



Patriot Elementary School
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Mission: *To be a quality school of leaders unified in achieving success for all.*
Vision: To empower leaders who positively impact the world.

Principal's Corner

Happy New Year! Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful winter break. It is hard to believe we have completed half of the school year. 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. We are proud of the hard work of our students and staff and know this semester will bring continued growth.

Sincerely, Ms. Browder

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 are not living up to your expectations and parents may feel they are not being a good parent.

Here is 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.

Counselor's Corner

PRACTICE SELF-REGULATION SKILLS

When children are calm, their thinking brain is on, and this is the best time to come up with a plan for when anxiety tries to take over. Encourage taking a break (not a timeout), deep breathing, and relaxation strategies such as progressive muscle relaxation, coloring, calm down jars, music, etc.; practice these repeatedly when they are calm. Helping your child begin to recognize their emotions as they are coming on, as well as how it physically affects their body (heart racing, clenched jaw, etc.) can help them learn when to begin using their self-regulation skills.

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Patriot Elementary January Monthly Newsletter

Student Assignment 2018-19

January 22– March 23, 2018

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 2018/19, will be mailed their child's personalized application between January 19 - February 9, 2018. To alleviate the volume of people in the Student Assignment office, applications will be mailed out by level.

Current 8th grade student applications will be mailed on January 19th.

Current Pre-K student applications will be mailed on February 2nd.

Current 5th grade student applications will be mailed on February 9th.

Students new to the district will continue to be enrolled during the entire first enrollment period. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2018-2019.

Those receiving 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 an application collection period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days as all applications are processed as a group after the first enrollment deadline. Those who apply online will be able to view their results 1 week earlier than assignments are mailed out.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1, 2018 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 2018-2019 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 22 – March 23) 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 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 12th grade public virtual school in our area. This challenging virtual learning program follows the school district calendar. Students have access to many of the same courses as they would in a traditional school including Advanced Placement (AP) and 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/>.

January Highlights

1/15

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observed
Schools Closed

1/16

Volunteer Orientation 4:45PM
SAC Meeting 5:00PM Media Center
PTO Meeting (Immediately after SAC)

1/18

Report Card Day

1/26

3rd Grade Movie Night

1/29

1st Grade Zoo Field Trip



Upcoming Events

2/2 Special Olympics-Lakes Park

2/3 Strides for Education 5K Run/Walk at FSW

2/9 Career Day

2/10 Stemtastic

2/16 Jump Rope for Heart

2/19 President's Day – Schools Closed
Teacher In-service Day – Schools Closed



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