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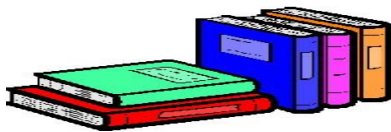
Principal's Corner

Welcome to May... We are so excited about what this time of year brings to KLES! It's hard to believe we only have five weeks left in the school year. The month of May is packed with many special activities and events, including field trips, 5th Grade Graduation, Fairy Tale Knowdown, FAST testing, etc. The last month of school will fly by very fast! Please continue to check the master calendar on our school's website and teacher newsletters for events

Although this school year is quickly coming to an end, students are still working hard to complete standards mastery and grade level expectations.

We appreciate the support you give to ensure the students remain focused and responsible for their school work.

We look forward to honoring our school employees May 1-5th for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. We have such a dedicated and talented group at KLES, and are so thankful for their commitment to our students. Thank you for taking the time to let them know *how much they are appreciated.*



*Remember to Read! Read! Read!
 Happy May!*

Mrs. Brenda Wagner, Principal



Our end of year progress monitoring (PM3) assessments for 3rd – 5th grades start Tuesday! Thank you in advance for ensuring your children are at school on time these days as it allows them to be comfortably settled when we begin the tests. As you know, if a student arrives after testing begins, they will remain in a designated holding area until testing for that day is complete.

3rd and 4th grade ELA:
 Tuesday, May 2nd

3rd and 4th grade MATH:
 Tuesday, May 9th

5th grade ELA:
 Wednesday, May 3rd

5th grade MATH:
 Wednesday, May 10th

5th grade Science:
 Tuesday & Wednesday, May 16th & 17th

*****Please do not schedule any type of appointment during school hours on the days your child is scheduled to test. Also, they may not leave during a testing time. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.**



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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1-5	Teacher and Staff Appreciation
May 5	Marco's Pizza Share Night
May 9	All Pro Dad
May 22	5th Grade Graduation
May 22-24	Early Release Days Dismissal 12:20pm
May 24	Report cards

Visit us on the web: www.leonschools.net/killearnlakes



Dear Parents,

April has arrived and thoughts are turning toward the school year ending. **Grades 3-5** have talked about behavior when using technology. We focused on what the character pillars look like in a technology world. March brought a break and now that we are back we are reminding students that KLES expectations include our 3 R's: Respect, Responsible and Ready to Learn. Thank you to all the parents who support our guidance message of using the pillars of character to make good choices. Respect, Responsible, Trustworthy, Kind, Fair and Citizenship.



Thank you,

Mrs. Gruber,

Guidance Teacher

MARVELOUS MUSIC MOMENTS

This last month has been so much fun in music! We studied music from all around the world! It was so great to hear music and instruments from some of the native countries of our Killlearn Lakes families. This month we will be learning about styles of music and how music relates to the other arts like dance, film, and visual arts. We continue to move, play instruments, compose, and sing in class each week. Also, in March we listened to some different kinds of music for our "March Madness" bracket. The teachers picked songs they wanted the students to hear, and we voted on which one is our favorite. We are still in the process of voting, but next month I will let you know which song was our school-wide winner! Thanks for sharing your kids with me.

Mrs. Pursino,

Music Teacher



May is just around the corner and the heat is on! Leonardo Da Vinci lived in a golden age of creativity contributing his unique genius to virtually everything he touched. Today, no name better seems to symbolize Renaissance age than Leonardo da Vinci. He is among the most influential artists in history, having left a significant legacy not only in the realm of art but in science as well, each discipline informing his mastery of the other. **Kindergarten and first grade** are working with clay sculpting snails. **Second and third grade** are working with shapes creating portraits like Picasso, experiencing abstract cubism. **Fourth grade** students are applying their perspective skills, and **fifth grade** students are Learning about Leonardo DaVinci and his rule of halves, applied to portraits. Look for some master pieces to come home soon!

Mr. Tavares,

Art Teacher

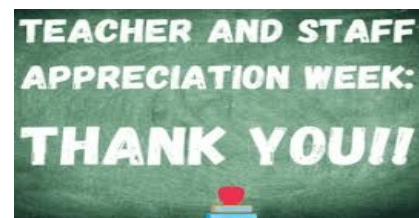
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Sign-in and sign-out procedures.
Download the app with this QR code.

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Link for Android



May 1-5, 2023



Spring is in the air, and we are enjoying it in PE!

Students have been busy working on improving their throwing, catching & basketball skills through working in centers. They got to throw and catch a number of different objects, both underhand and overhand. The older students worked on dribbling and passing the basketball as well as some offensive and defensive strategies for both basketball and football. Currently we are introducing long jump rope turning and jumping to students in all grade levels. It is fun to watch them get better! Thank you for making sure your kids are wearing shoes appropriate for physical activity on their PE days.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hickman

Ms. Dennis

The PE Department



May 22 – 24, 2023

**Dismissal will be at
12:20pm**

NO LUNCH BUNCH

**Last day of School
May 24, 2023**



Media News



Dear Parents and Families,

I'm sending my sincere gratitude for making our Book Fair an outstanding success!

Thanks to your contributions, we raised over \$6,000 for our school, which we'll use to purchase new books for our Media Center.

My reward for hosting a Book Fair is watching your kids discover new books. All that joy wouldn't be possible without volunteers from our school community – you deserve my special thanks.

We are already in the process of scheduling our fairs for next year and again, look forward to seeing you there.

Until then, happy reading!

Gratefully,

Debbie Hartsfield

Book Fair Chairperson/ Media Specialist

Killearn Lakes Elementary School





Attention Parents

Leon County School Board requires all 5th grade students to provide current proof of residence to their elementary school before they

can transition to middle school.

This requirement applies even if you have not moved. May 1st is the deadline to submit the documents

They should be emailed to Admissions at LCSadmissions@leonschools.net.

LCS

“No person shall on the basis of sex (including transgender, gender nonconforming and gender identity), marital status, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, color, pregnancy, disability, military status or genetic information be denied employment, receipt of services, access to or participation in school activities or programs if qualified to receive such services, or otherwise be discriminated against or placed in a hostile environment in any educational program or activity. including those receiving federal financial assistance, except as provided by law.” No person shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet to, or discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

KLES Mission Statement

Killearn Lakes Elementary School provides students with an equitable learning environment to create and develop lifelong learners.



Parking Lot Rules

Parking On Campus

When visiting KLES, we have posted visitor parking spaces available as well as multiple parking spaces with no designation. Please be aware of the posted parking signs for assigned parking spots, including handicapped and assigned staff parking.

Thank you!



- Please do not park in any of the reserved parking spaces. These people come and go throughout the school day. Thank you!
- Remember – all afternoon dismissal changes must be in writing and received prior to 2:30 pm.
- Please label all your child’s items (water bottles, lunch boxes, sweaters, jackets, etc...). If they land in lost and found, we can return them to their rightful owner.
- Dress Attire: Parents—little eyes are watching you! Please wear appropriate attire when visiting/ volunteering at KLES.



Nondiscrimination Notification and Contact Information

“No person shall on the basis of sex (including transgender, gender nonconforming and gender identity), marital status, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, color, pregnancy, disability, military status or genetic information be denied employment, receipt of services, access to or participation in school activities or programs if qualified to receive such services, or otherwise be discriminated against or placed in a hostile environment in any educational program or activity including those receiving federal financial assistance, except as provided by law.” No person shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet to, or discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

An employee, student, parent or applicant alleging discrimination with respect to employment, or any educational program or activity may contact:

Deana McAllister, Assistant Superintendent

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Wallace Knight, Director

Title IX Compliance Officer
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A student or parent alleging discrimination as it relates to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may contact:

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