

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:

- November 4** – Parent Lunch Day
- November 4** – Report Cards sent home
- November 7-10** – Book Fair open in Media Center
- November 8** – Fall portrait make-ups/re-takes
- November 10** – Spirit Wear day, Red, White and Blue!
- November 11** – Veteran's Day, No School
- November 14-18** – American Education Week
- November 14** – SAC Meeting in Media Center, 5:30PM
- November 16** – All Pro Dads' Breakfast, 7:00AM MPR
- November 17** – Great American Teach In
- November 17** – 5th Grade Jump Rope for Heart
- November 18** – K-4 Jump Rope for Heart
- November 21-25** – Thanksgiving Break
- November 29** – Mid Term Progress Reports sent home
- December 1** – Specialty group and classroom candid pictures
- December 2** – Parent Lunch Day

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

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Principal's Message from Mrs. Keene

Greetings from a very busy school! Our teachers are teaching and our students are learning! I wish you could look over my shoulder as I visit classrooms regularly and see how focused everyone seems to be. Students are learning the various components of a science fair project at every grade level. There are going to be a few scientists from this group. Also, I notice students trying to beat the clock with quick recall of mathematics facts, learning how to stick, stay, and stretch a moment in time with their writing, visiting the Media Center to check out books in order to practice independent reading and meet their AR goal, and everyone has a positive

attitude about being the best student they can be. I encourage you to visit your child's classrooms and see the various curriculum activities that take place in a day. I'm sure you will be as amazed as I am.

As required by state statute, I want to make you aware of Lithia Springs' full Accountability report from the Department of Education. The 2010-2011 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs) are available for parent review in the school office. The SPARs report shows the indicators that are required for the annual public disclosure under NCLB provisions. If you would like

to review this report, please call the office for an appointment.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you a "Happy Thanksgiving." As I celebrate this year's Thanksgiving holiday with my family, I will give thanks for all of you. I know that I am truly blessed to be working with such dedicated professionals and inspiring students, and generous parents, each and every day. It is an honor to be your Principal.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

MaryAnn Keene, Principal
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AP News from Mr. Martin

Minute to Win It

The Minute to Win It Teacher Throw Down was a huge success this year with 225 tickets sold and nearly \$1,750 made to fund school technology projects. Ms. Comlish, one of our 5th grade teachers edged out Coach Nowakowski at the very end to win the cup and bragging rights for the coming year.

families that contributed.

Based on feedback, next year will include dinner and students featured in some of the games on stage so even more people get to participate in the fun!

Again, thank you!

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Media Center News...

We are PLANTING THE SEEDS OF SUCCESS in our media center with a plant and flower growing theme. Students have brought down their flowerpots with photos for the walls of fame. We are so excited to have so many students this grading period who have made their RP goal. We welcome first graders to Renaissance Place this second grading period. Renaissance Place information will go home with these first graders this week. Included will be the Renaissance Connect information which enables parents to track their child's RP progress on a website.

Our new morning show crew begins this week. Our crew members for the second grading period are Sophia Alonzo, Hunter Garrison, Bailey Murschell, Lani Roth, Maia Smith, Adam Gorman, McKenna Reid, Brooke Teacher, and Julia Hindman. Our teleprompter has been returned and we will be ready for the air on Thursday!

We have kicked off our Battle of the Books with our fourth graders and our Historical Fiction Battle with our fifth graders. There is so much reading going on here at Lithia Springs! It is exciting to see students so motivated to read! Kick off for our third grade battle will be in January when we come back after winter break. That is also when we will kick off our FRA unit with second grade and our fairy tale until with first grade.

Our fall Scholastic Book Fair is the first week in November and I know we have many wonderful new books coming. Browsing is Friday, November 4 and classes will be buying Monday, November 7 through Thursday, November 10. We will only be open on Thursday, however, for last minute buying until 10:00 AM so don't wait until Thursday to do your purchasing. Classes will have both a browsing time and a buying time so look for that information to will come home with your student.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 8. It is Barnes & Noble Night from 5:30 – 8:00 PM at the Barnes & Noble in Brandon. All purchases will benefit the Barbara Rooks Battle of the Books Program.

Carolyn Lemanski, Media Specialist
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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**Art News from Mr. Romigh...**

Bottlecaps Needed! The Art Department needs your help. Lithia Springs Elementary has been selected by the State Fair Exhibit Committee to be a part of the Hillsborough County Public Schools' exhibit at the 2012 Florida State Fair which will be held February 9-20, 2012. As part of our selection we get a booth in the exhibit to spotlight things going on at our school. For this year's booth, I have planned an exhibit that will feature artworks that consist of all recycled materials. One of the materials that is greatly needed is plastic bottle caps. They can be any type of cap or color of plastic. We will be using the book **Bottlecap Little Bottlecap** by Michelle Stitzlein as the inspiration for our projects creating murals with the caps. All donated caps can be brought to the Art Room (220) or buckets will be placed in the breezeway as well as the cafeteria to drop off caps. If you have any questions feel free to stop by the Art Room after school. Thank You, Mr. Romigh

Drew Romigh, Art Specialist
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Coach's Corner...

Jump Rope for Heart!! Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! Our goal is to increase our students' awareness about their own hearts and how they can keep them healthy while at the same time teaching the value of giving back to those in need. Mark your family calendars NOW for our upcoming **Jump Rope for Heart Event** taking place on **Thursday, November 17, 2011 (5th) Grade ONLY, and Friday, November 18, 2011 (1st-4th) Grades**. Sno Cones will be available for a \$1.00 donation. I would greatly appreciate some parent volunteers. If you are interested please email me at nancy.nowakowski@sdhc.k12.fl.us. Thank you so much for your support. More information will come home with your children prior to the event. Our recent lesson focus has been on striking with body parts. Keeping your hand a flat surface, extending to the target, and having quick feet are the cues to practice with your children. Playing volleyball with light weight balls or 2 Square with a bouncy ball is a great activity for everyone in the family. We also used our feet to kick and punt various size balls, which are also examples of striking. Using your shoelaces (instep) to strike the ball instead of your toes was the focus. Controlling their strikes and contacting the ball behind the ball to keep it on the ground and under the ball to send it in the air. And focusing on step, drop, kick for punting was a real challenge. Please practice these skills with your children. Its lots of fun!

Nancy Nowakowski, PE Specialist
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PTA News You Can Use

Hello Parents!

Fall is finally here! It's hard to believe that it's already November! It's been a busy beginning of the year in PTA and I want to thank all those who have volunteered in so many capacities. We know your time is valuable but our teachers and administration truly appreciate all the time that you volunteer. YOU really do make a difference.

We had a very successful fall fundraiser and were able to raise \$9,205.26 which will go directly back into our school. Thank you to all those who participated! Our Fall Festival is coming up and I hope that each one of you will come out and enjoy a fun time with your families.

I hope that each of you has a great holiday season and it's filled with family, love, fun and laughter.

Allison Jones, PTA President
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ALL PRO DAD

Come have breakfast with your child on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 7:00 - 7:45AM in the multipurpose room. The theme is "Being Thankful". Please RSVP to Ron Mitchell (rmitchell@iasishealthcare.com) or on the All Pro Dad website http://www.allprodad.com/apdd_v2.php?id=2710

RECEIPTS AND LABELS

A big thank you to all those who have saved and turned in Box Tops and Campbell's "Labels for Education". So far this year, we have collected \$940.10 with Box Tops and 4,160 points with Campbell's Labels. Campbell's has a special promotion that is going to double our points so we have earned 8,320 points!!!! Here is where our class competition stands:

Kanarek (K) – 327 labels
Janasiewicz (1st Gr.) – 938 labels
Manigold (2nd Gr.) – 732 labels
VanAllen (3rd Gr.) – 504 labels
Gaskins (4th Gr.) – 459 labels
McCarty(5th Gr.) – 580 labels
Keep turning in those labels!

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is this **Friday, November 4th from 4 pm -7 pm**. Wristbands will be on sale in the breezeway **before school** this week or you can turn your order form in to your child's teacher. Wristbands purchased in advance are **\$5**, or **\$4** with a canned food item. Wristbands purchased at the door will be **\$6**. Food tickets will also be available to purchase in advance in the breezeway. You won't want to miss this fun family event featuring bounce houses, carnival games, hay rides, cake walk & food complete with caramel apples! We are looking for donations for the cake walk -

if you are interested in donating items please contact Kim Eubank via email at keubank@hotmail.com.

Fall Fundraiser

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who participated in our fall fundraiser! We were able to raise **\$9,205.26!** This money will be used to purchase new library books, purchase mini blinds for the front office and fund some great programs for our students! **A BIG SHOUT OUT** goes to **JACOB JOHNSON** from Ms. Brown's class who was our top seller! Congratulations! We will be scheduling the animal show and other parties that students earned from the fundraiser this month (**** I hope, Mrs. Keene was going to check with someone? leadership) more details to follow.

Holiday Store

We will have our annual Holiday Store on December 5 - 9. Look for more information to go home in your child's Tuesday folder the week after Thanksgiving break. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Holiday Store please contact Elizabeth Flannery at flanpoon@msn.com.