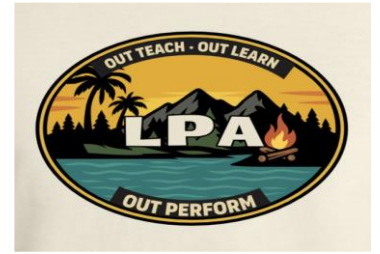


LPA NEWS



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LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY

Hello LPA Families!!!

We are ready for a wonderful 2025-2026 school year! I would like to welcome all our new students and families as well as welcome back our returning students and families. We have had a fantastic start to the school year thus far!

This year, we have a theme that mirrors the long-running show, Survivor, where we are all in a tribe working together to support each other and bring out the best in all of us so we can "Out Teach, Out Learn, and Out Perform" even our own expectations. Don't worry, we will not be voting anyone off the island!

As we have begun this school year, the students and teachers have been working on their routines, rituals, relationships, and academics, as well as implementing our LPA Way (Learning is our focus, Positive relationships are what we value, Always respectful and responsible) across the campus. We had such a wonderful turnout for the Curriculum Chats last week for both elementary and middle school classes. Our teachers did a great job presenting their grade/content area specific curriculum expectations and classroom instructional information. The Washington, DC eighth-grade parent information night was a well-attending event as well.

Looking ahead, our first SAC Committee meeting will be held September 15 at 4:00pm in the media center. This is opened to all families, community members, and staff. We look forward to seeing new faces. We look forward to watching our volleyball teams complete this month as well. Our Fall picture days are scheduled for September 11 for elementary students and September 12 for middle school students. Lastly, our fabulous PTO will be hosting the Charleston Wrap Fundraiser this month and will have their next meeting September 18 at 9:00am in the cafeteria expansion room. Families are encouraged to attend and learn about the new initiatives and events. Please ensure that you are registered as an approved volunteer to be able to attend the PTO meeting as well as any future events on campus during the school day. You can find all the information by visiting

As we have already ventured into the month of September, we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together as one tribe. I am truly grateful for the continued opportunity to lead this amazing school alongside such wonderful educators, staff, and families. It is an honor and a privilege to partner with you in your child's education. Thank you for your continued support!

Gratefully,

Mr. Hoessler, your proud LPA Principal



IMPORTANT DATES :

9/8-9/19: PTO Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

-9/11: Fall Pictures KG-5th grade

-9/11: MS Winter Play Auditions

-9/12: Fall Pictures 6th-8th grade

-9/14: SAC Meeting at 4:00pm

-9/19: No School - Teacher in-service day

-9/24: NJHS Induction Ceremony

-10/6-10/23: Boosterthon Fundraiser



WOLF NEWS

First Week of School – Off to a Great Start

By: Alice Poynton and Elena Heavener

The first week of school was a blast! Especially for Tippi Wyllie, a kindergartener in Mrs. Galat's class. She says she wasn't very nervous for the first day of school because she already knew her teacher. She says her first few days of school were good, and she was excited to start kindergarten. Tippi says she has already made so many friends, including some "bus besties" on her bus. Tippi has had a great first few weeks of school with her teacher, friends, and classmates.



Moving up to the 900 wing, we've got the fresh fourth grader, William Collins. Will tells us that he wasn't worried for the first days of school because he said, "I've done it before." Will's teachers are Mrs. Lovett and Mrs. Osborne. He likes his teachers because they are nice and



understanding to all his classmates. After asking what his favorite part of fourth grade is, he responded with, "I like making friends and meeting new people." The beginning of the school year can be quite a challenge when you are changing gears into a new grade. Will specifically said that the most challenging thing he has faced so far in fourth grade is writing, because of the prompts. Although, he thinks this is something that will get easier later on.

Now that we've heard about our students, let's move on to talk about some of our amazing LPA teachers! Mrs. Hayes, in fifth grade, has had a great beginning of the year so far. She said her experience meeting her students was a mix of excitement, overwhelmingness, and fun. She says her favorite part of teaching fifth grade is getting her students prepared for middle school. When walking into her room to ask her questions, her students were so well behaved, and you could definitely tell that they were ready to learn! Her classroom lit up with bright smiles and warm welcomes! They are so lucky to have Mrs. Hayes this year!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day- Teacher/Student Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Charleston Wrap Fundraiser (8th-19th)	9	10 Interims Issued	11 K-5 Picture Day	12 6-8 Picture Day	13
14	15	16	17	18 9 am PTO General Meeting	19 Teacher Inservice Day- Student Holiday	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

Media Center Matters

By: Alice Poynton and Lucy Collins

The Media center has been booming since the beginning of school! Lily Ryan loves reading! She says her favorite genre of books to read is mystery because she likes how she has to finish the book to solve the mystery, and that her current favorite book is Sisters by Raina Telgemeier. She reads in her free time with her brother when they can read together!



Christian Laboy is also a big reader! His favorite book is A Dogs Way Home by Bobbie Pyron, just like Lily his favorite book genre is mystery as well, but he likes mystery because he likes to solve the problems! He reads in his free time for about 30 minutes.

Mrs. Rice says that the most popular book genre is fantasy, and that the most popular book series is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. She loves the book fair because she loves seeing all the kids checking out books and being happy and that she loves that the funds from it go towards more books for the kids! Her favorite parts about working in the library are interacting with the students and helping them pick out a good book! Mrs. Rice is also the Battle of the Books teacher/ coach and her favorite part about being the teacher of that is seeing all the students put in so effort into winning!



Student Council 2025-2026: Ready to Rock This School Year!

By: Spoorthi Sindhaval and Lucy Collins

Our Student Council members are ready to kick it off! They already have started to come up with amazing ideas for the school year!

Brianna Motycka is a 7th grader Student Council member here at Liberty Pines Academy. She has been going to LPA since kindergarten and loved it here ever since. She wanted to do Student Council because she cares about the school and wants to be more involved in the LPA community.

Her favorite activity to do in Student Council is making posters. She really likes to publicize the events sponsored by Student Council. She aims to raise more money for the school this year. To Brianna, Student Council means contributing to the school and making LPA better for the students as well as our staff.

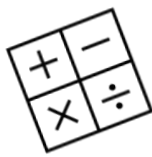
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Safety/Discipline Assemblies

By Brielle Coppola and Nora Maas

Officer Barnhart is our deputy at Liberty Pines Academy. Recently he held safety assemblies for all classes. A little bit about Officer Barnhart is he has always wanted to be a deputy since “day one.” He loves being a part of the atmosphere of a school. He thinks his role is important not only for safety but to also build relationships with students and the staff members. He also hopes that he can send students into high school, college, and further life with lessons and experience from LPA.

Now safety, Officer Barnhart’s biggest safety tip for during school is to take all emergency drills seriously, in case of real events that need to be treated right. Then outside of school he said during an interview “Be aware of your surroundings because unfortunately there are bad people trying to do horrible things.” E-Bikes seem to be the main topic of safety in 2025. It is important to be safe on E-bikes because it can be the difference between life and death. Lastly, Deputy Barnhart’s safety non-negotiable is that safety drills cannot be compromised or changed. They have been created and studied and are part of the laws.

NJHS (National Junior Honor Society)

By Ava Harper and Ella Madelly

The Nation Junior Honor Society is a club that teaches students how to support and get closer to their community. Members can volunteer to help with many different activities like school dances, plays, food drives, and the Wolf Warehouse which is a fun way to reward students for doing the right thing.

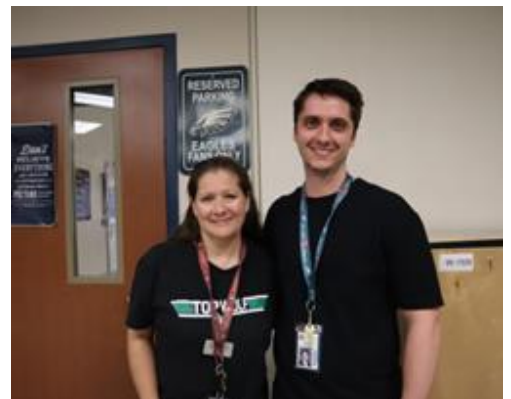
Mrs. Cassidy and Mr. Raimondo are the two directors of NJHS at Liberty Pines Academy. Mr. Raimondo just joined the club this year while Mrs. Cassidy has been doing it for many years. She has been taking notice of how much the club has changed over the years. There has been more interest for NJHS, as Ms. Cassidy said, “there are a lot more good character kids,” which will greatly impact the progress they make this year.

Both Mr. Raimondo and Mrs. Cassidy have different things they are looking forward to this year. Mr. Raimondo is most looking forward to the Christmas food drive because he wants to make an impact on families so that they may enjoy a meal on Christmas day. His goal is to make the Christmas food drive just as important as the Thanksgiving one. Mrs. Cassidy is anticipating seeing all the older kids helping the little ones at the elementary dance. She says it’s great to see the older students get the younger ones engaged in the dancing and fun.

In looking for a great leader in NJHS, they should be responsible, hardworking, independent, engaged, and always looking to contribute to their community. Ms. Cassidy said that a leader should, “know what you got to do, and do it on your own.” Since it’s Mr. Raimondos’ first year, he’s planning on bringing his enthusiasm and self-motivation to the team.

Mr. Raimondo decided to join NJHS because he wanted to be around students out of the classroom and teach them the importance of “helping people who can’t help themselves.” He also wanted to get involved in something the school provided and make an impact on the community.

PBIS rewards are points students get for behaving well in class that is operated by NJHS. This year they are planning on bringing back the Wolf Warehouse and encouraging teachers to give special privileges in the classroom students can buy with their points.





LPA SPOTLIGHTS!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT KINDERGARTEN

By: Mallori York and Brielle Coppola

Hannah Hulsberg is a kindergarten student in Mrs. Randle-Hayes' class. She is five years old and has a sister named Sadie in second grade. Outside of school, she likes playing with her sister and making up TV shows. Hannah's favorite movie is Anaconda because she likes seeing the animals. She loves school and looks forward to seeing her friends and teachers in school! Her favorite part about school is making new friends! Hannah likes using crayons more than markers! She said, "Crayons don't leave holes in the paper, markers leave holes."



6th GRADE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Audrey Hazel is a sixth grader, and she has an older brother in eighth grade named Noah Hazel. Her favorite subject is math because she is good at it. She takes Art and ICT, and she loves them both. Her favorite part of middle school is seeing her friends and having more opportunities to have classes with them. Although her least favorite part is switching classes. She likes middle school more than elementary. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Strillchuk and Mrs. Johnson. She is most excited for eighth grade and all the activities that happen that year.



MS Teacher Spotlight – Coach Forrester

Coach Forrester is our first middle school teacher spotlight! He has been coaching at LPA for 4 years. He loves being a coach because the kids can use their energy instead of being lectured and sitting down all period.

Coach Forrester's favorite sport the kids play is speed badminton or Frisbee mania, and his favorite sport he plays is obviously soccer! He says he was born into it and never stopped. His favorite period is... first because it is his planning period! His favorite place he has been in New Zealand and his dream vacation is Alaska because it's beautiful and seems like a fun place to go. Coach Forrester is an amazing coach to not only his grade but every grade!



Teacher Spotlight –

Mrs. Rhodus

By: Julia Radecki and Nora Mass

Mrs. Rhodus is our first elementary spotlight teacher! She has taught grades PreK all the way through third grade. She is currently in her nineteenth year of teaching! Mrs. Rhodus grew up in Tampa, FL but went to college in Tennessee, at Carson Newman University. In her free time, she likes to read books, walk, or try new seafood restaurants! When she has the time...

Kindergarten chose her, as she wanted 2nd grade. But there were not enough teachers in kindergarten, so she switched there instead... She has been there ever since! Some tips and tricks she uses for her students are giving hugs, having patience, getting them engaged by being a helper or rewarding them with a smelly smiley at the end of the day if they were well behaved, which is birthday cake flavored Chapstick that gets drawn on their hand so they can smell something sweet after having a long day. Kindergarten students read many, many books! Her favorite is *Miss Tizzy* by Libba Moore Gray. The holidays are also a huge time in elementary school! They do all sorts of crafts and activities. Mrs. Rhodus's favorites are all the ornaments they make at Christmas. In all, Mrs. Rhodus loves kindergarten and is great at it!

MORE LPA SPOTLIGHTS!

Staff Spotlights

By: Stella Alexander and Hannah McFadzean

LPA has an amazing staff that helps our school run as smoothly as it does. All the staff members make this school and environment shine bright. Two people who really make Liberty Pines feel like home are Ms. Tomaiulo and Ms. Freeman, our school nurses. They are both brand new to LPA and already making a great impact. According to Ms. Freeman, "Every student deserves a school nurse" and they really live up to that standard.

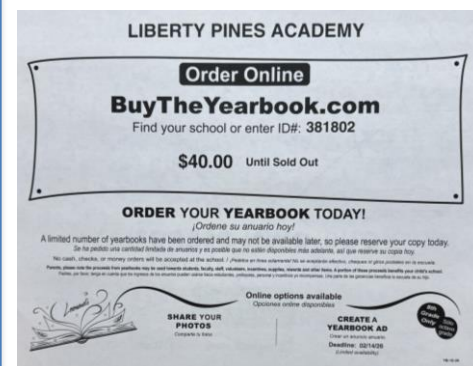


We got to know them and their unique personalities in a recent interview. Ms. Tomaiulo enjoys working with kids because "It's like being a kid back at summer camp. When adults were nice to me as a kid, it made a difference, so I want to be that adult to the kids at LPA." They decided to come to LPA because it's a great school and they feel they are part of a family. So far, their favorite part about being part of this family is helping and getting to know the kids.

Ms. Tomaiulo and Ms. Freeman have some tips for staying healthy during the school year! The most important thing to do is wash your hands. Especially during the first few months of school when everyone is catching colds or getting sick.

Another amazing member of the LPA staff is Mrs. Sherri. She works in the cafeteria and is loved by students throughout all grades. She has been working at schools for 5 years but joined our school last year. Her favorite part of working at Liberty Pines is the students because "there's no judgement and there all very kind". So far, the first 3 weeks have been good and she enjoys seeing all the kids again, but there has been some confusion with the changes in the lunch line.

Audrey	Chen
Avery	Corp
Brandon	Ashley
Callie	Pappas
Cameron	Korn
Cheyenne	Shelby
Connor	Collins
Emma	Lichtman
Grady	Hellstrom
Hazel	Gardner
Hudson	Daniel
Leona	Padgett
Lilly	Ryan
Mara	Caban
Michaela	Jackson
Nora	Beisiegel
Penelope	O'Leary
Randolph (Ace)	Island
River	Kramer
Safiye	Uylukcu
Simon	Vineyard
Zayvin	Salsberry



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Welcome to our new Safety Patrol Members, already hard at work!!!

NEWS FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT



Band News

by Ariana Ali and Sadit Anwar

Mr. Spilling has been teaching band at LPA for six years. This is the second year that Mr. Spilling is teaching Jazz Lab, a newer class that allows students to play jazz music even if they don't play a traditional jazz instrument. This year, there are 188 band students in all of the band classes combined. So far, the bands have practiced fundamentals in order to build up their skills for the year ahead.

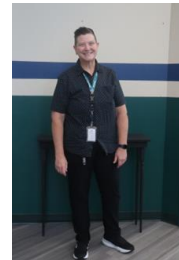
There are some new changes in band as well. Previously, the Symphonic and Jazz bands would go to perform at MPAs (Music Performance Assessments) in front of judges to get scored based on their performance. This year, however, concert band has the opportunity to go as well! Also, in previous school years, Symphonic Band performed 'Marches of the Armed Forces' at the school's annual Liberty Parade. But this year, they are playing a new, similar song called 'Armed Forces Service Songs,' which includes the Space Force anthem. Mr. Spilling is looking forward to making this a great year for band, and he is very excited about the concert band MPAs.

Last year, Mr. Spilling had the bands focus more on playing the entire song. Now, he wants to try a new strategy where the bands focus on areas, they are unsure about. This will help strengthen the bands' skills and allow them to put it all together for amazing results.



A DRAMA-TIC START

By: Anupama Deshmukh and Sarah Cheng



ABOUT MRS. HERKEL

Drama is one of the many amazing electives here at LPA! Taught by Mrs. Herkel, who is an extraordinary teacher, many people enjoy Drama! She said, "She fell into it." when we asked Mrs. Herkel why she decided to become a Drama teacher. Initially Mrs. Herkel was a substitute teacher and then was offered a spot as a theater teacher and the rest is history! Mrs. Herkel enjoys seeing her students build their confidence, especially through school plays.

CURRENT DRAMA LESSONS What are Drama 1 and 2 learning? Drama 1 is currently learning about Audience Etiquette which is all about the way people behave in the theater. It is crucial for many Drama classes to learn this. Drama 2 on the other hand, is learning about Character Monologue which is a script or speech for a character. This is already really interesting but there is still more fun to come! Later in the year Drama 1 learns about theater history, Mrs. Herkel's favorite unit! Mrs. Herkel enjoys teaching this because of the many interesting stories she gets to tell. While Drama 2 gets to experiment with fun projects such as creating an LPA Drama journey video. Mrs. Herkel says that "This project is very special to me and the kids."

DRAMA RESPONSIBILITIES Students in the LPA Drama class have several responsibilities to ensure their success in this area. First, they must be involved and participate and most importantly, they must, "...spend time practicing!" Parents also play a big role in the Drama productions. When a student's parent volunteers, it boosts their participation in the production. Mrs. Herkel says, "The Drama kids are a family!" Spending time with the kids is a very special moment that Mrs. Herkel cherishes very dearly.

THE BIG REVEAL The big reveal has happened, and everyone is very excited to audition for *An Enchanted Book Shop Christmas*, the winter play! Auditions will be September 11th, 3pm – 5pm, The spring musical is *Shrek*! See Mrs. Herkel for more information.

MORE NEWS FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Elementary Music/Moonlight Howlers

By Elena Heavener and Lucy Collins

Mrs. Snyder, the LPA elementary music teacher, loves her work because she says, "I have always been passionate in music and music genres." It helps her express the music world and plus "as a kid I always was passionate, so it is a dream to be able to see other littles get to experience it like I did." When Elena and I walked into her classroom it lit up with joy, seeing all their big smiles. Everywhere she goes, she lights up our school and makes kids feel at home. Another question we asked Mrs. Snyder, what is your favorite song and or activity to do with the littles? Mrs. Snyder replied with, "Songs are too hard because every song with them is so fun and exciting to do with all grades but if I had to choose, I would have to say any musical songs are so fun! My favorite activity with them would have to be the musical games we play, if you couldn't tell I am a huge musical fan."

Our last question for Mrs. Snyder was what started or in other forms what formed Moonlight Howlers? She came up with a fantastic answer "I saw that the 4th and 5th graders seemed to be more intrigued in music class so we (the school and I) came up with a club, Moonlight Howlers." I think that we all, or at least Elena and I, never thought of it that way and when you lean a little closer you realize how heartwarming the idea was.

Mrs. Snyder's answers were phenomenal, now let's look at LPA's miraculous kids. Two classmates from Mrs. Hayes class, Charlotte Reano and Riley Hustis, are both in moonlight howlers and have something to say!

Let's start off with Miss Charolette! She loves playing on the piano in Mrs. Snyder's class because "I like playing songs on the piano and I have one at home, so I already know how to play." Elena and I asked Charolette, what is your favorite part about music class? She exclaimed "being able to hang out and do stuff with my friends!" Our last question for Charolette was, what do you love about Mrs. Snyder? She said, "she is super nice, and we have very similar music taste!"

Now with Riley Hustis! We asked him what his favorite instrument was, and Riley told us he loves playing the drums because he can make sick beats. We asked him what he most enjoyed about music, and he replied

with "I just love listening to it and overall, it's something I find exciting." Our last question for Riley was, what do you love about Mrs. Snyder? Aswell as Charolette he said, "she is a nice teach and she is so fun!"



Art Corner

By: Sylvia Thomas and Gianna Zardetto

This 2025-2026 year we have our two amazing art teachers, Mrs. Scoggins, and Mr. Wolfe! Mrs. Scoggins, our elementary art teacher, has been teaching for 8 years. Our middle school art teacher Mr. Wolfe has been teaching for 5 years. They are thrilled to start another school year of teaching our K-8 students the world of art!

Mrs. Scoggins has been working here at LPA as an elementary art teacher for 8 years. In fact, she discovered her love for teaching elementary students when there was a lack of job availability teaching high school students. She loves teaching kids because she loves to show them how to unlock their creativity and never be afraid to try something new. She believes art can be therapeutic, fun, and an outlet for anyone who tries at it.



4th Grade Recorder Order Form

Order Deadline: Friday, September 12th

In music class, we are learning to play recorders! Recorders teach students how to read music and open a portal to assist in learning other instruments. The deadline to order online is Friday September 12th. The cost for a recorder is \$5.00. Please use the link/QR code below to purchase a recorder for your student. Students will be given their recorder in music class once payment is received. Thank you for your musical support! ~Mrs. Snyder

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Warning: Ear Plugs for Parents NOT included. 🙄



ELEMENTARY MUSIC

MONTHLY SNAPSHOT

Welcome LPA Families!

I'm Mrs. Snyder, your child's elementary music teacher. I wanted to say a brief "Welcome back!" and to let you all know that I am super excited to work with your students this year and help develop their appreciation of music! We have had a wonderful kick start already with lots of moving and grooving with fun rhythm reviews. This year is going to be a blast! Please make sure to check our newsletter monthly for upcoming events!

For example, 2nd grade will kick start our musicals this year with "Pajama Party" this October!!

Thank you for all of your support in music. -Mrs. Snyder

THANK YOU

Our K-5 elementary students would like to give a huge shoutout to the Rodriguez family for donating a rug and instruments for our music room! You have brought so much cheer to our classroom! Thank you!!

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

9/2: 5th grade Moonlight Howler Auditions

9/4: 4th grade Moonlight Howler Auditions

9/12: 4th grade Recorder payments due

9/25: Moonlight Howlers Start Date

10/16: 2nd Grade Performs "Pajama Party" Musical



2ND GRADE PRESENTS

PAJAMA PARTY MUSICAL

Thursday, October 16th

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Musical Theatre / Choir

By Ella Madelly and Ava Harper

Ms. Herkel is the Musical Theatre and Choir teacher here at Liberty Pines Academy. She has been teaching for 31 years. She chose to become a musical theater and choir teacher because she loved being in choir as she grew up and still enjoys it today. She also loves seeing the joy on students' faces when they make music on their own and are proud of their work. "I love to share my passion with others, regardless of age group. Everyone loves music and being able to share that joy with others is truly special," Ms. Herkel explained.

Musical Theatre is an elective where students can express their love for theatre while learning valuable lessons and having loads of fun. The class performs at the Liberty Parade every year, last year they sang "The Preamble" from Schoolhouse Rock. They also perform a winter showcase, which includes Christmas songs, and a spring showcase that features songs from Broadway musicals. Apart from the performances, they also work on group projects, improv skills, and how to build a powerful ensemble.

Choir is another elective taught by Mrs. Herkel that is similar to Musical Theater but focuses mostly on singing. They sang the national anthem at the Liberty Parade. Choir also performed at the spring and winter showcase and during the spring showcase they sang the song "Both Sides Now" in which they learned sign language to add sentiment to it.

She picks songs by choosing ones that reach her heart and are classics because she wants to, "keep them alive" for the younger generations. She also picks songs that teach students about different languages and culture in order to expose students to music they may not be familiar with. She selects the school musicals by ones that she loves, connects with, and has the students available to play the roles.

Mrs. Herkel believes great choir and musical theatre students must have a love for singing, work hard, and must understand that they need to put in a lot of time and dedication into the performances.

Her favorite musical is *The Sound of Music* because she absolutely loves Julie Andrews, the scenery, and all the songs. Outside of the musical theater genre, she loves 80's rock.



Cross Country

By: Stella Alexander and Mallori York

This past Tuesday Cross Country had their tryouts. The Coaches are Mrs. Cassidy and Ms. Lutts and the people that made the team are Molly Bragg, Isabella Bruns, Noah Cassidy, James Christianson, Reagan Fitzpatrick, Jae Gould, Jaiah Gould, Parker Harnitcheck, Sophie Harnitcheck, Arriana Heitke, Aria Houck, Ethan Langhorne Holch, Abhilash Madadi, Rahul Medikonda, Brianna Motychka, Deeksha, Mukidi, Emily Rapolla, James Reid, Addisyn Smith, Savannah Weger, Harrison Welch, and Nolan Williams.

Ms. Lutts has coached Cross Country for a few years now; she says she chose to coach Cross Country because she enjoys running. She actually is a runner herself; she has done some half marathons and trail runs. She would connect a wolf to cross country the most out of any animal because of their endurance and speed.

Mrs. Cassidy chose to coach cross country because it's an individual sport and she loves to watch the kids get better and reach their achievements. Mrs. Cassidy chose an antelope as her animal to connect with cross country because of its great endurance.

Emily Rapolla is an eighth grader here at LPA. She's been running since 6th grade but when she was 6, she did some running things here and there. She chose to do cross country because she loves to be/make friends while doing something she loves. Plus, she also loves the breeze while running and to feel free. She also wanted to join so that she could get better at running.

Noah Cassidy has been running for 3 years now and is excited to be on the team again this season. He joined because it's fun and he wanted to try something new. He enjoys cross country because it helps make his stress go down.



LPA Student Athletes – Emily Rapolla, Noah Cassidy, Dylan Brand, Ashley Windness, and Justin Howard – ready for Cross Country and Volleyball seasons to begin!

LPA Girls and Boys Volleyball

By: Navya Sadanaveni and Ashweja Mechineni

Bump, set, spike! Meet this year's boys' and girls' volleyball teams! Dylan Brand, an 8th grader on the boys' volleyball team says, "It's my second year playing volleyball, and this year I'm most excited to meet new teammates!" Volleyball needs team members with great athletic ability, a keen sense of hand – eye coordination, and amazing technique. But underneath all the tough work and strong hands, is a team with strong hearts. Ashley Windness, an 8th grader in the girls' volleyball team states "My favorite part of volleyball is having teammates who support and encourage me so well."

This year's teams both say that they're excited to face the other schools and improve their skills. Justin Howard, an 8th grader on the boy's team, shares "When I win, I feel proud and happy, and when I lose, I get upset, but losing also motivates me to improve my skills." Coach Sullens, now in her 4th year coaching volleyball, says that "seeing everybody's passion and drive for the game is my favorite part of coaching the teams." Both team's first games are on September 16th away games at Trout Creek. Their season ends on November 6th with their game against Palm Valley.



MORE SPORTS NEWS!!!

Volleyball News continued ...

Our volleyball teams this year are sure to be a threat to all the other schools. So, be sure to support them by coming to their games and wish our volleyball team's good luck! Below is the teams' schedule, Girls 5:30, Boys 6:30.



Sept 16 – away at Trout Creek

Sept 18 – home vs. Lakeside

Sept 23 – home vs. Mill Creek

Sept 25 – home vs. Hallows Cove

Sept 30 – home vs. Palm Valley

Oct 2 – away at Lakeside

Oct 7 – away at Freedom Crossing

Oct 9 – home vs. Trout Creek

Oct 14 – home vs. Patriot Oaks

Oct 21 – away at Mill Creek

Oct 28 – home vs. Valley Ridge**



Joke/Riddle/Trivia Ariana Ali

Joke:

What is the king of the school supplies?

The ruler!

Riddle:

Q: A man is looking at a photograph of a person. He says, "Brothers and sisters I have none. That man's father is my father's son." Who is in the photo?

A: The man's son

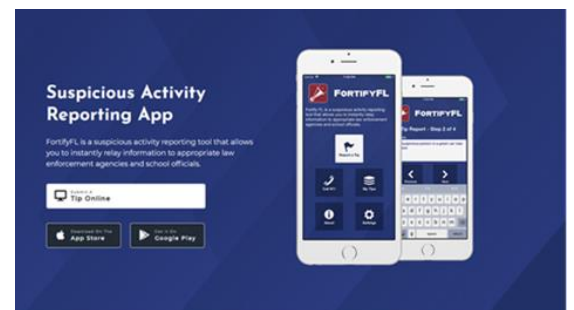
Trivia:

Q: How many people have walked on the moon? **A: 12**

Q: What is the national animal of Scotland? **A: A unicorn**

Weird Fact: The human body's circulatory system would be over 60,000 miles (approx. 97,000 km) long if it was all stretched out. That is almost long enough to wrap around the Earth two and a half times!

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.





A NEW FRIEND

By: Sarah Cheng and
Anupama Deshmukh



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ALWAYS BE KIND



Media Center Newsletter



MEDIA

Since all Day 1-8 classes have had a chance to check out library books (with the exception of Day 2-4 Kinders), you can expect to see our interns delivering and picking up our Media Book Return Bins. The day prior to your Media day, a bin will be delivered by our 7th period intern to your classroom to begin your class' collection of returns only. On your Media day, our 1st period intern will pick up the bin we hope to be full of our books. If a student wants to renew their book, remind them to walk it to Media class to do so.

K & 1 should KEEP their library bag in their backpack.

Thank you again for having your class bring student badges to check out books--It's the most efficient way! It was wonderful seeing many of our middle school students for check out last week!



MEDIA LAB

Keep encouraging your students to learn their S# and password in grades 3-5. Clever QR codes are being used for K-2 students. Any student not finished with their Lexia placement assessment will do so this week.

If you have reviewed your class' Lexia progress, share it with Ms. Scarpa and Mrs. Olson when you see them or email. They are promoting reading practice for success!



LEARNING



This week, Day 2-5 students in 4th & 5th are hearing book talks and K-3rd students are hearing various stories about manners, making friends, and the 6 pillars of Character Counts.

AUGUST EMAILS

- ✓ **Classroom Libraries**
 - Is yours created & updated?
- ✓ **Class Novels**
- ✓ **Movie Approvals**
- ✓ **Battle of the Books for 3rd-5th & MS ELA teachers**



UPCOMING

Activities & Events

- Wonderful Wednesdays
 - 8/27 Week B1 3-5
 - 9/3 Week A2 K-2
- Help spread the word! Battle of the Books meetings begin 9/2 7:50-8:20am for any interested students in grades 3-8.

HELP

Please consider being our Media Advisory Committee member for:

- **3-5 Teacher**
- **Support Staff**

Need to fill these final spots this week--Thank you!



PTO NEWSLETTER

PTO INFORMATION



We love the teachers and staff at LPA and we were excited to welcome them back with a Back to School staff breakfast. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers, generous vendors, and of course, our incredible staff!

PTO HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteers of the month

Our wonderful school nurses Kristy, Toni and Sam are this month's winners. They go above and beyond to help all the kiddos at our school. Thank you!



Upcoming PTO events

Membership Party SJGCC
September 28, 6:00 pm

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
Sept 8th-19th

Fun Run Oct. 24th

Liberty Pines Academy 
**PTO ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
PARTY**
2025-2026

Support our school by becoming a member of the LPA PTO and join the party

8/28 THURS
6-8:30 PM

 *The Bridge Restaurant*
@ St. Johns Golf & C.C.
205 St. Johns Golf Dr.

Meet the new board members & other parents while having fun kicking off the 2025-26 school year!

 DRINKS • EATS • PRIZES • SUPPORT

Don't forget to grab LPA membership swag while supplies last

Join PTO at: LPAPTO.COM

MAKING WAVES WITH THE PTO

REMINDERS



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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"New month, new intentions, new goals, new love, new light and new beginnings."

-Aprril Mae Monterrosa



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September

PLATINUM WOLVES



Leading the pack in orthodontic innovation, Smiles by Dr. Craig Hadgis makes every patient feel like part of the wolf family. With 3D-printed braces, Invisalign, and custom digital treatment plans, Dr. Hadgis helps kids and adults alike show off confident, wolf-worthy grins.

Known for his caring approach and years of experience, Dr. Henry at TRDMK Smiles is the trusted guide in the orthodontic wilderness. With personalized treatment and a welcoming atmosphere, his patients are never just numbers—they're part of the pack.



At Happy Smiles Orthodontics, Dr. Mark Komforti combines advanced orthodontics with compassionate care. Whether it's braces, Invisalign, or same-day treatment, he helps families in our community smile brighter under every moonlit howl.

When our wolf pack needs strong dens and safe shelters, Titan Contracting is there to build with strength and reliability. From roofing to remodels, their craftsmanship is solid as stone—helping families feel secure in their home base.



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