



# Patriot Elementary School Newsletter

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### Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back! We have missed our students and are ready to get back to learning! We are looking forward to another semester of growth and meeting personal goals for all of our students! It is very important for students to continue to work hard by completing all homework assignments and reading each evening. Attendance is crucial to success! Students need to arrive on time for school each day and remain in school all day. Thank you for your support!

*Ms. Browder - Principal*

#### Parent Involvement: January is Report Card Time

Soon your child will receive a report card. This mid-year report is a good time for you and your child to set goals for the rest of the year.

Report card time can also cause worry for children and parents alike. Kids may worry that they aren't living up to your expectations and parents may feel they're not being a good parent.

##### Here's how you can make it positive:

- \* Prepare your child and yourself by asking him what he thinks the report card will tell. Getting ready is helpful.
- \* Remember that a report card is only one small measure of your child. Find something to praise and then focus on areas that can be improved.
- \* Think of the report card as a chance to take positive action for the rest of the year. Set goals and ask how you can help.

Praising and encouraging your child during report card time will help to ease worry. Setting schoolwork goals for the rest of the year lets your child know that you are there to help.

#### Student Assignment 2017-18 January 23– March 24, 2017

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2017/18, will be mailed their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2017-2018.

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a nine-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1, 2017 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23 – March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply on-line – they must be registered in person.

There are **no automatic assignments** – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit [www.leeschools.net](http://www.leeschools.net) for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

Lee County is home to Florida's top ranked virtual school. Lee Virtual Instruction Program is the only Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade public school in our area. This challenging virtual learning program follows the school district calendar. Students have access many of the same courses as they would in a traditional school including Advance Placement(AP), Dual Enrollment (FGCU, FSW, FMTC and CCTC) along with the flexibility of a dynamic schedule. Students who complete the virtual course of study receive the same accredited diploma as any other public school. There are two application periods for LVIP. The first application period coincides with the Student Assignment's first application period. The second one begins the Monday after Thanksgiving for second semester enrollments and closes prior to final exam week of the first semester.

Applying to LVIP does not affect your current School Choice assignment until the student completes orientation and enrollment in the LVIP program. Lee Virtual also offers a variety of summer courses for original credit. Visit Lee Virtual Instruction Program at <http://lvip.leeschools.net/>.



#### Science Scoop

*Mrs. VanCleve*

Last month, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students explored different types of rocks and investigated minerals. They also learned about weathering and erosion – two processes that shape our Earth's surface. It was fun getting to play in the dirt at school.

This month, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about the water cycle and weather. Did you know that you just might be drinking water that was around during the time of the dinosaurs? That is because the Earth recycles water through the process known as the water cycle. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be visiting the Science lab to grow and release butterflies... we are so excited!

Next month, our school will be holding SMART night – stay tuned for details. It will be a lot of fun and you will get to explore many hands-on Science activities with your family and friends.

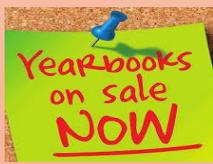
**FUN FACT: ABOUT 2,000 THUNDERSTORMS RAIN DOWN ON THE EARTH EVERY MINUTE.**

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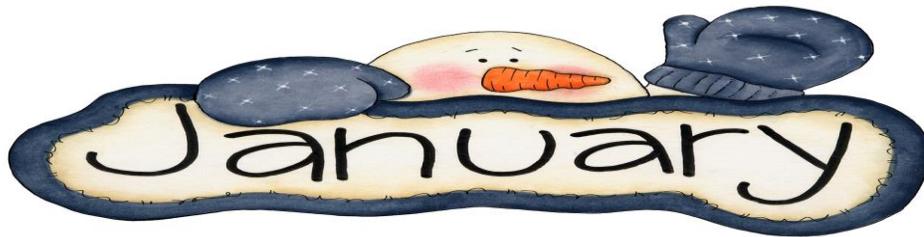
# Order Your YEARBOOK



Yearbook pre-orders are now being accepted for only \$15 through March. After this date the cost will increase to full price (\$20) and quantities will be limited. You can also order a dedication page for your child.

If you have questions you may e-mail  
Ms. VanKuren at [KathrynFV@leeschools.net](mailto:KathrynFV@leeschools.net)

A **HUGE** "Thank You"  
to our Business  
Partners



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Students return to school	10 SAC MTG 5:00PM	11 FFEA MTG 3:35-4:35	12	13	14
15	16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. No school	17	18 NEHS MTG 3:35-4:35	19 Report Card Day	20 Inauguration Day  3:30-6:00PM "Finding Dory"	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Chinese New Year
29	30	31	<b>Habit 4: Think Win-Win</b> Everyone Can Win I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives			

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## Guidance Corner:

### Did You Know?

Habit formation, is the process by which new behaviors become automatic; this is why forming good habits at a young age is so critical, because establishing good habits and a positive mindset early on undoubtedly paves the way for a more successful future.

### Discussing Habit # 4: Think Win-Win/ The Habit of Mutual Benefit

This habit promotes critical thinking, as well as the ability to listen to other's thoughts and feelings with respect. It encourages students to engage in human interaction while improving their academic and social skills.

## Coming next month...

- February 9<sup>th</sup>: Q3 Interim Reports
- February 7<sup>th</sup>: FSA Night 5:00-6:00PM
- February 8<sup>th</sup>: Lee County Educational Forum@ Cypress Lake High School 6:00PM
- February 10<sup>th</sup>: Career Day 9:00-11:00PM & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Musical
- February 16<sup>th</sup>: SMART Make & Take Night
- February 17<sup>th</sup>: Jump Rope for Heart
- February 20<sup>th</sup> President's Day Schools Closed
- February 21<sup>st</sup>: Teacher In-service Day Schools Closed

