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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

Happy 2024! With January being the start of a new year and our second semester, it's the perfect time to analyze our goals, reflect on our accomplishments, and address what we have left to achieve in this school year. We completed PM2 (our second progress monitoring assessments) and will be helping students take note of their learning gains and areas of need. It's amazing how much growth they can make in such a short amount of time!

Please block off the first two weeks of May as students will be taking their PM3 ELA and Math assessments. The writing assessment will be given to 4th and 5th graders on April 4th and 5th. Please make sure you don't have appointments scheduled for these days. I will not be approving absences for reasons outside LCS attendance policy.

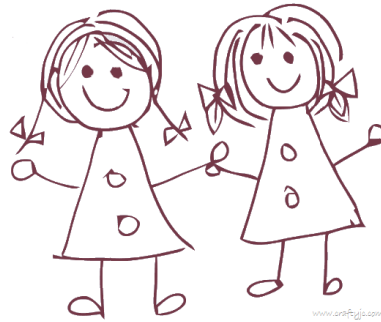
I thank you for your continued support. From homework help to volunteering in the cafeteria, *it all matters*. Killearn Lakes is an excellent school due to collaboration between home, school, and the community. As always, please reach out if you ever have a question, concern, or great idea you'd like to share. We're here for you.

Sincerely,
Jenny Blair and Champayne Ricciardi

Do you want to know what's happening at KLES?

Find us on FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093698935736>



Media News

Things are great here in the KLES Media Center! I am really enjoying teaching third, fourth and fifth grades again. The students are learning about the Internet, Digital Safety and Netiquette. We will also begin coding in a few weeks.

I do miss seeing the primary grades and look forward to teaching them again in the Spring! They are still welcome to come in at any time their teacher allows and checkout books. They are allowed 2-3 books at a time and are very responsible when returning them. It's also great to visit with them!

Please continue to encourage your children to read the Sunshine State books. They are a wonderful collection of books that Florida has highlighted for this year. Thank you for all of your support! If you need to reach me, my email is hartsfield@leonschools.net.

Sincerely,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 30	Srings Orchestra Concert
Feb. 1	100th Day of School
Feb. 6	4th Grade Fieldtrip
Feb. 6	Daddy Daughter Dance
Feb 7-16	Boosterthon
Feb. 13	All Pro Dads
Feb. 16	Boosterthon Fun Run
Feb 19	No School President's Day
Feb 20	PTO Meeting 6:00 PM
Feb 23	Kindergarten Musical
Feb. 27, 28	2nd Grade Fieldtrip

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COUNSELOR'S O R N E R



Happy New Year! Can't believe It is 2024 but Guidance is rearing to go! Our K-2 graders have returned to Guidance and have showed us that they readily remember the Six Pillars of Character: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Trustworthiness, Fairness, and Citizenship. Since KLES wants to ensure all of our kindergarteners, first graders, and second graders feel safe amongst peers, we have kicked off the new year by learning about Bullying! We explored the topic through reading and discussing "Harry B. Wigglebottom Learns About Bullying." Guidance was impressed that most of our friends already knew how to identify a bully and what to do if they are bullied or if they witness bullying. We also introduced the topic of Tattling versus Telling by sharing a story that teaches the differences between "squealing" and "reporting a big deal." The students engaged in a fun activity that helped them practice this concept. Guidance is ending the month with a focus on attitude that empathizes looking on the bright side of things with "Pete the Cat and his Magic Sunglasses." Friends will be making their own pair of magic sunglasses. It is exciting to watch our friends' good characters grow!

Additionally, Guidance is adding some special time this month with our K3-5 graders. Guidance will reinforce the importance of continuing to practice their Pillars of Good Character and to demonstrate positive attitudes all the time!

Cheers, Ms. Blank and Ms. Dugans



You can now register for our Killlearn Lakes Fun Run! Our goal is to raise \$55,000 for academic enrichment and campus enhancements. Registering is easy and free!

Register Now On [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://www.mybooster.com)

Be sure to check out the easy sharing functions on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://www.mybooster.com) to let others know how they can help support our school.

Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

MARVELOUS MUSIC MOMENTS

Hello KLES Families!! This month we are focusing on the instruments of the orchestra and their families. Kindergarten and 1st grade have also started working on musicals that we will perform in February and March. More info will come home about that later. ☺

Here are some happenings in music that you can ask your student about:

Kindergarten- We listened to a piece of music called Peter and the Wolf. Each character in the story is represented by an instrument. We use finger puppets to activate our listening. They do such a great job and sit listening intently for over 20 minutes of music! Be sure to ask which character gets eaten by the wolf! Yikes!!

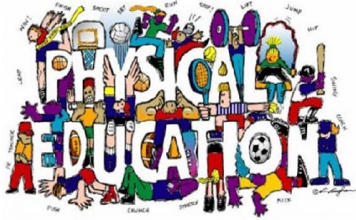
1st and 2nd grades- We listened to the instruments of the orchestra and played some games to see if they can remember which family they belong in.

3rd and 4th grades- We listened to the instruments of the orchestra and played some games. Third grade played a BINGO game and had to identify which instrument they heard. It's harder than you think! They also are continuing with recorders. Both grades are doing so well and making such great sounds!

5th Grade- We learned about the instruments of the orchestra and then played a Jeopardy game. We are continuing with our ukuleles and just started learning the chords to I'm a Believer by The Monkees. If they have a guitar at home, they can transfer what they have learned in here!

Thanks for sharing your musical kiddos with me.
Ms. Pursino



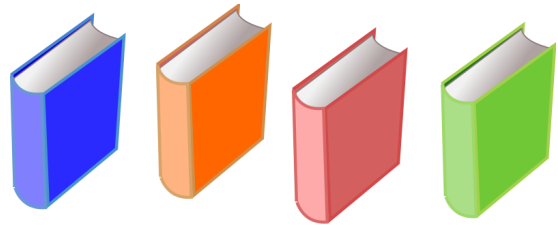


January has been great in Physical Education! We have been busy learning about Nutrition and Myplate. We talked about healthy and unhealthy snacks, the 5 food groups and what foods go in each. We also learned about finding different Nutrition Facts on food labels, how ingredients are listed and how to find the serving size. The weather has been crazy this month and layers are best for Physical Education. Be sure to label jackets and sweatshirts so they don't get lost and remember that athletic shoes are a MUST on PE days so everyone can do their best.

- 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.

Thank you!

The Physical Education Department



**Remember to
READ, READ, READ!**

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



Attendance at school is very important. When students arrive late or are picked up before dismissal, teaching and learning are disrupted. It's quite eye opening, when you do the math, that missing just ten minutes a day adds up to nearly 1 1/2 weeks of missed instruction in one school year (nearly half a year over the 13 years of schooling). Please make every effort to have your child in school from 8:30-2:50 each day.

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.



Please do NOT park next door at the church each day for drop-off and pick-up. The side road is full with busy cars using the designated drop-off area in the rear of the school. It is NOT SAFE for children to cross this busy roadway!

KLES offers 5 drop-off options:

1. Ride the bus,
2. Curbside car drop off in rear of school,
3. Before school EDEP,
4. Park in parking lot on campus and walk child to entry gate, or
5. Walk to school using the neighborhood sidewalks and crossing guard in front of the school.

Deer Lake UMC and LCS have an agreement to allow parent parking in the church lot for overflow parking (when there is a school event); not for daily use. Please help us keep the children safe by following school drop-off and pick-up procedures.

**We have a new phone system!
Looking to get ahold of us?
Try these extensions!**

- 1- Front Office
- 2-Bookkeeper
- 3- Registrar
- 4-Clinic
- 5- Guidance
- 6- Cafeteria
- 7- EDEP



ART UPDATES

New year, a fresh canvas, shape your art with creativity! Paul Cézanne, Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh and Georges Seurat where Post-Impressionist artists who liked to paint from life, but were more inclined to emphasize geometric forms, distort form for expressive effect, and use unnatural or modified color. The Post-Impressionists rejected Impressionism's concern with the spontaneous and naturalistic rendering of light and color. Instead they favored an emphasis on more symbolic content, formal order and structure. Similar to the Impressionists, however, they stressed the artificiality of the picture. Kindergarten and First Grade are busy leaning about Color, Shape, and Composition, painting like Van Gogh and Paul Cézanne. Second and third grade are learning about Folk Art celebrating the trees in Tallahassee, while the Fourth and Fifth grade students will be exploring Still-Life Mixed Media Study with Van Gogh (Post Impressionism) and Cezanne (Expressionism). Look for some master pieces to come home soon!



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