



LPA NEWS



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LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY

Hello LPA Families!!!

Fall is here and we are hopeful that cooler temperatures will be with us soon. As we approach the end of the first quarter, I want to take a moment to thank our amazing staff, students, and families for a wonderful start to the school year! I would also like to recognize our phenomenal PTO for their continued support of our students, staff, and families. Families, please consider joining their Facebook page, join them as a member, and see how you can support them too.

It is my honor to formally congratulate LPA's Teachers of the Year. Our Elementary Teacher of the Year is Ms. Scoggins, and our Middle School Teacher of the Year is Ms. Herkel. Our Elementary Rookie Teacher of the Year is Mr. Nicholson, and our Middle School Rookie Teacher of the Year is Mr. Roach. This honor and recognition are well deserved for each of them, and we are so proud of the work they do with children and how they represent LPA.

During this past month of September, we hosted our first SAC meeting of the year, smiled brightly for our Fall pictures, kicked off the Charleston Wrap Fundraiser, our cross-country team and our volleyball teams began competing against their opponents, and our middle school Honors Choir competed at Beachside High School. We also hosted our 2nd annual Rock Your School Day! This year's theme was "Wild, Wild, West!" Students experienced room transformations, highly engaging lessons, and more to increase a love of learning, get excited about school, and increase our school culture through a sense of togetherness! We even kicked it off with an elementary pep rally in which students that were the highest LiveSchool earners for their class thus far competed in a fun relay race! We are already making plans for next year! We planned to end the month with grade level assemblies to recognize our students for the Character Counts! Pillar of the Month, Fairness. However, as you know, schools were closed for last Thursday and Friday. We will recognize these students this coming week. We look forward to our monthly celebrations coming up throughout the school year that will put a sole focus on our students!

We have a lot of events that will be occurring in October. Our cross-country team and volleyball teams will continue to compete, we will host another SAC Committee meeting, we will kick off our Boosterthon fundraiser with a DJ kick off on the 7th, Elementary students will participate in the Boosterthon Fun Run on the 25th, we will host the Student Council Fall Dance for middle school students on the 22nd (an email with ticket information will be sent 10/4 to middle school families – tickets will only be sold in advanced online and not at the door), Fall Centers will be occurring in the elementary classes (teachers will send details), Red Ribbon Week will occur at the end of the month where we emphasize being drug free and taking an active role in a healthy lifestyle, and more.

We are looking forward to another amazing month of learning as well as exciting experiences for our students. Thank you for your continued support!

Gratefully, Mr. Hoessler, your proud LPA Principal

October

Mark your calendars for the events below:

- Oct. 7: Boosterthon DJ kick off during arrival
- Oct. 7-24: Boosterthon Fundraiser
- Oct. 11: First Quarter Ends
- Oct. 14: No School: Teacher Planning Day
- Oct. 15: Second Quarter Begins
- Oct. 16: World Unity Day – wear Orange
- Oct. 17: PTO meeting at 6:30pm in cafeteria
- Oct. 21: SAC Meeting at 4:00pm
- Oct. 22: Student Council Middle School Fall Dance (details will be sent to middle school families)
- Oct. 23-31: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 25: Boosterthon Fun Run for Elementary students (parent can attend and watch)
- Oct. 31: Elementary Character Parade (more information to come from the teachers)



The LPA Way



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

WOLF NEWS



Spirit Week and the Middle School Dance

By Tinley Shaw and Katie Bonday

Hello Wolves! In the upcoming month of October is Red Ribbon Spirit Week. It will take place from 10/23 to 10/31 to honor a Drug Free Life. In that week we will have fun days such as pajama day and LPA spirit wear day! Feel free to wear your favorite dress-code appropriate items according to the themes.

In addition, we will have a middle school dance on Tuesday, October 22nd. This year's dance theme will be "Old Hollywood"! 6th grade's dance will be from 3:30-5:00 pm directly after school. Make sure to bring your dressy dance clothes! The 7th/8th grade dance will be 5:30-7:00pm, so they will return after school. Tickets will be sold **online ONLY for \$5 on Schoolpay**. Tickets must be purchased within the time limit before the dance.

7th grade students Clara Wayne and Davis Templeton are both excited to go to the dance. They are both excited to "hang out with their friends at the dance". 8th grader Gianna DiBenedetto is also excited to hang out with her friends at the dance. "Yes, I am excited to hang out with friends in a fun setting technically outside of school". She also appreciates how well student council puts the dance together.

Wednesday 10/23/24	Thursday 10/24/24	Friday 10/25/24	Saturday 10/26/24	Sunday 10/27/24	Monday 10/28/24	Tuesday 10/29/24	Wednesday 10/30/24	Thursday 10/31/24
Walk the red carpet like a star and stay drug free!	Live a Disney Movie life and live drug free!	Now Showing! It takes school spirit to support a drug free life!	Don't sleep through the movie or your life!	Light! Camera! Action!	Be a SPORT, film drug free!	Life is a movie	Hollywood is full of great characters who live drug free!	
Wear Red!	Wear your Favorite Disney outfit!	Wear your LPA Spirit Wear!	Wear your Favorite Pajamas!	Wear your neon/glow clothes!	Wear your favorite sports jersey!	Wear your favorite sports jersey!	Dress as your favorite Hollywood character!	
								

*All attire must be appropriate and within the school dress code.

Rock Your School Day

By: Caroline Linder and Olivia Connell

This year's Rock Your School Day was on September 23rd and was Western themed! Students were encouraged to wear western attire like cowboy hats, flannels, bandanas, etc. All day they did different activities that tied to the west; whether that was line dancing or horse crafts, everyone was in for a good time. The teachers did a great job setting up and the parents who volunteered were such great helpers in making this year's Rock Your School Day a huge success.



For all of the elementary grades they got to participate in a pep rally/relay race. If you had the most live school points for your class, then you were entered. In this race they danced, galloped, and went through many challenges along the way, but all of the kids had a great time whether that was when they were in the race or just cheering their classmates on.

Mathias Navarro loved Rock Your School Day but was especially fond of some of the activities he got to participate in, including, dancing to western music, and making horses out of pool noodles. He said that if he got to pick the theme he would definitely choose Under the Sea. I think it is safe to say that everyone loved rock your school day. 2nd grader Brynnley Reaves had a super fun time. She loved all the activities the teacher planned. Her two favorites were making your own horse food (snack assortment) and pinning the tail on the horse. If she could pick the theme for next year she would also choose under the sea.

New Vice Principal, Mrs. Stanton

By: Anna Russo and Mia Dahana-Ellis

Mrs. Stanton is LPA's new vice principal. She has worked at two different schools in her past, Gamble Rogers Middle School and Durbin Creek Elementary before moving to LPA. She says LPA differs from her previous schools because LPA is the first K-8 school she has worked at. However, she loves the concept of being able to see kindergarteners grow up to become eighth grade leaders.

Mrs. Stanton has always wanted to teach since she was young; she even remembers playing school with her stuffed animals! She thinks schools are super important because you can learn so many things and it shapes you into who you want to be in the future.

So far, Mrs. Stanton thinks LPA is the best school she has ever been at. She loves interacting with new faculty and staff, and she even sees some familiar faces from her previous schools. One of her favorite things she has done at LPA is "Rock Your School Day" She loved it because she felt she could let her primary teacher heart out when she was wearing her inflatable horse costume.

Mrs. Stanton's schedule is busy as a vice principal, but she loves it! Her day consists of lots of meetings and emails but her favorite part about being a vice principal is seeing all of LPA's wonderful teachers "work their magic." She finds it fascinating seeing how teachers can make kids' eyes light up when they master something new. Overall, Mrs. Stanton thinks LPA people are the best people, and it makes her so happy to see that people are coming together to do whatever they can to determine the success of their students.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

Media Matters – What’s New in the Media Center!

By Grace Rapolla and Thanisha Thavakalsha

The Media Center has a few updates. The Battle of the Books Club has had 2 meetings already. Mrs. Rice says that she is excited to see that many students are interested in it this year! The members of the Battle of the Books Club think the meetings are going really well! The Sunshine State books have not arrived yet, but Mrs. Rice is hoping they will arrive sometime in October. Mrs. Rice would also like to remind everyone that checkout times are from 8:20 to 8:40 a.m.

Mrs. Rice has officially assembled the Media Advisor Committee. It is a group of teachers, parents, as well as the principal that make reading fun for every student. They make sure every book in the library is appropriate for every reader. Mrs. Rice is excited to continue to help students with their literature journey throughout the rest of the school year.



LPA Students Create Character Chat Video

By: Grace Rapolla

About a month ago a few 8th graders were asked to take part in the creation of the middle school monthly character chat video that will be shared with all secondary schools in the district. The students who participated in it were Quinn

Early, Ruby Grace Kight, Olivia Torrence, and Neora Varghese. They focused on the pillar Responsibility. Responsibility is being accountable for one’s actions. While filming the video they portrayed the message of responsibility by using examples of managing time, using your phone appropriately, and following the rules around school. Your day-to-day life includes responsibility even if you know it or not. We are looking forward to seeing the Character Chat video this October!



Health Screening

By Olivia Connell

Health Screenings are coming up on Oct 30th, 31st and Nov 1st. If you do not want your child/children to participate, please sign and return the opt out form to the school nurse. For any questions, please let Nurse Mary Penwell know.

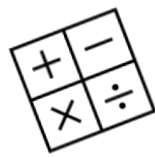
You can acquire the opt out sheet on the school web site. It will be due on Friday, October 25, 2024.

Students in the St. Johns Count School System will be offered the following health screening:

- Vision (Grades KG, 1st, 3rd, and 6th)
- Hearing (Grades KG, 1st, and 6th)
- Height/Weight (Grades 1st, 3rd, and 6th)
- Scoliosis (Only 6th Grade)



Congratulations to our “Of the Years” Winners – Maureen Haugen, Colby Nicholson, Jill Herkel, Rebecca Scoggins, ad Richard Roach!



Neora Wins Lakeside Photograph Challenge

By Talitha Kalapala and Erienne Scales

Neora Varghese recently won the Public Choice Award in the youth category of the Lake Biodiversity photo challenge. The competition was in Canada and Neora was technically not allowed to compete but the judges thought her picture was too good to not in the youth category. The competition was more online rather than face to face and Neora submitted her picture second. Neora had a fun time and loved the pretty lake so she took the picture.

The photo is below.



NJHS In Action

By: Molly Cebulko and Jaycee Greenmun

The National Junior Honor society is an organization at LPA, in which a group of selected students in seventh and eighth grade participate in volunteering and assisting in events at our school. NJHS is a part of many big events and fundraisers at LPA, such as the Pet Food drive, Stuff the Turkey, School Dances, Book Fair, and more! NJHS has recently admitted new members, in both seventh and eighth grade. The new members of NJHS will attend the annual induction ceremony on October 23rd, at 6:30pm.

Current members of this organization consist of...

Kylee Blood, Dylan Brand, Francesca Calabria, Lucas Camacho, Molly Cebulko, Sarah Cheng, Lucas Colca, Olivia Connell, Brielle Coppola, Matthew Cronin, Blake Curtiss, Jackson Daughtry, Madison Detura, Gianna DiBenedetto, Quinn Earley, Sanika Garge, Madeline Gifford, Jackson Greathouse, Jaycee Greenmun, Adalyn Hinskey, Lillian Hough, Elizabeth Jones, Sreehas Kamireddy, Ruby Knight, Cooper Koury, Andy Li, Caroline Linder, Nora Maas, Ella Madelly, Areej Maqsood, Lindsey McDaniel, Caleb Milne, Nohemi Navarro, Saran Nimmagadda, Sophie Norcia, Caroline Nowroozi, Maggie O’Leary, Emma Olson, Olivia Pappas, Anarghya Patil, Namah Pavaskar, Abigail Pfalzer, Julia Radecki, Mahathi Raghavendra, Sahasra Rajashekhar, Emily Rapolla, Anna Russo, Tinley Shaw, Will Shook, Rhea Siddi, Spoorthi Sindhaval, Addie Spradlin, Trystan Stinson, Davis Templeton, Ellie Thorpe, Olivia Torrence, Ariana Turner, Neora Varghese, Ameila Veniard, Hayden Warren, Clara Wayne, Mila Wilhemy, Bradley Willman, Alexandra Wilson, Ashley Windness, Mallori York.


NJHS is getting back into action very strong with officer elections starting. Make sure to hop on Schoology and vote for your upcoming officers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Langowski or Mrs. Cassidy via Schoology.

Cast	
The Editor	Neora Varghese
Frump	Olivia Torrence
Thomas	Quinn Early
Sheriff Snodgrass	Davis Templeton
Hortense	Ruby Grace Kight
Myrtle	Caroline Nowroozi
Ethel	Abigail Pfalzer
Frankie	Courtney Hayes
Clara	Gianna DiBenedetto
Donald	Ezra Navaro
Hilda	Grace Rapolla
Luann	Kiera Dhima
Casey	Mila Wilhelmy
Jenny	Erienne Scales
The Troubadour	Mikey Reiser
Darlene	Audrey Ducker
Understudies	Josephine Hurkes
	Evie Hurkes

Congratulations to the cast of “The Christmas Bus”!

Liberty Pines Academy Drama Department
-Presents-


ROBERT INMAN



THE CHRISTMAS BUS

Director/Designer
Jill B. Herkel

Donna Hale and Lori McGinnis
Assistant Directors



December 5th and 6th 2024
6:00 P.m.

Tickets \$5



LPA SPOTLIGHTS!



Liam Haney



Ms. Lyons

Staff Spotlight

By Maggie O'Leary

This month we spotlight LPA's wonderful receptionist, Ms. Lyon. Ms. Lyon is a smiling face You can find at the front office.

She has worked in the school system for a year and a half, and this is her first year working at LPA. Ms. Lyon loves working here because of the wonderful staff, friendly students, and the fun environment.

She has a great sense of humor and is a joy to be around. LPA is so excited to have Ms. Lyon as part of the staff for the 2024-2025 school year.

Student Spotlight- 1st grade

By: Caroline Linder and Sophia Serena

Advika Arunachalam is a 6-year-old girl in Mrs. Veale's class. She was born in India, then moved to Wisconsin and then to Florida. She loves her teacher because she gets to learn something new every day. She loves to come to school and play with her friends, Milana, Lucas, Luke, Caleb, and Ishad at her favorite resource, PE.

Outside of school she loves to listen to Dance Monkey and watch Gabby's Dollhouse. Advika loves to do gymnastics and strives to be a gymnast when she is older. She loves to eat vanilla ice cream and noodles. Her favorite Disney princess is Snow White and she loves to go to Universal with her family.

Advika is so excited to see what this year in 1st grade holds and she can't wait to hang out with her friends and learn new things.

Student Spotlight 1st Grade

By Sophia Serena and Caroline Linder

Liam Haney is a 6-year-old 1st grader in Mrs. Jamie Veale's classroom. Liam was born in St. Augustine as has lived here his whole life. He has two younger sisters and one younger brother. He enjoys going to school because he likes computer class and classroom centers. He also likes to go and see his best friend, Liam Ryan. in class.

Outside of school he enjoys playing baseball, soccer, and he loves to watch tv, with Cars being his favorite movie. When asked what he wanted to be when he grows up, he said "I want to be a dad and a teacher." Liam loves food, specifically mac and cheese and his favorite dessert is cake. Liam is described as a kind individual and believes it is the best quality to have because it makes you a better person.

LPA's Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Kramer!

By: Lyla Linton

Mrs. Kramer is a third-grade teacher at LPA. She has been teaching for eight years, with breaks in between. Her favorite grade to teach is third grade because they are independent yet still young and loving. She enjoys teaching her students about new things and makes learning fun for them.

Mrs. Kramer was originally from Wisconsin before moving to Florida nine years ago. Growing up, her favorite teacher was her first and second grade teacher, Mrs. Lutsky. She described Mrs. Lutsky as a strict teacher with high expectations, but extremely caring. Mrs. Kramer attended the University of Wisconsin. She was inspired to start teaching because her mom was a teacher, and she always looked up to her.

Mrs. Kramer has been married for eight years and has eight kids. Five of them are adopted and she is fostering three. Some of her kids are students at LPA. She also has three dogs, and four cats in her family. Mrs. Kramer greatly values her family and loves her kids.

In her free time, Mrs. Kramer does musical theatre. She has been doing musical theatre and singing since elementary school. It is one of her passions and has been something she has done her whole life. Mrs. Kramer's favorite sport to watch is basketball. She enjoys how fast-paced and competitive the games are. Her favorite food is chocolate covered strawberries.

Mrs. Kramer loves all subjects, but her favorite is math. To her, math is like a puzzle, and it stretches her brain to think in different ways. Her favorite part about being a teacher is being able to impact children and help them love learning. Mrs. Kramer's classroom is filled with smiles and laughter. She cares about her students and makes them feel loved. She is a very sweet person, and spreads kindness upon every person she meets. LPA is very lucky to have her here and we are all ready for a great year with Mrs. Kramer

MORE LPA SPOTLIGHTS!

LPA's teacher spotlight; Ms. Chandler

By Charlotte Weger

Ms. Chandler is an amazing 3rd grade teacher, who not only brings joy to LPA, but teaches all four subjects: math, science, ELA, and social studies to her super sweet class. She went to Murray State University in Murray, KY where she got her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. While in college she played intermural soccer, even throughout middle and high school, she continuously played soccer and enjoyed it.



Ms. Chandler has an amazing, and full of energy 5-year-old daughter who is in Kindergarten here at LPA. She enjoys spending time with her daughter doing activities such as going to the beach, cooking, and biking. Her favorite holiday is Halloween because she enjoys taking her daughter trick or treating and going to the Jacksonville Zoo, Spooktacular. Ms. Chandler also enjoys traveling, she has been on a few cruises and some of her favorite memories were snorkeling, hiking, and swimming with Sting Rays. Also, she enjoyed lounging on the beautiful beaches listening to clear ocean waves hit and trying all of the different cultural food.

Most importantly, Ms. Chandler's favorite part about teaching is seeing how proud students get when they finally understand a curriculum, and seeing their confidence increase so much throughout the school year. She believes that "Responsibility" is the most important character pillar because it signifies valuing others as individuals, acknowledging their worth, and treating them with dignity, which helps create healthy relationships. It also creates a positive environment and creates trust. Overall, LPA is so happy to have Ms. Chandler here as part of the LPA team. She's an amazing teacher, mother, and person who makes LPA shine.

Joke & Riddle of the Month

By: Kylee Blood

What do you use to mend a pumpkin?

A Pumpkin Patch!

I'm tall when I'm young, short when I'm old, and I stand inside Jack-o-lanterns. What am I?

A Candle!

Fall Trivia

By: Kylee Blood

Are pumpkins a fruit or vegetable?

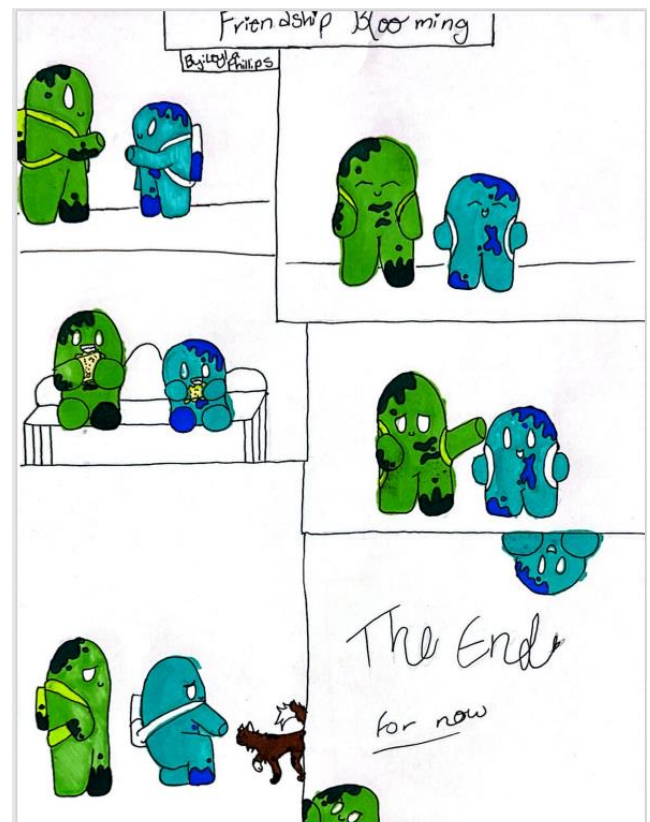
Where did Halloween start?

What is the most popular fall drink flavor?

How much did the world's biggest pumpkin weigh?

*answers on page 9

CARTOON CORNER



NEWS FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Art Corner

By Leyla Phillips

This quarter in LPA's art classes, Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Scoggins have students working on many projects. In middle school art with Mr. Wolfe, students are currently working on what he calls a 'Selfless self-portrait', which is where his students draw items that represent them instead of drawing themselves.

In Mrs. Scoggins elementary art classes, she has her students working on 'Desert Sunset Collages', a project for Rock Your School Day. Some other projects her students are working on also consist of Autumn-related projects or Halloween if they so choose.

As for upcoming projects, in middle school art, Mr. Wolfe mentions designing 'Dueling Portraits' for the next assignment. Mrs. Scoggins' students in elementary art plan to work on more Fall and Halloween-related projects.



Elementary Students are Making Beautiful Music

By: Jaycee Greenmun and Addie Spradlin

Mrs. Snyder is our outgoing, fun and creative elementary music teacher. She says she has loved music ever since she was a little girl and is sharing her passion with our younger students. She loves doing what she does because she, "loves having a good time with the kids and learning new experiences with them as they grow."

Currently, Kindergarten- 1st graders are learning how to feel the beat with rhythms, 2nd-3rd graders are learning to play music with xylophone and 4th-5th graders are learning how to play recorders.

4th grader Aria Aguiar loves the music resource and Mrs. Snyder. She said that she is really nice and helps her learn. Aria said that the best thing about music is "playing recorders" and that her "favorite instrument is the recorder." She loves to play with her friends in music and learn but also have a lot of fun.

In conclusion, Mrs. Snyder is an amazing music teacher and we're ready to conquer this school year with her by LPA's side.

Honor Choir 2024

By Erienne Scales

Liberty Pines Academy's Honor Choir just finished their performance ever,



along with Beachside's Honor Choir! If you don't yet know, Beachside holds an annual performance with selected middle school students from around the county. These students usually range from 10-14 people from each school.

For LPA, these 14 very talented students include: Kiera Dhima, Ava Gibson-Rjio, Gianna Guzman, Collins Haney, Courtney Hayes, Jenevieve Hurckes, Elizabeth Klipa, Adelaide Madelly, Ezra Navarro, Olivia Torrence, Erienne Scales, Neora Varghese, Madeleine Wellschlager, and Mila Wilhemy.

Mrs. Herkel, the director and so many musical productions at LPA said that the performance was nothing short of fantastic. She encourages adults, kids, and music lovers alike to watch the performance. She also highly recommends to tryout for the honor choir if you have the opportunity! You'll learn choir music of a higher level, meet so many new people from different schools, and overall have a great time!



Moonlight Howlers

By Kylee Blood

Moonlight Howlers is run by elementary music teacher Mrs. Snyder. It is an after-school club exclusively for 4th & 5th graders. This is the 3rd year we have had Moonlight Howlers. This year we split even with 15 4th graders and 15 5th graders participating in this club.

They will have 2 Musicals - one in December, and one in May. The dates for both have not been decided. When asked what her favorite thing about Moonlight Howlers is Mrs. Snyder said it was doing the musicals.

When interviewed, 5th grader Norah Madden said that this is her second year doing Moonlight Howlers. She loves getting to interact with the other kids.

When a 4th grader was interviewed, she said she can't wait for it to start. She comes from a family that is big into singing and acting so she knows she will enjoy doing this



History Reflection: September 11th

By: Ava Smith

On September 11th, 2001, four coordinated terrorist attacks took place. Nearly 3,000 people died as American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 were piloted into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The third plane was deliberately crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower at 8:46 a.m. Seventeen minutes later, Flight 175 struck the South Tower. The time between each attack allowed the vast majority to evacuate. Nearly 18,000 people were in the World Trade Center complex. Thousands of volunteers came to the site where the towers fell to help the first responders with injured, lost people, and the clean-up that the devastating fires and debris caused.

The fourth plane's passengers fought back and ended up crashing into an empty field in Pennsylvania. The intended target was Washington, D.C. There were no survivors on that flight. All 40 people on Flight 93, the staff and the passengers, died heroes.

The 9/11 Memorial opened on September 11th, 2011. Memorial Plaza features two giant pools located where the Twin Towers once stood. The pools have 30-foot waterfalls. The names of those who were killed in the 9/11 attacks, at the Pentagon, on Flight 93, and in the 1993 bombing at the World Trade Center are etched in bronze around the pools, honoring every individual who died victim to the attacks.



Extended Day

By: Tinley Shaw, and Lucy Crawford

In the afterschool Extended Day Program, the kids are still having fun! They are still playing and getting work done within the program. When interviewed students said they liked extended day and everything in it; they also thought it was fun! They thought Mrs. Sullens was great since she is so nice and welcoming to the kids! Also, from the snack the kids get in extended day they really enjoyed Cheesy Ritz crackers, along with plenty of other kids within the group. They also enjoyed coloring in the program, saying Mrs. Sullens gave them coloring sheets, even saying "she always gives us the ones we want."

A staff member was also interviewed as well. She usually substitutes for other teachers, but she is a huge help. She prefers letting the kids go outside and play to burn off their energy, however she makes sure they know the rules and boundaries set and that they remain respectful. Plus. During homework time the kids are usually well behaved throughout their given time; if the kids do not have homework, they are given a word search or coloring sheet. The kids really enjoy extended day, as do the staff members within the program.

LPA Drama Kicks Into Gear!

By: Gianna DiBenedetto and Katie Bonday

As we move further into the school year, the LPA drama department is getting started! Earlier this month, The Big Reveal took place and this year's shows were announced. Coming up in the winter will be the play *The Christmas Bus*, and our spring musical will be *Newsies JR*. Recently, auditions were held for *The Christmas Bus*. Now, rehearsals have started, and the talented cast and crew are excited to be involved.

We interviewed a couple new members of the drama department, one in the cast and one on the crew. When 8th grade student Mikey Reiser, who is cast as The Troubadour, was asked why he wanted to participate in the LPA drama productions he answered, "I really like the people involved and I thought it would be fun to get to learn a new character." When 7th grade assistant stage manager Callie Chesney was asked the same question she said, "I really like helping out and it seems like a fun experience."

We also asked a very special helper in the drama department, Grandma Jeanette, a few questions. Grandma Jeanette has been helping LPA since 2013 and the drama department since 2017. Her grandson Will was very active in drama, which is what urged her to get involved with it. She heard the department needed volunteers and thought "why not?". She started out by helping with the sets, now she helps with both sets and costumes.

SPORTS NEWS!!!



LPA Boys Volleyball

Adhiyan Balaji

The Boys volleyball team here at LPA has had a rough start to their season. Their win record is currently 1 win and 4 losses. So far, the Boys team has faced Freedom Crossing Academy, Lakeside Academy, Pine Island Academy, Palm Valley Academy, and most recently, Mill Creek Academy.

The Team Captain for the Boys, Quinn Earley, stated that, "Our team has some good and bad, we are good at supporting our fellow teammates and are quick to improve, but some of our cons are that we can't keep our energy up and get discouraged easily".

Though the boy's team has their shortcomings, it is entirely possible for the team to come back from their current situation. The team captain has even said that it is possible for the boys to even make it to the semifinals like last year's team. Below is the remaining schedule for the volleyball season

Girls 5:30 games and Boys 6:30 games

Oct 1 – Home v. POA

Oct 3 – away at TCA

Oct 10 – away at FCA

Oct 17 – away at PIA

Oct 29 – Home v. MCA

Nov 7 – away at VRA

Oct 8 – Home v. VRA

Oct 15 – away at LA

Oct 24 – Home v. PVA

Nov 5 – Home v. TCA

Nov 12 – away at POA



Cross Country News

By Jackson Greathouse

The Cross-Country team has been training for several weeks, and had our first meet on September 21 at Bolles, which was a state qualifying event. Liberty Pines boys came out in 4th place, and our top boy's runner, Louis Lyons, was in 15th place with a time of 11:06. The girls team came out in 9th place and our top girl's runner Brianna Motycka was in 1st place with a time of 11:03. For reference, this is a mile time of 5 minutes and 57 seconds for Louis and 5 minutes and 55 seconds for Brianna.

Our team captains Louis Lyons and Hayden Warren are leading the team to victory. The boys team captain Louis, who has been on the cross-country team for 2 years said, "the hardest part about cross country is maintaining your energy throughout the race." The girls team captain, Hayden, who has been doing cross country for 2 years said, "the best part about cross country is that it motivates you to accomplish things; and the hardest part of running is that it is mentally exhausting."



LPA Football



The Wolves are 1-3 but have had some close games that just fell out of their hands. They had a very promising win over Providence winning 18-14. The JV team's leaders are Berkeley and Hayden Harper who wish to play varsity next year.

The varsity team takes a bye week and now they are ready to take on Valley Ridge on Wednesday, October 2nd, at Bartram at 7pm. JV wolves play Palm Valley Academy at Davis park on Saturday the 5th of October at 12 pm.

We had a chance to talk with some of the players and asked Alex Hutchinson, "what's the hardest position?" He said quarterback because you cannot make any mistakes. The season ends soon, and the Wolves are confident they will have a good end to their season as they are fighting as hard as they can.

Charging on – Girls' Volleyball!

By Ava Rosey and Brooke Russell

Our girls have started the season off strong, winning the majority of their games! Coach Sullens, our incredible volleyball coach, has been leading our team to victory since day one. She's been teaching our girls about what it means to be a team, encouraging great leadership skills, and improving their techniques. She hopes that her training will guide our girls to a successful volleyball career and help them develop strong character. Coach Sullens would also like to enhance our team's consistency; she believes that once this is achieved, they will be unstoppable! Come out and support our Wolves every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30pm.

Trivia answers – Fruit! Ireland! Pumpkin Spice! 2,554 Pounds!

MORE SPORTS NEWS!!!

Girls Soccer is Underway

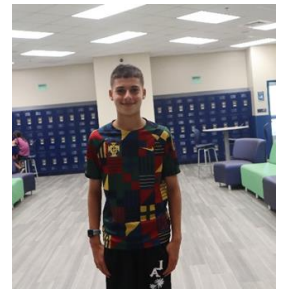
By: Olivia Pappas and Sophia Serena

The girls' soccer team is back and ready to win! However, there are some new changes that go into play. The team now not only consists of just LPA, as they have teamed up with Lakeside Academy. Not only that, but there are new coaches, Denis and Temur. They are willing to work hard to push the team towards their best efforts.

This year's team includes the following students:

Angelina Molina, Ava Harper, Bella Edwards, Brianna Motycka, Cameron Jones, Caroline Linder, Gianna Zardetto, Katelyn Potts, Layla Ghiglia, Leena Boustanji, Lucy Crawford, Michelle Bidner, Olivia Pappas, Parker Conant, Piper Plaien, Quinn Frazee, Sophia Serena, Raizaya Cauthen, Sara Ciancio, Sylvia Thomas, Walker Adams.

Soccer is very important to everyone on the team. 7th grader Bella Edwards was interviewed to tell us more about what soccer means to her individually. There are various reasons to want to be a part of the girls' soccer team, but for Bella, she wants to be a representative for her school and to create new friendships. She hopes that this will build good memories to look back on in the future. Like most, she is in addition looking to improve her skills, which can be done with continuous practice and hard work. Have a great season Wolves!



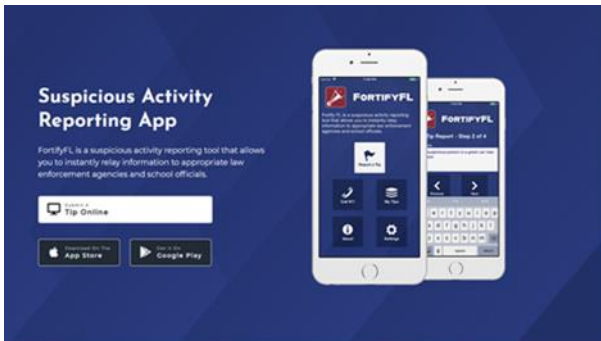
Score! Boys Soccer Team Ready for Season

By: Olivia Connell


Congrats to the following boys on making the team...

Eric, Antonije Toni, Griffin, Dylan, Ethan, Aiden, Luca, Parthiv, Nicholas, James, Grady, Kevin, Noah, Bryce, Leo, Cristiano, and Jake.

The boys' soccer is a go! They haven't had any games yet, but 8th grader Cristiano Serena is super pumped. Cristiano wanted to try out for the team so he could be with his friends. He is hoping to get to play attacking mid. Cristiano is a great leader on the field and is going to give it his all.



Fortify FL FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows students or parents to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. By accessing FortifyFL at <https://getfortifyfl.com> or <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/blog/fortifyfl-app/>, individuals can provide a description of the threat, share pics and optionally submit their contact information. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and rollout.

October							
							2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		IEP 101: Understanding the IEP Process - Virtual Discussion					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
					Quarter one ends		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	Teacher Planning Day- Student Holiday	Kindergarten Firetruck Visit					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		Middle school Fall Dance	Red Ribbon Week- Wear red! NIHS Induction Ceremony	Red Ribbon Week- Wear your favorite Disney outfit Report Cards Issued	Red Ribbon Week- Wear your LPA Spirit wear		
27	28	29	30	31			
	Red Ribbon Week- Wear your favorite pajamas	Red Ribbon Week- Wear your neon/glow clothes	Red Ribbon Week- Wear your favorite sports jersey Health Screenings	Red Ribbon Week- Dress as your favorite Hollywood character Halloween!			

PTO NEWSLETTER

PTO EVENTS



The PTO membership party was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all the volunteers who made it happen! **Invite your LPA neighbors to sign up at www.lpapto.com**

PTO HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteers of the month

Congratulations to Ms. Wurstner (nominated by student, Neora V.) for always being so helpful and awesome! Also to Ms. Lutts for always being willing to assist with morning announcements.



Fundraising

The Charleston Wrap fundraiser "wrapped" up and it was a great success! Over \$10K raised to support our school. GO WOLVES!! **Our Boosterthon fun run will kick off Oct. 7th!**

Help support our fundraiser today!



Spirit wear

If you haven't already, you can still purchase spirit wear on-line at www.lpapto.com. Items will be delivered to the school



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Keep learning. But, above all, keep having fun".

Greta Mae Evans

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