will begin in April which is arriving faster than we think. Many students are seeking advice for testing. Some advice from our testing advisor, Mrs. York is to pay attention in class when reviewing topics that may appear on the test, get a good night's sleep, and lastly eat a filling breakfast for the challenging day ahead of them. To prepare for the tests, Mrs. York also said taking practice tests online could be helpful; make sure to review classwork from your teachers and most importantly, come to school!

April Dates-

- 4/2/24 -5<sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T Writing Test
- 4/4/24- 4<sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T Writing Test
- 4/5/24- 8<sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T Writing Test
- 4/8/24- 7<sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T Writing Test
- 4/9/24- 6<sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T Writing Test
- 4/15/24- Kindergarten STAR Early Literacy
- 4/16/24- 1<sup>st</sup> grade STAR Reading
- 4/18/24- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade STAR Reading
- 4/22/24- Kindergarten STAR Math
- 4/23/24- 1<sup>st</sup> grade STAR Math
- 4/24/24- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade STAR Math



## NJHS: Spring Fling

By: Priya Reddy and Krista Varghese

The upcoming Spring Fling hosted by NJHS originated from the classic Daddy – Daughter dance. When Mrs. York and Mrs. Langowski looked into it, they wanted every kid to have the choice to join the dance. The Spring Fling offers that choice where a student could bring any parent or guardian. NJHS is hosting a Spring Fling on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>! There are three separate events for the dance.

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade is from 5 pm to 5:45 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is 6 pm to 6:45 pm. Lastly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is 7 pm to 7:45 pm. Students will be allowed to attend their grade level only. The admission fee to get in is \$10 per student/adult which also includes a sweet treat and a drink. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The admission fee can only be paid by school pay. Tickets will not be sold at the door. The deadline to pay online is **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Surfs up!

## The Phenomenal 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip!

By: Zoe Lathan and Priya Reddy

Recently, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders all went on a field trip on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to the St Augustine Aquarium. Student, Aria Aguiari claimed that she had an amazing experience because she loves learning and even more, when it's about sharks. But that wasn't the only thing they learned; many students exclaimed enthusiastically that they got to see fish, stingrays, starfish, and learn about animal habitats. Mrs. Lewis, a 3<sup>rd</sup> teacher, exclaimed she also had a great time and went further to say she would do it again next year. Many students agreed that they wished it would've been their 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. Though the experience was short, this will be a memory they will all carry along.

## Mrs. Brun's Glow Day

By Gabe Chapman

Mrs. Brun is a middle school math teacher at LPA. Earlier this week she decided to have a Glow Day. This event she created involved many game stations where students practiced their algebra skills, but with a twist! Mrs. Brun bought a bunch of blacklights and glowing tape, paper, and dice; she closed the windows and turned off all the lights, and this created the perfect Glow Day for students to practice their skills.

Mrs. Brun created this event because she saw teachers online doing it, and their students loved it. She also said that all the supplies will be put in a box and passed around to all the other math teachers for their Glow Day. So be on a lookout for a Glow Day coming to a math teacher near you!



## Tropicana Speech

By: Sofia Figueroa and Zoe Lathan

On Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, there were 10 students who presented on Friday in the cafeteria because they had the best speech out of their class. Students could choose any topic to discuss in their speech if it was informational and school appropriate. The speech was supposed to be 2-3 minutes long when presented. The teachers were looking for valuable information on the topic, good flowing sentences, and something that hooked the listeners in. There were 3 top finalists for the Tropicana speech contest. In third place was Natala Borsellino, her speech titled "Cats!" In second place was Jamison Trautman, his speech was titled "All About Baseball." In first place was Kiera Dhima her speech was titled "Drama, Drama, More Drama." Congratulations to the winner and runner ups! Our LPA Winner will go on to compete in the district contest on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck Kiera!



## 4<sup>th</sup> grade Kennedy Space Center Field Trip

By Jamila Jones

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, LPA's fourth grade took a field trip to an iconic part of Florida: Kennedy Space Center! Though the forecast was rainy and windy, and the trip was two hours to and from, 4<sup>th</sup> grade still managed to have a good time at Kennedy Space Center. With the help of generous LPA parents who donated their time to chaperone small groups and pitched in and helped with the food, our 4<sup>th</sup> graders had fun while staying safe and happy.

In various groups, 4<sup>th</sup> graders visited areas like the Planet play, Gateway, the Atlantis rocket, and the iconic rocket garden. From rocket models to the first steps on the Moon, they learned a great deal of new things from Kennedy Space Center. They learned quite a lot about NASA's history and got to look into some of NASA's plans for the future and beyond. Some say they loved seeing the exhibits and models, some say they liked being with friends, but in all, they really enjoyed their field trip to Kennedy Space Center!

# WHAT ELSE IS NEW ...

## Character Cup

By: Ava Turner

The annual elementary Character Cup is an intense and challenging event that highlights physical education with the goal of linking academics and character education through healthy athletic competition. The competition took place at Toco Creek High School on March 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. Over twenty elementary schools sent competitors from all over the district!

This year twelve of LPA's own students who demonstrated exceptional character took part in the events. The team members included were Hailey Schaeffer, Brianna Motycka, Walker Adams, Aliyah Denmark, Allie McFadzean, Hannah Bailey, Tishawn Kendrick, Graeme Veale, Ashton Furukawa, Kiptyn Renton, Lawrence James "LJ" Peter, and Brantly Shepherd. The team was headed by our elementary PE coaches Coach Davis, Coach Howard, and Coach Combs.

The twelve 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a total of eight unique events which originated from a variety of sports. The aforementioned events included the 100 Meter Run, 4x100 Meter Run, Free Throw, Golf Chipping, Jump rope, Sack Race, Co-Ed Ski Team Race, and finally a Tug-of-War battle. A huge congratulations to all the students who participated in this amazing event! Especially to Tishawn Kendrick who won first place in the 100 Meter Race. To all who competed we are so proud of all your efforts and we encourage the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders to compete if given the opportunity!



## 1<sup>st</sup> grade Easter Egg Hunt

By: Chloe Chang

On Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> grade had their annual Easter Egg hunt! Due to the rain the egg hunt was held inside of the classrooms. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers spread out all the eggs inside the classes. Students found 10 eggs and sorted them inside their cartons by numbers. After the students got all their 10 eggs, students got to open them up and found math problems inside! Once they got to their classrooms, they took out their math books and answered all their fun math problems! The students had a blast and loved doing the egg hunt!

## Battle of the Books Teams Finish Strong

By: Reagan Heller and Ava Turner

Our middle school Battle of the Books team recently won 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 15 teams. Our elementary team also placed in the top ten schools in the county. Mrs. Barnett our former media specialist even returned to our school to watch the teams compete. Captain of the middle school battle of the books team Reagan Heller says "This was an amazing year full of so many great memories that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Thank you to all the amazing kids who made this battle season so special."



# LPA SPOTLIGHTS



## Teacher Spotlights – Mrs. MJ & Ms. Lutts

By: Lakshmi O'Connor and Olivia Detlefs

This week's teacher spotlight is one of our amazing kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Martin-Jones, also known as Mrs. MJ. Mrs. MJ in fact worked at Applebee's and was a nanny before starting her teaching career. She has been teaching for 14 years and of those years she has been at LPA for 2. Someone who inspired her

to start teaching was her 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She inspired her because she made learning fun and enjoyable. Mrs. MJ's favorite subject growing up was science and now it is her favorite subject to teach because you learn interesting facts in every lesson, and it is hands on.

As a teacher this year some of Mrs. MJ's goals are to see a smile on every student's face when they leave her classroom throughout the day. Something she is excited for to happen in school is Mother's Spa Day for Mother's Day. Mrs. MJ is excited because all the students' mothers come in and the students get to pretend to give them spa treatment. Also, she is very excited for the upcoming summer! One of her favorite teaching memories was being able to stop wearing masks to school so that she could see her students' beautiful smiles. She can't wait to keep growing as a teacher and building new relationships with students! If you see her in the hallway, make sure to give her a smile or wave!



Mrs. Lutts is one of our wonderful 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. She teaches Civics and U.S. History and this year took on the role to teach TV Production, which runs the announcements every morning. She has always wanted a job that has an impact on people, so she went to Bemidji State studying education. She started teaching shortly after and is now in her 19<sup>th</sup> year. Her goal this year is for all her students to achieve good scores on the Civics exam. She always loved social studies growing up, so she strives for her students to love it as well.

She can't wait to end the year on a positive note, with Gradventure coming up, along with her summer trip to Minnesota to see family and attend her cousin's wedding!

## Student Spotlight By: Abbi Cooper and Mary Catherine Adams

This month's student spotlight is seventh grader, Louis Lyons. Louis is 13 and is in a family of three with his mom and dad. He does track as a sport and in his free time he likes to play with Legos.

His homeroom is band with Mr. Spilling, which is also his favorite elective. Louis's favorite core class and teacher are ELA with Mrs. Owen. He likes Mrs. Owen because she always comes up with fun things to do and is patient with her students. Louis's favorite thing about school is learning and interacting with other students. He is looking forward to eighth grade.



## Staff Spotlight: Dean Cromwell

By: Chloe Chang

Dean Cromwell is our Dean of Students and has been here for an amazing 12 years! Dean Cromwell chose to be the Dean of Students to make a positive impact on the students who don't always make the best decisions. When he was asked "What's the easiest and hardest thing about your job?" he said, "The easiest thing about my job is coming to work every day and interacting with students and staff, while the hardest thing is talking to kids and parents when students get in trouble." Dean Cromwell helps students by encouraging them to make better choices!



His favorite thing about LPA is the great kids and his favorite grades to help with are 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Dean Cromwell went to Clemson University in South Carolina and loves cats especially tigers! We are so glad Dean Cromwell is apart of our LPA family!!

# It Was A Lucky Month for Drama!

By: Reagan Heller

This Spring, Ms. Herkel's Musical Theatre class is performing their first "Spring Concert" on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Their performance will be completely student choreographed. The idea spawned from five incredible and imaginative student: Gianna DiBenedetto, Katie McGrath, Quinn Earley, Lily Abbott, and Violet DeVito. These five volunteered to take on the idea of one hundred percent student choreography!



Some more dates to save to your calendar are April 11, 12, and 13. They are the dates of our Frozen production! Rasleen Singh, our Sven, says that she is most excited for opening night of Frozen. She has never been in an LPA show before and is excited for the new experience.

And our Kristoff, Luka Klipa is very excited because, "It is a familiar show that a lot more people have seen." Who can forget the villain of our story, Hans, played by Quinn Earley? Quinn has never played a villain before and can't wait for this new experience.

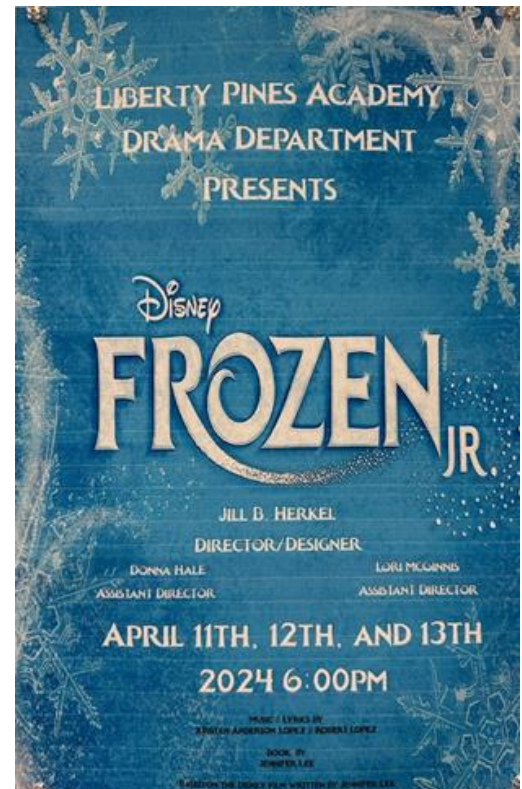
Lots of our LPA students can't wait for the play to come out. Erik Peyton Windness even states that, "[He's] excited to see an amazing performance put on by [his] peers."

## Band and Chorus March

Gabriella Bear and Sebastian Robinson

Exciting news fills the air at LPA as the middle school band, led by Mr. Spilling, has achieved a striking milestone! Our symphonic band recently earned the first superior rating at the Music Performance Assessment since 2011 and 2013. This is the third superior rating in our school's history, and it's truly a moment of celebration. A superior rating exhibits the highest level of skill, featuring the musical experience of our band students.

Don't forget to join us for an unforgettable evening of music on May 15th at Beachside High School, where both the LPA band and chorus will take the stage. The concert begins at 6 PM, a delightful showcase of our student's talents under the guidance of Mr. Spilling. It's a wonderful opportunity to support our young musicians as well as our school in general.



In addition to our recent success at MPA, let's extend our congratulations to 8th Grade students Erik Windness, Harrison Koch, Harrison Warren, Ezra Jones, Claudia Herbert, Johnathan Marquette, Caden Buck, and Phineas Barnhart. These individuals had the honor of performing in the St. Johns County Middle School Honor Band, comprised of some of the finest 8th Grade musicians in the county. Their dedication to the art of music is commendable, and they deserve a round of applause for representing LPA with such distinction.

Lastly, we're excited to announce that the new instrument storage lockers will soon be installed in May, thanks to the incredible support and generosity of those who contributed to the fundraising efforts. These lockers will provide a spacious and organized space for our instruments, ensuring that the music continues to flow at Liberty Pines Academy. A sincere thank you to all who helped make this enhancement possible for our middle school band.

## Elementary Music Programs!

By: Gia Rodriguez Millan

Elementary music has some upcoming events including two wonderful musicals that show off our Wolves' great talents!

"It's a Hit!" 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Musical

- Group A: Yerves, Lewis, Moree, Lamb, Chandler, Hickey
- Group B: Hoekstra, Schaefer, Ford, Ashley, Marino

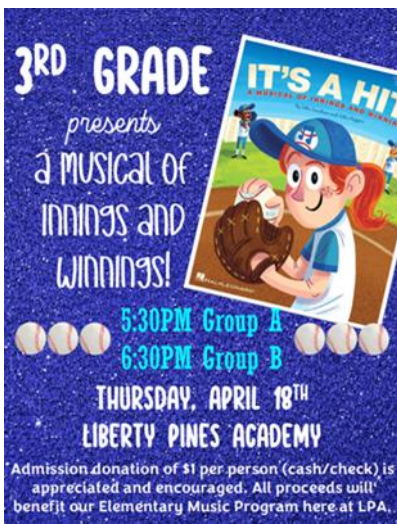
Things to know:

- Tickets will be \$1.00 per person, which raises donations for the instruments and classroom materials for the K-5 programs here at LPA.
- Students need to come to the school 15 minutes prior to their performance time. Make sure to attend the gym where teachers are located ready for their arrival.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students must wear appropriate clothing for the musical. They are to dress patriotic or have baseball attire. You may also bring a cheerleading uniform if your child is a cheerleader. Please have the students wear it for the performance.

"Zombies, the Musical" Moonlight Howlers

Picture this, an entire school made up of students who are zombies and others who are dying to get in. But these are not ordinary zombies. These are zombies that long to be vegetarians and despise bullying in all its shapes and forms. Come out to support our Moonlight Howlers performance! You'll be thirsty for more entertainment!

- Tickets will be \$5.00 person, which raises donations for the instruments and classroom materials for the K-5 programs here at LPA.



## Art off the Wall!

By: Ava Turner

Upcoming next month LPA is hosting an art show highlighting the special works of both elementary and middle school students. It will be held in the main school building on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. Every art student from all grades will have one of their pieces on display. It is an amazing way to support and encourage creativity in our youth and it's always a wonderful time!



If you wish to attend, you can enter all giveaways and take your child's art home that very day for a small donation of \$5 or more. All donations will go to funding the art department so that new materials and projects will be available for next year's students. We encourage all parents and students to join us at this lively night of fun and innovation!

Ms. Dougherty and Ms. Spence make Reading Fun with their March Madness Book tourney!



# SPORTS NEWS!!!

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## Baseball News

By: Olivia Detlefs

The LPA baseball team is a close knit, bonded, and positive team. The team consists of Colton Baldwin, Fabian Madriz, Kaeden Cook, Emerson Jones, Wyatt Fox, Baylor Riley and a few others from Patriot Oaks. They recently had their first game, with Colton Baldwin, Wyatt Fox, and Baylor Riley scoring. They played hard but lost to Fruit Cove 8-4. Some things they want to work on is their pitching, because their hitting is good (Colton Baldwin. On April 1st, the LPA baseball team, beat Landrum Middle School, 18-7! Mason Powers threw 8 strikeouts as pitcher, scored 3 runs, and 1 RBI, while Henry Bailey finished with 2 doubles, 2 runs, and 2 RBI's



## Softball News

By: Lakshmi O'Connor

The softball team is going strong with a record of 2-0. They played their second game against Mill Creek Academy and won 9-1, with Caitlyn Boshell scoring 2 home runs, Isla Kruayai scored 1, Clara Fontana scored 2, Lily Jergens scored 2, Avery Martin scored 1, and Addi Hinskey scored 1. Liberty Pines had a strong showing and took hold of the game thanks in part to 6 runs in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. When they dominated the game, it was great to watch them take home a victory.



This year's team consists of McKenzie Bates, Caitlyn Boshell, Lily Jergens, Aliha Denmark, Ellie Morris, Isla Kruayai, Lucia Crews, Avery Martin, Clara Fontana, Berkleigh Nelson, and Addi Hinskey. The player Lu Crews is a new member of the team this year. After interviewing her, she really likes the team because they get along really well which helps them have great team effort. Lu contributes to the team by pushing herself to be a better player and to remember the signs for each play. Also, something that she feels the team can improve on is hitting and pitching. The team hopes to remain undefeated the whole season and win the championship. Come out and support these Wolves! Let's go Wolves!

## Tennis Team

By: Krista Varghese

The tennis season is coming to an end! The varsity team had a match on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> against Patriot Oaks Academy. They also had a make-up match on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> against Nocatee. The JV team has a make-up match on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> against Swiss Point. So far, the varsity team has won nine matches and JV has won five matches.

Kaitlyn Hall is on the varsity team this year. She joined the team because she enjoys playing tennis and gets to be with her friends. She prefers playing doubles rather than singles because you can depend on someone else in case you mess up. Kaitlyn believes that working together and having good sportsmanship makes a good team.



## A Glance into Golf!

By Paige Carlson

Congratulations to our 2024 golf team members for making the team! These players are as followed:

Carter Stevenson, Carter Jones, Olivia Connell, Micheal Kennedy, Anderson Arnold, Blake Roberts, Ariana Marray, Jackson Greathouse, Collins Haney, Brooks Shelton, Even Lee, and Luke Lifsey.

In our recent match against the Landrum Blue, we gave it our all but didn't come away with the win. Despite this, our team played very well, and we have many highlights!

- Blake Roberts and Ariana Marray – won their matches!
- Anderson Arnold – worked hard for the half point!
- Carter Stevenson – a part of the most mentally focused pairing!
- Carter Jones – patience and on course/mid round adjustments!
- Olivia Connell – eye of the tiger, had a great competitive spirit!
- Micheal Kennedy – great positive mindset and self-confidence!

Our Aces go by the motto, "Never stop learning", and although they didn't win this match, they learned so much as a team. Keep up the great work Wolves!



# Staff Spotlight – Ms. Ashcroft

By: Sofia Figueroa

Mrs. Ashcroft has been at LPA for two years now and is an assistant principal. She chose to work here because she really wants to make a difference so kids can be the best person they can be. The easiest part of her job is coming in to work and getting to talk with children. Mrs. Ashcroft's favorite grade to work with is kindergarten through second grade because she used to always work with middle school and high school. Her favorite memory was getting pined in the face by students at a pep rally. Some hobbies that she has are reading and running with her two dogs. Mrs. Ashcroft loves all the times that she gets to dress up for events and holidays, as well as getting hugs from all the elementary students! She loves being here at work every day.



# Fun Field Day!

By Juliette Sweet

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the elementary students had Field Day! During this they rotated through 9 stations with various activities. Some of these were tug of war, soccer relay, scooter relay, cross the river, cone flip relay, hula hoop relay, sack race and a station where they enjoyed really delicious popsicles. Coach Davis says that all her kiddos had a blast, and they very much enjoyed the popsicles.



## Beachside Barracudas 2024 SOCCER CAMPS

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-ED @ 9:30AM- 12PM**

**Session 1 / June 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Session 2 / July 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders*

**CAMP SIGN UP**



**\$175 Per  
Player**

Venmo @Ron-Messick or Cash/ Check  
made payable to Mark Forrester



Email questions to @ronald.messick@stjohns.k12.fl.us OR @mark.forrester@stjohns.k12.fl.us



## Beachside High School 2024 SOCCER CAMPS

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 2PM- 4:30PM**

**Session 1 / June – 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27**

**Session 2 / July – 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25**

*Rising 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders*

**BOYS SIGN UP**

**GIRLS SIGN UP**



**\$225 Per Player**

\$25 off when you sign-up  
before May 15th

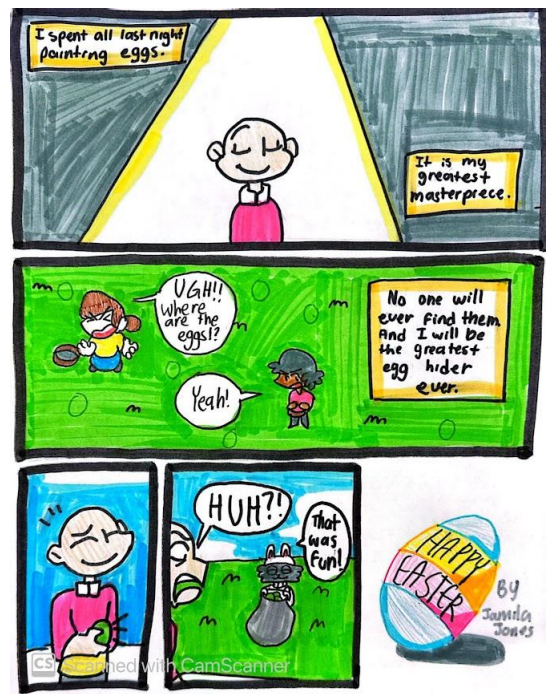
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April 2024				April 1 <sup>st</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Writing 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>		
				April 15 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> STAR K-2 <sup>nd</sup>		
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5 <sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T. Writing		4 <sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T. Writing		8 <sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T. Writing		
Staff Appreciation Week						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7 <sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T. Writing	6 <sup>th</sup> grade B.E.S.T. Writing	Makeups B.E.S.T. Writing	B.E.S.T. Writing makeups continued, if needed			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Kindergarten STAR Early Literacy	1 <sup>st</sup> grade STAR Reading	STAR Makeups K: 9am-10am 1 <sup>st</sup> : 11am-12pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade STAR Reading	No School		
Book Fair Week						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Kindergarten STAR Math	1 <sup>st</sup> grade STAR Math	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade STAR Math	Makeups: K-2 STAR	Makeups: K-2 STAR		
29	30					
STAR makeups, if needed						



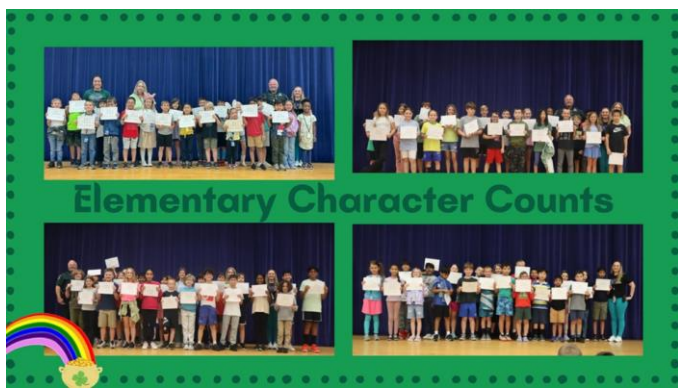
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May 2024				May 1 <sup>st</sup> - May 24 <sup>th</sup>		
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
		Civics EOC (m/a adjusted bell schedule)	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade FAST Reading Middle Grades Group B FAST Reading (m/a adjusted bell schedule)	4 <sup>th</sup> grade FAST Reading (adjusted resource)		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Middle Grades Group A FAST Reading (m/a adjusted bell schedule)	5 <sup>th</sup> grade FAST Reading	Middle Grades Group C FAST Reading (m/a adjusted bell schedule)	4 <sup>th</sup> grade FAST Math (adjusted resource)	5 <sup>th</sup> grade FAST Math		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade FAST Math Middle Grades Group B FAST Math Algebra EOC (m/a adjusted bell schedule)	Middle Grades Group C FAST Math Algebra EOC Geometry EOC (m/a adjusted bell schedule)	Middle Grades Group A FAST Math (m/a adjusted bell schedule)	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Science and Biology EOC (m/a adjusted bell schedule)	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Science (adjusted resource)		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Makeups: FAST Rdg & Math Science EOCs	Makeups: FAST Rdg & Math Science EOCs	8 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Promotion Ceremonies Makeups: FAST Rdg & Math EOCs	Makeups, if necessary	Last Day of School		
27	28	29	30	31		
Memorial Day						

## Character Counts awards

By: Juliette Sweet

Terrific job to all our representatives of Trustworthiness for the month of March! Even during the short month of march with only 3 weeks of school this month all our representatives showed outstanding character and all their special traits of being a trustworthy student! Speaking of trustworthy traits here are some of the traits of our representatives!

- I am honest.
- I am a reliable student.
- I have the courage to do the right thing.
- I am loyal to my family and peers.



# Congratulations to more of Mr. Roach's Students for passing their word processing certification tests last quarter.

Buffington, Peyton  
Cestaro, Anthony  
Donahuevillani, Aviva  
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## April History Reflection: The Sinking of the Titanic

By Sam Willis and Ty Hayes

The R.M.S. Titanic, known as the Titanic, was a British ocean liner. The ship was the largest of its time, which is now a small ship compared to the modern cruise ships. The ship set sail from Southampton, England on April 10, 1912, with 2,240 passengers and crew. The ship was divided into three classes: first, second, and third. First class included many amenities such as a racquetball court, a gym, and the first ever swimming pool aboard a ship. The rooms were like staterooms we see on modern day cruise ships, except decked out with luxurious furniture. Second class had a spacious outdoor promenade, a dining room, and a library. The rooms were compact but comfortable. Finally, third class did not have many amenities and the rooms were basic and small.

The vessel was on its way to New York City; the journey was going smooth until 2:20 a.m. on April 15, 1912, when the Titanic hit a large iceberg that scraped the side of the ship which flooded the lower decks causing it to sink and later collapse. Women and children had priority for the lifeboats, but many were left stranded. With not enough lifeboats for everyone, many ended up jumping in the freezing 28°F waters. That day, 1,496 people lost their lives. This tragedy forever changed maritime laws. It introduced the International Ice Patrol, who alert vessels that are traveling routes in cold waters. It also introduced the Radio Act of 1912, a law that forced ships to have radios active for 24 hours in case of any dangers. The sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic on April 15, 1912, forever changed the world.

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**LPA's National Junior Honor Society Presents:**

# Spring Fling 2024 Surfs Up!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

Three Separate Events:

Kindergarten-1st grade 5pm to 5:45pm

2nd-3rd grade 6pm to 6:45pm

4th-5th grade 7pm to 7:45pm

\*all students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian\*

\*students are allowed to attend their grade-level event only\*

Admission: \$10 per student/adult

cost includes sweet treat & a drink

**LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**VIA SCHOOL PAY THROUGH April 12th**

tickets will not be sold at the door





**Registration will remain open until spaces are filled.**

**Classes will fill up quickly – First come first served!**

***\*\*Note:*** Students must be registered as a student at LPA prior to submitting Extended Day Registration





**Join us on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
from 6:00-8:00PM for an evening  
celebrating LPA's artists!**

**By giving A \$5.00 or more donation per family, you  
can take your student's artwork  
OFF THE WALL and HOME  
And enter all the art giveaways!**

## MEMBERSHIP

Hello LPA Families! If you haven't joined the PTO yet, you can sign up on [www.lpa.pto.com](#) or in person at the PTO meeting. If you have any questions, contact Abigail Lake at [abigail.lake@lpa.pto.com](mailto:abigail.lake@lpa.pto.com).

Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the cafeteria. You must be an approved volunteer to attend the meeting. You can register [here](#). Please sign in at the front office and walk outside to the side door of the cafeteria for the meeting. Please see the Liberty Pines Academy PTO Facebook page for updates!

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Ms. Johnson and Ms. Cassidy for being nominated volunteer of the month for all their efforts for the Science Olympiad competition. Also, to Nicole Gamble for all her creative contributions to all PTO events including making the Penny Wars jars and backdrop recently! And –thank you to Dustin Lake and Matt Cicchetti, the Mario and Luigi team that made Penny Wars so much more exciting for the students!

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 [nomination@lpa.pto.com](mailto:nomination@lpa.pto.com) (please put volunteer in the subject line). The voting will take place every month. If students would like to vote, please have them submit it to their teacher and they can drop it in the box located in the mailroom.

## FUNDRAISERS

The Super Mario themed Penny Wars was a success! LPA students had fun and the Winner was 2nd grade!! They will receive a special treat from the PTO shortly.

Thank you to all students and parents for your generous donations. All funds go back into helping LPA. From supplying field trip shirts to hosting fun events for our teachers and staff.

Watch out for the Spring Book Fair coming up in April!

## WHAT'S NEW?

Calling all LPA student artists! The LPA PTO T-Shirt Design contest is here. Please see attached flyer for details.



**Liberty Pines Academy PTO T-SHIRT DESIGN contest**

Open to all students, K-8. Submit designs to your homeroom teacher with your full name and teachers name clearly written.

**Design Criteria:**  
Draw your design on plain white letter size paper. The design must have clean lines, that is required by the printing company for them to be able to make the design.

1st place: \$100 Amazon Gift Card & Shirt  
2nd place: \$50 Amazon Gift Card & Shirt  
3rd place: \$25 Amazon Gift Card & Shirt  
4th place: \$10 Amazon Gift Card & Shirt  
5th place: Free shirt

Designs must be submitted by April 12th.  
Please email [spiritwear@lpapto.com](mailto:spiritwear@lpapto.com) with any questions.



## STAY CONNECTED

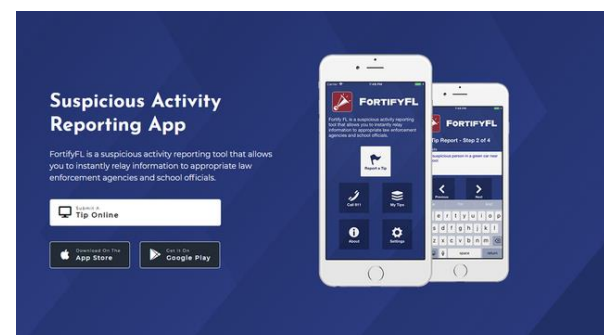
In addition to our website at [www.lpa.pto.com](http://www.lpa.pto.com), check out our Liberty Pines Academy PTO Facebook page to learn about upcoming events and stay current with happenings at LPA.

## UPCOMING DATES

4/18 – PTO Meeting

4/22 to 4/26- Spring Book Fair


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