

# LSES Lynx Line



## Vision

- Lynx to the future

## Mission

- Each child at Lithia Springs Elementary will acquire the skills to become effective decision makers, problem solvers, and communicators to confidently solve real world challenges. Each child will possess sound values, a sense of self-worth, and a life-long love of learning.

## Upcoming Events:

October 6 – Fall Individual Portraits

October 6 – Conference Night, 3:30-8:30PM

October 7 – Parent Lunch Day

October 10 – SAC Meeting, 5:30PM, Media Center

October 12 – All Pro Dads Breakfast, 7:00AM

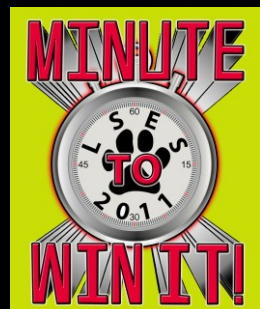
October 20 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period

October 21 – Student Holiday

October 27 – Minute to Win It, 5:00PM

## EVERY

Monday is an Early Release day in Hillsborough County! LSES students are dismissed at 1:15PM every Monday!



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## Principal's Message from Mrs. Keene

I want to share with you some good news. On Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended the School Board Meeting to receive 2 awards for our school.

The first award we received was for our "Recycling Program." We came in 3rd place of 143 schools, in the elementary category.

The program is designed so that every school has equal opportunity to compete against each other, no matter the

school size. The district takes the total weight of the recycled materials, divided by the number of students in the school, and obtains the amount recycled per student. Our school recycled an average of 28 pounds per student. The highest was 43 pounds per student. I encourage students and parents to recycle materials by placing them in our "Recycling Bin" by the back of the office.

The second award was for

our attendance. Last year our average was 96.67%. This was the tenth year that LSES had an average over 96%. We hope to earn the attendance award again this year! We encourage students to be here each day!

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to assist you whenever needed.

MaryAnn Keene, Principal  
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## AP News from Mr. Martin

### Mid Term Reports

New this school year, Lithia Springs' teachers are using mid-term reports for all students at all grade levels. The format is intended to increase the level of communication between you and your child's teacher as well as between the parent and student.

Teachers voted to include the reports as a waiver on the 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan.

Every student has a red "Parent Communication Folder" that will go home once a marking period. The report inside of the folder varies from grade level to grade level depending on the needs of that particular team of teachers.

Teachers will **estimate** the student's grade in all academic subjects, please keep in mind

that these marks are not official in any manner and may vary by the time the official grade report is issued at the end of each marking period. When reviewing the report with your child, please take time to talk to them about how their academics are going, what are they doing well in, what are they have trouble with and so on.

If your child has behavior indicators marked, please talk to them about the expectations you and the school have and encourage them to do better. Then sign the report and send the whole folder back to your child's teacher.

Midterm dates for the remaining marking periods are November 29<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Bullying

"It is the policy of Hillsborough County Public Schools that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. The district will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any type."

If you are ever concerned that there may be a bullying or harassment type issue going on at Lithia Springs, you can report it to administration either verbally or via email, request a reporting form from the office or fill out the electronic bully reporting form found at <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/bullyingprevention/>.

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### Minute to Win It!

Tickets are going on sale for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Minute to Win It Last Teacher Standing** family event to be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The evening begins at 5:00PM on the covered court where everyone can try their hand at games like Bucket Head and Nose Dive. Then move over to the multi-purpose room where the main event begins at 6:30PM featuring 16 of LSES' teachers and staff members competing in the some of the same crazy events you see on TV. With five of the games being new this year, the last teacher standing will have to **earn** their bragging rights and the cup for the coming year!

Various sponsorship opportunities are available. Event sponsors (\$100) will have their name and logo featured prior to at least one event for all to see as well as up to four reserved seats. A limited number of Student Stage Hand sponsors (\$75) are also available. Student stage hands help to set up and clean up games throughout the evening and include a t-shirt and two reserved seats for their fans.

It will be a great night of family and fun to raise money for school technology projects. Please look for the separate order form in the October 4 Tuesday folder or stop by the front office. Tickets are sold on a first come basis and will not be sold at the door! Concession style refreshments will be sold by the school's PTA.

Please contact Kevin Martin, AP at 744-8016 or [kevin.martin@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:kevin.martin@sdhc.k12.fl.us) with questions.

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**Cafeteria News**

All students are entitled to **FREE** breakfast in the cafeteria. Breakfast begins at 7:20AM; students may enter the gates to go to the cafeteria, but will remain there until the 7:30 bell. Bagged breakfasts will be available for those who want to be sure they are in class for the beginning of the morning show!

**[lseppta.com](http://www.lsespta.com)**

**Coaches Corner...**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Coach Hector Guerrero. He will be joining us one day a week on Fridays from Mintz Elementary. Coach Heidi Kelly is no longer with us she was reassigned to a new school.

Throwing and catching have been our lesson focus over the past few weeks. Please practice these skills with your children. First grade, underhand throwing and self tossing and catching, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders overhand throwing for distance and to stationary partners and moving to catch. And 5<sup>th</sup> graders throwing a lead pass (overhand) and catching while traveling and being defended. Practice the skills using a variety of objects.

Safety first! It is very important to come dressed prepared on PE days, especially wearing the proper footwear. In order for students to participate they must wear a closed toe shoe, with shoelaces tied, and securely fastened to their feet. Thank you for your assistance.

**Nancy Nowakowski, PE Specialist**  
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**School Social Worker...**

I am Ted Lesinski, school social worker at Lithia Springs Elementary. As a School Social Worker my responsibilities include assisting children, parents, teachers and school administrators to offer the best educational experience. I am normally at Lithia Springs on Thursdays and the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month during regular school hours. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding my services.

**Ted Lesinski, School Social Worker**

**Helping Our Children to be Stress-Free...**

Our children are very much "At-Risk" for stress with all of the demands involved in education these days. As parents, and educators, we often make demands upon our children that surpass their developmental level or maturity level. How can we help our children to be stress-free?

Make sure they get adequate rest. If our children have a regular bedtime schedule, the amount of their sleep-time is predictable.

Exercise! Make sure our children are provided with time to exercise. Exercise improves mood!

Give our children healthy well-balanced meals.

When all of these factors are considered, remember the following:

1. Listen to our children
2. Provide them with quality time
3. Show empathy
4. Give them structure
5. Get them professional help if needed

Remember, not all stress is bad. And remember to make sure, as a parent, that you practice what you preach. If you feel inadequate, seek help for YOURSELF!

Some ideas taken from Joseph Mark, LMHC, NCC

**Dr. Jeanne Raschke, School Psychologist**

**PTA News You Can Use****Box Tops**

A huge thank you for saving and turning in your box tops, Tyson and Campbell soup labels! We are off to a good start this year we have earned \$447.40 in box tops, \$54 in Tyson labels and 2028 points (which Campbell soup will double!). We are having a yearlong competition to see who can bring in the most box tops and labels. The top class in each grade level will earn a class party at the end of the year! Keep an eye out in the cafeteria for something that will sprout up to keep track of our schools progress. Make sure you turn in your box tops with your students no later than the third Friday of each month so they will be counted for that month!

**Annual Pumpkin Sale**

From October 7 - October 31, on the corner of Parsons and Lumsden, Lithia Springs will be participating in our annual pumpkin sale. Since 1998, they have generously supported our PTA and each purchase will directly benefit the students of our school. Please bring the

flyer in or make sure you mention LSES so that our school will get credit. Look for the flyer to go home in the Tuesday folder.

**AllPro Dad's Breakfast**

Our first AllPro Dad's breakfast was a hit! We hope you will join us on October 12 from 7:00 -7:45 am in the Multipurpose Room for breakfast and a great program to enrich your relationships. Our topic this month is "Being Humble". Please RSVP to the website

[http://www.allprodad.com/apdd\\_v2.php?id=2710](http://www.allprodad.com/apdd_v2.php?id=2710) or to Ron Mitchell [rmitchell@iasishealthcare.com](mailto:rmitchell@iasishealthcare.com).

**Fall Festival**

Save the date - Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>!

**Lithia Springs Hoodies**

This is your last chance! LSES Hoodie sales are extended to October 7<sup>th</sup>. Go to [lseppta.com](http://www.lsespta.com) to get your order form or you can pick one up in the front office.

**Market Day**

Pick up Monday, October 3rd at 4 pm in the multipurpose room. The next sale ends October 21st visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) to place

your order – don't forget to get everything you need for Thanksgiving! The pick up for that order is Monday October 31 at 4pm.

**Fall Fundraiser**

Please pick up all Fall Fundraiser items on Oct 13. All frozen items must be picked up at the school between 2:15 and 6 pm.

**PTA Website**

**[www.lsespta.com](http://www.lsespta.com)**  
If you haven't visited our site, please do check it out! We think you will find a ton of information and we work hard to make sure you have the latest information.

**PTA e-blast**

Would you like to have information sent directly to your inbox about everything going on at Lithia Springs? We send a weekly e-mail every Sunday, giving you a heads up about the upcoming week. If you would like to receive the e-mail, please visit <http://www.lsespta.com>