



LPA NEWS



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LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY

Hello LPA Families!

Over the course of this past month, we challenged our students with random acts of kindness. Those acts included:

- Writing a thank you note to our school counselors,
- Making a new friend by talking to someone new,
- Doing an extra at home during the four-day weekend that occurred this month,
- Reading a book to a sibling,
- Tell three people three things you like about them,
- Donate a toy, clothes, or your time to a charity,
- Holding the door for someone, and
- Telling themselves three positive things that they like about their self.

Hopefully you were able to witness your child completing some of these challenges. Our Student Council sponsored the Valentine's Gram sales, our Math Counts team finished in fourth place in their competition and are headed to the state finals next month, many elementary field trips took place, our basketball teams continued to compete this month, and we ended the month with the PTO Penny Wars fundraiser. Stay tuned next month for the winner!

As we begin to close out the third quarter, our eighth-grade students will register for the high school classes, our basketball teams will compete in their playoffs, our middle school band will perform at their MPA, and our elementary students will experience their field day. We will also continue to support our students to finish strong with the final push this quarter. The last day of this quarter is Thursday, March 13. The fourth quarter will begin Monday, March 24. When we return from the break, our elementary and middle school Battle of the Books teams will compete, the elementary Character Cup will take place, the elementary spring dance will occur (more information to come out soon), and along with PTO, we will host a Spring Carnival to give back to the community for their unwavering support! Please see the flyers for additional information.

I want to take a moment to thank all families for their continued support of our students, teachers, staff, and school. It is truly an honor to proudly serve our school and community as your principal.

Gratefully together,

Donny Hoessler, your proud LPA Principal



Parent Survey Exceptional Student Education Your Input is Important

Each year, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) conducts a survey designed to provide FDOE and the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, with information on how well Florida's schools are partnering with parents and promoting parent involvement in their child's education. The survey is open to all parents of children with an individual educational plan (IEP) receiving ESE services from preschool age through grade 12.

The 2024/2025 ESE Parent Survey is open beginning February 2025 and will close on 6/30/2025. The survey can be completed on the web or mobile phone by visiting:

[2025 ESE Parent Survey](#)

Your responses will help guide efforts to improve services and results for children and families. All information provided will remain confidential. You may submit one online survey for each child receiving services.

Mark your calendars for the events below:

- March 1: Kindergarten registration begins
- March 8: LPA Spring Carnival from 11:00am-3:00pm (students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)
- March 10: SAC Meeting at 4:00pm
- March 13: Last day the 3rd quarter

- March 14-March 21: No School – Spring Break
- March 24: First day of 4th quarter
- March 26: Elementary Character Cup
- March 27: PTO Meeting
- March 27: Elementary Spring Dance Night
- March 27: Report Cards released in HAC

WOLF NEWS

From Egg to Chick Recap

By: Olivia Pappas and Anna Russo

January through February, different classes around LPA were given the privilege to hatch chicken eggs. From there, students were able to see the transition from egg to hatchling. The chicken eggs started in the incubator and over the course of a couple weeks, students got to see the development through candling the eggs. When they hatched, they were placed in a playpen like environment and some students were given the opportunity to hold and care for them.

One of LPA's 8th grade science teachers, Mrs. Cassidy, was interviewed about her experience on hatching and caring for the chickens. Her first chicken hatched February 4th in her biology class, which was perfect timing because her students were studying embryology. The chickens were then named LeBron, Kobe, Ninja Judith, and Mike Tyson. She said taking care of the chickens was a fairly easy process. Her favorite thing about having the chickens was being able to cuddle them and hold them in her pocket. Overall, Mrs. Cassidy and her students loved having the chickens and thought it was an amazing learning opportunity.

An 8th grade student, Ariana Turner was interviewed on her experience on having the chickens in her class. She enjoyed how the chickens felt and all that she was educated about them. In Biology Ariana learned the different stages of development that chickens go through while being in the egg. She said that the chickens smelled bad but overall, she loved having them in her class.



Wolf Warehouse



The Wolf Warehouse returned to LPA this month and the students were very excited to spend their Live School points on a variety of fun items. But the Wolf Warehouse can always use more merchandise. If you are interested in contributing items to the Wolf Warehouse we would love your help. You can either use the QR code above or the link below to connect to the Amazon wish list for items needed to stock the PBIS reward warehouse.

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Math Counts

By: Grace Rapolla

This year's Math Counts team has been working very hard and their hard work has finally paid off when they went to the Math Counts competition on Friday, February 21st.

They received 4th place in the team division and are heading to states in Daytona Beach on March 13th. The team also received 2nd place in cyphering. Cyphering is a timed round of 30 competitors given the same question and the first five to answer correctly get points. Ms. Bridenbaugh is the team's leader and has been doing a fabulous job in leading the team to victory. She thought that the competition was very exciting, organized, and engaging. Overall, she thought it was a great event. Congratulations to the entire team and thank you Ms. Bridenbaugh for all your hard work and dedication towards the team!

The Winning Team members consist of the following: Saran Nimmagadda, Andy Li, Kian Zhang, and Mahathi Raghavendra.



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WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

CONGRATS TO THIS MONTH'S CHARACTER COUNT WINNERS

Character Counts

By: Kylee Blood

This month's character pillar is Caring. All the students pictured here were seen being a caring person to their classmates, teachers, or staff. They showed one or more of the traits listed below.

Caring Traits

- ❖ Kind to friends
- ❖ Helpful to teachers/staff
- ❖ Being compassionate



LPA Elementary Field Days:

3rd – 5th Grade

Wednesday, March 5th

Please send your student with a water bottle, sneakers, hat, appropriate clothing and apply sunscreen the morning of Field Day.

K – 2nd Grade

Wednesday, March 12th

Please send your student with a water bottle, sneakers, hat, appropriate clothing and apply sunscreen the morning of Field Day.

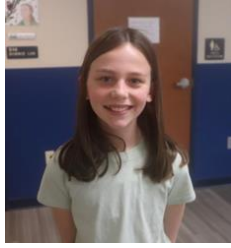


LPA SPOTLIGHTS!

Student Spotlight Emma Braxton

By: Sophia Serena Caroline Linder

Emma Braxton is a 6th grader here at Liberty Pines, and she has been here since kindergarten. She was born here in St. Augustine, Florida and has lived here her whole life. She has one sister who is in 4th grade, and she has a dog named Aubie. Her favorite core class is science, and her favorite elective is musical theatre. She plays varsity tennis for LPA. When she is older, she wants to be an ER nurse. She believes that all pillars of character are important qualities to possess because it makes you a better person. She can't wait to finish out the rest of her years here at LPA.



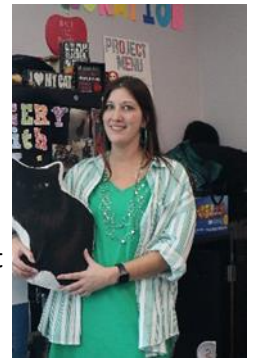
LPA's Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Applegate!

By: Charlotte Weger

Ms. Applegate teaches all subjects in an honors 5th grade class here at LPA. She grew up in Connecticut with her parents, two sisters and her only brother. Eventually, she got into UNF and got two master's in psychology and elementary education.

Ms. Applegate has always enjoyed hanging out at home with her cat Gary; she loves Gary so much that she even dedicated a wall to him in her classroom which is full of adorable and funny photos of him for her students to enjoy. Another thing that Ms. Applegate enjoys doing is playing Nintendo switch; some of her favorite games to play are Mario Kart and Mario party. She even brings her Nintendo to school for her students to play during lunch or free time. Another thing Ms. Applegate enjoys doing is playing the guitar. In fact, she's so good at playing the guitar that she even makes her own music!

Overall, Ms. Applegate is an amazing and super fun teacher. Her students have nothing but wonderful things to say about her, along with the rest of the LPA team. She makes learning fun and interesting for all her students, giving them the best tools for success, not just for middle school, but for their future selves as well. We are so excited to finish off this year with Ms. Applegate's cheerful mood, and awesome teaching skills. We are happy to have her here at LPA.



LPA's Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Nicholson!

By: Lyla Linton

Mr. Nicholson is a 5th grade teacher at LPA. He is from St. Louis, Missouri. Growing up, Mr. Nicholson stated he enjoyed school because he could hang out with his friends and meet new people. He had a great relationship with most of his teachers but especially appreciated Ms. Gettinger, his 9th grade biology teacher. She stands out to him a lot because she believed in him and made learning fun. He recalled his favorite childhood memory being getting a Nintendo Wii for his birthday.

Mr. Nicholson attended Webster University in Missouri. His major was digital media and then he got a master's degree in education. Mr. Nicholson has been teaching for 2 years, and he was inspired to pursue education because of his high school teachers and the positive impact they made on his life. He decided he wanted to make the same impact on future generations.

Mr. Nicholson has a little sister and his mom and dad. He used to have two dogs, or as his family called them, his sisters, but they have unfortunately passed away. His favorite food is pizza, and his favorite animals are dogs. He enjoys basketball and loves the color light blue. His dream vacation is to go to Australia.

He enjoys teaching 5th grade because they are a fun group of kids who understand his humor. His students enjoy school and are very funny. He loves working at LPA because it is like a family. Everyone has each other's back, and he loves talking and getting to know all the other staff. We love Mr. Nicholson and appreciate seeing his smiling face at LPA every day!

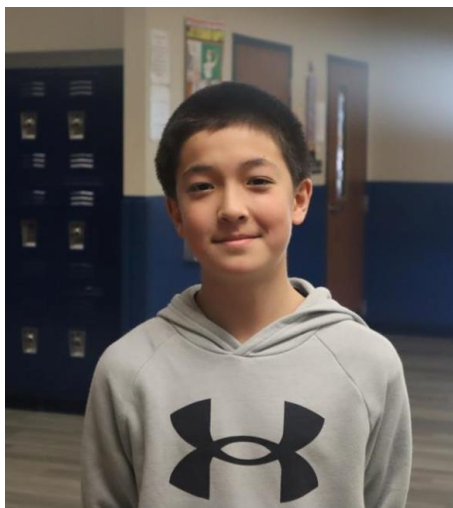


Student Spotlight- 6th Grade- Zayd Kucharoe

By: Caroline Linder and Sophia Serena

Zayd Kucharoe is a 11-year-old, 6th grader at Liberty Pines Academy. He loves science with Mrs. Johnson and has a passion for ICT with Mr. Roach. He just moved here from Texas 7-8 months ago. He loves LPA and enjoys making new friends. The most important pillar of character to Zayd is respect. He can't wait to see what the rest of middle school has in store for him.

Outside of school Zayd loves to hang out with all 3 of his brothers. He loves to spend time with them and play soccer. When he is older, he dreams of becoming a professional soccer player. In his free time, he likes to watch Venom 3. His favorite food is brown rice, and his favorite color is blue. He can't wait to have more time to play his favorite games and make more memories with friends and family.



8th Graders Prepare for HS Registration

By Talitha Kalapala

Currently 8th grade students are busy preparing to enter high school as we finish the 3rd quarter of this school year. High school counselors from Beachside will come to our school to meet with the 8th graders on March 3rd and 4th. Toco High School Counselors will be meeting with students on March 5th, and Nease High School will be meeting with their rising 9th grade students on March 10th. If you have questions about anything high school related, Mrs. Cox is our 8th grade counselor to consult. If you are to go to a different zoned school, you must have been accepted to a Program of Interest or an Academy in the school and you must provide you own transportation. All 8th grade students should finish their elective choice preferences and bring them to their meeting with their respective counselors on the assigned registration date.



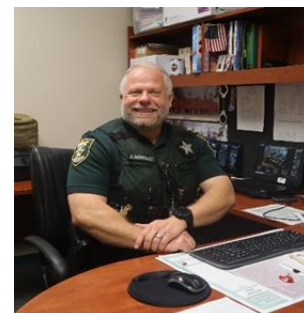
8th grader Aria Bennett registered for Beachside Highschool and will be joining rising freshman class in the upcoming school year. She is planning to register for Spanish 2 and 3D art for her electives. Aria is doing Spanish 1 currently in 8th grade. She, like other upcoming 9th graders, wants to finish her language in her first year of high school so she can be done with it. Around 8 years old is when Aria started her love for art and she still loves it, which is why she wants to 3D art as one of her electives in

her freshman year. Why 3D and not 2D you might ask; well, Aria simply loves practicing 3D art more than 2D. Every artist has their own style and preferences; 3D is Aria's style and preference is 3D art.

Meet the Deputy!

By: Erienne Scales and Mia Dahana-Ellis

All schools need an officer, but at LPA we are blessed to have an amazing officer who loves the school and all the people in it. Deputy Barnhart has been working at LPA for six years, surprisingly, it was not his first intention to become an officer, but now that he is one, he loves the job and is happy that he ended up his position! Outside of school, Deputy Barnhart enjoys shopping with others, getting to try new restaurants, and surprisingly, housework. Inside of school, the Deputy loves building relationships and interacting with not only the staff but the students as well. Overall, we're so happy to have such a great officer at our school and our glad to have him apart of our LPA family!



MORE WOLF NEWS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY PAW PAT WINNERS!!!

Middle School:

Michael Glover – 7th
 Sylvia Thomas – 7th
 Michaela Cookson – 6th
 Hazel Deemer – 6th
 Peyton Harrover – 6th
 Anevay Castello – 8th
 Sophia Serena – 8th
 Lauren Cuaycong – 6th
 Jax Dunsky – 6th
 Sydarius Perry – 7th
 Declan DeRonde – 6th
 Avery Grigoryez – 6th
 Acen Lam – 6th

Elementary School:

Emma Irby – 5th
 Mark Renhach – 5th
 Amaya Smith – 4th
 Theo Burns – 3rd
 Kinley Hill – 3rd
 Joshua Corson – 5th
 Julianna Perkins – 4rd
 Harper Fernandez – 3rd
 Jessica Leynes – 3rd
 Zachary Dillon – 5th
 Michael Coss – 4th
 Zakhi Hurt – 4th
 Lilly Ryan – 4th

Media Center Update

By Thanisha Thavakalsha

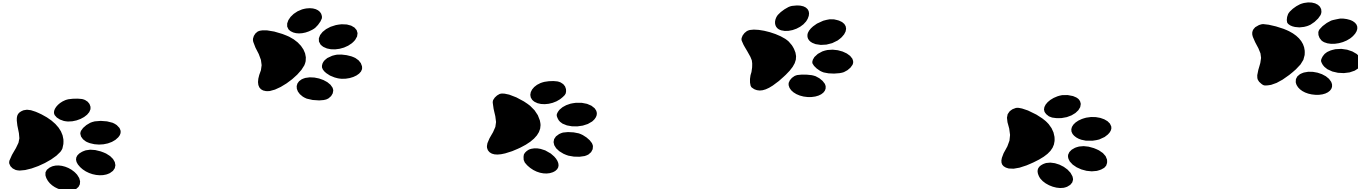
The Media Center has a few new updates! The Sunshine State Young Readers awards voting will be starting in the first two weeks of March. Students can stop by and vote for what their favorite Sunshine State Book from this year's collection. Students must have read at least 3 of the books to vote. In February, 3rd grade has been learning about the Dewey decimal system, which is a system used to organize books based on the topic. It is usually used to organize nonfiction books. February was also "I Love to Read Month", which encourages people to read for pleasure.

Also upcoming in March, it's women's history month! Women are an important part of American culture. The Media Center will be showcasing books such as biographies about women's history. Be sure to drop by and check out a book to learn more about women's history!

Both the elementary and middle school Battle of the Books team has been continuing to work hard and practice for the district Battle of the Books competition. The middle school district battle is on March 25th, and elementary district battle is on March 27th.

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 PTO Sponsored Carnival – 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.
9	10 SAC Meeting - 4 P.M.	11	12	13 3 rd Quarter Ends	14 Teacher Planning Day – No School	15
16	17 Spring Break – No School	18 Spring Break – No School	19 Spring Break – No School	20 Spring Break – No School	21 Spring Break – No School	22
23	24 Quarter 4 Begins	25	26 Elementary Character Cup	27 - 4 th & 5 th Dance -Report Cards Issued -Elementary Character Counts Celebration -PTO Meeting	28 Middle School Character Counts Celebration	29
30	31	April 1 Kindergarten Registration Opens				



NEWS FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

LPA Band!

By Ava Rosey and Brooke Russell

One of the electives we offer here at LPA is band. Molly Tromba, an 8th grader in band, says that her favorite part of this elective is performing. To her, performances feel like a reward for all her hard work. She plans on using music to get a scholarship in the future. Her favorite song to play is "Work Song", because it is simple, yet complicated enough to show off her talents. Molly was inspired to play by her favorite band *Third Eye Blind*.

Jazz band played in their first MPA concert ever on February 6th and played phenomenally. Mr. Spilling, our band teacher, is hoping to win another superior medal during their upcoming MPA concert on March 6th; make sure to tune in! Nine of our band members participated in the St. Johns County Honor Band, where they performed with ninety other students from across the county.



Drama Corner

By: Tinley Shaw

In the drama department this month Musical Theatre and Choir have been working on their music for their Spring Concert "Music is in the Air", which will be performed on May 8th at 6pm, so please do check it out! Also, Choir is working on a surprise that folks won't want to miss! So, keep your eyes peeled for that Wolves!

Students in advanced drama are rehearsing ten-minute plays that they have written based on famous paintings to perform in class in front of their peers! The students seem to be enjoying themselves and love getting to be creative in class! Meanwhile, Theatre 1 has written scripts based on character lessons for their puppetry unit. They have created and built their puppets themselves at home and are rehearsing to perform their puppet shows for kindergarten and first grade students after Spring Break, and the kids in drama are loving it! They enjoyed getting to write their own scripts and make their puppets for their show and cannot wait to show the younger wolves what they've made.

Ms. Herkel was interviewed about the upcoming performance of Newsies Jr. in the spring! She said that "Newsies is going great! We have such an incredibly strong cast! I am so impressed with how much they have already learned and accomplished! This show is going to be very special! In fact, it is the first time we have a student choreographer! Gianna DiBenedetto's choreography is something the audience will love, and I could not thank her enough for doing it!" Thank you, eighth grade student Gianna DiBenedetto, for taking such a huge job on for this production; it is much appreciated by the cast and crew!

Newsies is supposedly going to be the best LPA show yet, and everyone is working super hard to make sure it'll be amazing. So please come check it out in the spring, Wolves, and show your support for the drama department!

Art Corner

By: Maggie O'Leary and Addie Spradlin

This month in Art, Mr. Wolfe and Ms. Scoggins have been working hard to ensure our Wolves are reaching their full potential and creativity. In our middle school classes, students are learning landscapes, facial proportions, and graffiti. They are using supplies like tempera paint, colored pencils, construction paper, and more. Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are nearing the end of the year, but it is not stopping the amazing work ethic and fun they are having.

In the art classes at LPA, our students are working on projects to put in the art show, to be held April 24th. The elementary students have been working on projects all year to build their portfolios. They can choose their 2 favorite art works from the year to display in the art show. They have been making a variety of art works. Including, collages, paintings, drawings, clay ceramics, and more.

From Ms. Randle-Hayes kindergarten class, Milani Bava Karthick told us she has been working on painting a sunflower. she has been using watercolors, paint brushes, and paper.

From Ms. Osbornes 4th grade class, Westin Reaves told us he has been working on clay pieces. Specifically, a door and something of their own. He enjoys the creative freedom he can use while making these ceramics.



Extended Day

By: Tinley Shaw and Lucy Crawford

Hey Wolves! This month in Extended Day the kids got to create fun Valentine's Day projects and show their appreciation for their fellow staff members. A second grader named Olivia Flores was interviewed, and she is seven years old. What she loves about her counselor, Ms. Gloster, is that she's kind and lets them play outside and on the computers too; plus, she plays games with them as well.

For Valentine's Day their group got to decorate boxes and people put valentines and candy in their boxes which she thought was tons of fun! Plus, what little kid doesn't love candy?

The counselor mentioned earlier, Ms. Gloster was also interviewed. What she loves about being a counselor is that she likes being able to help mold young minds, plus, teaching kids proper behavior, as well as just talking and getting to know the kids.

For Valentine's Day she went to dinner and watched a movie- her favorite candy is dark chocolate; hopefully she got some for-Valentine's Day! However, in Extended Day, during the upcoming months there will be even more super fun activities for the kids and their staff members who help.



History Reflection: National Freedom Day

By: Ava Smith

The Civil War in the U.S. began in 1861 because of the tension between northern and southern states over slavery, states' rights, and westward expansion. When Abraham Lincoln was elected as President in 1860, seven southern states decided to break apart from the rest of the states and form the Confederate States of America. Four other states joined them not long after. The Civil War ended with the Confederate states surrendering in 1865. It was a bloody battle that killed hundreds of thousands of soldiers and injured many more. About 2 months earlier, Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment.



National Freedom Day, February 1st, celebrates the signing of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution by Abraham Lincoln in 1865, which outlawed slavery. It declares: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." The 13th Amendment was passed during the Civil War and later ratified on December 6th, 1865.

Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave and highly accomplished man, believed that there should be a holiday to celebrate the newfound freedom for all Americans. He was an educator, a well-known political activist and journalist, military officer, and banking entrepreneur. Wright had an interest in commemoration. He wanted to ensure that the importance of the 13th Amendment would never be forgotten. He began to voice the idea of National Freedom Day in 1914. Wright chose February 1st because it was the date when President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment.

In 1948, a year after he passed away, it was officially a national holiday by proclamation of President Harry S. Truman. Now, every February 1st, the day the 13th Amendment was signed in 1865, National Freedom Day is celebrated. It's an important date to look back on and understand the long and difficult battle the U.S. had for freedom. It's also an opportunity to remember the brave people who fought for their rights and appreciate the freedoms we have now.

5th Grade Students Chosen for Character Cup

We are so excited to share that several of our outstanding 5th grade students have been selected to represent Liberty Pines Academy at the 2025 Players' Character Cup! These students were chosen for their exemplary character, integrity, and athletic abilities, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

The event will be held on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**, at **Tocoi Creek High School Athletic Field**, from **4:00 to 6:30 PM**. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled to **April 9, 2025**.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen:

Norah	Madden
Lake	O'Donnell
Keira	Tapley
Kilyn	Austin
Savannah	Weger
Anna	Scalia
Zachary	Dillon
Jett	Felix
Josh	Crawford
Miles	Madden
Preston	Sinner
Marcelo	Juarez

SPORTS NEWS!!!



Boys' Basketball Hoping To Finish With A Winning Season

by Bradley Willman and Adhiyan Balaji

Our Boys' basketball team is 6-6 heading into March. The team has wins over Freedom Crossing, Valley Ridge, Trout Creek, Pine Island, and two over Lakeside. Against Valley Ridge Cruz Figueroa had his career high 14 points. Also, when the team scores over 48 points the team is 6-1. February was a good month for the team as they were 4-2. Now the boys look ahead to March with one more regular season game left. Then, they will have to look forward to the playoffs which they could possibly have a home playoff game for the first time in four years.



LPA Superfans show great team spirit!

Girls Basketball On a Roll!



By: Kylee Blood

The girls are keeping up that amazing winning streak. They remain undefeated and it looks like they will remain undefeated for the rest of the season. These are the schools the girls have defeated so far: Palm Valley Academy, Freedom Crossing Academy, Valley Ridge Academy, Patriot Oaks Academy, Lakeside Academy, Trout Creek Academy, Mill Creek Academy, and Pine Island Academy. The playoffs will begin the week of March 10 – 13.

Our amazing team consists of Ariella Bostic, Hayden Warren, Molly Tromba, Tessa Nguyen, Kinley Herring, Ayana Grubbs, Aliyah Sorensen, Sloan Kennedy, Alessandra Bobbitt, Allie McFadzean, Lily Davies, and Brianna Motycka.

We asked two team members why they joined the team and here are their answers. Sixth grader Allie McFadzean said she joined the team because she has always loved basketball. She has played since she was a little girl and will continue to play into high school. Seventh grader Alessandra Bobbitt says the reason she joined is because it is so much fun. She enjoys trying fun new moves and will also continue to play thru high school. Just for fun we decided to ask them what their favorite after game snack was and both girls confidently said Goldfish.



Spring Sports by Jackson Greathouse and Owen Reach

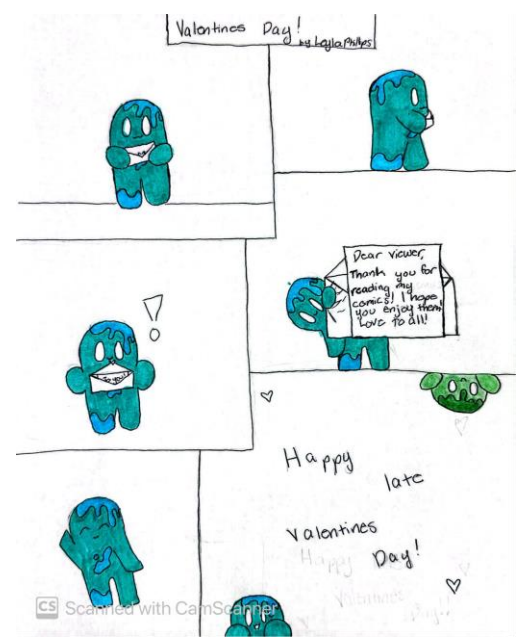
Baseball, Golf, and Tennis seasons are all under way as some of these teams have already played their first regular season game while some are still getting ready to play their first game. The golf team has only been practicing but has not played their first match. The first golf match is March 26th at St. Johns golf and Country Club. The Baseball team is 1-0 with a 10-6 win to kick off the season. Similarly, to the golf team, the tennis team also is still just practicing getting ready to win their first match. The JV and varsity football seasons are just around the corner. The JV team is coming off an amazing playoff run, where they made it to the championship game but sadly lost 6-0. And the varsity team lost in the first round of the playoffs.

Memorable Music

By Jaycee Greenmun

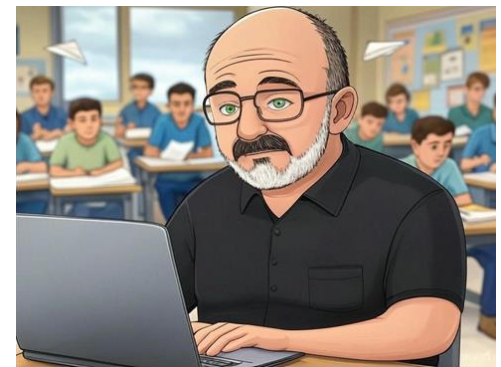
Our music teacher Mrs. Snyder has guided our elementary students and has taught them so many new things during their resource class. She is a very hands-on teacher who interacts with her students to help them pursue their music interests. A kindergartener named Tucker Pereira shared his favorite parts of the music resource. He mentioned how he loved to do centers and learn about music genres. His favorite center is the music book. He adores Mrs. Snyder because not only is she nice, but she also helps them learn so much and make memories.

Not only does Mrs. Snyder teach resource classes daily, but she leads our Moonlight Howlers. She has practices with them, and hosts concerts. Moonlight Howlers are currently preparing for a concert. They are practicing multiple songs such as "Living on a Prayer", "Your Song", "They Got a Beat", "Twist and Shout" and "Making a Band". Penny O'Leary, a fourth grader in Mrs. Osborne's class said her favorite part of Moonlight Howlers is the concerts and practicing her dance moves. The music resource is a very interactive resource that helps our student's gain a variety of memories and useful skills.



Middle School Mayhem All the Tea that needs to be Spilled

By: Mr. Ryan

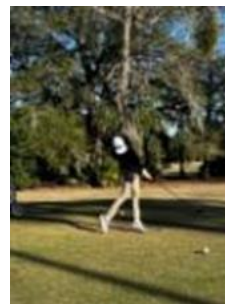


Hole In One: Golf

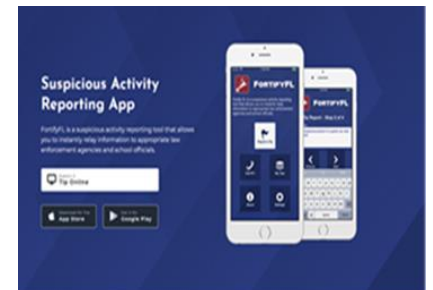
By: Olivia Connell

Liberty Pines golf team had tryouts on January 30th and 31st. On the first day of tryouts, they did a fun skills challenge, with driving, chipping and putting. On the second day they played nine holes. 35 kids tried out for the team from Liberty Pines Academy, Vally Ridge Academy and, Lakeside Academy but only 15 kids made the team. Congrats to the following LPA students for making the team:

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| Carter Jones | Brooks Shelton |
| Olivia Connell | Ariana Marray |
| Evan Lee | Collins Haney |
| Kamryn White | Jackson Greathouse |
| | Michael Kennedy |



Kamryn White is a 6th grader at LPA, and it is his 1st year on the team. Kamryn is super excited to have made the team as he has been playing for 9 years. Kamryn's favorite part of tryouts was playing the 9 holes. He is excited to start playing on a great team. Collins Haney is in 7th grade, and this is her 3rd year on the team. Collins has been playing golf for 7 years. Her favorite part about the team is her teammates. She also loves how fun the team practices are. Carter Jones is in 8th grade, and this is also his 3rd year on the team. He has been playing golf for a little over 3 years and he loves the sport. His favorite teammate is our coach, Ken Heba. Carter's favorite part about being on the team are the matches, which start after spring break, on March 26th at St. Johns Golf and Country Club.



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 videos 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.

LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY

SPRING FAIR

FREE ADMISSION, FREE GAMES!

Join us for the Liberty Pines Academy Spring Fair, FULLY sponsored by the PTO! Enjoy games, music, a magic show, balloon animals, face painting, and more - ALL FREE! Food trucks available for purchase! We can't wait to celebrate with you!



FUN GAMES | FOOD | MUSIC

8TH MARCH
SATURDAY

11AM TO 3PM

Liberty Pines Academy baseball field

**ALL MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT - NO DROP
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DUNK THE PRINCIPAL & SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
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Liberty Pines Academy 2025-2026

Registrations for Extended Day

Kindergarten students ONLY!

Opens **APRIL 1st**.



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*



Liberty Pines Academy
Drama Department
~Presents~

Disney

NEWSIES JR.

Jill B. Herkel
Director/Designer

Donna Hale
Assistant Director

Lori McGinnis
Assistant Director

Music By: Alan Menken
Lyrics By: Jack Feldman
Book By : Harvey
Fierstein
Based on the Disney Film
by Bob Tzudiker
and Noni White

April
10th, 11th,
and 12th
2025
6:00 p.m.
Tickets
\$10

Disney's Newsies Jr.! Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com

Liberty Pines Academy
Choir and Musical Theatre Ensemble
~Present~

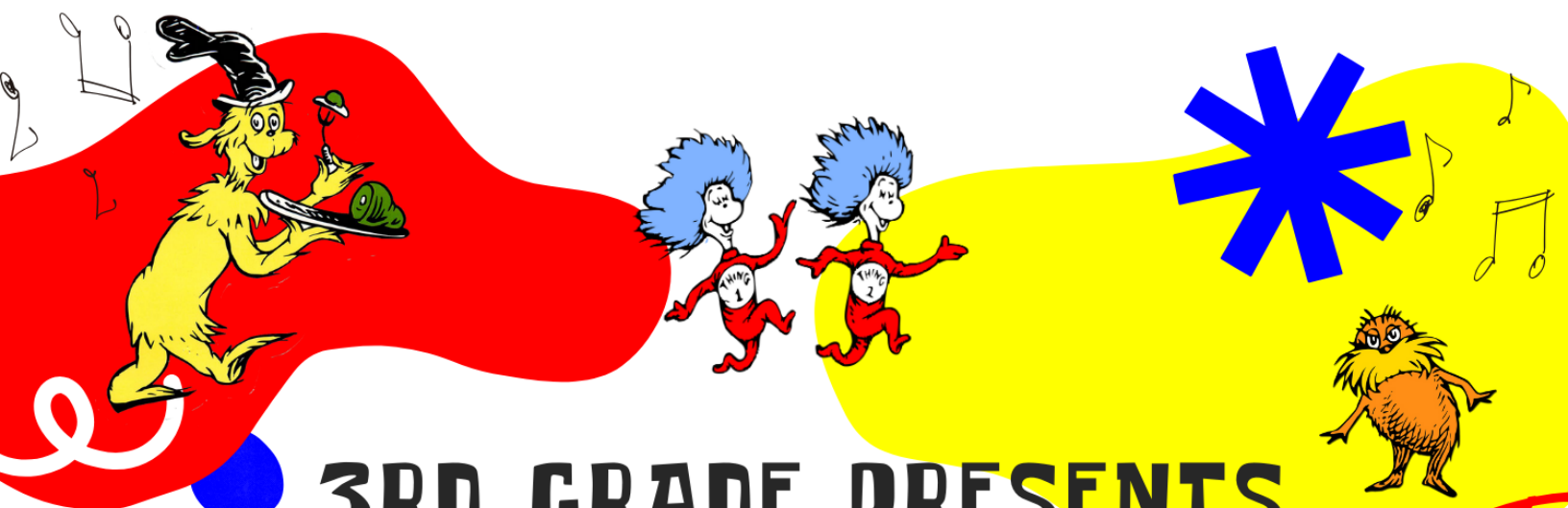


*“Music
is in
the Air”*

May 8, 2025

6:00pm

Tickets are free, cash donations at the door



3RD GRADE PRESENTS
THE WORLD OF DR. SEUSS

A MUSICAL DIRECTED BY ELIZABETH SNYDER

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH

5:00PM

*A SUGGESTED DONATION
OF \$100 PER PERSON FOR ENTRY
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
LPA'S ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM.*





**MOONLIGHT HOWLERS
PRESENTS**



**MAKING
THE BAND**

a musical

DIRECTED BY ELIZABETH SNYDER

MAY 1ST @ 5PM

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PTO NEWSLETTER

PTO INFORMATION



"Souperbowl" was a success THANKS to all the parents and volunteers who brought in and served delicious soup for the teachers and staff!

LPA students also had fun with the Penny Wars- Inside Out edition!

PTO HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteers of the month

Ms. Cassidy was nominated by student Neora Varghese for being an awesome teacher! Another student, Rowen, nominated Ms. Valentine for always being patient with kids during dismissal.



Upcoming PTO events

The School Spring Fair is Coming on Saturday, March 8th! Fully sponsored by the PTO - FREE ADMISSION!



Blessings in a backpack

Blessings in a Backpack is back in action and looking for food donations! If you have any, please drop off at 412 Saint Johns Golf Dr. in Saint Johns Golf and County Club.



REMINDERS

Birthday marquee announcements are now available for purchase at www.lpapto.com.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela



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