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News from the Principal

I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back! We started out strong and can't wait to experience all of the amazing things that come along with a new school year. I am honored to serve as Principal at KLES and I look forward to working alongside our amazing teachers and staff. Killearn Lakes is an excellent school and I am grateful to be here.

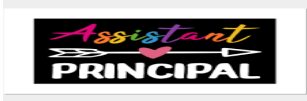
I would like to thank everyone for a smooth start to the year. As we expected, the first day or two of **PikMyKid** had a few hiccups, but we adjusted and things are working smoothly. Thanks to all of the parents/guardians for adapting and being patient as we worked through the process. I am excited to use the added reunification feature to assist with our required safety drills. The application should make the process easier for all parties as we keep safety our top priority.

We have successfully completed two safety drills this year. Students did a fantastic job! There will be several monthly drills throughout the year (Tornado, Fire, Active Assailant) to prepare students in the event of an emergency.

Be sure to follow our Instagram and Facebook accounts to see all the fun things going on at KLES.

Thanks again for a great start to the year!

Jenny Blair, Principal



Hello KLES families,

What a fast and fabulous month we had in August! The excitement of a new school year is something I look forward to at the end of every summer. To be honest, campus is just too quiet without all of you. My favorite part of the day is walking through the classrooms to see students and teachers working and learning. Be sure to check out our Instagram and Facebook posts to see pictures of our hard-working students and staff.

Thank you to all who made it to our first PTO meeting. There were lots of familiar faces and quite a few newbies, too! Please know that you are always welcome to attend; you don't have to be a board member. PTO meetings are a great way to meet other KLES families and take part in planning many of the amazing activities we have at KLES. We LOVE our PTO!!!!

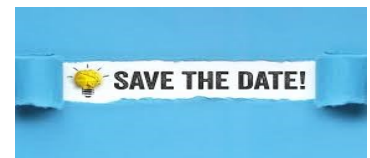
Safety is very important for our learning community. Throughout the year we will discuss and practice protocols in case of emergencies (e.g., fire drills, lockdowns, etc.). We have been practicing fire and lockdown drills since the first week of school and will add a tornado drill next month.

Speaking of safety and FOCUS...It is imperative that you update your contact information any time a phone number changes, or you want to add/delete an emergency contact. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO MAKE SURE ALL CONTACT INFORMATION IS CURRENT IN FOCUS. This is our only resource in times of emergency. If you move, please contact Mrs. Payne as she is the only person who can update addresses in FOCUS.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| August 31 | Open House 6PM to 7:30 |
| Sept 4 | No School Labor Day |
| Sept 12 | All Pro Dad |
| Sept 13 | Progress Alerts |
| Sept 25 | No School Fall Holiday |
| Sept 26 | Fall Pictures |
| Sept 26- Oct 2 | Book Fair |
| Sept 29 & Oct 2 | Grandparents Day |
| Oct 9 | No School Teacher Planning Day |
| Oct 25 | Report Cards |

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Welcome back KLES Families!

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great beginning! Guidance is happy to see many returning faces and we are excited to meet all of our new students! Guidance classes for K-2 started on the first day of school and we have been hearing many stories about summer adventures and family time well spent. Our focus this month has been on the Good Character Pillar "Respect". We have been engaged in establishing classroom rules, reviewing Good Manners in the school cafeteria, and we are learning about and practicing listening skills through books, activities, and games like "Simon Says". We are excited to witness the students already demonstrating and understanding the importance of good character and look forward to working with each and every one of them.

Kindly,

Ms. Blank and Ms. Dugans



MARVELOUS MUSIC MOMENTS

Hello families of Killlearn Lakes!! I have loved getting to meet all of the students these past two weeks. We have played lots of "get to know you" games and sang silly songs. It's a fun way to start off the year. Our next unit will be rhythm. All of the students will probably come home reciting and writing rhythms. We will practice playing rhythms on instruments, saying and moving to them, and writing them. Thanks for sharing your kids with me. They are just the cutest!!

Mrs. Pursino



ART UPDATES

Welcome back to school everybody!

August begins with some warmups! Kindergarten and First Grade are learning about Pointillism with George Seurat. Second and Third Grade are understanding the mechanics of a landscape, while the Fourth and Fifth grade students are learning about X-rays and how they work. They are experimenting with the idea of replacing body part (eyes brain ears) with technology in abstract art. Look for some master pieces to come home soon!

Mr. Tavares



ATTENTION PARENTS

We are making your life simple!
New sign in and sign out procedures.
Download the app with this QR code.

Link for iPhone



Link for Android



KLES Mission Statement

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Hello from the PE department and welcome back to school! Mrs. Hickman and Ms. Dennis are excited to see everyone back on campus! We also want to thank all of our parents for their support with our student's shoe selection for PE days. Most of our students had on appropriate shoes for being outside on our fields! It is also still very hot, so dressing for the weather is helpful as well.

Our plan is to spend the month of September in our Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Bus Safety unit. Students that have bike helmets will need to get them out, make sure they fit and have their names in them, in order to be ready to ride. We will also have helmets for students to borrow during PE as needed.

Please continue to have your child wear appropriate clothes and athletic shoes on PE days and contact us with any questions that you might have.

The PE Department

Mrs. Hickman
Ms. Dennis



Media News

We are having a great time in the Media Center. It's so exciting to see all of your children after summer break. Next month, we will have our Scholastic Book Fair. The dates are September 26-October 2. Please reach out to Ms. Smith, our volunteer coordinator if you are interested in volunteering!

I was so excited about the popularity of introducing the Sunshine State Junior Readers to First and Second Grade. They are reading and collecting brag tags daily. They are so enthusiastic about this program and it's great to see their excitement! Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade students are also participating in the Sunshine State Young Readers program. Each student must read 10 out of the 15 books to qualify for our end of the year celebration. It will be a great way to celebrate their success!

Mrs. Dugans is working with us in the Media Center this year. She is a wonderful addition and we are so glad to have her!

As always, I truly enjoy teaching your children. If you ever need to reach me, my email is hartsfield@leonschools.net. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Sincerely,

Debbie Hartsfield



A colorful poster for an Open House Night event. At the top is a circular logo for 'Kullbain Lakes Elementary' with a green shamrock in the center and 'Established 1985' at the bottom. The text 'Meet the Teachers!' is written in a pink, cursive font. Below that, 'JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE NIGHT' is in bold black letters. The word 'AUGUST' is written in large, multi-colored letters, followed by a calendar icon showing '31'. The event schedule is listed in three rows: '6:00 - 6:25 PRE-K, VE, KINDERGARTEN, 1ST GRADE', '6:30 - 6:55 2ND AND 3RD GRADE', and '7:00 - 7:30 4TH AND 5TH GRADE'. The poster is decorated with green shamrocks and a border of colorful confetti.

A graphic for the Focus Parent Portal. It features a magnifying glass over a circular area with the text 'Have You Logged In?'. Inside the magnifying glass is the 'LECS FOCUS PARENT PORTAL' logo. Below the logo, it says 'PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER IN FOCUS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!' and provides the website 'www.leonschools.net/parentportal'. There is also a small orange exclamation mark icon in the top right corner and the 'InClass' logo in the bottom right corner.



Extended Day Enrichment Program

Just a Reminder

- If you attend before school, you must park in the parking lot after 7:30am and ring the bell in the front office. At 7:45 students can walk through the black gate to join that group in the cafeteria.
- After school (EDEP) is still using Pikmykid platform for dismissal.
- **Cycle 2 Fees due on September 1st.**

Thank you,

Ms. Pester, Director

Mrs. Byers, Assistant Director

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.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

| Student A Reads | Student B Reads | Student C Reads |
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| ❖ 20 minutes per day. | ❖ 5 minutes per day. | ❖ 1 minute per day |
| ❖ 3,600 minutes per school year. | ❖ 900 minutes per school year. | ❖ 180 minutes per school year. |
| ❖ 1,800,000 words per year. | ❖ 282,000 words per year. | ❖ 8,000 words per year. |
| | | |
| ❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests. | ❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests. | ❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests. |
| <p>If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.</p> <p><small>(New and Kerns, 1981)</small></p> | | |
| <p>WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.</p> | | |



- 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 updated in **PIKMYKID** by 2:16pm. Please be on the look out for a listserv with directions on how to use this app.
- 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.



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:

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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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